



# TURKEY

19 June to 4 July 2024 with 14 Nights & 15 Days

**Istanbul, Cappadocia, Konya, Pamukkale & Antalya**



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Turkey Tour

**19 JUN - 3 JUL 2024**

**TURKISH AIR**

19 JUN	CPT IST	16h35 04h40	TK45
23 JUN	IST NAV	11h25 12h45	TK2056
3 JUL	AYT IST	22h10 23h50	TK2439
4 JUL	ISTCPT	01h40 11h50	TK44

### **DEPARTURE DAY - 19 JUN**

Meet at Cape Town International at 12h00 for flight departing at 16h35.

### **Day 1 - 20 JUN - Arrival in Istanbul**

Arrival to Istanbul Airport. Meet at the airport and transfer to hotel . **EARLY CHECK - IN .**

Your room keys will be given by the receptionists.

Overnight stay in Istanbul



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## **Day 2 - 21 JUN - Private Old City Tour with Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and Grand Mosque of Çamlıca (Breakfast and local lunch included)**

Pick up your hotel for the day tour of Istanbul Old City.

Visit to ST. SOPHIA This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time.

SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the BLUE MOSQUE because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles.

HIPPODROME Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine.

Lunch break at 13:00pm after the lunch visit of Asiatic side of Istanbul with Grand Mosque of Çamlıca.

Overnight stay in Istanbul.

## **Day 3 - 22 JUN - Free day at leisure and shopping time (Breakfast)**

**OPTIONAL Private Bursa City Tour from Istanbul (local lunch included)**

**After breakfast at around 08:00 am, we depart for Bursa Old City.**

Visit to Bursa Grand (Great) Mosque . This mosque was commissioned by Yildirim Bayezid I and opened in 1399. You can see the Seljuk style of architecture and early Ottoman elements .It is considered the fifth most important mosque in Islam ,after those in Mecca , Medina, Jerusalem and Damascus .It is also included in Bursa's 2014 UNESCO World Heritage SITE inscription.



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GREEN MOSQUE : Built in the 15th century by architect Hacı İvaz Pasha , the Green Mosque takes its name from the green and blue tiles that decorates its interior. The mosque is notable for its ornate decorative stoneworks .The Green Tomb , near the prayer building , contains the tomb of Sultan Mehmet I, who commissioned the building.

KOZA HAN : Koza Han was built by architect Abdul Ula Bin Pulad Shah and it was opened in 1491.This han was originally a major place of trade for good silks and other rare goods on the famous 'Silk Road' . Here they would buy prominently silk items and use the gifts of a master craftman they would make items to sell onwards.In modern times the market still sells silk goods and other unique items ,at a much lesser amount.The central courtyard is now a popular tea and coffee destination, here customers taste the best homemade foods and sweets.

Overnight stay in Istanbul.

#### **Day 4 - 23 JUN - Transfer to Istanbul Airport–Cappadocia Flight (Breakfast and dinner included)**

Transfer from the hotel to Istanbul Airport. Then transfer to hotel. Overnight stay in Cappadocia.

#### **OPTIONAL EARLY MORNING HOT AIR BALOONING : 250/320.- euro PP**

Experience the magic of a balloon ride while floating over beautiful Cappadocia. We fly throughout Cappadocia and our personal touch and professional experience will make your flight a memorable event. We schedule flights once a day, every day, all year round. The deep, eroded canyons and lush, fertile valleys of Cappadocia is an ideal setting for a unique and unforgettable flight as the gentle breezes push us to places that could never be reached except by air. If the timing is right, we can even pick apricots as we float over the fruit trees. **20 people in a Basket. 60 mins in air.**



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## **Day 5 - 24 JUN - Private Cappadocia Tour with Goreme Open Air Museum (Breakfast, local lunch and dinner included)**

Pick up at 09.45 from your hotel to visit to Goreme Open Air Museum. If you want you can ride a hot air balloon.

Today we will get to know the Cappadocia region, a volcanic area in which the geological formation started 10 million years ago. As a result of these formations phallic like pillars have come to life. The beautiful horse country Katpatuka, (as the Persians called her) is an unbelievable strip of land, enchanting and mysterious. Cappadocia region is also famous for its arts, including ceramic and carpets. You will be picked up approximately 09:30 from your hotel to join our regular tour. Tour starts with Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia.

After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses.

Overnight stay in Cappadocia.

## **Day 6 - 25 JUN - Private Cappadocia Tour with Underground City (Breakfast, local lunch and dinner included)**

Depart from your hotel to visit 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. Then you visit a pottery work shop in Avanos, to see how to make potteries.

After lunch, we will visit Çavuşin village . Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals.

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### **Day 7 - 26 JUN - Cappadocia – Konya (Breakfast and dinner included)**

After breakfast , we depart for Konya. We will visit Mevlana Museum and the city. Learn about the life and times of the great Sufi mystic Mevlana Celaleddin-i Rumi on this guided tour of the sacred city of Konya. Immerse yourself in Rumi's teachings and learn more about many of his most trusted advisors and companions as you wander through the streets of his home town.

Overnight stay in Konya.

### **Day 8 - 27 JUN - Konya road to Pamukkale (Breakfast, local lunch and dinner included)**

After breakfast, road for Pamukkale. Lunch en route. Then we will relax in Thermal Baths.

Overnight stay in Pamukkale.

### **Day 9 - 28 JUN - Private Pamukkale (Cotton Castles) Tour with Hierapolis (Breakfast, local lunch and dinner included)**

OPTIONAL EARLY MORNING HOT AIR BALLOONING PAMUKKALE :  
200/250.-euro PP

After the breakfast we will visit to the Cotton Castles and Hierapolis Ancient City.

We shall visit the calcium terraces of Pamukkale (COTTON CASTLE) and the ruins of Hierapolis, then walk around this natural phenomenon and have the option of lying in the waters of the natural springs.

Pamukkale, literally meaning "Cotton Castle", was once home to ancient Rome city Hierapolis. Pamukkale combines *natural beauty* and *history* in one place. Because Pamukkale has a warm climate throughout the year, visitors come to this land pretty much anytime they want.

Hierapolis, including magnificently preserved necropolis, the main street, gates, the thermal baths, the Greco Roman theatre and the Basilica of St. Philippe.

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### **Day 10 - 29 JUN - Road to Antalya (Breakfast and dinner included)**

After the breakfast at around 10:00 am, we depart for Antalya. Then transfer to hotel.

Overnight stay in Antalya.

### **Day 11 - 30 JUN - Private Antalya Old City and Waterfall Tour (Breakfast, local lunch and dinner included)**

After the breakfast at around 09:00 am, you will be picked up from your hotel to visit to Antalya Old City and Waterfall. Antalya Old City and Harbour became arguably the top summer resort town in Türkiye, it was the ancient city of Attalia. Founded during the Hellenistic period before becoming part of the Roman Empire. As such, the old town is a hugely important site in the country harking back to a rich past.

Duden waterfall: An interesting river reflecting the characteristics of the underground rivers of the region. The river surfaces after 9km under the ground creating 2 waterfalls, one inland (a Duden waterfall) and one right on the coast (Karpuzkaldiran waterfall). After the tour, transfer back to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Antalya.

### **Day 12 - 1 JUL - Free day at leisure (All Inclusive Accommodation included)**

All of the day is yours, spend it as you like.

Overnight stay in Antalya.

### **Day 13 - 2 JUL - Free day at leisure (All Inclusive Accommodation included)**

After breakfast, free time in the morning and check out of hotel by 12.

We make our way to Paris Airport to connect with flight TK1828 to Istanbul where we connect with 01h40 flight from Istanbul to Cape Town arriving at 11h50 (Noon)

### **Day 14 - 3 JUL - Departure Day (Breakfast included)**

We depart after breakfast, time TBA for flight to Cape Town via Istanbul.

### **Day 15 - 4 JUL - Arrival back in Cape Town**



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## **NOTE THE FOLLOWING**

1. INCLUDES FLIGHTS FROM CAPE TOWN AND TRANSPORT.
  2. INCLUDES ACCOMMODATION WITH BREAKFAST IN 4/5 STAR HOTELS
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