

GUARANTEED DEPARTURE LAND TOURS

GL/2 Highlights of Turkey (9 Days / 8 Nights)

1.(D) Friday	<p><u>Istanbul</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Following our arrival in Istanbul we are met at the airport and transferred to our hotel where we will have our dinner and overnight stay.
2.(B-L) Saturday	<p><u>Istanbul</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">After breakfast we set off on a full day of sightseeing in Istanbul. We will start with a visit to the renewed Sultanahmet Mosque, known popularly as The Blue Mosque an incredibly beautiful mosque known for its blue Iznik (Nicaea) tiles are unique for the fact that it has six minarets. We continue on to the Hippodrome once the vast arena that functioned as the heart of sporting (chariots races and athletics) events and political activities of the old city. From here we go to the nearby Hagia Sophia the Church of Divine Wisdom. Ranking as one of the greatest marvels of world architecture, this awe-inspiring building was constructed as a basilica in the 6th century by Byzantine Emperor Justinian. After lunch our next visit will be Topkapi Palace which for more than 400 years was the imperial residence of the Ottoman Sultans; now home to the priceless collections porcelain, jewelry, calligraphy and many masterpieces of art. The tour will end with the visit to the Grand Bazaar, the vast and legendary covered market that is the biggest souk in the world with nearly 4000 shops of antiques, jewelry and carpets. Overnight at the hotel.
3.(B-L-D) Sunday	<p><u>Istanbul / Ankara / Cappadocia</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">After breakfast drive to the airport for our Ankara flight. Tour starts in the morning from the airport. Visit the Hittite Museum and Mausoleum of Atatürk. After lunch drive to Cappadocia. Dinner & overnight
4.(B-L-D) Monday	<p><u>Cappadocia</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Breakfast at the hotel, morning visit to the underground city of Kaymaklı & Citadel of Uçhisar. After lunch continue with the valley of "Göreme" & openair museum. The last sites will be Paşabağ valley and Avanos. Return to hotel for dinner & overnight.
5.(B-L-D) Tuesday	<p><u>Cappadocia / Konya / Pamukkale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Early departure for Konya. On the way visit the 13 th century Seljukian caravanserai "Sultanhan". The next stop will be Konya which is famous with Mevlana Museum and the Theological Scholl of Whirling Dervishes.Lunch enroute, drive to Pamukkale.

**6.(B-L-D)
Wednesday**

Pamukkale / Kusadasi / Kusadasi

- Breakfast and visit the ancient city of **Hierapolis**. The ruins of the biggest Necropolis Graveyard of the ancient world, Roman Baths, Basilica and calcium cliffs. Drive to Meryemana and visit **House of Virgin Mary**. After lunch Continue to **Ephesus**, the Roman Capital of Asia Minor. Visit the ruins of Odeon, Hercules Gate, the Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent library, Agora and fantastic greco-roman theatre. Dinner and overnight.

**7.(B-L-D)
Thursday**

Kusadasi / Canakkale

- Early departure for Pergamum. After lunch visits of **Asklepion** . Continue for **Troy**. The legendary town in the Iliad of Homeros, visit the **Athena temple**. Drive to Çanakkale, dinner and overnight.

**8.(B-D)
Friday**

Canakkale / Istanbul

- After breakfast cross the strait by ferry and drive to Istanbul along the shores of Marmara sea. Dinner and overnight at Istanbul hotel.

**9.(B)
Saturday**

Istanbul

- We are transferred to the airport for our departure flights.

B = Breakfast

L = Lunch

D = Dinner

INCLUDING

- Domestic flight ticket
- Hotel accommodation throughout the tour at specified selected hotels or similar
- Sightseeing tours as per above itinerary
- Entrance fees of the specified museums in the itinerary
- Specified meals
- Transportation by A/C deluxe vehicle depends on number of pax
- English speaking professional tour guide throughout the tour
- Tips to hotels, restaurants
Local Taxes

EXCLUDING

- International flight ticket
- Drinks and meals which are not listed in the itinerary
- All personal expenses
- Tips to the tour guide and driver.



SUGGESTED HOTELS

ISTANBUL Wyndham Istanbul Old City, 5 Star www.wyndhamhotels.com or similar,	CAPPADOCIA Perissia Hotel & Convention Center, 5 Star www.perissiahotel.com or similar,
PAMUKKALE Tripolis Hotel, 4 Star www.tripolishotel.com/ or similar,	KUSADASI Royal Palace Hotel, 4 Star www.royalpalace.com.tr or similar,
CANAKKALE Akol Hotel, 4 Star www.hotelakol.com.tr or similar,	

MAP



WHAT WE WILL SEE

ISTANBUL



The Blue Mosque



Hagia Sophia



Topkapi Palace

ANKARA



Mausoleum of Ataturk



Hittite Museum

CAPPADOCIA



Kaymakli Underground



Citadel of Uchisar



Pasabağ Valley

KONYA - PAMUKKALE



Aksaray - Sultanhan Caravanserai



Konya - Mevlana Museum



Pamukkale - Hierapolis



CANAKKALE



Pergamum



Troy



Karavan