

5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS CAPPADOCIA - ISTANBUL TOUR

Day 1 Arrive Istanbul - Cappadocia (Dinner)

Depart from your hotel to visit Devrent Valley to see the unique fairy-chimneys. Drive to Pasabag (Monk's Valley) to see the most interesting mushroom-shaped pinnacles. Drive to the city of Avanos .In the afternoon visit another beautiful open air museum at Göreme where the remains of rock-cut churches and Christian settlements date back hundreds of years. Lastly, before returning to your hotel, visit the natural castle at Uchisar.

Day 2 Cappadocia (Breakfast , Dinner)

Early morning Optional Hot Air Balloon

Depart from your hotel to visit Red valley and explore the famous rock- cut churches and hike 5 km through the Gulludere valley. Then visit Cavusin village. This village is famous for the houses and churches of the Christian clergymen. After lunch , drive to the pigeon valley . In the afternoon visit Kaymaklı underground city where early Christians lived in fear and faith.

Day 3 Cappadocia - Istanbul (Breakfast)

After breakfast , transfer to Istanbul . Upon arrival , transfer to hotel in city center . Free day for leisure.

Day 4 Istanbul (Breakfast)

- ❖ Tour of "Sultan Ahmet Center", the heart of the "Old City" from where the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires were ruled.
- ❖ Hagia Sophia, the Church of the Divine Wisdom, one of the greatest marvels of architecture, constructed as a basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian.
- ❖ Blue Mosque, facing Hagia Sophia, famous with its blue İznik tiles and unique with 6 minarets, built in the name of Sultan Ahmet.
- ❖ Hippodrome, center of sportive events (chariot races, athletics) and political activities of the old city. Serpentine Column, Obelisk of Theodosius and German Fountain of Wilhelm II are the monuments decorating the Hippodrome.
- ❖ Grand Covered Bazaar, most attractive shopping center and the biggest "souk" in the world with nearly 4000 shops selling antiques, jewellery, gold, carpets, leatherware and souvenir. (*Art demonstration of handmade Turkish carpets upon request*)
- ❖ Lunch at a Turkish Restaurant.
- ❖ Topkapı Palace, residence of Ottoman Sultans exhibiting imperial treasury, sacred Islamic relics of Prophet Mohammed, kitchen, Chinese porcelain, weapons, calligraphy section etc. Live guide commentary is not allowed in special sections. (*Harem is not included in the program*)
- ❖ Sultan Tombs, there are five tombs of Ottoman Sultans within the graveyard at Hagia sophia. The ceramic panels are the most beautiful examples of the 16th century with purple, red, green and blue flower motives. Prince robes and a small piece from the Kaaba covers are displayed on the sarcophaguses.

Day 5 Departure (Breakfast)

After breakfast , transfer to airport.

Included : <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Air conditioned transport for sightseeing & transfers❖ Lincensed English Speaking Guide❖ Entrance fees for museums & sightseeing❖ Meals plan as above❖ Tipping to Guide & Driver	Not Included : <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Any flight ticket❖ Items not specially mentioned above and/or in the itinerary
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