

14D12N TURKEY & GREECE

Day 1 : K.L → ISTANBUL

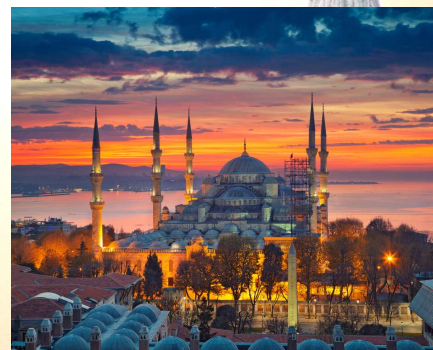
Welcome to Turkey!!!

Upon arriving at the airport we will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. You can enjoy free time until your tour starts. Please, check the informative posters placed at the hotel reception area which have all the information about your upcoming services such as meeting place, time and the guide's name.

Day 2 : ISTANBUL



We find ourselves in a city built in two continents. On our tour, we will include a cable car ride up to the **Pierre Loti viewpoint** and we will enter the **Mosque of Suleyman the Magnificent** (the largest in Istanbul). We will see the walls, the Golden Horn, the fishing district, and we will admire the exterior of **Hagia Sofia**. After the visit, we will offer tickets and a visit to the **Top Kapi Palace**, which was the administrative centre of the Ottoman Empire, with its magnificent courtyards and its pavilions. At the end of the afternoon we will provide a transfer to the **Taksim neighbourhood**, the most commercialised and lively area of the city. There will be time to dine in one of its many restaurants, and you can also take the old tram that crosses the area or go to see the nearby Galata Tower.



Day 3 : ISTANBUL



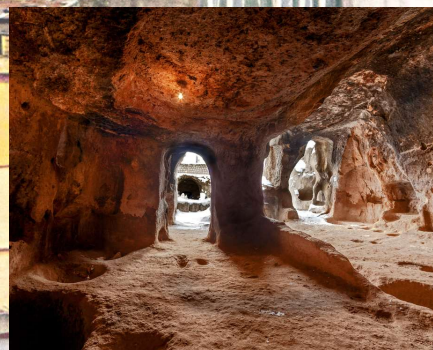
Today we include a **boat cruise trip on the Bosphorus** that will last about two hours. We will undertake the trip on a boat exclusively for our tour members only. The Bosphorus is a strait that connects the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara, which separates Istanbul into two parts: the European part and the Asian one. We will enjoy seeing the liveliness of the strait with its multitude of boats. We will pass under the two bridges that unite Europe and Asia and we will admire the palaces of the sultans, the typical wooden houses and the Ottoman villas. Free time in afternoon



Day 4 : ISTANBUL - ANKARA - CAPADOCIA



Today we travel by train: from the station in the Asia district, we take the **most modern and fast train in Turkey**, a pleasant 4-hour trip through the Anatolian landscapes, perhaps having a coffee in the train café. Arrival in ANKARA. After a time to have lunch in the area of the station, travelling by bus, we will take you to discover the **Mausoleum of Ataturk**. After that, we will continue en route to **Cappadocia**. We will pass through the **SALT LAKE**, with its incredible landscapes. Arrival in AVANOS (CAPPADOCIA), dinner included.



Day 5 : CAPADOCIA



Full day in the **fantastic region of CAPPADOCIA**, with its lunar landscapes, its churches and troglodyte villages. We will discover the **GOREME Valley with its open air museum** and its churches carved into the rocks, entry tickets included. We will visit **UCHISAR, a natural fortress**. In KAIMACLI we will visit the **underground city** that could house 30,000 people. Returning to Avanos we stop at **PASABAG, the valley of the fairies**, we will walk in this spectacular natural area. Free time and dinner included.



Day 6: CAPADOCIA - IHLARA - KONYA

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At the far end of Cappadocia, we will visit the **IHLARA Valley**; known for the freshness of its waters, its churches and villages excavated in the rock. Then we continue our route, with a stop in an old **CARAVANSERAI from the 13th Century** before arriving in **KONYA** where we visit the **Mausoleum of Mevlana**. Here we will learn about the sect of the **Dervishes (entrance included)**. Dinner included. At night, we suggest that you attend the dance performance of the whirling dervishes in the cultural centre.

Day 7: KONYA - EGRIDIR - PAMUKALE

B/D

We take a **scenic road between the lakes, and get to know EGRIDIR**, a beautiful town next to a large lake, with its walls and mosques. There's time to have lunch. We then continue to **PAMUKKALE-Hierapolis**, whose calcareous waters have created the **Cotton Castle (entrance included)**. Dinner included.

Day 8: PAMUKALE - EPHEBUS - KUSADASI

B/D

We leave for **EPHEBUS**, the best preserved ancient city of Asia Minor; 2000 years ago it had a quarter of a million inhabitants. We see the house of the **Virgin Mary**, the Basilica of Saint John and the **impressive ruins of Ephesus (entrance included)**. We then go on to **KUSADASI**, a popular coastal town with a lot of atmosphere, commercial life and a small castle. Dinner included.

Day 9: KUSADASI - BODRUM - MARMARIS

B/D

We leave for one of the natural wonders of Turkey, **Lake BAFA**. We continue to **BODRUM, a very beautiful fortified city of Greek origin**. You can visit its castle, stroll through its streets full of life and tourism or go around its sports marina. After lunch, we go on our way to **MARMARIS, another very beautiful coastal tourist enclave** with its castle, its marina and its fountains. Dinner and accommodation.

Day 10: MARMARIS - RHODES

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We will **embark toward Greece first thing** in the morning. Express ferry, the journey will last about an hour. Immigration checks. Arrival in **Rhodes**. City tour of this incredible walled city and the old quarter, which bears the imprints of the different cultures that shaped it (Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Knights of Saint John, Ottoman, Italian...). Free afternoon.- **IMPORTANT NOTICE**: The timetable for the ferry between Rhodes and Marmaris is frequently modified and doesn't operate every day (except in the Summer months), this part of the trip's itinerary may have to be modified accordingly.

Day 11: RHODES - FERRY RODAS ATHENS

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Today, an **excursion around the island of Rhodes is included**. We will travel to **FILERIMOS up on a hill** where you will be able to visit its small monastery sitting amid amazing landscapes. Afterward we will travel to **LINDOS where its medieval fort and Greek Acropolis own the sea**. You will be able to take a stroll along the whitewashed and commercial downtown streets, rest up at one of its beaches or walk up (on a donkey if desired) to the Acropolis. At the cited time, we will meet up at the port of Rhodes and **embark on the night ferry to Athens**.

Day 12: ATHENS

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Arrival first thing in the morning where a **panoramic visit of Athens is included** to know the Presidential Palace, the **Panathenaic Stadium** (where the first modern day olympic games were held), the national library, the busy downtown plazas, as well as the new suburbs which appeared at the time of the 2004 Olympic Games. We will wrap up the tour at the **Acropolis** (entrance not included). A transfer to the **PLAKA quarter** is included in the evening, a place full of small Greek taverns where you can also experience this country's folklore.

Day 13: ATHENS → Airport

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After breakfast, check-out, transfer to airport for flight back to Malaysia

Day 14 : Arrival KLIA

Note: Extension to Visit Santorini 2N available



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Departure Dates

GUARANTEE

2022

Dec - 12,19,26

2024

Jan - 01,08,15,22,29

Feb - 05,12,19,26

Mar - 04,11,18,25

2023

Jan - 02,09,16,23,30

Feb - 06,13,20,27

Mar - 06,13,20,27

Apr - 03,10,17,24

May - 01,08,15,22,29

Jun - 05,12,19,26

Jul - 03,10,17,24,31

Aug - 07,14,21,28

Sep - 04,11,18,25

Oct - 02,09,16,23,30

Nov - 06,13,20,27

Dec - 04,11,18,25



Proposed Flight

Qatar/MAS/Emirates/Turkish/Etihad
(subject to seats availability)



MEALS INCLUDED

- 12 Breakfast
- 06 Dinner



ACCOMMODATION (LOCAL 3-4 STAR)

ISTANBUL - GRAND CEVAHIR/RAMADA ENCORE BAYRAMPASA or similar
CAPADOCIA - AVRASYA/RAMADA/MONARK/THE LOOP CAPPADOCIA or similar
KONYA - NOVOTEL KONYA/HILTON GARDEN KONYA or similar
PAMUKALE - RICHMOND PAMUKKALE/LYCUS RIVER/SPA COLOSSAE THERMAL or similar
KUSADASI - NEOPOL DELUXE/MARINA/CARINA/RAMADA ENCORE or similar
MARMARIS - TUNA/PASABEY/DEMIRCIOLU MUGLA or similar
RHODAS - AGLA or similar
OVERNIGHT - FERRY RODAS ATENAS
FERRY
ATHENS - NOVOTEL ATHENES or similar



INCLUSIONS

- Travel by bus with English speaking guide
- Includes return airport transfer
- **City tour in:** ISTANBUL, Rhodes
- **Boat:** Tour of the Bosphorus in Istanbul
- **Evening transfer to Shopping/Entertainment District:** Taksim Square in Istanbul
- **Entrance Fee:** Mosque of Suleiman the Magnificent and Topkapi Palace in Istanbul, Mausoleum of Ataturk in Ankara, Goreme Valley; Valley of Uchisar; Underground city of Kaimacli; Pasabag Valley, Valley of Ihlara, Caravanserai; Mevlana Mausoleum in Konya, Pamukkale - Hierapolis, house of the Virgin Mary, Basilica of St. John, Ruins of Ephesus
- **Funicular:** Cableway Viewpoint of Pierre Loti in Istanbul
- **Ferry:** Rhodes/ Athens
- **High speed train:** Istanbul - Ankara



EXCLUSIONS

- Travel Insurance RM155/pax
- Covid-test (If required)
- Entrance fees not mentioned in itinerary
- Personal Expenses
- Tipping - Kindly pay directly to the Local Guide / Driver / Tour Leader (**Pay at own discretion**)
- **Optional tour i-e Hot Air Balloon in Cappadocia, Belly Dance Show**

**Package price
Including Flight**

***Please contact us for actual price
information as it depends on travel
dates and seats availability/season**



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TOUR MAP

Note:

- 1) Sequence of the itinerary subject to change, tour guide will explain each day final itinerary arrangement during the tour
- 2) This is a local European group (**not a group from Malaysia**)
- 3) Local English speaking guide during tour (**No tour leader from KL**)
- 4) Return economy class flight included from KL
- 5) Hotels mostly local 3* & some cities may offer local 4*, final hotel name(s) to be provided 2days before check in date
- 6) This is a standard category package (**not a luxury or Premium type**)
- 7) **Guarantee/Confirm departures**

