

Treasures of **TURKEY**

Day 01: Airport / Istanbul: Arrive in Istanbul. Meet and assist at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 02: Istanbul: Full day sightseeing tour with lunch. Highlights will be the Hagia Sophia – The ancient basilica, The Blue Mosque – famous for its blue tiles, The Hippodrome, the place chariot races and competitive athletic events took place during the Roman period, Topkapy Palace. Afternoon, visit the suleymaniye Mosque and explore the world famous Grand Covered Bazaar. Dinner and show at one of the most popular night clubs. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 03: Istanbul / Ankara / Cappadocia: Transfer to the airport for a morning flight to Ankara. Proceed to the world-wide famous Anatolian Civilizations Museum at which there are numerous finds from the Stone Age, Hittities, Urartians, Phrygians and many others. Citadel of Ankara and the Mausoleum of Ataturk. Drive to the Cappadocia region along the Salt Lake. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 04: Cappadocia: After breakfast, full day excursion in Cappadocia with Kaymakly Underground city, the place early Christians hid from Arabic persecutors and later proceed to the open air museum through Goreme Valley and visit the early Christian churches. In the afternoon, visit Zelve and Avanos and shop for world-wide famous handicrafts. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 05: Cappadocia / Pamukkale: Early departure for Pamukkale. On the way visit the 13th century Seljukian masterpiece Sultanhan Caravanserai and arrive in Konya. After visiting the Mausoleum of Mevlana, the world-wide famous mystic, proceed to Karatay Theological School. Drive to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight.

Day 06: Pamukkale / Kusadasy: In the morning visit the ancient Hierapolis with the Apollo temple and magnificent Necropolis. After having some free time to swim in the healing pools of Pamukkale drive to Aphrodisias. Visit the ruins and museum of Aphrodisias. Drive to Kusadasy for dinner and overnight.

Day 07: Kusadasy / Istanbul Full day tour of Ephesus: Visit the House where the Virgin Mary spent her last years. Visit the Temple of Artemis and St. John's Basilica. Transfer to the airport for an evening flight to Istanbul. Arrive in Istanbul and check-in to your hotel. Dinner at an Indian Restaurant.

Day 08: Istanbul / Airport: After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport.

Tours includes:

1. Total 18 meals
2. All Transfers
3. Services of an English speaking guide.
4. Entrance fees
5. Turkish Cultural show- incl. Dinner
6. Transportation by A/c Vehicle