



Destination – Turkey  
(Cappadocia-Antalya-Pamukkale -Istanbul)

Duration – 10 Nights/11 Days

Suggested Travel Period – Nov' 2021



**Summary: -**

- ◆ Istanbul – 02 Nights
- ◆ Cappadocia – 02 Nights
- ◆ Antalya – 03 Nights
- ◆ Pamukkale – 02 Nights
- ◆ Istanbul – 01 Nights

**Day 01 (05 Nov-Friday) : Arrive Istanbul**

Arrive at Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen Airport SAW. Meet AVOTUR's local guide or representative and transfer to the hotel for check-in.

Day at leisure.

Afternoon visit **Ortaköy area**, pretty Bosphorus neighborhood with cafe and restaurant life and photo opportunity facing the Bosphorus Bridge and Asian Istanbul. Please be warned of the huge traffic normally.

Overnight at the hotel in **Cappadocia**.

**Day 02 (06 Nov-Saturday): Istanbul**

Breakfast at the hotel in Istanbul.

09:30 Fullday private guided city tour with a visit to the main historical center of Istanbul, Sultanahmet with its Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman monuments.

Transfer from the hotel to the historical center Sultanahmet. Walking tour starting with **the Roman Hippodrome** and the monuments lined up along the spina of the original hippodrome built by Emperor Septimus Severus in 203 AD. Obelisk of Theodosius, walled column, serpentine column from Delphi and the German Fountain, gift from Kaiser Wilhelm II to the Ottoman Sultan Abdulhamit II will be viewed.

Continue with **the Blue Mosque** built by Sultan Ahmet I in 1616, locally called Sultanahmet Mosque but known by its blue Iznik tiles and also famous for its unique 6 minarets. We do not recommend entry, only outside viewing due to the restoration process.

One of the highlights of the tour is **the Hagia Sophia**. Church of the Holy Wisdom of God from the 6th century built by Justinian between 532 - 537 at the site of the previous two churches by the same name. Following the conquest of the city by the Ottoman Sultan Mehmet II, Ayasofya was

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converted to a mosque and eventually after the foundation of the Republic of Turkey it has become a museum. (Since July 2020 the monument serves as a mosque for Muslim worship. Entrance outside of prayer times possible),

Continue with **the Grand Covered Bazaar (Kapalicarsi)**, a maze of 58 alleys and more than 4.000 shops. Dating from the early days of Ottoman rule in Istanbul, the bazaar houses shops selling local craftsmanship, jewelry, pottery, spices, traditional costumes, belly dancer outfits, leather, carpets and evil eye objects among other souvenir articles. At the end of the tour, return to the hotel.

Before the tour ends we will have a quick stop at **Balat area by the Golden Horn** to view the colorful buildings of the neighborhood.

Overnight at the hotel in ***Istanbul***.

### **Day 03 (07 Nov-Sunday): Istanbul – Fly To Cappadocia**

Breakfast at the hotel in Istanbul.

Check out from the hotel and say goodbye to Istanbul for now.

Transfer to Istanbul Airport for the departure flight.

On arrival at Kayseri Airport meet and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel in ***Cappadocia***

### **Day 04 (08 Nov-Monday): Cappadocia**

***Optional*** Hot air ballooning ride with transfers 80 euros per person (subject to availability and operation depending on the weather)

Breakfast at the hotel in Cappadocia.

After breakfast guided tour of the region including the **Dervent valley (Imagination Valley)**.

We visit **Pasabag's** “fairy chimneys”, where the voice of the wind harmonizes with songs of the fairies.

From here we pause at **Avanos center of terracotta art**. A pottery center can be visited.

We visit the **Göreme Valley Outdoor Museum** to view the frescoes of the famous churches known by the names Apple, Barbara, Sandal and Snake churches.

In the afternoon visit **an underground city**, where early Christians lived in fear and faith. The houses in the village are constructed around the nearly one hundred tunnels of the underground city, which is one of the most interesting underground settlements in Cappadocia. The underground city was originally carved out as eight floors; however four floors are available to visit. In wartime about 5000 people can refuge in. The tunnels are still used today as storage areas, stables, and cellars. Visit **Esentepe** vantage point to admire the Göreme Valley below and have a selfie with the tree decorated with evil eyes.

A carpet weaving center can be visited.

Transfer to the hotel following the visits.

Overnight at the hotel in ***Cappadocia***.

### **Day 05 (09 Nov-Tuesday): Cappadocia - Fly To Antalya**

Breakfast at the hotel in Cappadocia.

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Day at leisure.  
12:00 Check out time.  
Transfer to Kayseri Airport and fly to Antalya.  
On arrival at Antalya Airport meet and transfer to the hotel.  
Overnight at the hotel in **Antalya**.

**Day 06 (10 Nov-Wednesday): Antalya**

Breakfast at the hotel in Antalya.  
Private guided tour of Antalya, Turkey's tourism capital.  
Today's tour will take us to the Eastern coast of Antalya to discover the Pamphylian cities. At **Aspendos**, we will visit the best-preserved Roman theater, built in the 2nd century AD.  
Visit the upper **Düden Waterfalls**.  
During the **Antalya city tour** we will discover the city with its old town, marina, Hadrian's Gate, Fluted Minaret, the Broken Minaret.  
Transfer back to the hotel in Antalya after the visits.  
Overnight at the hotel in **Antalya**.

**Day 07 (11 Nov-Thursday): Antalya**

Breakfast at the hotel in Antalya.  
Day at leisure.  
Overnight at the hotel in **Antalya**.

**Day 08 (12 Nov -Friday): Antalya – Pamukkale**

Breakfast at the hotel in Antalya.  
Check out from the hotel. Pick up from the hotel lobby and transfer to Pamukkale.  
On arrival check in at the hotel.  
Day at leisure.  
Overnight at the hotel in **Pamukkale**.

**Day 09 (13 Nov-Saturday): Pamukkale**

Breakfast at the hotel in Pamukkale.  
**On arrival private tour of Pamukkale that has the meaning of the Cotton Castle in English.**  
Once known as **Hierapolis**, famous for healing thermal / mineral Baths and beautiful snow-white "petrified waterfalls. After lunch visit Hierapolis, including the magnificently preserved Necropolis, the main Street and Gates, the thermal Baths, the devil's hole, and Masterpiece Theater. Pamukkale terraces are made of travertine, a sedimentary rock deposited by water from the hot springs. In this area, there are 17 hot water springs in which the temperature ranges from 35 °C to 100 °C The water that emerges from the spring is transported 320 meters (1,050 ft.) to the head of the travertine terraces and deposits calcium carbonate on a section 60 to 70 meters long covering an expanse of 240 meters to 300 meters. Swimming or a therapeutic bath in a hotel pool's hot spring mineral Waters.

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Guests must be able to walk approximately 0, 5 miles over of travertine without shoes.  
A hat and plenty of sunscreen are recommended. The order of the tour itinerary may vary in order to avoid congestion. Guests should watch their step at all times in order to avoid injuries because the waterfalls can be slippery. Due to the nature of this tour, it is recommended for guests with walkers or wheelchairs till waterfalls. Bring sunscreen and a hat, as shade is limited and bring swimwear for walking in the water at Pamukkale which is the snow-white “petrified waterfalls.  
Return to the hotel in Pamukkale  
Overnight at the hotel in **Pamukkale**.

**Day 10 (14 Nov-Sunday): Pamukkale – Fly to Istanbul**

Breakfast at the hotel in Pamukkale.

Transfer to Denizli Airport and fly to Istanbul. On arrival meet and transfer to the hotel.

Half day guided city tour covering the **Bosphorus area**. The almost 30 km long Strait of Bosphorus divides Istanbul into European and Asian sides geographically and gives the city its unique peculiarity of being located on two continents.

Our tour today starts with the **Spice Market** located next to the New Mosque facing the Galata Bridge spanning across the Golden Horn. A totally oriental experience with local herbs, spices, Turkish delight, assortments of sweets, dried fruits and souvenirs are on sale.

A **public cruise on the Bosphorus** will introduce us to the rich cultural heritage of the palaces, fortresses, wooden Ottoman villas and lively little fishing villages and famous nightspots of the city. At the end of the tour, return to the hotel.

**Dinner (local set menu) cruise on the Bosphorus with folk dance, belly dance show on board and including shared transfers**

Overnight at the hotel in **Istanbul**.

**Day - 11 (15 Nov) : Istanbul Departure - Delhi**

Breakfast at the hotel in Istanbul.

Day at leisure.

12:00 Check out from the hotel.

Please complete your check-out formalities:

- ✓ Arrange for your baggage pick-up from your rooms
- ✓ Return your keys at check-out desk.
- ✓ Settle your extras bill and take a receipt of the same.
- ✓ Please do ensure that your baggage is with the bell Desk.

Pick up from the hotel lobby and transfer to Istanbul Airport for the departure flight.

----- **End of services** -----

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