

TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR 23	FEB 01, 29
MAY 11, 25	MAR 07, 14, 21
JUN 22	APR 04, 25, 23
JUL 06, 20	MAY 09, 23
AUG 03, 17, 31	JUN 06, 20
SEP 14, 28	JUL 04, 18
OCT 12, 26	AUG 01, 15, 29
NOV 02, 09, 16	SEP 12, 26
DEC 14, 22	

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

REGIONAL JOURNEY

ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

11 DAYS

1 COUNTRY

18 MEALS

17 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Ayvalik: Visit the vibrant Copmadam workshop which produces one-of-a-kind items made from recycled packaging, creating employment opportunities for local women.

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 in Istanbul • Sema performance in a stone house followed by dinner in Cappadocia • Celebration Dinner in Istanbul.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel by ferry across the Dardanelles • Cruise along the Bosphorus.

Visit Gallipoli Peninsula • Troy • Asklepion in Pergamon • Ephesus • Seljuk Caravanserai in Anatolia • Mausoleum of Atatürk in Ankara • Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul.

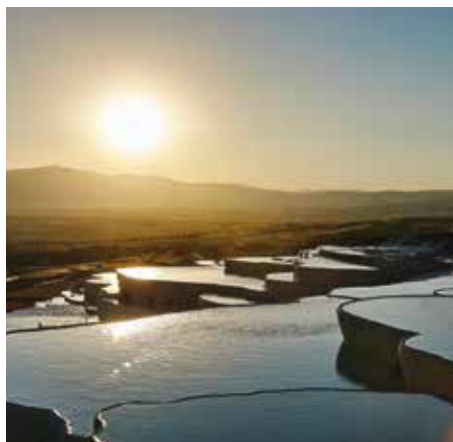
City tours of Pergamon, Konya, Göreme and Istanbul, all with Local Experts.

See Anzac Cove at Gallipoli • the reconstructed Trojan Horse • the city of Izmir • Cotton Castle and ruins of Hierapolis in Pamukkale • Karatay Medrese, Ince Minaret and Mevlana Tekke Museum in Konya • Potters at work in Avanos.

WONDERS OF TURKEY

"Guests love our visit to the traditional cave homes of Cappadocia. The locals we meet have many interesting stories to share about life in a cave dwelling."- Orhan, Travel Director

AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND



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 GALLIPOLI AND ANZAC COVE

Make your way along the shores of the Sea of Marmara to historic Gallipoli. Located in the southern part of East Thrace, it was here that for nine months during the Great War, Anzac troops fought to gain control of the Dardanelles Strait. Learn more about these events as you visit Anzac Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery. (B)

DoubleTree by Hilton Canakkale, Canakkale.

DAY 3 TROY, PERGAMON AND IZMIR

Begin your day with a trip to Homer's city of Troy, the focal point of the Trojan War. A replica of the mighty Trojan horse, which helped the Greeks capture the city in 1200 B.C., can be seen beside the city's walls. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER Experience at Copmadam, a women's co-op turning recycled materials into unique items, and addressing women's employment issues.

Continue your journey to Pergamon. Once a powerful ancient Greek city, you'll find the Asklepiion temple here, built in honor of Asklepios, the god of medicine.

End your day in the coastal city of Izmir. (B) (DW)

Swissotel Büyük Efes, Izmir.

DAY 4 ANCIENT EPHEBUS AND KUSADASI

Relaxed Start. Start your morning with a trip to the nearby town of Selçuk. Home to the House of the Virgin Mary and the Temple of Artemis, you'll begin with an educational visit to the Archaeological Museum. Delve into the area's history as you explore the museum's exhibits.

Later, explore the famous site itself. Walk through the colonnaded Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and the huge Amphitheater, before visiting the House of the Virgin Mary. (B) (DW)

Charisma De Luxe Hotel, Kusadasi.

DAY 5 THE POOLS OF PAMUKKALE

This morning, head to a local organic farm and meet the agricultural director, who will take you on a walking tour of the eco-friendly lands. You'll have the satisfying task of picking fruits and vegetables from his fields.

Delight in a mouth-watering Farm-to-Table lunch, prepared with fresh produce from the farm.

Next, make your way to Pamukkale. Visit the ruins of the ancient Roman spa city of Hierapolis, founded in 190 B.C. You'll see the city's well-preserved theater and its turquoise travertine pools. (B) (L) (DW)

Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale.

DAY 6 KONYA, THE WHIRLING DERVISHES AND CAPPADOCIA

Today, you'll explore Konya. The home of the Whirling Dervish, this city offers tradition in abundance.

Visit the Mevlana Tekke museum, with its recognisable turquoise dome. See the Karatay Madrasa, built in 1251, before moving on to the Ince Minaret, a 13th century madrasa. Continue your journey to Urgup, an historic town in the heart of Cappadocia.

Your abode for the night is the unique Alfina Cave Hotel Cappadocia, built in old cave dwellings. (B) (DW)

Alfina Cave Hotel Cappadocia.

DAY 7 THE UNDERGROUND CITIES OF CAPPADOCIA EXPERIENCE

Move on to Göreme, a town in the Cappadocia region of Turkey. Explore its rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings before moving on to the Pasabag Valley. Later, visit the underground city of Özkonak, where you'll have time to explore its tunnels and caves with your Travel Director before joining a Cappadocian local who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house. Dinner tonight will be accompanied by a performance of Whirling Dervishes. (B) (DW)

DAY 8 ANKARA

This morning, learn about the art of earthenware pottery making in Avanos.

On your way, stop off at one of the best-preserved Seljuk Caravanserais in Anatolia.

Continue your journey to Ankara, where you'll visit the Hittite Museum and Anit Kabir, the Mausoleum of Atatürk—Turkey's greatest modern leader. (B)

Ankara HiltonSA, Ankara.

DAY 9 TO ISTANBUL

It's time to head to Istanbul. A glorious fusion of east and west, this popular city offers something for everyone, with history, culture, modernity, delicious cuisine and of course, the friendliest of faces. Board a cruise along the Bosphorus. As you make your way from Eminönü to the Black Sea, witness the area's beautiful Ottoman palaces and fortresses lining the waterfront. (B)

Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

DAY 10 ISTANBUL & THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Take in the sites of Istanbul. In the morning, visit the historic Blue Mosque with its tiled interiors. See the Hippodrome, where Roman chariot races were held, before exploring Hagia Sophia. Built in A.D. 537, it is famous for its domed roof.

Visit the Topkapi Palace, perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn.

Enjoy the excitement of bargaining in the bustling Grand Bazaar.

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

DAY 11 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

1 Scenic Hotels + Nights

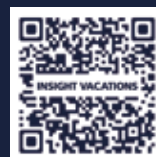
● Place Visited

**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.



TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Visit Troy and view the huge reconstructed Trojan Horse. (Photo by @Susz7, Day 3, Cannakale)



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