

# Highlights of Turkey

10 Days

1 Country

17 Meals

Travel along the age-old trading routes that linked East and West revealing all the Highlights of Turkey. Do some haggling of your own in Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, fall asleep amidst the fairy-tale landscapes of Cappadocia and walk in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks in Ephesus.

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## Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Istanbul with a Local Specialist
- **Visit** the Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Byzantine Hippodrome and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Anzac Cove and the poignant War Cemeteries at Gallipoli, the Asclepion Medical Centre at Pergamon, the ancient city of Ephesus, the Virgin Mary's House at Ephesus, the Cotton Castle springs at Pamukkale, the ruins of the Roman health spa at Hierapolis, the Göreme Open-Air Museum and the underground city of Saratli
- **View** the Wooden Horse at Troy

Day

**1 Welcome to Istanbul** Spend the day exploring Istanbul after being transferred to your hotel. Later, you'll meet your Travel Director and travel companions for a memorable Welcome Reception. **(WR)**  
**Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisli**

**2 Discover Colourful Istanbul** Delve into the treasures of the Ottoman Empire, strolling through the exquisite Topkapi Palace with its spellbinding views of the Bosphorus. We explore Hagia Sophia, once one of the greatest churches in all of Christendom, before following in the footsteps of the faithful for a visit to the Blue Mosque – its six minarets and beautiful blue Iznik tiles are a sight to behold. *Dive Into Culture* as you haggle for souvenirs at Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, one of the largest covered markets in the world with 60 streets and over 5,000 shops. Later, we visit the Byzantine Hippodrome to see where thundering chariots once raced to victory. The rest of the day is yours to explore the city. **(B, 🇹🇷)**

**3 Journey to Gallipoli and Çanakkale** We remember the heroism of the many thousands of men who fought bravely at Gallipoli. We'll see Lone Pine Cemetery and the battlefields that today still hold special significance for the Turkish, Australian and New Zealand nations. Spend a quiet moment commemorating the lives lost at Anzac Cove and Chunuk Bair, where some of the fiercest fighting took place during World War I. This evening we stay in Çanakkale where tonight we'll dine in our hotel. **(B, D)** **Hotel: Kolin**

**4 Off to Troy, Pergamon and Izmir** Admire the archaeological excavations at Troy and the symbolic replica of the Trojan horse, then continue to Pergamon to visit the Asclepion Medical Centre with its symbol of modern medicine. This afternoon, *Connect With Locals* over lunch in Demircidere at a *Be My Guest* experience. Dinner is at your hotel in Izmir. **(B, BMG, D, 🇹🇷)**  
**Hotel: Mövenpick**

**5 Admire the Ruins of Ephesus and on to Pamukkale** Explore the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, admiring the Library of Celsus and Temple of Artemis. Next, visit the House of the Virgin Mary, the Temple of Hadrian, and the 2<sup>nd</sup>-century Great Theatre, still in use today. Later, relax and enjoy the blissful thermal pools at your hotel in Pamukkale. **(B, D)**  
**Hotel: Colossae Thermal**

**6 Onwards to Hierapolis and Konya** This morning we enjoy a leisurely visit to the ancient ruins of the Holy City of Hierapolis, imagining ancient patrons seeking revival and rest within their limestone-laden thermal springs. Our last stop today is Konya where tonight we dine in our hotel. **(B, D)** **Hotel: Dedeman**

**7 Continue to Cappadocia** Visit the Mevlana Museum and Mausoleum in Konya, a former dervish lodge of the Mevlevi order. Continuing your journey to Cappadocia, you'll see a 13<sup>th</sup>-century *caravanserai* then *Dive Into Culture* to learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos. Tonight you'll enjoy an overnight stay at one of Trafalgar's *Stays With Stories* set alongside the ancient Ortahisar rock castle. **(B, 🇹🇷, 🇹🇷)** **Hotel: Dilek Kaya**

**8 A Day to Explore Spectacular Göreme** The whimsical landscapes of Cappadocia take centre stage today as you visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum, the Paşabağı and Kizil Vadi valleys and underground city

of Saratli. You'll learn about the art of carpet weaving during a visit to a Turkish carpet emporium before an included dinner. **(B, D)**



**Discover Cappadocia's fairy chimneys.**  
You'll feel as if you've stepped onto the moon as you learn all about how Cappadocia's otherworldly rock formations came to be millions of years ago. Discover more at [trafalgar.com](https://trafalgar.com).

**9 Return to Istanbul** Take a short flight this morning to Istanbul, where the rest of the day is yours to explore the city your way. Enjoy a sensory explosion at the vibrant Spice Market, take a stroll through the historic Sultanahmet or find a quiet rooftop café and admire Istanbul's iconic skyline. You could choose instead to join an optional cruise and sail the waters of the Bosphorus which separate Asia and Europe. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow companions for a Farewell Dinner. **(B, FD)** **Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisli**

**10 Farewell Istanbul** Say a fond farewell to Turkey and newfound friends as you depart for our flight home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://trafalgar.com/freetransfers). **(B)**

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- WR** Welcome Reception
- L** Lunch
- RD** Regional Dinner
- BMG** Be My Guest
- B** Breakfast
- D** Dinner
- FD** Farewell Dinner