



## HISTORICAL TURKEY GROUP TOUR

08 Days / 07 Nights

Istanbul (3N) – Canakkale (1N) – Kusadasi (2N) – Pamukkale (1N)



Departure Dates: [May: 18] [June: 22] [July: 20] [Aug: 24] [Sep: 21] [Oct: 19]

~~₹2,32,900~~ ₹2,11,900 per person

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## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 01	Arrive in Istanbul & Check-in at the hotel
Day 02	Full day Istanbul City tour
Day 03	Transfer to Canakkale by Drive & Gallipoli Tour
Day 04	Transfer to Kusadasi, En routing visit to Pergamon Acropolis
Day 05	Full day Ephesus tour from Kusadasi
Day 06	Transfer to Pamukkale, En routing visit to Salda Lake
Day 07	Transfer to Istanbul, En routing Bursa City Tour
Day 08	Departure

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## DAY 01: ARRIVE IN ISTANBUL

No Meal

On arrival at Istanbul International Airport, you will be met by our local representative in Turkey for a brief meet and greet. Later, proceed to your city centre hotel in Istanbul for check-in.



With one leg of the city in Europe and the other in Asia, **Istanbul** is the only city in the world that stretches across both the continents. Its strategic location and marvellous natural beauty shaped it into one of world's most important historic and cultural city. For over 1500 years, Istanbul served as the imperial capital for the great Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires. The rulers of these great empires beautified the city with magnificent monuments and turned Istanbul into a city where people from diverse cultures, religions and nations thrive. Rest of the day is free for you to explore Istanbul on your own.

Overnight stay in Istanbul.

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**SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION:** In the evening, enjoy the popular Bosphorus dinner cruise. Bosphorus strait separates Istanbul's European side from its Asian side. So, a **cruise along the Bosphorus** gives you the opportunity to see Asia on one side and Europe on the other and offers a glimpse of the complete charm of Istanbul. Enjoy your dinner on the cruise while watching fabulous Turkish folk dance performances.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive at Istanbul International Airport and check-in at the hotel

### DAY 02: FULL DAY ISTANBUL CITY TOUR

Breakfast, Lunch Included

After breakfast at the hotel, Head out for Istanbul City Tour.



Our guide will pick you up from the hotel for Istanbul tour. **Topkapi Palace** was more than just the private residence of the Sultan and his court, It was the seat of the supreme executive and judiciary council, the Divan and the training school. **The Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque / Ayasofya-i Kebir Cami-i Şerifi**, with its innovative architecture, rich history, religious significance and extraordinary characteristics has been fighting against time for centuries, was the largest Eastern Roman Church in İstanbul. **Hippodrome** and

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**Obelisks;** The square in front of the Blue Mosque covers the site of the ancient 'Hippodrome', one of the most famous areas in Byzantine. Shopping Opportunity, Lunch at an Indian Restaurant. Next Visit **Blue Mosque** one of the most prominent landmarks of Istanbul. It is very impressive with its beautiful domes and semidomes, nice courtyards and six slender minarets. Our tour is going to conclude in Grand Bazaar for giving you free time of visiting this legendary bazaar. After transfer to the hotel.

Overnight in Istanbul.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Please do not forget to carry headscarf with you for the visit Blue Mosque

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy full day City Tour of Istanbul
- Visit the magnificent "Blue Mosque"

### DAY 03: TRANSFER TO CANAKKALE BY DRIVE

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast at the hotel, check-out from the hotel. Drive to **Çanakkale – Gallipoli**.

Today you will visit **Gallipoli**, fought during the First World War (1914-18) from 25 April 1915 to 9 January 1916, Gallipoli was the first major amphibious operation in modern warfare. In 1915 some 16,000 troops of the Indian Army – including Gurkhas, Sikhs, Muslims and Hindus – served as part of the British force involved in the dramatic eight-month Gallipoli campaign in Turkey during World War I.

After local lunch at a local restaurant, next stop is **Troy (Trojan) Horse Statue and Helen of Troy**. Wolfgang Petersen's 2004 movie Troy had a big impact on the Çanakkale region, including boosting visitor numbers to the archaeological site and endowing the northern stretch of the waterfront promenade with this wooden horse, which was used in the film shoot. After the tour, transfer to hotel. Dinner local at the hotel.



Overnight in Çanakkale

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the historical site “Gallipoli”
- Visit the shooting place of movie Troy Movie “Helen of Troy”

## DAY 04: TRANSFER TO KUSADASI, EN-ROUTING VISIT TO PERGAMON ACROPOLIS

Breakfast, Lunch Included

After breakfast at the hotel, Check out and drive to Kusadasi.



On our way, first stop at [the Pergamon Acropolis](#). About Pergamon, listed in 2014 as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the first information was given in the book of Anabasis which means “Return of Thousands” was written in 399 BC. But continuous information about historic process of city begins with the conquest of Anatolia by Alexander in 334 BCE. Including that of Pergamum in Mysia passed to the administration of King of Thrace, Lysimachus who was one of the generals of Alexander. After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue to Kuşadası. Check in hotel.

Overnight in Kuşadası.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the historical Pergamon Acropolis”

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## DAY 05: FULL DAY EPHESUS TOUR FROM KUSADASI

Breakfast, Lunch Included



After breakfast at the hotel, you will be picked up from the hotel for a full day tour.

First stop, **Ephesus Ancient City**. Located within what was once the estuary of the **River Kaystros**, Ephesus comprises successive Hellenistic and Roman settlements founded on new locations, which followed the coastline as it retreated westward. Excavations have revealed grand monuments of the Roman Imperial period including the Library of Celsus and the Great Theatre.

Next stop **The House of Virgin Mary**, This sacred sanctuary, believed to be the last residence of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, attracts countless pilgrims and tourists from all corners of the world. Local lunch at a local restaurant. Our last stop will be **Şirince village**. Şirince is a cute little village with a fun history, beautiful views, wonderful food, hospitality, and so much more. It's perhaps the perfect synthesis of a traditional Turkish village and traditional Greek village. After the tour, back to the hotel. Overnight in Kuşadası.

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Overnight in Antalya.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Ephesus Ancient City from Kusadasi.
- Visit the last residence of Virgin Mary.

### DAY 06: TRANSFER TO PAMUKKALE EN-ROUTING VISIT TO SALDA LAKE

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included

After breakfast at the hotel, drive with your guide to Pamukkale.

On the road we will stop at the Salda Lake. The lake is a popular excursion spot for people across the region or from beyond, the more so due to the hydromagnesite mineral found in its coastal waters, which is believed to offer remedies for certain dermatological diseases. White sandy beaches, limpid water and seven crystal-white islets within the lake complete the scenery. Indian lunch at a restaurant.



Next stop is Pamukkale (Cotton Castle). "Hierapolis" Travertine Terraces, travelling via Denizli. Indian Lunch at a restaurant. Also 2 hours Thermal water pool free time for swimming. the natural wonder of the calcified waterfalls of Pamukkale (Cotton Castle)

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compensates for this. Thermal spring waters, laden with calcium carbonate running off the plateau's edge, have formed this sparkling white petrified cascade of basins ringed by stalagmites. The thermal waters have been used since Roman times for their therapeutic powers, and behind the waterfalls lie the ruins of the Roman City of "Hierapolis". (Cleopatra Pool is an extra). You will have the opportunity of not only swimming in the famous thermal springs of Pamukkale, but also visiting the remarkable Roman Theatre and the impressive largest antique graveyard of Asia Minor. After the tour, transfer to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Pamukkale.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Cleopatra Pool is not included. Please do not forget to bring your swimsuit with you.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- See the most popular sights "Hierapolis"
- Visit the largest antique graveyard of Asia Minor

### DAY 07: TRANSFER TO ISTANBUL, EN ROUTING VISIT TO BURSA CITY

Breakfast, Lunch Included

After breakfast in early morning, drive to Bursa City. Bursa City is the first capital city of the Ottoman Empire. We will visit Grand Mosque, the biggest mosque in the city, and the Green Tomb. After Indian Lunch, we will drive to Istanbul. Check in hotel.



Overnight in Istanbul.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the largest mosque of Bursa City "Grand Mosque"
- Transfer to Istanbul

## DAY 08: DEPARTURE

### Breakfast Included

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to **Istanbul airport** to catch your flight back to India.

Arrive home with pleasant memories of your Turkey tour organized by **State Express Global Voyages**, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Board flight to return back to India

----- *End of service* -----

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## PACKAGE COST

	Double/Triple sharing	Single Occupancy
Package Cost	<b>INR 2,32,900</b>	<b>INR 2,59,900</b>
(Per Person)	INR 2,11,900	INR 2,36,900

## CHILD POLICY

- 0-2 Years Old free of charge
- 3-5 Years old %25 of PP
- 6-11 Years old %75 of PP

## PAYMENT TERMS

Timeline	Minimum amount to be paid
On the date of booking the tour	50% of holiday cost
4 Weeks before the tour date	100% of holiday cost

## CANCELLATION POLICY

No. of days before departure	Cancellation charges per person
4 Weeks before the tour date	75% Refund
3 Weeks before the tour date	50% Refund
2 Weeks before the tour date	25% Refund
Less then 2 weeks to the tour date	No Refund

\* Once the purchased air tickets are fully booked, airfare will be collected at the time of reservation besides the advance deposit. Cancellation charges of flight tickets will be additionally charged as per actual in such case. This will also be intimated at the time of reservation.

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## COST INCLUSIONS

### HOTELS ENVISAGED

<b>Istanbul</b> (3 nights)	Four Side Hotel Taksim / Elite World hotel / Similar hotel
<b>Canakkale</b> (1 nights)	Iris Hotel / Helen Hotel / Similar hotel
<b>Kusadasi</b> (2 night)	Scale Hotel/Karaaslan Hotel / Similar hotel
<b>Pamukkale</b> (1 Nights)	Adempire Hotel/ Pam Thermal Hotel / Similar hotel

### MEALS

- 07 Buffet Breakfast at hotels
- 03 lunches at Indian restaurant
- 03 lunches at Local restaurant
- 02 Dinner at Local restaurant

### MEDICAL INSURANCE

- Normal insurance charges for the duration of the tour are included in the tour price. However, any passenger above the age of 60 years and those passengers who wish to extend their stay will be required to pay additional charges

### VISA

- Cost of visa including documentation and processing fees as of 1st Feb 2025
- Any further increase in the same has to be borne by the passengers.
- Please note that we do not guarantee visa approval as visa is granted by the embassy and we have no control over it

### OTHER INCLUSIONS

- Return economy class airfare ex-Delhi as per the itinerary (subject to availability at the time of booking – limited number of seats purchased)

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- All transfers & excursions with entrance fees (as specified in the itinerary) by a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle

## COST EXCLUSIONS

- Applicable Government Taxes 5% GST and (5% or 20% TCS as applicable)
- Any increase in the airfare charged by the airline
- The quote has been shared based on Rate of Exchange on 06th Feb 2025 – (1 EUR = 90.7 INR). The final tour cost shall be subject to change in case there is major change in ROE.
- Mandatory tipping for on tour Services (Coach Driver, Local Guides etc) (approx. USD 3 per day / per person)
- Any expenses of personal nature such as portorage, laundry expenses, mini-bar, mineral water, telephone charges, food & drink that are not a part of the package.
- Cost of optional excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees & local guides availed of by the passengers, that is not mentioned in the inclusions.
- Any additional charges due to Local Events
- If any views rooms are requested rates will change and rates will be advised on case-to-case basis. Rates for SGL, CWB, CNB can be given on request as well
- No refund will be provided in case of any unused services, or if you do not show up for any service as per time.
- Limited availability of flight tickets, security alerts and random closures might affect the itinerary.
- Some hotels take security deposit at the time of check-in. The deposit is refunded as per hotel policies after check-out. The same is not included in above cost.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusion

## IMPORTANT NOTES

- If there is no availability in the hotels listed, we will provide a different hotel with the same features.

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- In this tour, intercity transportation will be provided by land vehicles suitable for the number of people. There is a possibility that your Tour Manager could change in-between the tour
- On days when you are taking internal flights and flight timing does not suit the meal time or Indian meal is not possible during a sightseeing tour, there is a possibility that we might provide packed meal.
- As a third person in a Triple room, in some cities extra bed or cot may not be available. In that case, a room with two queen beds or a king bed with a roll away bed will be provided.

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