

THE DELIGHTS OF TURKEY



Delights of Turkey Adventure Tour Mediterranean Coast & Istanbul

October 1-12, 2022

\$ 3850 CDN

Cappadocia Extension Oct. 12-14 \$1050

Price based on min. of 8 pax in double occupancy



Refundable deposit of \$500 on booking.

Nonrefundable Full payment is due on August 1, 2022

Not included in this tour: International flight; Meals not mentioned itinerary; tips and gratuities; travel and medical insurance; personal expenses.

Corinne and Natascha invite you on an exciting adventure to discover the delights of Turkey! Our stay in the shadow of the majestic Blue Mosque makes exotic Istanbul accessible on foot. Turkey's Mediterranean Coast from Fethiye to Antalya offers you frequent swims in the azur blue water and hikes along the Lycian Way. Go back in time with a 2-day extension to the Fairy Chimneys of Cappadocia, as seen from a hot air balloon!

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

LODGING with breakfast in 4-5 star hotels

- 3 nights- Best Point Hotel - Istanbul
- 4 nights- Idée Hotel - Fethiye
- 2 nights – Hideaway Hotel - Kaş
- 2 nights – Canada Bungalows – Çirali
- 1 night at Airport Hotel - Antalya

MEALS

- All breakfasts
- 6 Lunches or Dinners

TRANSPORT

- 2 Domestic flights in Turkey
 - Istanbul to Dalaman
 - Antalya or Kayseri to Istanbul
- Ground transport Fethiye to Antalya

SITES

- Blue Mosque
- Tour of Hagia Sophia Museum
- Basilica Cisterns & Sultan's Tombs
- Dolmabaçe Palace & Harem
- Lycian Archeological sites – 10 entries
- Sunset Cruise on the Bosphorus Strait
- Optional Paragliding Approx. \$150 CDN

CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION – 2 NIGHTS

- Domestic Flight Antalya to Kayseri
- Stay in Cave Hotel with Breakfast
- Sunset Rose Valley Walk with Champagne followed by dinner at Seten
- Tour to Underground City & Ilhara Valley with lunch
- Whirling Dervishes Show
- Optional Hot Air Balloon Ride approx. \$280 CDN



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Delights of Turkey Itinerary

Friday, Sept.30 - IN FLIGHT

Suggestion: Depart Canada for your Turkish Airlines flight to Istanbul. Vancouver / Toronto to Istanbul.

Saturday, Oct. 1- Day 1 Istanbul

Afternoon arrival in Istanbul with a transfer arranged to the cultural centre of this grand metropolis, Sultanahmet. Check into the Best Point Hotel and enjoy a refreshing drink on the rooftop terrace before discovering these historic sites around the ancient Hippodrome. Make sure you have a scarf to enter the famous Blue Mosque, just steps from the hotel. Enjoy the Meze back at the hotel before catching a light dinner in the Sultanahmet district.

Sunday, Oct. 2 (B) Day 2 Istanbul

The main delight in Istanbul is the Museum of Haiga Sophia and the Sultan's Tombs. Take your time to learn about this structure that was an important monument for both Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. The Sultan's tombs are unique! Visit them before crossing the street to the Basilica Cisterns. A short walk away is the the Grand Spice Bazaar! Remember the 'gate' where you entered to keep your orientation in this huge covered market! Evening free to enjoy the Mezze at the hotel or dinner on one of the terraces nearby.

Monday, Oct. 3 (B,D) Day 3 Fethiye

Along the Bosphorus coast is the Dolmabaçe Palace, the Ottoman Empire's Palace and Harem. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk spent his last days here as Turkey's leader of the Republic. The transport will then take you to Ataturk Airport for your afternoon flight to Dalaman. Transfer to the Idée Hotel on Çaliş Beach in Fethiye. Evening to enjoy a welcome meal and the most amazing sunset!

Tuesday, Oct. 4 (B) - Day 4 Fethiye

Today is our day on the white sands of Olüdeniz Beach near Fethiye. Swim in the Blue Lagoon while you contemplate a paragliding experience from 2000 M above the beach. This is an optional (\$130 CDN) experience which will be remembered for a lifetime. Return to Fethiye for the evening.

Wednesday, Oct. 5 (B) – Day 5 Fethiye,

Today is a countryside excursion to visit some Lycian and Roman Ruins in Tlos with a stop at the Saklikent Gorge, one of the largest in Europe.

Catch a hot corn on the cob and an exciting walk through the chilly water and steep canyon walls! Return to the Sehit Fethibey Park, Fethiye, to walk this green space with commemorative monuments and artistic statues along the waterway. Enjoy dinner in one of the boardwalk restaurants before making your way back to the hotel.

Thursday, Oct. 6 (B,L) - Day 6 Fethiye

Take the local boat ferry to the historic centre of Fethiye for a look at the downtown market. Afternoon excursion to Kayaköy, the ghost city resulting from the population exchange between Greece and Turkey in 1922. Try Gözleme, a savoury pancake before hiking amongst the ruins to the chapel overlooking St. Nicolas Island. Across the peninsula is 'Help' Beach for another swim and a seaside cocktail. Evening back at Çalis Beach for dinner on your own.

Friday, Oct. 7 (B)– Day 7 Kaş

Departure from Fethiye along the Lycian way towards Xanthos & Patara. Carry on to the quaint town of Kalkan for lunch in a typical Turkish rooftop restaurant. Nearby is Kaputaş Beach for a dip on the way to Kaş for the night. Check in to the Hideaway Hotel and spend the evening in this delightful coastal city overlooking the sea.

Saturday, Oct. 8 (B) – Day 8 Kaş – DAY IN GREECE!

Today we will take the ferry (30min) to the Greek Island of Meis so you will need your passports. Delight in this quaint Greek village. Expect a visit from the giant sea turtles in the harbour. Don your swimsuits for a boat trip to the Blue Grotto, then stop at St. George Island for lunch and another swim in crystal blue waters. Snorkel and masks available. Return to Meis for the ferry back to Kaş, Turkey. Evening free for shopping and dining to your heart's delight.

Sunday, Oct. 9 (B,L) – Day 9 Çirali

Depart Kaş early in the morning for Kekova where Mehmet will welcome us on his Gulet boat to the Aquarium Bay, then snorkel over the sunken ruins. Climb up to Şimena Castle for a magnificent view of the bay. Enjoy a fresh fish lunch on the boat cooked by Captain Mehmet. Continue along the road north to Çirali nestle into the Canada Hotel Bungalows situated in an oasis of palm trees. Enjoy dinner and a walk along the beach in this resort town.

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Monday, Oct. 10 (B) – Day 10 Çirali

Morning walk to Mt. Olympus to visit the ancient Ruins of this old pirate port. Enjoy a quick dip in the sea before a fresh fish lunch option at one of the seaside restaurants. Afternoon free to enjoy Çirali Beach. Optional evening hike up to the Fumiroles of Chimera, glowing flames emerging from the earth. Head lamp and good walking shoes compulsory. Return back to the Canada Hotel and Bungalows for the night.

Tuesday, Oct. 11 (B) – Day 11 - Antalya

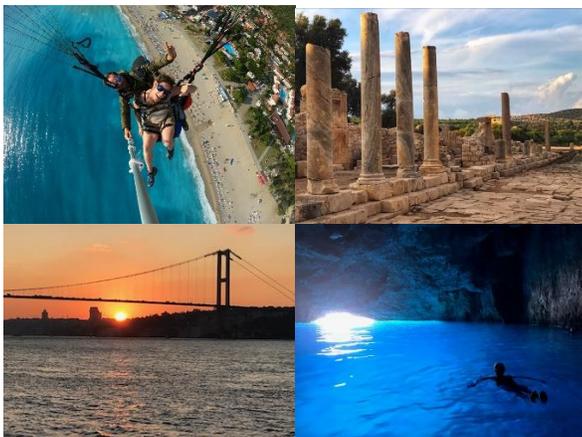
Leave this lush valley for Antalya City, home to another of Hadrian's Arches. Catch a terrace lunch overlooking this ancient port before an optional quick or long dip in the sea. Free afternoon in the heart of the city to see Roman Ruins and unique shops. Transfer to the Düden Falls on the way to the Antalya airport hotel for the night.

Wednesday, Oct. 12 (B,D) – Day 12 – Istanbul

Morning flight from Antalya Airport to Istanbul – transfer to Best Point Hotel. Afternoon free to participate in some activities such as a traditional Hammam and massage, the Egyptian Spice Bazar, or Topkapi Palace. Shop for lamps, Turkish Delights or pottery! Evening sunset cruise on the Bosphorous to say goodbye to this amazing city! Evening in the Fish Market for a farewell dinner.

Tessekur Ederim for sharing in this adventure!

Thursday, Oct. 13 (B)– IN TRANSIT or EXTEND YOUR STAY IN TURKEY.



Wednesday, Oct. 12 (B) Day 1 Göreme, Cappadocia

Early morning flight to Kayseri from Antalya Airport. Transfer to the Cave Hotel in the town of Göreme to check in. Take time to relax before visiting the town with option to visit the Göreme Open Air Museum. Freshen up, then embark on a trek through the fairy chimneys of the Rose Valley. Enjoy a glass of bubbly at the edge of the cliffside at sunset. Dinner at Seten Restaurant for nice wines and Kapadokya specialities.

Thursday, Oct. 13 (B,L) - Day 2 Göreme, Cappadocia

The "Green" tour takes you to the Underground City of Derinkuyu. Explore the 8 levels of underground tunnels, chapels and kitchens, used by ancient people from Anatolia as protection from invading tribes. Next, have a lunch of fresh fish beside the creek before taking an easy hike through the Ilhara Valley Canyons. Afternoon return to Göreme to catch dinner before the 8:00 PM pickup to see the Whirling Dervish's meditative dance performance.

Friday, Oct. 14 (B,D) – Day 3 Cappadocia- Istanbul

Sleep in, or rise early at 4 AM for your transfer to your hot air balloon! See how they inflate the balloon before your eyes and get up in the basket for a calm, breathtaking 'float' through the cliffs and canyons of the Cappadocia area. See the other 150+ balloons in the sky surrounding you! Float amongst the clouds for about 1.5 hours. Be treated to a glass of bubbly after the soft and spectacular landing. Transfer to the Kayseri Airport for your afternoon flight to Istanbul. Afternoon free to participate in some activities such as a traditional Hammam and massage, the Egyptian Spice Bazar, or Topkapi Palace. Shop for lamps, Turkish Delights or pottery! Evening sunset cruise on the Bosphorous say goodbye to this amazing city! Farewell evening meal at the Fish Market.

Saturday, Oct. 15 IN TRANSIT OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

