

Best of Turkey

14 Days

1 Country

24 Meals

From the legends of Troy to ancient Greek cities, your travels will reveal the places where history happened. On this in-depth Best of Turkey voyage, you'll also venture into the Taurus Mountains for lunch with the Yazir community and relax on the shores of the Turkish Riviera.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Istanbul with a Local Specialist
- **Visit** the Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Anzac Cove and the War Cemeteries at Gallipoli, the ancient ruins of Troy, the Asclepion Medical Centre at Pergamon, the ancient city at Ephesus, the Cotton Castle Springs in Pamukkale, the Archaeological Museum in Antalya, the home of the Whirling Dervishes at Konya, the underground city of Saratli, Göreme Open Air Museum and the Museum of Anatolian Civilisation at Ankara
- **View** the Wooden Horse at Troy

● Start ● End ● Overnight ● Sightseeing

Blue Mosque, Istanbul

Day

- 1 Welcome to Istanbul** Your journey of discovery through ancient lands and empires starts in Istanbul. Transfer to your hotel, then join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. (WR) **Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisi**
- 2 Discover Colourful Istanbul** Spend your day delving into a city where modern and ancient coexist effortlessly. Gain insights into the Ottoman Empire's power during your guided tour of the Topkapi Palace and see the 4th-century Egyptian obelisk. Visit Hagia Sophia, the Hippodrome and the exquisite Blue Mosque, said to rival even the Great Mosque in Mecca. *Dive Into Culture* this afternoon, with a visit to the Grand Bazaar. Spend your afternoon haggling with passionate market vendors lining its labyrinthine lanes. This evening, consider an optional dinner with Turkish folk and belly dancing. (B, 🍴)
- 3 Journey to Gallipoli and Çanakkale** Journey to Gallipoli to see Anzac Cove and the Dardanelles. You'll visit the cemeteries of Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair, then continue to Çanakkale. (B, D) **Hotel: Kolin**
- 4 Off to Troy, Pergamon and Izmir** Explore the legend of Troy, visit the ancient Asclepion Medical Centre in Pergamon, then travel to Izmir. (B, D) **Hotel: Mövenpick**
- 5 Explore the Ruins of Ephesus** Stroll through the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, past the amazingly intact façade of the Library of Celcus and down to what was once its thriving port. See the House of Virgin Mary at Mt. Koresos then spend the rest of the day at leisure. This evening you may consider joining an optional dinner at a local restaurant in Izmir and indulge in some of the local *raki*. (B)
- 6 Onwards to Pamukkale** Leave the coastal city of Izmir behind as you journey inland to Pamukkale. Relax and enjoy the blissful thermal pools at your hotel before dinner. (B, D) **Hotel: Colossae Thermal**



Discover a fantasy world at Pamukkale.
Gaze in wonder at the ethereal Cotton Castle backdrop of bubbling pools cascading over snow-white terraces which have captivated visitors for centuries. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

- 7 Venture to Hierapolis and Antalya** Visit ancient Hierapolis and Pamukkale's Cotton Castle Springs. Later, *Connect With Locals* over a *Be My Guest* lunch with the Yazir community. Continue to Antalya. (B, BMG, RD, 🍴) **Hotel: Marmara**
- 8 Enjoy Ancient Perge** Enjoy a free morning on the Turkish Riviera. Later, travel to the Roman city of Perge and visit the Antalya Archaeological Museum. (B)
- 9 On the Road to Aspendos and Konya** Witness the world's best-preserved theatre of antiquity during your first stop in Aspendos this morning, before continuing to Konya. (B, D) **Hotel: Dedeman**
- 10 Continue to Cappadocia** See a well-preserved 13th-century *caravanserai* before your journey to Cappadocia and Saratli. Indulge in a Regional Dinner and stay in one of Trafalgar's *Stays With Stories* located alongside the ancient Ortahisar rock castle. (B, RD, 🍴) **Hotel: Dilek Kaya**
- 11 A Day to Explore Spectacular Göreme** The other-worldly landscapes of Cappadocia take centre stage today as we explore its volcanic landscape dotted with caves and troglodyte dwellings. We visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum to admire the extraordinary rock-hewn churches and *Dive Into Culture* to learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos before dining in our hotel this evening. (B, D, 🍴)
- 12 Onwards to Ankara** Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations and the final resting place of the country's beloved Atatürk in Turkey's capital. (B, D) **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton**
- 13 Return to Istanbul** Returning to Istanbul, we enjoy the rest of the day on our own. Delve into the depths of the Basilica Cistern, savour the intoxicating smells of the Spice Market or ascend Galata Tower for exquisite views of east and west. Consider an optional cruise navigating the waters of the Bosphorus before meeting your Travel Director and fellow companions for a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD) **Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisi**
- 14 Farewell Istanbul** Bid Istanbul and newfound friends a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

See below for a selection of departure dates. Speak to your Travel Agent or search 'Best of Turkey' on trafalgar.com for all available departures and pricing.

2023

Jan	01	22	Jul	09*	23*				
Feb	05	26	Aug	06*	20				
Mar	05	12	19	26	Sep	03	10	17	24
Apr	09	16	30	Oct	01 [■]	08 [■]	15 [■]	29 [■]	
May	07	14	21	28	Dec	13 ^{■*}	20 ^{■*}	26 ^{■*}	
Jun	04	11	18	25					

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- These departures may vary in itinerary, hotels, and inclusions in line with seasonal changes.
- * **Festive Meals:** New Year's Eve dinners have been arranged for these departures. Join us in Europe to celebrate the festive season. Please note, Christmas is not celebrated in Turkey.

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