



MAGICAL TURKEY TOUR

08 Days/07 Nights

ISTANBUL – KUSADASI – EPHESUS – PAMUKKALE – CAPPADOCIA- ISTANBUL



Starting from ~~₹76,999~~ ₹69,999 per person

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

1. Visit the most popular places in Sultanahmet area of Istanbul
2. Be enchanted by the ancient Greek ruins at Ephesus
3. Taste delicious Turkish wines at the beautiful village of Sirince
4. See the world from above on a fabulous hot-air balloon experience
5. Explore underground cities and fairy chimneys on a sightseeing tour of Cappadocia

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 01	Arrival in Istanbul
Day 02	Istanbul City Tour
Day 03	Transfer to Kusadasi
Day 04	Ephesus Tour From Kusadasi
Day 05	Pamukkale tour From Kusadasi
Day 06	Transfer to Cappadocia
Day 07	Hot air balloon Experience
Day 08	Departure

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PACKAGE COST

	Deluxe Hotels	Premium Hotels
Package Cost (Double / Twin Sharing)	Starting from INR 69,999/- per person	Starting from INR 79,999/- per person

These are indicative pricing based on 2 travelers. Actual pricing will depend on travel dates, availability, and number of travelers.

HOTELS ENVISAGED

	Standard Hotels	Deluxe Hotels
Istanbul (2 nights)	Hotel Erboy/ Edition Old City / Black Bird Hotel /or similar	Hotel Crowne Plaza Harbiye / Hotel Biz Cevahir / Hotel Uranus / or similar
Kusadasi (3 nights)	Ilyada Avantgarde / Lusadasi Efe Boutique Hotel / Hotel Carina	Ilyada Avantgarde / Lusadasi Efe Boutique Hotel / Hotel Carina
Cappadocia (2 nights)	Ottoman Cave Suites / Agarta Cave Hotel / or similar	Tekkaya Cave Hotel / MDC Cave Hotel/ or similar

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COST INCLUSIONS

- Stay for 7 nights in proposed hotels on bed and breakfast basis
- Return transfers from Istanbul airport to hotel (Private Basis)
- Bosphorus dinner cruise with live entertainment (SIC Basis)
- Istanbul city tour with lunch (SIC Basis)
- Return transfers from Izmir airport to Kusadasi hotel (Private Basis)
- Ephesus tour from Kusadasi with lunch (SIC Basis)
- Pamukkale and Hierapolis tour with lunch (SIC Basis)
- Return transfer from Cappadocia hotel to airport (Private Basis)
- Full day Cappadocia sightseeing tour with local lunch (SIC Basis)

OPTIONAL TOURS

- Princess Island Tour in Istanbul
- Jeep Safari in Kusadasi
- Hot Air Balloon Ride in Cappadocia
- Horse / ATV Safari tour in Cappadocia
- Jet Boat Ride in Cappadocia

COST EXCLUSIONS

- Applicable Government Taxes (5% GST and 5% TCS)
- All optional tours and any other tours not mentioned in inclusions
- All International and internal flights
- Visa charges and assistance charges for Visa
- Tips, city tax, security deposit or 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.
- Land surcharges due to Local Events or on black-out dates

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DAY 01: ARRIVE IN ISTANBUL

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.

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.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive at Istanbul International Airport
- Explore Istanbul at your own leisure
- Enjoy a scenic dinner cruise along the Bosphorus to explore Asian side of Istanbul

DAY 02 : ISTANBUL CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a sightseeing tour of Sultanahmet area, Istanbul's old city.

We will begin the sightseeing tour of the Old city with a visit to **Hippodrome** to see the **Egyptian Obelisk** and **Serpent Column**, remnants of a now extinct stadium for horse racing and chariot racing. Next, we will visit the beautiful **Sultanahmet Mosque**, also popularly known as **Blue Mosque**. This Ottoman era mosque incorporates many elements of Byzantine architecture into the Islamic architecture and is considered by many as the last great mosque of Classical period. Afterwards, we will visit magnificent **Hagia Sophia**. Built in the 6th century, it was the largest church in the whole world for almost a thousand years. In 1453, when the Ottoman empire expanded to Istanbul, it was repurposed as a Mosque. Till today, Hagia Sophia remains the epitome of Byzantine architecture.

After lunch, we will continue our tour of Istanbul as we visit the **Topkapi Palace**. Built in the 15th century, it was home to the family of Ottoman Sultans and also their administrative headquarters. Today it serves as a museum showcasing Ottoman clothing,

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weapons, religious relics and the wondrous Spoonmaker's diamond, the fourth largest diamond in the world. After the palace tour, we will conclude our tour at the **Grand Bazaar**, the world's first shopping mall. This huge market is completely covered and comprises of over 4000 shops selling all things, from Turkish Lamps and teas to ceramics and rugs.

Overnight stay at hotel in Istanbul.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the most popular places in Sultanahmet area of Istanbul

DAY 03 : TRANSFER TO KUSADASI

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel. We will proceed to the airport to catch a flight to Izmir. Upon arrival, we will transfer to Kusadasi and check-in at our city-centre hotel there.

Kusadasi is a harbour town known for its lively entertainment scene and bargain shopping experience. This small-town brims to life in summers when major cruise ships make their pit stop while sailing across the Mediterranean Sea. A jumping off point for visiting Ephesus and Pamukkale, its sea front promenade is lined with cafes and restaurants.



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Rest of the day is free for you to explore Kusadasi on your own.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Kusadasi.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Catch a flight to Izmir and transfer to Kusadasi
- Explore Kusadasi at your leisure

DAY 04 : EPHEBUS TOUR FROM KUSADASI

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to the ancient city of Ephesus for a guided tour.

Founded in 11th century BC, **Ephesus** was once the most important and prosperous Greek city. During the tour of Ephesus, we will visit the ruins of the **Temple of Artemis**. The grand temple which features amongst the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was dedicated to the Greek Goddess Artemis. We will also visit the **House of Virgin Mary** where Mother Mary is believed to have spent her last years. Another highlight of the Ephesus tour is the **Ephesus Theatre**. With a capacity of 25000 seats, the open-air theatre showcased gladiator fights, plays and was also ground for political and philosophical discussions.



After the tour, we will visit **Sirince village**. Set on a hill, the town's architecture and culture is inspired from both the Turkish and the Greeks. Surrounded by vineyards and olive orchards, it is a perfect place to relax and enjoy the food and amazing scenery.

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Overnight stay at the hotel in Kusadasi.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about the ancient Greek city of Ephesus
- Taste delicious Turkish wines at the beautiful village of Sirince

DAY 05 : PAMUKKALE TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to Pamukkale – The Cotton Palace and the city of Hierapolis.

Located in Southern Turkey, **Pamukkale** is a site of other-worldly natural beauty. For millions of years, mineral rich water from nearby hot springs have deposited Calcium Carbonate, leading to formation of the exquisite Travertine terraces. You can wander about this cotton castle on your own and dip in the hot water canals that have served as a natural spa since 2nd BCE.



After the tour of the beautiful Travertine terraces, we will explore the ruins of the ancient city of **Hierapolis**. Apart from being a major religious centre, the city was a popular thermal spa resort where elite visitors come from far and wide to dip into the hot springs. During the tour of this surprisingly well-preserved UNESCO World Heritage site, we will

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visit the Temple of Apollo, Cleopatra's Pool, Necropolis (Cemetery), Antique Pool and the amphitheatre.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Kusadasi.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the amazing cotton castles in Pamukkale and soak your legs in thermal springs
- Learn about the ancient thermal spa resort at Hierapolis

DAY 06: TRANSFER TO CAPPADOCIA

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to the airport to catch a flight to Cappadocia. Upon arrival, we will transfer to and check-in at our boutique Cave hotel there.

Renowned for its unique and surreal rock structures, **Cappadocia** is a region in central Turkey that comprises of multiple towns and cities. Located on the silk road, the region's affluent resources were often looted forcing locals to live in caves. These caves gradually developed into underground cities. The region was plagued by volcanic activity over millions of years – dispersing lava over the entire region. This lava was eroded by the actions of wind, rain and ice, leading to formation of these fantastic and uniquely shaped structures that are today synonymous with Cappadocia.



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Overnight stay at the Cave Hotel in Cappadocia.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Transfer to airport to catch a flight to Cappadocia and check-in at the Hotel

DAY 07: HOT AIR BALLOON EXPERIENCE AND CAPPADOCIA SIGHTSEEING

Early morning, catch a breath taking hot-air balloon ride over Cappadocia. With over hundreds of hot-air balloons taking off each morning, Cappadocia is indeed one of the best places in the world to enjoy this fun activity. Generally lasting for about an hour, you get to hover above the region and enjoy aerial views of the lunar landscape below.



After the hot-air balloon experience, return to the hotel for freshening up and a lovely breakfast. Afterwards, proceed for a sightseeing tour of Cappadocia.

We will begin the tour with a visit to **the underground city of Kaymakli**. The underground cities developed in this region as a way of natives to safeguard themselves against plundering tribes. These cities were built over multiple stories, with stables, tunnels,

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cellars and shafts to reach underground rivers. After exploring the underground, we will move above the surface and climb to the top of **Uchisar Castle** and be rewarded by magnificent views of the fairy **chimneys** in the surrounding valley. After marvelling at these fantastic rock structures, we will head over to **Göreme National Park**, a spectacular and unique UNESCO World Heritage site. At Göreme valley you can see the beautiful rock-cut churches with decorative frescoes on the roof. Finally try your hand at **pottery making** in Çavuşin village.



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DAY 08: DEPARTURE

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Cappadocia airport to catch a flight back to India via Istanbul.

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



“TOUR END”

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