

## TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR   14, 30	APR   12, 26
MAY   14, 28	MAY   12, 26
JUN   04, 25	JUN   09, 23
JUL   09, 23	JUL   07, 21
AUG   06, 20	AUG   04, 18
SEP   03, 17	SEP   03, 15, 29
OCT   01, 15	OCT   13

For full dates and prices, and to choose your group size, visit [insightvacations.com/treasuresturkey](https://insightvacations.com/treasuresturkey)

A special ANZAC departure spends two nights in Gallipoli and attends the ANZAC Day Dawn service.

📍 REGIONAL JOURNEY  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

15 DAYS  
1 COUNTRY  
24 MEALS  
23 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW REVIEW THIS NEW TRIP

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

**Uçhisar:** Enjoy the unique flavours of Anatolia at Uçhisar Kadineli Restaurant, where every dish is homemade with love. This remarkable establishment provides employment for more than 65 women from the village.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

**Cappadocia:** Join a Cappadocian local who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house to learn more about their unique way of life.

### AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant in Istanbul • Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Istanbul.

### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

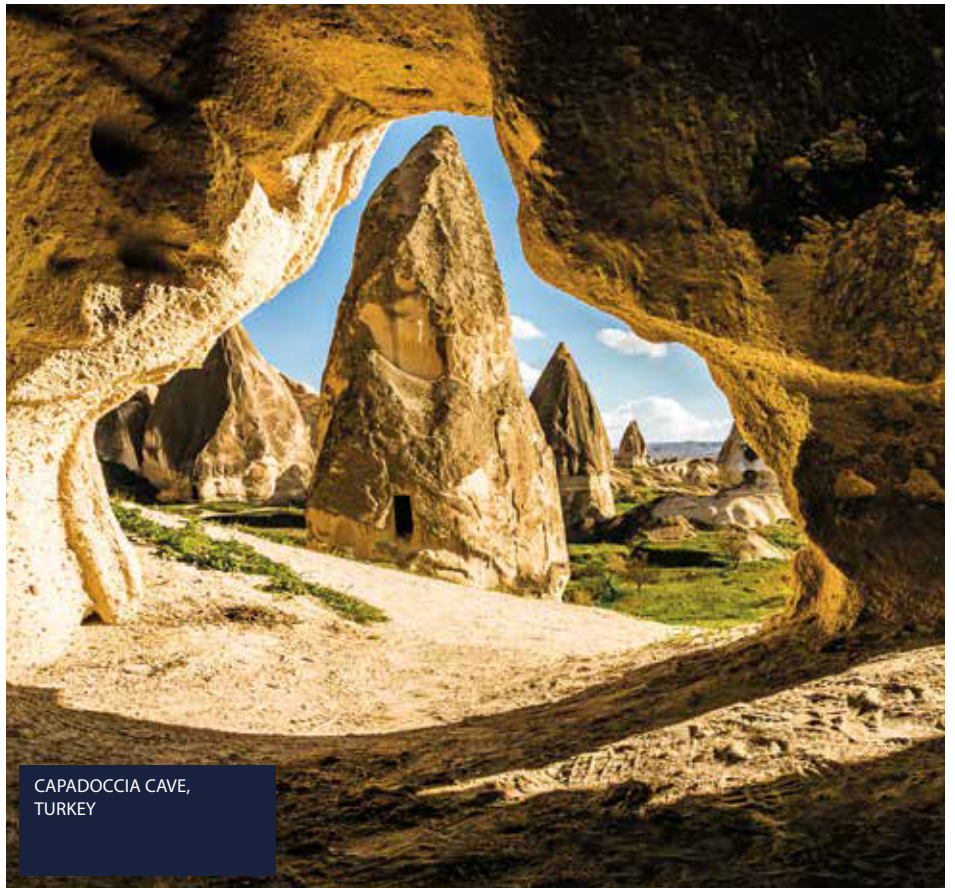
Travel by cruise along Bosphorus • Ride a ferry across the Dardanelles.

Visit Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul • Grand Mosque, Green Mosque and Mausoleum in Bursa • Mausoleum of Atatürk in Ankara • Pasabag Valley in Göreme • Mevlana Tekke Museum in Konya • Seljuk Caravanserai in Anatolia • Roman Theatre in Aspendos • Archaeological Museum in Ephesus • Troy • Asklepion in Pergamon • Gallipoli Peninsula.

City tours of Göreme, Konya, Pergamon and Istanbul, all with Local Experts.

# TREASURES OF TURKEY

"Turkey is packed with cultural heritage, amazing food and unbelievable scenery. There is truly something for everyone."  
– Daghan, Travel Director



CAPADOCIA CAVE,  
TURKEY



@SUSZ7, PAMUKKALE



@DAGHANER, EPHEBUS



**DAY 1 WELCOME TO ISTANBUL**

Welcome to Istanbul. On arrival, a representative will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

Join your Travel Director at 18:30 for a Welcome Dinner, where you'll get to know your fellow travellers. (DW)

Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

**DAY 2 BOSPHORUS CRUISE AND BURSA**

Embark on a cruise along Bosphorus Strait. Travel towards the old city and see the beautiful Ottoman palaces and fortresses, on the waterfront. Later, leave Istanbul for Bursa.

This evening, venture to a local restaurant for a tasty meal. (B) (DW)

Mövenpick Bursa Hotel and Thermal Spa.

**DAY 3 CUMALIKIZIK AND GORDION**

Begin your day of culture in Bursa with a visit to the Green Mosque, the Grand Mosque and the Mausoleum complex. Continue to the charming village of Cumalikizik. Later move on to Gordion, before making your way to Ankara. (B)

Ankara HiltonSA, Ankara.

**DAY 4 SOPHISTICATED ANKARA**

Sightseeing includes a visit to the Hittite Museum and Anit Kabir, the Mausoleum of Atatürk. Later, head to Avanos in Cappadocia. Famed for its unique geological formation, Cappadocia is a scenic delight with golden hills and panoramic views. (B) (DW)

DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos, Cappadocia.

**DAY 5 THE UNDERGROUND CITIES OF CAPPADOCIA EXPERIENCE**

Today, you'll travel to the striking town of Göreme. Explore its rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER \* Experience at the Uçhisar Kadıneli Restaurant and get a taste of Anatolia's regional flavours. This establishment

provides employment for the women of the village and supports their financial freedom.

Next, continue on to the Pasabag Valley and visit the underground city of Özkonak. You will be welcomed into the home by a local Cappadocian living in an authentic cave house. Explore this unique way of living, learning about local traditions and family life.

Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant, later you'll witness a performance of Whirling Dervishes. (B) (L) (DW)

**DAY 6 KONYA**

Learn more about traditional pottery making in Avanos before journeying along the famous Silk Road to visit a 13th century caravanserai. Later, travel to Turkey's most religious city, Konya. See the Karatay Medrese and Ince Minaret, and visit the Mevlana Museum. (B) (DW)

Novotel Konya Hotel.

**DAY 7 THROUGH THE TAURUS MOUNTAINS**

Take a scenic drive down the Taurus Mountains to Aspendos, an ancient city in Antalya province. (B) (DW)

Akra Barut Antalya.

**DAY 8 ANTALYA'S OLD TOWN**

Visit Antalya's pretty Old Town. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the leisure facilities at your hotel. (B)

**DAY 9 THE POOLS OF PAMUKKALE**

Cross the Taurus Mountains to see the remains of the ancient city of Hierapolis. Next to the ruins, you can see the gleaming white travertine terraces of Pamukkale. (B) (DW)

Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale.

**DAY 10 IZMIR**

Visit the Temple of Aphrodite in Geyre. End your day in the quaint Aegean port of Izmir. (B)

Swissotel Büyük Efes, Izmir.

**DAY 11 ANCIENT EPHEBUS**

Spend the day exploring the fascinating archaeological sites of Izmir.

Later, journey to one of the world's finest archaeological sites, Ephesus. Walk through the colonnaded Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and the huge Amphitheatre, before visiting the house of the Virgin Mary. (B) (DW)

**DAY 12 PERGAMON, TROY AND ÇANAKKALE.**

Start your day in Pergamon, where you find the Asklepion.

Next, head to Homer's city of Troy, the focal point of the Trojan war and the backdrop to one of history's most famous love stories. A replica of the mighty Trojan Horse can be found beside the city's walls. After some time exploring, continue your journey to Çanakkale. (B)

Kolin Hotel, Canakkale.

**DAY 13 GALLIPOLI AND ANZAC COVE**

Cross the Dardanelles Strait by ferry to the Gallipoli Peninsula. Located in the southern part of East Thrace, it was here that, for nine months during the Great War, Anzac troops fought, in an attempt to gain control of the Dardanelles Strait. Learn more about these events as you visit Anzac Cove and pay your respects at the Lone Pine Cemetery. Later, return to Istanbul. (B)

Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

**DAY 14 ISTANBUL AND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE**

In the morning, visit the historic Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and see the Hippodrome where Roman chariot races were held. Visit the Topkapi Palace, perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn, the primary inlet of the waterway. Enjoy the excitement of bargaining in the bustling Grand Bazaar.

In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

**DAY 15 FAREWELL ISTANBUL**

It's time to say goodbye to your new friends, as your trip comes to an end. A transfer will take you to the airport for your onward flights. (B)

**KEY**

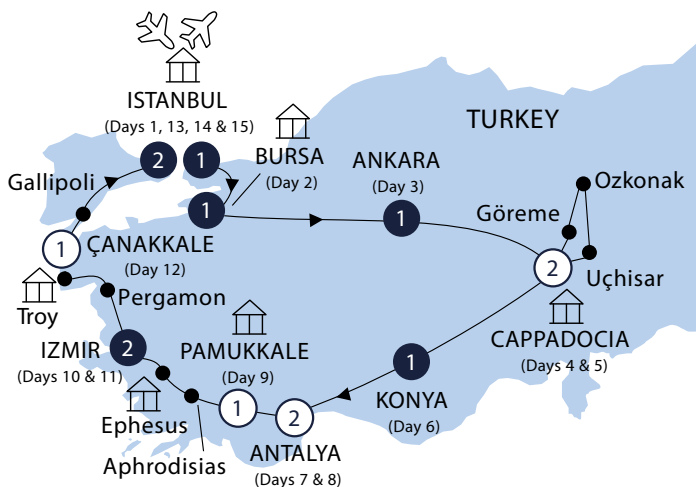
✈ Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

2 Scenic Hotels + Nights

● Place Visited

**CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE**

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



INSIGHT EXPERIENCE Meet a Cappadocian local and tour their cave house. (Photo by @Susz7, Day 5, Cappadocia)



Use the camera on your smart phone to view the full details of this trip on our website.