



## ANZAC & TURKISH DELIGHT - 2018

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| <p><b>Day 1</b><br/>21 April 2018<br/>Saturday<br/>(D)</p>   | <p><b><u>Istanbul</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following our guests' arrival in Istanbul, our staff will meet our guests and transfer them to the hotel. After check-in, our tour director will brief our guests about the Anzac Tour Itinerary.</li> <li>Dinner and overnight stay will be at the hotel.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Day 2</b><br/>22 April 2018<br/>Sunday<br/>(B-L)</p>   | <p><b><u>Istanbul</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After breakfast, we will start our full day sightseeing tour of Istanbul. First we will visit the <b>Blue Mosque</b>, famous for its blue Iznik (Nicaea) tiles and unique with its' 6 minarets. After the Blue mosque, we will walk to the <b>Hippodrome</b>, which was the stadium for chariots races in the old city. From the Hippodrome, we will walk to <b>Hagia Sophia</b>. The Byzantine Emperor Justinian constructed it as a basilica in the 6th century. In the afternoon, we will continue with a tour of the <b>Topkapi Palace Museum</b>, which was the imperial residence of Ottoman Sultans. That day in the rooms of this palace, there are exhibits of the imperial treasury, Chinese porcelain, weapons, and holy relics (the Sword of King David, the staff of Moses, Relics of St. John the Baptist). We will end the day after a visit to the <b>Underground Cistern</b>, the largest of the many underground cisterns built during the Byzantine Empire to supply the city with water. Byzantine builders recycled many stone structures like column capitals, which had been used in earlier temples. <b>** Unique Moment:</b> During the visit of the <i>Grand Bazaar</i>, we will taste Turkish coffee in a 400-year-old Turkish Coffee House. A variety of <b>Turkish coffee</b> is prepared here with a passion for coffee here.</li> <li>Overnight stay will be at the hotel.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Day 3</b><br/>23 April 2018<br/>Monday<br/>(B-L-D)</p> | <p><b><u>Istanbul / Canakkale</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After breakfast, we set off on a half-day tour of Istanbul. First, we will visit the <b>Grand Bazaar</b>. It is the biggest oriental bazaar (market) in the world with around 4,000 shops, which sell antiques, jewelry, gold, carpets, leather, etc. After that, we will drive to the <b>Spice Market</b>, a covered market of 400 shops that have long and traditionally specialized in spices, herbs, vegetables, and fruits. <b>** Unique Moment:</b> During our visit of <i>Spice Market</i>, we will have a short break at Ali <b>Muhiddin Hacı Bekir's shop</b> – the inventor of Turkish delight. Since 1777, the name Hacı Bekir has become a legend in Ottoman and Turkish confectionery and a leading symbol of this gastronomical art. We will taste a variety of the Turkish delights.</li> </ul> <p>After lunch in Istanbul, we will drive to <b>Gallipoli Peninsula</b>, a scenic ride that will take us through the European (Thracian) lands of Turkey. From Gallipoli Peninsula, we will cross the Dardanelles strait to Canakkale, <b>as the best hotels are in Canakkale city</b>. We will drive to our hotel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dinner and an overnight will be in Canakkale.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Day 4</b><br/>24 April 2018<br/>Tuesday</p>            | <p><b><u>Canakkale</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the morning we will catch the ferry back to the Gallipoli Peninsula and we will drive to the historical battlegrounds. We will visit <b>Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery</b> and</li> </ul>  |



(B-L-D)

**Chunuk Bair.** After these visits, we will drive to **Hellespont** for a visit to the largest memorial of the peninsula.

- Dinner and overnight stay will be back in Canakkale city.

Day 5  
25 April 2018  
Wednesday  
(B-L-D)

#### Canakkale / Gallipoli / Dardanelles / Canakkale

- We leave from our hotel for the **Anzac Ceremony** very early in the morning to be at the ceremony grounds on time. For the breakfast, we will take our breakfast boxes with us. We will join the ceremony, and we will spend the day at the Gallipoli peninsula with lunch boxes for picnic lunch. In the afternoon we will return to our hotel for resting after a long day.
- Dinner and overnight stay will be at the hotel in Canakkale.

Day 6  
26 April 2018  
Thursday  
(B-L-D)

#### Canakkale / Pergamum / Izmir

- After breakfast, we will check out from our hotel, and we will drive to the ruins of **Pergamum**. On the 1,200 ft. high **Acropolis**, we will see the steepest sloped theatre of the ancient world, the Temple of Trajan, and the Library. We will continue our tour with a visit of the **Asclepion**, which were one of the 3 famous hospitals in the ancient world. We will also visit the **Red Basilica**, which was one of the seven Churches of the Revelation. In the late afternoon, we will drive to the city of Izmir.
- Dinner and an overnight will be at hotel in Izmir.

Day 7  
27 April 2018  
Friday  
(B-L-D)

#### Izmir / Kusadasi

- After breakfast, we will check out from our hotel, and drive to the town of Selcuk for a visit to the ruins of **Ephesus**. This site is the most extensively excavated archeological site in Turkey. We will stroll through the site through the State Agora, Hadrian Temple, Trajan Fountain, and the Great Theatre where St Paul had preached. Ephesus was once a thriving port town of 250,000 people and it was one of the 4 biggest cities of the Roman Empire during their heyday. Our final stop will be the **House of Virgin Mary**, where she was believed to have spent her last years.
- Dinner and an overnight stay will be at a resort town, Kusadasi

Day 8  
28 April 2018  
Saturday  
(B-L-D)

#### Kusadasi / Aphrodisias / Pamukkale

- In the morning we will check out from our hotel and drive to the ruins of **Aphrodisias**. This city was dedicated to the goddess of Love, Aphrodite. The visit in this extensively excavated ruin will take us through Sebasteion, theatre, stadium, and tetra pylon monuments. There is also a great room where a lot of sculptures and reliefs, which were discovered in Aphrodisias, are displayed. After lunch in the area, we will drive to the ruins of **Hierapolis**. The modern name for this place is Pamukkale (means cotton-white fortress in Turkish) because of the white calcium deposits covering a whole side of the mountain as the underground waters surface and run down the mountain. We will visit Hierapolis and then we will check in to our hotel in Pamukkale.



**Day 9**  
**29 April 2018**  
**Sunday**  
**(B-L-D)**

## Pamukkale / Konya / Cappadocia

- After an early breakfast we will set off for Cappadocia. First we will drive to Konya where we will visit the museum of the **Whirling Dervishes**, which is also the site of the **Mausoleum of Mevlana** (Rumi) the philosopher, mystic and poet. After this visit, we will continue to Cappadocia. On the way, we will visit the 13th century **Sultanhan Caravanserai**, is one of the Seljuk masterpieces.
- Dinner and overnight stay will be in Cappadocia.

**Day 10**  
**30 April 2018**  
**Monday**  
**(B-L-D)**

## Cappadocia

- **Optional Tour:** Early morning hot air balloon ride.
- After breakfast, we will explore the famous valleys of Cappadocia. It is a unique location in the world with one of a kind natural rock formation. A very long time ago, volcanic eruptions caused a lava flow that dried above the Earth's crust and formed tufa rocks. Erosion shaped them into famous formations called "fairy chimneys," but it is not only the landscape that makes this place unique. Hittites chiseled the soft tufa stones to **carve out this fairy tale world** into homes, stables, shops, churches, hospitals, etc. **Early Christians** carved caves and made frescoes of Biblical scenes on the walls of these rock-carved chapels. Some of these frescoes are still incredibly vivid, attesting to the skills and religious fervor of the faithful. Within the Cappadocia region, we will visit the **Open Air Museum of Goreme**, the **Underground City of Kaymakli**, **Pasabag**, and **Avanos**. In Avanos we will have a chance to meet an artist who still does the pottery on kick wheel.
- Dinner and overnight stay will be in Cappadocia.

**Day 11**  
**1 May 2018**  
**Tuesday**  
**(B-L-D)**

## Cappadocia / Ankara

- In the morning we will check out and drive to **Ankara**. We will stop at a 13th century caravanserai on the way. After that we will drive by the Salt Lake to Ankara. In the afternoon we will visit the **Mausoleum of Ataturk**, and **Anatolian Civilizations Museum**, which houses an extensive collection of artifacts from Paleolithic ages to Roman Empire. Dinner and overnight stay will be in Ankara.

**Day 12**  
**2 May 2018**  
**Wednesday**  
**(B-L-D)**

## Ankara / Istanbul

- After breakfast, we will have a scenic ride to Istanbul. In the afternoon our guests may join an **optional Bosphorus Boat Ride** along the strait that is between Asia and Europe. There fine neighborhoods, Ottoman palaces, fortresses, old wooden villas, hotels, parks and gardens, restaurants and cafés along the coast line of Bosphorus.
- Tonight we will have our farewell dinner at hotel.

**Day 13**  
**3 May 2018**  
**Thursday**  
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## Istanbul / ...

- There will be transfers to the airport for your return flight home.





**GUARANTEED DEPARTURE TOUR BASED ON MINIMUM 2 PEOPLE:**  
**RETAIL RATE : EUR 1.285.- PER PERSON IN TWIN/DOUBLE ROOM**  
**EUR 495.- SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT**

**\*\* WE WILL RUN THE TOUR IN ENGLISH WITH MINIMUM 2 PAX**

| INCLUDING  | EXCLUDING  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hotel accommodation throughout the tour at below specified selected hotels or similar</li><li>Sightseeing tours as per above itinerary</li><li>Entrance fees of the specified museums in the itinerary</li><li>Specified meals</li><li>Transportation by A/C deluxe vehicle</li><li>English speaking professional tour guide throughout the tour</li><li>Tips to hotels, restaurants</li><li>Local Taxes</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>International flight tickets</li><li>Drinks and meals which are not listed in the itinerary</li><li>All personal expenses</li><li>Tips to the tour guide and driver.</li></ul> |

## SUGGESTED HOTELS

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| <b>ISTANBUL</b><br>Wyndham Istanbul Old City, 5 Star<br><a href="http://www.wyndhamhotels.com">www.wyndhamhotels.com</a><br>or similar,   | <b>CANAKKALE</b><br>Parion Hotel, 5 Star<br><a href="http://www.parionhotel.com">www.parionhotel.com</a><br>or similar,   |
| <b>IZMIR</b><br>Hilton Izmir, 5 Star<br><a href="http://www.hilton.com.tr/oteller/turkiye/izmir/">www.hilton.com.tr/oteller/turkiye/izmir/</a><br>or similar,                                   | <b>KUSADASI</b><br>Charisma De Luxe Kusadasi, 5 Star<br><a href="http://www.charismahotel.com">www.charismahotel.com</a><br>or similar,   |
| <b>PAMUKKALE</b><br>Colossae Thermal & Spa Hotel, 5 Star<br><a href="http://www.colossaehotel.com">www.colossaehotel.com</a><br>or similar,   | <b>CAPPADOCIA</b><br>Doubletree By Hilton Cappadocia, 5 Star<br><a href="http://www.hilton.com.tr/oteller/turkiye/nevsehir/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-avanos-cappadocia/">www.hilton.com.tr/oteller/turkiye/nevsehir/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-avanos-cappadocia/</a><br>or similar, |
| <b>ANKARA</b><br>Hilton Ankara, 5 Star<br><a href="http://www.hilton.com.tr/oteller/turkiye/ankara/ankara-hiltons/">www.hilton.com.tr/oteller/turkiye/ankara/ankara-hiltons/</a><br>or similar, |   |