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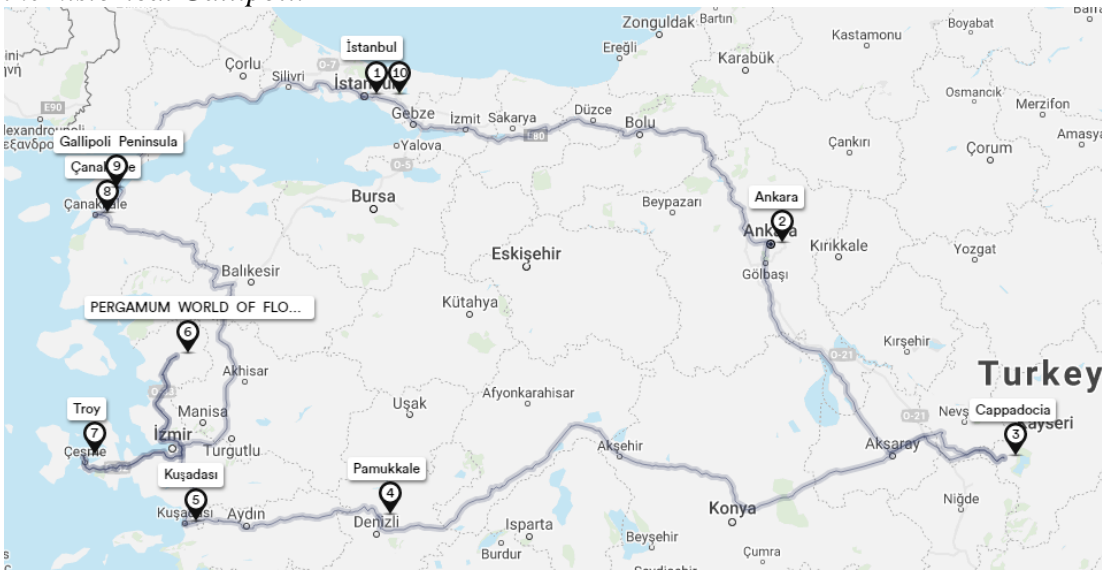
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13-Day Classic of Turkey 2024 (Tour Code: TCT)

This is a tour aimed at providing comfortable travel with private transfers, and quality hotels. On the itinerary are visits to Turkey's main attractions including the Topkapi Palace and Grand Bazaar of Istanbul, the Museum of Anatolian Civilization in Ankara, the lunar landscape and cave churches of Cappadocia, the stunning Pamukkale, nicknamed white Cotton Castle, the ancient Roman ruins of Ephesus, the house of the virgin Mary, the Troy with its famous wooden horse and the historical Gallipoli.



Day 01, SYDNEY/MELBOURNE/BRISBANE – SINGAPORE

Depart to Istanbul in the afternoon on Singapore Airlines to Istanbul via Singapore and fly overnight.

Day 02, SINGAPORE – ISTANBUL

Connect Singapore Airlines flight to Istanbul, Turkey in Singapore and arrive in the morning. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to hotel. You are free at leisure for the rest of the day. Stay overnight in Istanbul.

(Check-in time is 2:00 pm in the hotel and if you arrive earlier, you can leave your luggage in the Concierge of the hotel and while away the time by strolling around nearby or having coffee in the Cafe shop in the hotel or nearby.)

Day 03, ISTANBUL (B)

Enjoy a full day tour including a visit to Topkapi Palace Museum, residence of the Ottoman Sultans between 1453–1852 (excluding Harem). Visit the Hippodrome, which was once the center of life where chariot racing and other public events took place. Tour the Blue Mosque built between 1609 and 1616, famous for its blue ceramic tiles. Your last stop St Sophia, a church built in the 6th century Byzantine capital, converted to a mosque by the Ottomans, still inhabited as a mosque in the present day and one of the world's greatest architectural wonders. Join an optional dinner with

belly dancing entertainment.

Day 04, ISTANBUL – ANKARA (B.D)

This morning depart on an optional tour of cruise along Bosphorus cruise enjoying the strait that separates Asia and Europe. Its shores are lined with fine neighbourhoods, Ottoman palaces, fortresses, old wooden villas, hotels, parks and gardens, restaurants and cafés. The tour will be ended in Asia side and drive for the capital city of Ankara for overnight.



Day 05, ANKARA – CAPPADOCIA (B.D)

Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, a historic caravanserai holding artifacts from up to 7500 years old including the most extensive and valuable collection of Hittite artifacts in the world. Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey. Drive to Cappadocia, touring a 13th century caravanserai enroute. Pay a visit to the underground city of Saratli, one of the many underground settlements built for protection and religious reasons. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and join an optional Whirling Dervishes performance. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 06, CAPPADOCIA (B.D)

Consider an optional early morning hot air balloon tour and experience floating through volcanic valleys, fairy chimneys and caves at sunrise. After breakfast visit Goreme, a historical region of Turkey, located among the rock formations, which was first settled back in the Roman period. Many rock churches can still be seen today, as Christianity was then the prevailing religion in that region. Continue to the town of Avanos renowned for its high quality earthenware. Also visit Pasabagi, Red Valley and attend a brief regional pottery workshop in a cave.

Day 07, CAPPADOCIA – PAMUKKALE (B.D)

Drive to Pamukkale. Enroute, enjoy the beautiful sceneries along the highway. Have dinner and stay overnight in Pamukkale.

Day 08, PAMUKKALE – IZMIR (B.D)

Visit the unique cotton fortress of Pamukkale, with its white lime cascades formed by mineral springs, and the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis. Proceed to Izmir for dinner and overnight.

Day 09, KUSADASI, EPHEBUS & ST. MARY’S HOUSE – IZMIR (B.D)

Tour the famous ruins of Ephesus, an important cultural center of the ancient world, and explore 2,000 year-old marble streets, a theatre, the Library of Celsius, a gymnasium and Hadrian’s Temple. Take a short drive to see St. Mary’s stone cottage where it is believed Virgin Mary spent her last years accompanied by St. John. Continue to a regional rug production center to have a firsthand experience of this unique art form. Join an optional afternoon tour of Sirince.



Day 10, PERGAMUM – TROY – CANAKKALE (B.D)

Visit the ancient Medical Center Asclepion in Pergamum and then continue to Troy with its famous wooden horse, best known for being the setting of the Trojan War and many cities built on

top of each other. Continue to Canakkale for overnight.

Day 11, DARDANELLES – GALLIPOLI – ISTANBUL (B.D)

In the morning, drive to Gallipoli, the site of many battles WW1. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair, and then drive to Istanbul, where you will visit the Grand Bazaar. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner and stay overnight in Istanbul.



Day 12, ISTANBUL – SINGAPORE (B)

You will be at leisure until transfer to airport for your flight to Australia in the afternoon.

Day 13, SINGAPORE – SYDNEY/MELBOURNE/BRISBANE

Connect your flight from Singapore to Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane. Arrive in the afternoon. Your unforgettable Turkey tour ends.

Departure Date: 24 February 2024 **Return Date:** 07 March 2024

Departure Date: 30 March 2024 **Return Date:** 11 April 2024

Departure Date: 27 April 2024 **Return Date:** 09 May 2024

Departure Date: 25 May 2024 **Return Date:** 06 June 2024

Departure Date: 20 July 2024 **Return Date:** 01 August 2024

Departure Date: 28 September 2024 **Return Date:** 10 October 2024

Departure Date: 26 October 2024 **Return Date:** 07 November 2024

Departure Date: 09 November 2024 **Return Date:** 21 November 2024

Tour Price (departing February and March 2024): \$4,490 per person, twin or double share.

Tour Price (departing in April, May, July and September 2023): \$4,690 per person, twin or double share.

Tour Price (departing in October and November 2024): \$4,590 per person, twin or double share.

Single supplement: \$1,150

Inclusions:

1. Singapore Airlines return economy class air-ticket to Turkey via Singapore as indicated, airport tax and fuel surcharge;
2. Twin or double shared accommodation at first class hotels as listed below or similar;
3. Meals as stated in the itinerary (Buffet breakfasts at hotels, Western dinners at local restaurants or in the hotel);
4. Sightseeing tours with admission fees included in the itinerary;
5. Luggage handling;
6. Transfers and transport throughout the trip by A/C vehicle and service of professional English-speaking local guide.

Exclusions:

1. Travel Insurance;
2. Turkey visa fee;
3. Optional tours (which are organised by our ground operator in Turkey and you can enquire about the price and pay direct to the guide there);
4. Personal expenses;
5. Gratuities to guide and driver (\$8 per person per day to your guide and driver to share is suggested).

Included Highlights

- Topkapi Palace
- Grand Bazaar, world's largest and oldest covered market
- Museum of Anatolian Civilizations in Ankara
- Saratli, a hidden underground city
- Open Air Museum of Goreme, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Hiking through the fairy chimneys of Cappadocia
- Pamukkale the Cotton Castle
- Ephesus and House of Virgin Mary
- Ancient city of Troy
- Anzac Cove at Gallipoli
- Special dinners at restaurants

Hotels for this tour:

Istanbul: Melas Hotel**** or similar

Ankara: Alegria Business Hotel**** or similar

Cappadocia: Perissia Hotel***** or similar

Pamukkale: Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel***** or similar

Izmir: Best Western Konak Hotel**** or similar

Canakkale: Iris Hotel and Spa**** or similar

Istanbul: Melas Hotel**** or similar