

TURKEY

7 Churches OF REVELATION

ITINERARY 9 Days / 7 Nights Package I

TWIN / TRIPLE

\$1888

SINGLE

\$2388

***Rates are subject to change based on the current airline rate**

TRAVEL PERIOD:

FEBRUARY 04-13, 2023

FLIGHT DETAILS:

1 TK 85 04FEB MNLIST 2220 0610
2 TK2010 05FEB ISTASR 0735 0900
4 TK 84 13FEB ISTMNL 0215 1810



HOTEL:

- **Cappadocia** Doubletree by Hilton Cappadocia 5*
- **Pamukkale** Pam Thermal Hotel 5*
- **Kusadasi** Le Bleu Hotel 5*
- **Izmir** Kaya Izmir Thermal & Convention 5*
- **Canakkale** Kolin Hotel 5*
- **Istanbul** Pullman Hotel 5*

INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip Airfare via Turkish Airways
- All taxes and terminal Fee
- Hotel Accommodation
- at above-suggested hotels or similar class
- English speaking professional tour guide
- Daily meals where indicated
- Transportation by A/C deluxe vehicle
- All entry fees to the sites & museums
- Tips to the hotel and restaurant staff
- Service charges & local taxes

EXCLUSIONS:

- Drinks with the meals
- All personal expenses
- Porter at the airport and hotels
- Tips to the tour guide and driver \$5/person/day

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Day 1: Arrival in Istanbul-Cappadocia (-/L/D)

Arrival in Istanbul (TK85 21:30 04:50 MNL IST) and change the flight (TK2010 06:35 07:50 IST ASR). After arrival, transfer to Cappadocia. Today's first visit will be to Goreme Open Air Museum where you can enjoy the complex with rock cave churches, and houses. We will have lunch at Bizim Ev Restaurant. After lunch, proceed to the hotel and relax Dinner at the hotel and overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 2: Cappadocia (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit one of the Underground City. Ensuring the security of the inhabitants is the main reason for the construction of the cities under the ground. We will have a chance to see where the people have lived during the wars, and natural disasters. Continue the tour with photo stops in Hunting Valley, Pigeon Valley which is named after pigeon nests carved into rocks, Devrent Valley which is famous for its Camel Rock, and Uchisar Castle which is the biggest fairy chimney seen from all over Cappadocia. After lunch at Cappa Gusto, we will visit Cavusin Village, one of the oldest settlements in Cappadocia. Then we move to Avanos. We will visit the Pottery Workshop where you can learn how to make pottery which is a tradition of 4000 years in Avanos. Proceed to Pasabag Valley; Pasabaglari Archaeological Site 'Pasabagi', formerly known as 'Valley of the Priests', attracts attention with its unique fairy chimneys. Inside the fairy chimneys, which are multi-bodied and multi-headed, chapels and seating spaces are carved. Today's last visit will be to the famous Carpet Workshop where you can see carpets decorated with motifs reflecting a cultural richness of Anatolia and learn how to weave carpets. Dinner at the hotel and overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 3: Cappadocia-Pamukkale (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for Pamukkale (650 km/approx. 8 hr). On the way, we will have a photo stop by Sultanhani Caravanserai which is a historical caravanserai that draws attention to its stonemasonry. Dinner at the hotel and overnight in Pamukkale.

Day 4: Laodicea-Philadelphia-Sardis-Kusadasi (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit Cotton Castle and Hierapolis Ancient City. Pamukkale travertines were created by thermal water depositing the calcium carbonate they contained. The natural wonder of Pamukkale travertine deposits spans a 160 m tall and 2700 m long cascade. The white cascades are little terraces filled with mineral-rich hot springs. Treat yourself to a visit to these mesmerizing therapeutic ponds. Taking your shoes in your hand, you can walk in some of them. Then, depart for Laodicea (12km/approx. 15 min). Laodicea (Rev. 3: 14-22) was, in ancient times, a key city in the area. Important for trade and as an important Christian site. After that, we will proceed to Philadelphia (95 km/approx. 1hr 30min). Philadelphia (Rev. 3: 7-13) was a thriving city under Roman rule. Modern-day Alasehir (God's City) is a titular see of the Roman Catholic Church. Artifacts from Alasehir's colorful past are found throughout the city. Continue our sightseeing with Sardis (50 km/approx. 45min). Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6) was one of the wealthiest Roman cities in the area. Home to a significant Jewish population, Sardis was a bustling city important to the growth of the Church in the area. Dinner at the hotel and overnight in Kusadasi.

Day 5: Ephesus-Izmir (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will move to Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7) where St John lived. Because Ephesus was an important Roman city, the Church congregation here is believed to have been quite strong, with Christianity eventually becoming the city's chief religion. After that, proceed to the Basilica of St. John. After John was exiled to Patmos, it is believed that he came back to Ephesus before his death and passed his last years around Ayasuluk Hills. In the 6th century, Emperor Justinian (527-65 AD) believed that a tomb dating from the 300s was John's, so he built a magnificent church on the site dedicated to the saint. Lunch will be at Bizim Ev Hanimeli. After lunch, we will visit will be to The House of Virgin Mary. It is believed that the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, supposedly spent the last years of her life in this house. During the tour, we will stop by a Leather Factory. Enjoy the fashion show. Dinner at the hotel and overnight in Izmir.

Day 6: Smyrna-Thyatira-Pergamum-Canakkale (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit Ancient Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11) Agora Ancient City. It was founded by the Greeks, taken over by the Romans, and rebuilt by Alexander the Great before becoming part of the Ottoman Empire in the 15th century. Then, move to Akhisar (90 km/approx. 1hr 30min). We will visit Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29) The Church of Thyatira was told to persist in their beliefs, despite the lack of a strong church in the city. After lunch at a local restaurant, the tour will continue with Pergamum (Revelation 2:12-17). It is also listed as UNESCO World Heritage Pergamon and its Multi-Layered Cultural Landscape is the site of a magnificent acropolis situated atop a high hill overlooking the modern town of Bergama. After that we will visit a Turkish Jewellery store where you can find a rich collection that draws attention with its original design and high quality. After that, depart for Canakkale (215/approx. 3hr 30min). Dinner at the hotel and overnight in Canakkale.

Day 7: Canakkale-Istanbul (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit Troia Ancient Ruins. Troy is one of the prominent treasures of the world cultural heritage due to the archaeological findings and the legends forming the subject matter of the most important epic of classical antiquity. Experience the main roots of civilizations. After that, depart for Istanbul (305 km/approx. 4hr). We will move to Eminonu where we will get on the private Bosphorus Cruise. During the tour, you will have the chance to see both the European Side and the Asian Side of Istanbul. On the European Side, you will see many historical monuments and buildings such as Galata Tower, Dolmabahce Palace, Ciragan Palace, Ortakoy Mosque, and Rumeli Fortress. On the Asian Side of Istanbul and see Kucuksu Palace which was built in the 19th century and used as a hunting lodge by the Ottoman Empire. Proceed to the Spice Bazaar which is one of the oldest covered bazaars in Istanbul. Today, inside the bazaar you can find spices, dried fruits, cheeses, sausages, jams, nuts and seeds, Turkish Delight, souvenirs, and more. After dinner at Fish Port Restaurant, proceed to the hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 8: Istanbul (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will move to Old City (Sultanahmet). We will begin the tour with Topkapi Palace (closed on Tuesdays); The Ottoman Palace, famous for being one of the most beautiful landscapes that make up Istanbul's skyline, is a treasure trove of history on the historical peninsula. Then we will move to Hagia Sophia Mosque; its innovative architecture, rich history, religious significance, and extraordinary characteristics has been fighting against time for centuries and was the largest Eastern Roman Church in Istanbul. Constructed three times in the same location, it is the world's oldest and fastest-completed cathedral. After lunch at Tamara Restaurant, proceed with the tour by visiting the Blue Mosque. The original name of the mosque is Sultanahmet Mosque, but it is called the Blue Mosque because of the beautiful blue tiles inside the mosque. We will have a brief stop at the Hippodrome; was a circus that was the sporting and social center of Constantinople. Then, we will have free time in Grand Bazaar (closed on Sundays); one of the largest and the oldest covered markets in the world with 61 covered streets and over 4000 shops. Proceed to Taksim (New City). Enjoy shopping on your own. After dinner at local restaurant, proceed to Istanbul Airport for your international flight (TK84 02:30 19:10 IST MNL)