

Turkey in Depth *Solo*

20 Days from \$7,473



A country close to the hearts of most Australians, Turkey is a must-see. Pay tribute to the Anzac legend at Gallipoli, walk in the footsteps of the Roman Empire at Ephesus and be blown away by the sheer scenic landscape of Cappadocia.

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Day 1 Depart Australia

Day 2 Arrive in Istanbul - Welcome to Istanbul, the gateway between Asia and Europe. This evening we enjoy a delightful welcome dinner. [D]

Day 3 Istanbul - An exciting day as we tour Istanbul starting at the famous Hippodrome. From here we visit the magnificent Basilica of Hagia Sophia, the unique Blue Mosque - a true icon of this city - and the opulent Topkapi Palace. We take to the water next, where we have a unique vantage point of this incredible city as we cruise along the Bosphorus. [B]

Day 4 Istanbul - Ankara - This morning we'll drive to the capital city, Ankara, where our sightseeing includes the famous Museum of Anatolian Civilization and the Mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the father of modern Turkey. [B,D]

Day 5 Ankara - Cappadocia - Our journey to Cappadocia today is via ancient Hattusha. This World Heritage-listed city was once the capital of the Hittite Empire and is full of historically significant ancient sites. [B,D]

Day 6 Cappadocia - The lunar-like landscape of Cappadocia will amaze you. [B,D]

SPECIAL EXPERIENCE: We explore this fascinating region with its 'fairy chimneys' and the nearby Goreme Valley. We also visit a carpet factory to learn about Turkish carpets before tonight's impressive performance by the Whirling Dervishes.

Day 7 Cappadocia - This morning we explore one of the underground cities of Cappadocia before continuing on to the small village of Avanos which is famous for its ceramics. [B,D]

Day 8 Cappadocia - Konya - On the way to Konya we explore the Catalhoyuk, a Neolithic site where the various art works include spectacular wall paintings. In Konya we visit the Mevlana Museum and learn about the mystical religious sect known as the Whirling Dervishes. [B,D]

Day 9 Konya - Kas - Enjoy a scenic day as we drive to Kas via Aspendos where we explore one of the world's best-preserved Roman theatres. [B]

Day 10 Kas - Today is all about relaxing, soaking up the sun and the spectacular coastal scenery. [B,L]

SPECIAL EXPERIENCE: A real tour highlight as we cruise the sparkling Mediterranean on a traditional Turkish gulet.

Day 11 Kas - Pamukkale - This morning we explore the amazing landscape of Hierapolis, an ancient Greek city sitting on top of the site of Pamukkale. Over a period of 14,000 years, nature has created a wonderful array of hot springs that cascade over a cliff, forming calcium-rich pools. [B,D]

Day 12 Pamukkale - Bodrum - Today we explore the town of Aphrodisias, named after Aphrodite, the god of love and often referred to as Venus by the Romans. This beautiful city is one of the finest archaeological sites in Turkey and is famous for its School of Sculpture which dates back to Roman times. [B]

Day 13 Bodrum - Bring your bathers today as we enjoy a half-day tour of the Museum of Underwater Archaeology, home to the remains of the oldest known sunken ship in the world (we're only joking about the bathers!). The rest of the day is at leisure. [B]

Day 14 Bodrum - Kusadasi - An action-packed day as we visit the three archaeological sites of Miletus and Didyma, before driving on to historic Kusadasi. [B]

Day 15 Ephesus - A wonderful day of antiquity as we visit Ephesus, the largest Roman city ever uncovered and a great place to get a feel for what life was like at the time of the Romans. As we walk down the marblecovered streets, we'll see gymnasiums, bathhouses, the Temple of Artemis and the House of Virgin Mary. [B,D]

Day 16 Kusadasi - Canakkale - Today we visit the ancient city of Pergamum, once ruled by Alexander the Great. We then continue on to Troy, where we experience the legend of the famous wooden horse. [B,D]

Day 17 Gallipoli - Istanbul - A special day as we head to Gallipoli to pay homage to the great Australian and New Zealand spirit of the Anzacs. Visit Anzac Cove, the Lone Pine Memorial and spend time exploring the Turkish and Allied trenches and tunnels. [B]

Day 18 Istanbul - We've come full circle and are now back in bustling Istanbul where there is still so much to see. Our touring includes: The Grand and Spice Bazaars for some great people-watching and last minute shopping. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner. [B,D]

Day 19 Depart Istanbul - Today we begin our journey home. [B]

Day 20 Arrive in Australia



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Travel:

- Return economy class flights from Australia to Turkey (taxes included)
- Full-day cruise on a traditional Turkish sailing gulet along the beautiful Mediterranean coast
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned coaches
- Pre-paid tips - \$183pp

Accommodation & Meals:

- Single room included in price
- 17 nights in good quality hotels (3-4 star)
- 17 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 10 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

A comprehensive sightseeing program is included in the price. Highlights include:

- English-speaking, locally-based tour director
- Extensive sightseeing in Istanbul
- Explore the surreal landscape of Cappadocia with its underground cities
- Full-day Mediterranean gulet cruise
- Visit the unique hot springs of Pamukkale, a World Heritage-listed site
- Explore Ephesus, the largest ancient city ever uncovered, and Pergamum, once ruled by Alexander the Great
- Pay homage to the Anzac legend in Gallipoli

Dates & Prices

All include single room!

Starts	Ends	Total Cost*	Status
16/05/14	04/06/14	\$7,473	On Request
05/09/14	24/09/14	\$7,473	Guaranteed Departure

Valid From: Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane & Perth

Tips: Total cost includes - Tipping Made Easy amount of \$183pp.

Taxes: Total cost includes - air taxes of \$846pp

Single supplement: Single Room is included in the price



- Day/Date Variations: Due to airline flight schedules day of arrival and day of departure may vary depending on your city of departure
- Taxes & Fuel Costs: Total cost includes air taxes. Taxes and fuel surcharges change regularly so above levies shown as a guide only
- T&C: All prices shown are per person based on single room and include airfares, all taxes and tips. Prices and itineraries correct at current time but are subject to change. Please call for more details. View our full terms & conditions on the website.
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