

12D10N ULTIMATE TURKEY & BLACK SEA COAST

ISTANBUL/KUSADASI/MARMARIS/ANTALYA/NIGDE/CAPPADOCIA/ANKARA/SAFRANBOLU/ISTANBUL

DAY 1: KUALA LUMPUR 🛪 ISTANBUL

- 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

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- Topkapi Palace
- Night transfer to Taksim. A sightseeing tour of the city

We find ourselves in a city built in two continents. 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 - EPHESUS - KUSADASI

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- · Visit Ephesus, EPHESUS, the best preserved ancient city of Asia Minor
- · Visit St. John's Basilica
- Visit Virgin Mary's house.
- · Dinner included
- We leave early from Istanbul. We continue the route through Turkey.
- Around lunch time, we arrive at EPHESUS, the best preserved ancient city of Asia Minor;
 2000 years ago it had a quarter of a million inhabitants. We will visit Saint John's Basilica,
 and afterwards, the house of the Virgin Mary and the archaeological site (tickets included). We then continue to KUSADASI, a popular coastal town with a lot of atmosphere, commercial life and a small castle. Dinner and accommodation.









DAY 5 KUSADASI - BODRUM - MARMARIS

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 6 MARMARIS - DALYAN - ANTALYA

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- 2hr boat trip to see LYCIA'S ROYAL TOMBS in DALYAN
- Arrival ANTALYA
- TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Contrasts of landscapes. Boat trip. Dinner included. We leave for DALYAN, an incredible place by a navigable river. We include a two-hour boat trip to see LYCIA'S ROYAL TOMBS, and still on the boat, we go on to a large lake where we stop at the thermal springs. If you want, you can bathe in the warm waters or have a mud bath! Time for lunch in one of the numerous restaurants in DAYLAN by the river. Continuation to ANTALYA, we will make a brief visit to this coastal city of more than a million inhabitants, the door of Adrian, the Ottoman district and its great waterfall that falls straight into the sea. Dinner and accommodation.

DAY 7: ANTALYA - ASPENDOS- SIDE - KARAMAN - NIGDE

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- Beautiful Scenray of Anatolian region between the coast and the high mountains
- · Dinner included

We leave Antalya for ASPENDOS, we visit the Roman theatre which many believe to be the best preserved in the world. After this in SIDE we can admire the Greek temple of Apollo by the sea. Time to stroll around the port and through its streets full of life. Amidst impressive countryside we cross the Taurus Mountains, their peaks of over 3,500 meters in height are snow- covered for a large part of the year. A stop in KARAMAN where we visit TARTAN EVI, an ancient Ottoman mansion. Continuation to the region of Cappadocia. NIGDE, dinner and accommodation. Note: Sometimes the Tartan Evi may be closed, in which case the visit would be replaced by another to a mansion of similar characteristics in Cappadocia.



DAY 08: NIGDE - CAPPADOCIA

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- Cappadocia landscapes with spectacular shapes
- Picturesque towns
- Dinner included

A full day in the fantastic region of CAPPADOCIA, with its lunar landscapes, its churches and troglodyte villages. We start by visiting GUMUSLER, an incredible seventh century underground monastery with maybe the best Byzantine frescoes in Turkey. In KAYMAKLI we will see the underground city that could house 30,000 people. We will visit the natural fortress of UCHISAR. After lunch, we will see the GOREME Valley with its open-air museum and its churches dug out of the rocks, entrance included. Hotel in AVANOS.



DAY 09: CAPPADOCIA - ANKARA -SAFRANBOLU

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- HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE @ CAPADOCIA
- Optional at approx approx USD300/pax

A hot-air balloon ride in Cappadocia is a unique experience that allows you to travel through the clouds and above the hills, the valleys, the hoodoos and the troglodyte villages. Pickup time at the hotel: 5.00 a.m. Upon arrival at the balloon, while it is prepared, we will have coffee and light pastries. The adventure begins when we hop into the balloon. You will go as high as 500 metres in no time but you will feel very safe. The balloon travels very slowly and it doesn't have an engine as it flies on hot air. The ride will last one hour approximately, an hour flying and enjoying the landscapes and the unique volcanic formations of Cappadocia. During the trip, you will enjoy the best views of the Cappadocia region.













You will also have the opportunity to take the best photos of the lunar landscapes of Cappadocia. After the trip, there will be a champaign toast and a certificate will be handed to each traveler.

The realization of this excursion is conditioned to climatic factors (Winds)

After hot air balloon return to Hotel to have breakfast, after breakfast we will continue our journey towards Ankara.

- Turkey's changing landscapes as we get closer to the Black Sea
- Traditional Turkish tea
- Arrival UNESCO'S Heritage City of SAFRANBOLU
- Dinner included

We have a fantastic day in the heart of Anatolia. We stop in ANKARA, where we leave a free time to walk around and have lunch in the thriving center of the city. We continue towards the north of Turkey.

The landscapes become greener. **SAFRANBOLU**; arrival in this wonderful little city which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was an important stopping point on the caravan routes. In the courtyard of a magnificent old Caravanserai we will include a traditional Turkish tea. Dinner and accommodation.

DAY 10: SAFRANBOLU - GOKGOL MAGARASI - EREGIL- ISTANBUL

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- MAGARASI Caves with its underground river and its multiple colors
- Black Sea Coast and its verdant landscapes

Today our stage follows the Black Sea and its green landscapes. In GOKGOL MAGARASI we include the admission to this magnificent cave with its underground river and its multiple colors. In EREGLI, next to the Black Sea, we have time for lunch, we also include the visit of its impressive caves and tombs of Cehenemagzi full of mythology. Arrival in ISTANBUL at the end of the day.

DAY 11: ISTANBUL- DEPART FOR HOME

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Transfer to airport for flight back home

DAY 12: ARRIVAL KUALA LUMPUR

Arrive Kuala Lumpur, Welcome Back Home!

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 follow from KL)
- 4) Return economy class flight included from KL
- 5) Hotels mostly 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 departures

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Departure Dates

GUARANTEE

2024

2025

Jan - 5,12,19,26 Feb - 2,9,16,23 Jan - 03,10,17,24,31 Feb - 07,14,21,28 Mar - 07,14,21,28

Mar - 1,8,15,22,29 Apr - 05,12,19,26 May - 03,10,17,24,31 Jun - 07,14,21,28 Jul - 05,12,19,26 Aug - 02,09,16,23,30 Sep - 06,13,20,27

Oct -04,11,18,25 Nov - 01,08,15,22,29 Dec - 06,13,20,27



Proposed Flight Details

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



MEALS INCLUDED

- 10 Breakfast
- 06 Dinner



ACCOMMODATION (LOCAL 4*)

Istanbul

- Elite World Asia Hotel or similar

NIGDE

- GRAND HOTEL NIGDE or similar

ANTALYA Cappadocia

RING DOWNTOWN Hotel or similarRAMADA/AVRASYA or similar

MARMARIS

- PASABEY or similar

Kusadasi

- Korumar Hotel/RAMADA SUITES Hotel or similar

SAFRANBOLU - HILTON GARDEN INN SAFRANBOLU or similar

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INCLUSIONS

- Travel by bus in Group with local guide
- Includes return arrival transfer at istanbul
- City tour in: ISTANBUL
- Boat: On the Bosphorus in Istanbul, Lycian tombs and lake in Dalyan
- Evening transfer: Taksim Square in Istanbul
- Entrance fee: Suleiman the Great Mosque and Topkapi Palace in Istanbul, house of the Virgin Mary, Basilica of St. John, Ruins of Ephesus, Roman theatre in Aspendos, Greek Temple of Apollo in Side, Tartan Evi in Karaman, Gumusler Monastery; Underground city of Kainacli; Goreme Valley; Uchisar, Traditional tea in Safranbolu, Gokgol Magarasi cave, Caves and tombs in Eregli
- 6 dinner included in: Kusadasi, MARMARIS, Antalya, NIGDE, CAPADOCIA, SAFRANBOLU



EXCLUSIONS

- Travel Insurance RM155/pax
- Covid-test (If required)
- · Entrance fees not mentioned
- Personal Expenses
- Tipping Kindly pay directly to the Local Guide / Driver (Pay at own discretion)

Package price Including Flight

*Please contact us for actual price as it is subject to airline seats availability & seasonality



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