



Unique Moments

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Karavan's reputation is based upon supplying competitive prices with innovative programs, which produce results for our partners and this is something we have built up over the years. Our experience has shown us that the right DMC needs to be able to develop and deliver products and services which stand out from the crowd and are competitive at the same time. We have also introduced some fantastic 'Unique Moments' experiences for clients who are looking to escape the crowds. Some of our key highlights are being able to offer clients the opportunity to visit sites such as St Sophia, Bodrum Castle, or the Islamic Art Museum in total privacy. For clients who are especially interested in food and wine, there are the options to stroll through the local markets for some food tasting, visit local homes for cooking classes, or visit the Turkish Gourmet Museum. Clients looking for something special may also want to organise wine tasting in Diyarbakir, or a glass of Champagne on Mount Nemrut.'

Exclusive Visits

Join us for a more exclusive experience, a more authentic and intimate look at some of Turkey's most amazing and admired monuments, museums, and special places. With Karavan, you have the opportunity to avoid the crowds, escape the ordinary and enjoy after-hours tours and have access to spectacular sites. Imagine a fully catered dinner against the backdrop of Ephesus. Let us take you on a private visit to the Museum of Turkish & Islamic Arts, or help you to explore the stunning Hagia Sophia Museum to view a wealth of both Ottoman and Byzantium effects and treasures under one great domed roof. You can enjoy the beauty of the Basilica Cistern, otherwise known as 'the sunken palace', without having to jostle for a place and witness the two Medusa heads, mysteriously placed upside down and sideways in their surroundings. Private guided tours of St. Irine Church, located in the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul, the Bodrum Castle and many more locations.

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Turkey

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The place we call home

Welcome to Turkey, the place we're proud to call home. Bordered by the Black Sea, the Mediterranean and the Aegean, it's little wonder that Turkey is renowned as a relaxing beach holiday destination, but it has so much more to offer. From the Greco - Roman city of Ephesus, steeped in history, to the bustling streets and souks of Istanbul; the championship golf courses to the luxurious spas and hotels, there is something to satisfy every interest. As well as highlighting its more obvious charms, we are here to help you explore its hidden delights and in doing so uncover the true spirit of this amazing destination.



Guaranteed Departure Land and Cruise Tours



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Day 1 Arrival to Istanbul (D)

Following our arrival in Istanbul we are met at the airport and transferred to our hotel. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Istanbul

This mesmeric city offers the best of the both worlds for visitors looking for fascinating history, unique cultural heritage and a thriving, energetic and creative modern heart. Straddling the beautiful Bosphorus, between the Sea of Marmara and the Black Sea, Istanbul is a transcontinental city, with a third of its population living in Asia, so from the art and architecture to the food and customs you can expect a melting pot of influences and flavours. With its heritage at the heart of two great empires, the Ottoman and Byzantine, the city is a dream for lovers of splendid palaces, opulent buildings and the religious and political history behind them. Discover the very heart of the Ottoman Empire within the lavishly decorated Topkapi Palace, marvel at the past glories of the breathtaking Hagia Sophia, take a ferry trip along the Bosphorus to view the lush parks, palaces and waterside mansions, haggle with vendors for magnificent carpets at the Grand Bazaar, treat your tastebuds to local specialities and relax at the end of a busy day in a traditional hamam.



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Day 2 Istanbul / Izmir / Kusadasi / Patmos (Cruise) (B, L, D)

After breakfast we will drive to Ataturk Airport to catch our morning flight to Izmir. Upon our arrival in Izmir we will be transferred to Kusadasi to embark on Celestyal Olympia 3 nights Cruise of the Aegean Islands. Our first stop in the cruise will be **Patmos**, this island is known as the site of the apocalyptic revelations of St. John the Divine, written here during his exile from the Roman Empire. The cave where he lived is near the site of the **Monastery of the Apocalypse**. The **Monastery of St. John**, built on one of the island's highest points, houses priceless icons and manuscripts in its Treasury.

Dinner and overnight on board.



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Day 3 Patmos / Crete - Heraklion / Santorini (Cruise) (B, L, D)

Will be arriving to Heraklion / Crete at 06.30 and depart at 11.30.

Heraklion / Crete: Is just three miles away from the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Discovered in 1899 and partially reconstructed, the elaborate Palace is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. Departure from Heraklion at 11:30

The Shore excursions suggested for Heraklion are

- Knossos Palace / Half day
- A Taste of Crete / Half day
- City Tour & the Museum / Half day



Arrival to **Santorini** at 16:30.

Santorini: Perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands, with its white - washed houses, narrow streets, open - air cafes and glittering boutiques. Departure from Santorini at 21:00

The excursions suggested in Santorini are:

- Excursion to Oia Village / Half day
- Santorini Sailing & Volcano / Half day
- Santorini Jeep Safari Adventure / Half day

Dinner and overnight on board.

Important Note: Shore excursions are not include in the package prices and can be bought on boards of the ship.



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Day 4 Santorini / Athens / Mykonos (Cruise) (B, L, D)

Arrival to Piraeus at 06:00 in the morning. Piraeus, the port city of Athens,

Athens: Cradle of democracy, birthplace of Western Civilization, Athens is a vibrant city where old and new co - exist. The majestic Parthenon rises above the city, its ancient glory still visible in the time - worn Stone. Departure from Piraeus at 11:00

The Shore excursions suggested for Athens are:

- Athens and the Acropolis / Half day
- Athens & the New Acropolis Museum / Half day



Arrival to **Mykonos** at 18:00.

Mykonos: Hundreds of tiny chapels dot this blue and white - washed island with its beautiful windmills. Find a table on the waterfront and bask in the serenity of sunset over its picturesque harbor. Departure from Mykonos at 23:00

The Shore excursions suggested for Athens are:

- Kalafatis Beach Transfer / Half day

Dinner and overnight on board.



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Day 5 Mykonos / Kusadasi / Pamukkale (B, L, D)

Arrival to Kusadasi at 07:00. We will proceed to the vast ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus.

Ephesus Antique City; was one of the seven churches of Asia that are cited in the Book of Revelation. The Gospel of John may have been written here. The city was the site of several 5th century Christian Councils, see Council of Ephesus. It is also the site of a large gladiators graveyard. We will see the Odeon, the Bouleterion, the Fountains, the Temples, the Library and the Stadium. Today's archaeological site lies 3 kilometers southwest of the town of Selcuk, in the Selcuk district of Izmir Province, Turkey. After lunch we will visit **St. John's Basilica;** It was constructed by Justinian I in the 6th century. It stands over the believed burial site of John the Apostle. It was modeled after the now lost Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople. The basilica is on the slopes of Ayasoluk Hill just below the fortress near the center of Selcuk.

After the visit of Ephesus will continue to **Pamukkale**.

Pamukkale: The Cotton Castle with its snow - white terraces formed by thermal waters cascading down the hillside. Visit the ruins of Hierapolis with its famous **Necropolis, the Basilica, Theatre and Plutonium.**

We will have dinner and overnight at our hotel in Pamukkale.



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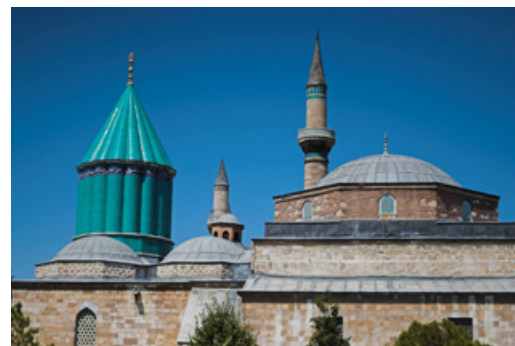
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Day 6 Pamukkale / Konya / Cappadocia (B, L, D)

After an early breakfast we drive to Cappadocia on the way we will visit to **Konya**.

Mausoleum, Museum and Monastery Complex: Dedicated to **Mevlana Celalettin Rumi**, the founder of the mystical order often referred to as the “**Whirling Dervishes**”. The Mevlevi Order was founded after the theologian, poet and philosopher Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi (1207 - 1273), who in his teachings celebrated the day of death as the ultimate union with God. The Mevlevi Ritual symbolizes the mystical meaning of Divine Love and the passion for the union with the Divine Truth. The Ritual has been performed for hundreds of years in the Mevlevi Lodges.

Setting out once again we will enjoy our panoramic view of Cappadocia as we reach that strange and mystifying landscape. We will check into our hotel in Cappadocia around 19:00pm where we will dine and spend the night.



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Day 7 Cappadocia (B, L, D)

After breakfast we set off on a full day excursion that includes lunch. We begin our explorations of the famous and intriguing valley of Cappadocia.

Cappadocia: A unique region in which Nature has created an incredibly strange and colorful world of cones, columns and needles that were shaped by the wind and water erosion of the area's volcanic tuff. Some of these strange shapes are as tall as 100 ft. But it is not only the Natural landscape that is unique here.

Our forefathers used the soft features of the stone to carve out this fantasy - like environment into homes, stables, shops, churches, hospitals, etc. Many early Christians painted the walls of their chapels with their own renditions of Bible stories. Some of these frescoes are incredibly beautiful, attesting to the skills and religious fervor of the faithful.

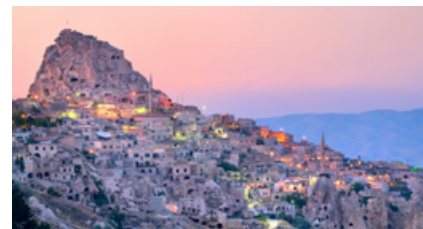
Among the places we will visit are:

Underground City of Kaymakli: The place early Christians hid from persecutors. The ancient name was Enegup. The houses in the village are constructed around the nearly one hundred tunnels of the underground city. The tunnels are still used today as storage areas, stables and cellars. **Open Air Museum in Goreme** and admire the early Christian churches decorated with unique frescoes depicting various scenes from the Bible. Stop by **Pigeon Valley** near **Uchisar**.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Cappadocia.

*****Unique Moment :** Lunch at Typical Cappadocia House

Traditional stone house where we accommodate our guests for traditional home cooking. The house is decorated in a traditional style (arched ceilings, Turkish textiles & Cappadocia rugs) so that guests can experience real village life of Cappadocia. We want you to feel and enjoy the Turkish hospitality and tradition.



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Day 8 Cappadocia / Ankara (B, L, D)

After breakfast we will continue to Ankara. When we arrive in Ankara we will visit of **Hittite Museum**.

The Museum of Anatolian Civilizations: Anatolian Civilizations Museum reaching the present time with its historical buildings and its deeply rooted history was elected as the first “Museum of the Year” in Switzerland on April 19, 1997. Being among exceptional museums with its unique collection, has Anatolian archaeological artefacts and artefacts from the Palaeolithic Age to the present.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Ankara.



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Day 9 Ankara / Istanbul (B, L, D)

After breakfast transfer to Istanbul by bus. Arrival to Istanbul. Half day sightseeing tour of Istanbul including visit of the renewed **Sultanahmet Mosque**, known popularly as the **Blue Mosque**, this exquisite mosque built in the name of Sultan Ahmet is famous for its blue Iznik (Nicean) tiles and is unique for having six minarets. It was built from 1609 to 1616, during the rule of Ahmed I. Like many other mosques, it also comprises a tomb of the founder, a madrasah and a hospice. 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. 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.

We will have dinner and overnight at our hotel.

*****Unique Moments :** Turkish Coffee at Sark Kahvesi

The guests will enjoy the traditional Turkish coffee at the Historical Coffee Roaster located in the Grand Bazaar. Each variety has been prepared with a blend of traditional knowledge, experience and an abiding Love of Coffee.



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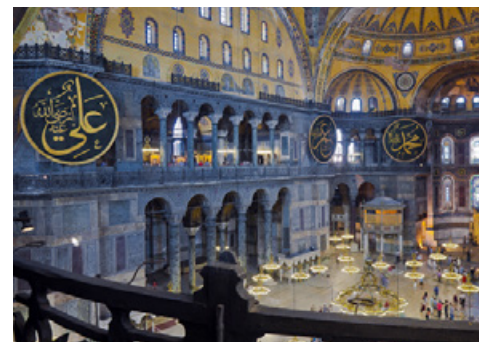
Day 10 Istanbul (B)

After breakfast, we set off on a half day of sightseeing in Istanbul. We will start off with a visit to **Topkapi Palace**. This visit to the imperial palace of the Ottoman Sultans will include tours of the imperial treasury, the Chinese porcelain section, the calligraphy section and many more. We continue on to the **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.

Afternoon free at leisure We will spend our night in the hotel.

*****Unique Moments :** Baklava Tasting at the Karakoy Gulluoglu Baklava Shop

Treat yourself with Baklava from the masters unchanging taste in Karakoy Gulluoglu Baklavicisi (since 1949).



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Day 11 Istanbul (B)

After breakfast we will drive to the Ataturk Airport to catch our flight back home.



Including

- Hotel accommodation throughout the tour at selected 4 - 5 star hotels
- Sightseeing tours as per above itinerary (Except the shore excursions during cruise)
- Entrance fees of the specified museums in the itinerary
- Domestic Flights (Istanbul - Izmir)
- Specified meals (10 breakfasts & 9 lunches & 10 dinners)
- 3 nights Greek Islands Cruise with Celestyal Cruise with the respective cabin type
- Beverage package during the Cruise consisting of: 2 soft drinks / 2 coffees or tea / 2 alcoholic beverages or 2 glasses of wine or 2 glasses of beer / 2 small bottles of water, above are per adult / per day.
- Transportation by A / C deluxe 46 seater motorcoach
- English speaking professional tour guide throughout the tour
- Tips to hotels, restaurants and on board of the cruise vessel
- Port Service and local taxes for all the tour

Unique Moments : Baklava Tasting and Coffee at Sark Kahvesi, Lunch at Typical Cappadocia House.

Excluding

- International Flight
- Drinks and meals which are not listed in the itinerary
- Shore Excursions during cruise
- All personal expenses
- Tips to the tour guide and driver.

Dates

Tour Starts

- 03 April 2015
- 08 May 2015
- 26 June 2015
- 10 July 2015
- 24 July 2015
- 14 August 2015
- 28 August 2015
- 11 September 2015

Tour Ends

- 13 April 2015
- 18 May 2015
- 06 May 2015
- 20 July 2015
- 03 July 2015
- 24 August 2015
- 07 August 2015
- 21 September 2015

Position Statement / Passenger Profile

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Our focus is the Eastern Mediterranean where Celestyal Cruises has significant local knowledge as well as vast expertise in operating cruises. Our identity is centered on this regionalization.

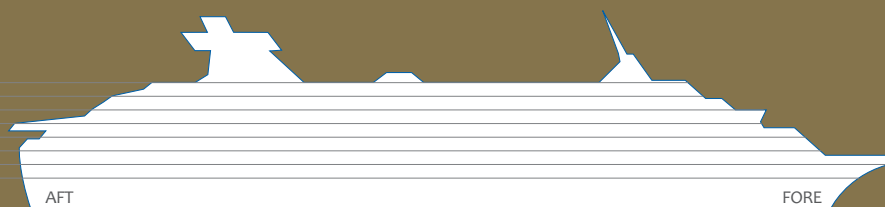
In addition to cruising with us, we invite our passengers to experience our way of life, our culture, our wide & varied cuisine & our vast history. Our itineraries are destination - oriented. Our mid - sized cruise ships enable us to call at islands and ports that mega ships are unable to reach. From the moment passengers set their foot on board they will enjoy an authentic experience by a local host who places emphasis on 'filoxenia', the Greek word on which our warm hearted hospitality is based.

Passenger Profile

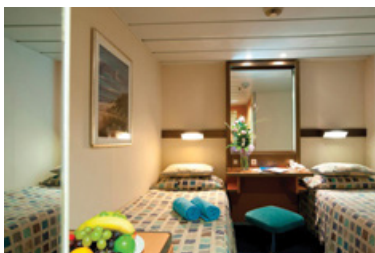
- 35 - 40%+ are active affluent and well educated North Americans
- Average age: 57+
- Most are seasoned cruisers.
- Most are members of an affinity group: Alumni - Educational - Religious - Bank / Social Clubs - Family Reunions, Corporate Meetings & Incentives



Deck 10 - Compass
Deck 9 - Sun
Deck 8 - Bridge
Deck 7 - Promenade
Deck 6 - Upper
Deck 5 - Cabaret
Deck 4 - Main
Deck 3 - A
Deck 2 - B



IB Standart Cabin



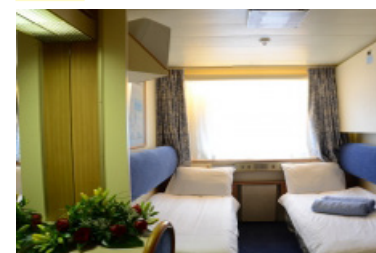
IC Superior Cabin



SB Balcony Suite



XC Superior



Category	Description	Deck		Number of staterooms
Inside Staterooms				
IA	Standard	Deck 2/3	2 lower beds, 3rd / 4th berth, bathroom with shower	36
IB	Standard	Deck 2	2 lower beds, 3rd / 4th berth, bathroom with shower	78
IC	Superior	Deck 3	2 lower beds, 3rd / 4th berth, bathroom with shower	85
ID	Premium	Deck 4	2 lower beds bathroom with shower	39
IE	Deluxe	Deck 5	2 lower beds bathroom with shower	34
IF	Deluxe	Deck 6	2 lower beds bathroom with shower	34
Outside Staterooms				
XA	Standard	Deck 2/3	2 lower beds, 3rd berth, bathroom with shower	68
XB	Standard	Deck 2	2 lower beds, 3rd berth, bathroom with shower	92
XC	Superior	Deck 3	2 lower beds, 3rd berth, bathroom with shower	94
XD	Superior	Deck 4	2 lower beds, 3rd berth, bathroom with shower	52
XE	Premium	Deck 5	2 lower beds bathroom with shower	42
XF	Premium	Deck 6	2 lower beds bathroom with shower	40
Suites				
SJ	Junior Suite	Deck 7	2 lower beds or matrimonial, sofa bed, bathroom with bathtub or shower	21
SB	Balcony Suite	Deck 9	Matrimonial bed, sofa bed, bathroom with bathtub, balcony	7
SG	Imperial Suite	Deck 9	Matrimonial bed, sofa bed, bathroom with bathtub and shower, balcony	2

Deck	Places to eat	
9	Lido Café - Pool Grill	
4	Seven Seas Restaurant	
Deck	Bars, Lounges & Entertainment	
10	Mast Bar	
9	Lido Bar - Sky Bar (Deck 12)	
7	Blake's	
5	Can Can Lounge - Royale Casino - Clipper Bar - Oklahoma Lounge	
Deck	Services / Fitness	
9	Swimming Pools	
8	Saunas - Gym	
7	Kid's Club	
5	Video Arcade - Beauty Salon	
4	Reception - Destination Services - Library - Duty Free & Travel Value Shop - Internet Corner	
1	Medical Centre	

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Tonnage	37,584
Length	214.88 m
Breadth	28.4 m
Draught	7 m
Cruising Speed	19 knots
Passenger	Decks 10
Elevators	7
Stabilizers	YES
Electric Current	110v
Classification Society	Det Norske Veritas

CABIN ACCOMMODATIONS

Total Outside Cabins	418
Total Inside Cabins	306
Total Cabins	724

CREW MEMBERS

540

CABIN AMENITIES

All cabins are equipped with shower, WC, wash basin, air condition, telephone, TV, safety boxes and hairdryers.
All SJ, SB & SG categories have fridge.

Deck plans and cabins' layouts are given purely as a guide. Size and layout may vary within the same category.
Some cabins in SJ category might have partially obstructed view.

Suggested Hotels

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Istanbul

(4*) Vicenza Hotel or similar

www.hotelvicenzaistanbul.com

Canakkale

(5*) Kolin Hotel

www.kolinhotel.com

Izmir

(5*) Hilton Izmir

[www.hilton.com / izmir](http://www.hilton.com/izmir)

Pamukkale

(5*) Colossae Hotel

www.colossaehotel.com

Cappadocia

(4*) Cappadocia Lodge

www.cappadocialodge.com.tr

Ankara

(5*) Hilton Ankara

[www.hilton.com / ankara](http://www.hilton.com/ankara)

Suggested Restaurants

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Istanbul

Hamdi Restaurant

Canakkale

Serinoğulları Restaurant

Izmir

Asklepion Restaurant

Kusadasi

Oasis Park

Konya

Horozluhan Restaurant

Cappadocia

Hanedan Restaurant

An example menu for lunch;

Menu;

- Flat Bread and butter
- Cheese wrapped in goatskin
- Mini Turkish Pizza called lahmacun
- Stuffed minced meat ball
- Seasons Salad
- Variety of Kebaps
- Dessert

Distances

Istanbul - Izmir / Flight	50 min.
Izmir A / P - Kusadasi	60 Km (1 hour)
Kusadasi - Pamukkale	200 Km (2, 5 hrs)
Pamukkale - Konya	230 Km (3 hrs)
Konya - Cappadocia	400 Km (4 hrs)
Cappadocia - Ankara	280 Km (3, 5 hrs)
Ankara - Istanbul	450 Km (4, 5 hrs)
Kusadasi - Canakkale	400 Km (8 hrs)
Canakkale - Istanbul	320 Km (8 hrs)

Guides & Buses

- All our local guides are licensed and have traveled Turkey extensively and are some of the leading professionals in their fields.
- Karavan Travel is operating the tours with a brand new 46 seater air conditioned luxury buses.

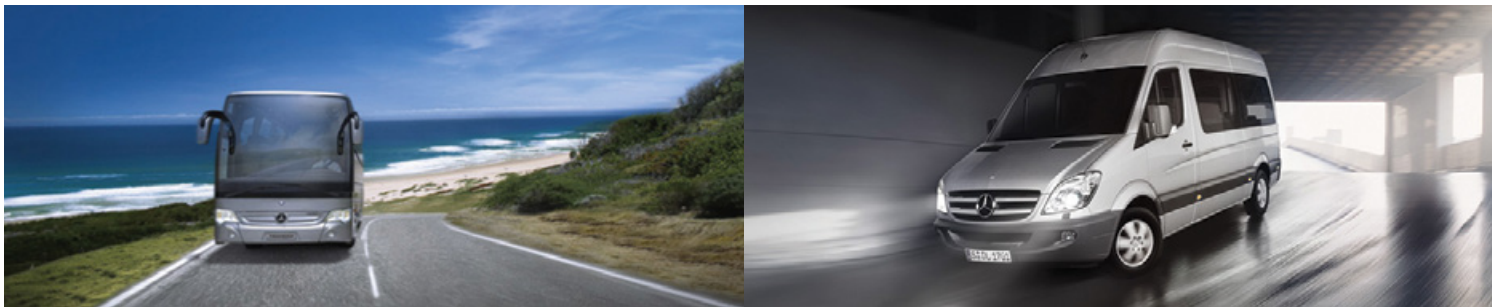


Photo Gallery



Istanbul

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Topkapı Palace



Ottoman Wooden Mansions



Hagia Sophia Museum



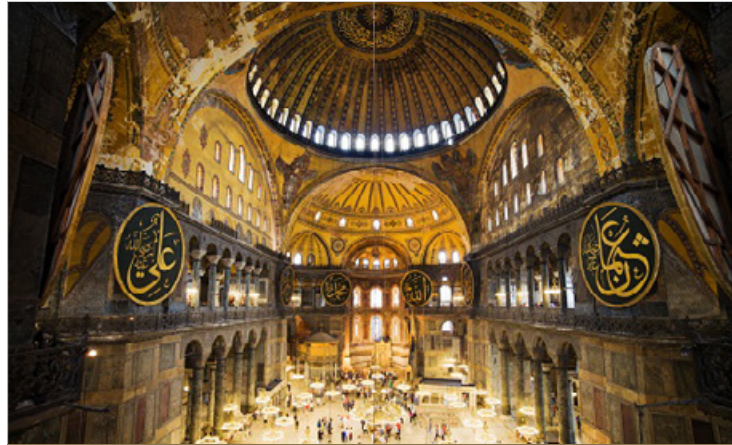
Buyuk Mecidiye Mosque (Ortaköy)

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The Basilica Cistern



Interior of the Hagia Sophia Museum



The Maiden's Tower



Panoramic view from the Galata Tower

Istanbul

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Rumeli Fortress



Rumeli Fortress



Buyuk Mecidiye Mosque (Ortaköy)



Sunset over the Bosphorus

Istanbul

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Maiden's Tower



View of laser light show on the Bosphorus Bridge



Sultanahmet Mosque



Maiden's Tower

Canakkale

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Gallipoli Castle



National Park of Gallipoli Peninsula



Troy



Gallipoli Port

Ephesus

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Hadrian Gate (Ephesus)



Library (Ephesus)



Ancient Theatre



House of Virgin Mary



Cappadocia

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Izmir City Views



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Bodrum

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Bodrum Ancient Theater



Bodrum Port



Bodrum Castle



View of beautiful bay at Egean Region

Pamukkale

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Pamukkale Travertines



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Pamukkale Travertines

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Hasankeyf Ancient City



Mardin City View



Pool of Sacred Fish (Balikligol)



Ishak Pasha Palace

Eastern Turkey

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Whirling Dervishes Ceremony



Mardin City View



Mount Nemrut



Ani Ruins

Eastern Turkey

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Mount Nemrut



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Sumela Monastery



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