



Since 1981

Turkey 10 Days Tour



HIGHLIGHTS :

- Tour of Istanbul, Canakkale, Troy , Pergamon, Samos City, Olympic Stadium, Athens Aegean Sea
- Includes Int'l air ticket, deluxe hotel with daily meals (Chinese or local style), admissions where applicable. professional Chinese / English-speaking tour escort throughout the trip.

1 USA – ISTANBUL (TURKEY)

Flight to city of Istanbul, Turkey.

2 ISTANBUL (D)

Arrive in Istanbul by TK 65 at 17:10 and meeting by the VIP Team and transfer to the hotel. Dinner will be served at a Seafood Restaurant on the way to the hotel . Overnight at the hotel.

3 ISTANBUL-SAFRANBOLU (B/L/D)

After breakfast, departure for sightseeing Istanbul. We begin our tour of the Sultanahmet district, the heart of old city. Next, the Blue Mosque, which owes its name to the exquisite tiles adorning its interior. Dating from the 17th century, it is the only imperial mosque with six minarets. The Hippodrome, the stadium of ancient Byzantium, held 100,000 spectators and featured objects from all corners of the empire. Of these, an Egyptian obelisk and a bronze sculpture of three entwined serpents Topkapı Palace, which, from the 15th to the 19th century, was the principle residence of the Ottoman Sultans. We will visit the fabulous Imperial Treasury and the Baghdad Kiosk. Topkapı Palace is now a museum and has unrivalled collections of jewelry, including the Spoonmaker's Diamond, the 3rd largest in the world, Ottoman court costumes and ceramics, notably one of the world's finest collection of early Chinese ceramics, much of it gifts from other rulers. Interestingly, some of the ceramics have a special glaze that was said to change color in the presence of poison. We also visit the Imperial Armory, displaying centuries of Ottoman weaponry. But perhaps the loveliest features of Topkapı Palace are its courtyards with their ancient trees, and it is easy to imagine the sultan strolling here far from the cares of state and empire. Lunch at local restaurant Departure for Safranbolu. Dinner & Overnight at hotel.

4 SAFRANBOLU-ANKARA-CAPPADOCIA (B/L/D)

After breakfast, sightseeing of Safranbolu, one of the Unesco World Heritage. After sightseeing departure for Ankara. Upon arrival lunch at local restaurant First stop is the Tomb of the Great Turkish Leader Ataturk; Anitkabir. Lunch will be

served at local restaurant. After lunch proceed to Hitite Museum which has a number of exhibits of Anatolian archeology. They start with the Paleolithic era, and continue chronologically through the Neolithic, Early Bronze, Assyrian trading colonies, Hittite, Phrygian, Urartian, Greek, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Seljuq and Ottoman periods. There is also an extensive collection of artifacts from the excavations at Karain, Çatalhöyük, Hacilar, Canhasan, Beyce Sultan, Alacahöyük, Kültepe, Acemhöyük, Boazköy (Gordion), Pazarlı, Altıntepe, Adilcevaz and Patnos as well as examples of several periods. After the tour, proceed to Cappadocia Dinner and overnight at hotel.

5 CAPPADOCIA (B/L/D)

After breakfast departure for sightseeing Cappadocia. First stop, Goreme Open Air Museum, featuring the most impressive of all rock-carved churches in Cappadocia. Next, Kaymaklı Underground City, has at least eight levels and depth of 85 m and could have sheltered thousands of people. Lunch will be served at local restaurant. Next visit to the old Christian village of Cavusin. Then proceed to Avanos ; a village is famous with its pottery factories. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

6 CAPPADOCIA - KONYA-PAMUKKALE (B/L/D)

Early morning, departure for amazing hot air balloon tour After breakfast departure for Konya. Upon arrival visit The Shrine of Mevlana who inspired the rituals of the "Whirling Dervishes". The Shrine is in Konya , is the mausoleum of Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi, a Sufimystic also known as Mevlâna or Rumi. It was also the dervish lodge (tekke) of the Mevlevi order, better known as the whirling dervishes. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant After lunch proceed to Pamukkale Upon arrival visit the ruins of the magnificent Temple of Apollo, the theatre, the fascinating Necropolis and the great baths of Hierapolis, the antique city. After checking in to hotel, have a swim at the hotel's pool. Pamukkale is a noted spa where pure white travertine forms "Frozen Waterfalls". Terminating at hotel.



Dinner & Overnight in Pamukkale

7 PAMUKKALE - EPHEUSUS-KUSADASI (B/L/D)

After breakfast, departure for Epheusus. Upon arrival visit Virgin Mary's House; as catholic pilgrims belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken to this stone house by Saint John and lived there until her assumption. Lunch will be served at local restaurant. Next stop, Ephesus, the city dedicated to Artemis, the best preserved ancient city of Asia Minor. Visit the ruins from the period of St. Paul, Odeon, Monumental Fountains, Temples Brothel, the Celcius, Library, Great Theatre, Gymnasiums, Double Church and Stadium After the tour transfer to hotel. Dinner & Overnight at Kusadasi.

8 KUSADASI-TROY-CANAKKALE (B/L/D)

After breakfast, departure for Canakkale via Troy. Lunch at local restaurant enroute After lunch proceed to Troy ruins; scene of Homer's Iliad, the story of the Trojan War and the first great work of Western literature. Here Achilles, Hector and Agamemnon performed their heroic exploits in their attempts to recapture Helen, whose face launched 1,000 ships. Today, Troy is the subject for a major Hollywood film, starring Brad Pitt and Orlando bloom. The site dates back to the very early Bronze Age (2500 BC) and was discovered by the German archeologist Heinrich Schliemann in the late 19th century. After tour proceed to Canakkale. Dinner & overnight at hotel

9 CANAKKALE-ISTANBUL (B/L/D)

Afer breakfat departure for Istanbul Upon arrival lunch at local restaurant After lunch sightseeing of Saint Sophia. Built by Emperor Justinian in the 6th century AD, this church is one of the marvels of world architecture. Its massive dome dominates the skyline of old Istanbul. It is famed for its mosaics, including glittering portraits of emperors and empresses. Next, The Grand Bazaar, was the commercial heart of the old city and its 4,000 shops are full of treasures – including carpets and kilims, silks, jewelry, ceramics, icons, and leather goods. Wandering through the Grand Bazaar, indulge in some shopping, Ottoman style. Dinner at local restaurant Overnight at hotel

10 CANAKKALE-ISTANBUL (B)

Transfer to airport for taking the return flight back to USA.

Remarks and Excludes:

- ※ Taxes and fuel surcharges.
- ※ For child 12 and under who shares room with two adults, will be charged at the 85% of adult price; if extra bed is required, deduct \$100 from the adult price.
- ※ Driver & tour guide's tips at \$10 per day per person.

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