

Istanbul to the Med

7 days | Istanbul to Marmaris



Following the famed Aegean coastline, we discover Ottoman Istanbul, Gallipoli, Troy, ancient Ephesus and Pamukkale, finishing in coastal Marmaris - gateway to the Greek Islands. This 7 day holiday from Istanbul to the Mediterranean sea will give you an insight into the fascinating history, culture and landscapes of western Turkey.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - The Old City, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia, Hippodrome, Underground Cistern and Topkapi Palace
- Gallipoli Peninsular - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair, trenches and battlefields
- Troy - Trojan horse, ancient ruins and Aegean Coast
- Roman ruins of Pergamum and Ephesus
- Pamukkale - Thermal pools and Roman Hierapolis
- Carpet weaving demonstration and leather manufacturer
- Marmaris - On the beautiful Aegean Coast. Opt to extend with a beach stay or travel over to Greece!

What's Included

- Breakfast daily and 4 hotel dinners
- 6 nights 4-5 star hotels
- Guided sightseeing - Istanbul, Gallipoli, Troy, Ruins of Ephesus, Pergamum, Pamukkale and Roman Hierapolis
- Escorted by an English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 from Istanbul Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$40pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$75-85pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide and driver. We recommend you allow USD\$5 - 7 per day, per traveller as a tip for your guide and USD\$2 per day for your driver. Tipping your guide and driver is an entirely personal gesture

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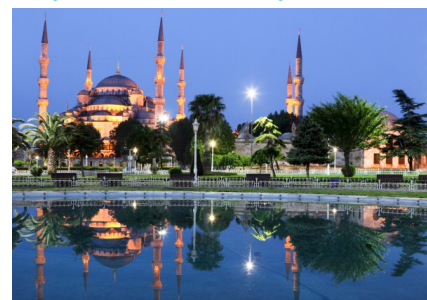
ITINERARY

Day 1 : Istanbul

Saturday. Arrive Istanbul and transfer to our hotel. Istanbul is easy to get around on foot

and there are plenty of restaurants and cafes dotted about the city. Afternoon and evening at leisure. **Overnight - Istanbul**

Day 2 : The Old City



Istanbul. This morning we'll head to explore the incredible Old City of Istanbul, from where the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires were ruled. We'll visit the stunning Blue Mosque famed for its blue Iznik tiles, Hippodrome, Hagia Sofia - constructed as a Basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian and Topkapi Palace. **Overnight - Istanbul (B)**

Day 3 : Gallipoli



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Istanbul – Gallipoli. Today we explore ANZAC Cove and the many memorials dotted across the WW1 battlefields. Our guided tour takes in sights such as ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine Memorial and cemetery, Chunuk Bair Memorial and cemetery, the Nek, Johnston's Jolly and the many fortified trenches still clearly visible amongst the scrub after all these years. **Overnight - Canakkale** (B, D)

Day 4 : Troy and Kusadasi

Gallipoli - Kusadasi. Step back in time as we visit the legendary Roman ruins of Troy and Pergamum. We enjoy a guided tour of the ancient city of Troy dating back to 3000BC! En route to Kusadasi, we explore the ruins of Pergamum with its impressive temples, library and medical facilities, before visiting a local carpet emporium - Turkey produces some of the finest carpets in the world! **Overnight - Kusadasi** (B, D)

Day 5 : Ancient Ephesus



Today we explore ancient Ephesus. Exemplifying the finesse of Roman urban life, Ephesus boasts incredible excavated ruins including a Great Theatre, Curetes Way, the Temple of Serapis and the Library of Celsus. Stop by the ancient public toilets and public brothel!

Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and afterward we stop to watch a demonstration of how they are made before visiting the quaint Greek village of Sirince peached mountainside within a valley of vineyards and orchards. **Overnight - Kusadasi** (B, D)

Day 6 : Pamukkale Terraces



Kusadasi – Pamukkale - Marmaris. Meandering through the sweeping plains and cotton farms we arrive at the ruins of Roman Hieropolis and the hot springs of Pamukkale. Admire this surreal landscape created by frequent earthquakes. Marvel at the crystalline marble, quartzites and stalagmites, which shimmer in the sunlight. There will be time to paddle our feet as we walk the terraces or opt for a dip in the Thermal Bath House before visiting a leather fashion house. **Overnight - Marmaris** (B, D)

Day 7 : Marmaris



Friday. Marmaris. Our tour concludes after breakfast. Extend your holiday with our 3 night beach stay. Relax by the pool or beach or opt for a day trip to the Greek Island of Rhodes - only an hour catamaran ride away!(B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Point Hotel Taksim

Well-located just a short walk from the nearest Metro station, this modern hotel is a great base for exploring the sights of Istanbul. Light and spacious guestrooms offer air conditioning and free high speed WiFi. There's also an indoor pool, spa facilities and a fitness centre. Guests can enjoy a choice of eateries, including an authentic Japanese Restaurant and two café bars. However, this hotel's highlight is the top-floor View Point Restaurant, which boasts delicious Turkish and world cuisine alongside sweeping views of the Bosphorus Strait.



Kolin Hotel

Looking out across the Dardanelles, the modern and bright Kolin Hotel offers well appointed rooms with hard wood flooring and tasteful decor. The hotel also boasts a luxury spa, wellness centre and a number of mouth watering restaurants all set within perfectly manicured lawns. Sipping a sundowner on the roof bar, overlooking the beautiful strait, is the perfect way to end the day. The hotel is located on the water's edge a short drive from the town centre with beautiful views out to sea.



Charisma Hotel

The Charisma is a modern and elegant hotel with spacious rooms. The rooms are equipped with jacuzzi, LCD screen television, split air conditioning, mini-bar, electronic safe box, hairdryer and free internet connection. Towering over the Aegean Sea's outstanding view, the Hotel is just 15 minutes by walk from Kuşadası's shopping and entertainment area.

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Orsmaris Boutique Hotel

Örsmaris Boutique hotel was completely renovated in 2006. The hotel offers a warm and inviting atmosphere with a professional approach and excellent service. The rooms are spacious, beautifully decorated and command spectacular views out over the sea. Diners have the option of sitting indoors or al fresco as they feast on sumptuous Turkish and international cuisine. Guests can also enjoy the two outdoor pools and surrounding flower garden. The Hotel is situated by the sea and 5 km away from Marmaris city center.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' is compulsory for solo travellers or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room and the amount needs to be added to the per person price. The single supplement offers the comfort of your own room and is also available to any other person wanting their own room.

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
20 Mar	USD 1,495	USD 1,995

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
03 Apr	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
24 Apr	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
01 May	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
08 May	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
15 May	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
29 May	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
05 Jun	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
12 Jun	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
19 Jun	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
26 Jun	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
03 Jul	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
10 Jul	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
17 Jul	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
24 Jul	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
31 Jul	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
07 Aug	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
14 Aug	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
28 Aug	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
04 Sep	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
11 Sep	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
18 Sep	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
25 Sep	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
02 Oct	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
09 Oct	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
16 Oct	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
23 Oct	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
06 Nov	USD 1,295	USD 1,795
18 Dec	USD 1,495	USD 1,995

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
01 Jan	USD 1,295	USD 1,795
05 Feb	USD 1,295	USD 1,795
19 Mar	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
02 Apr	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
09 Apr	USD 1,495	USD 1,995
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