

# BEST OF TURKEY (11 DAYS TOUR)

Visit: Istanbul, Canakkale, Izmir, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Cappadocia, Ankara



**TOUR FARE: from \*USD2,688** p/person  
Single Supp: USD300 Based on TWN/TRP Sharing

**Departure Dates: 04/04 (HOLY WEEK DEPARTURE)**  
Via: (Turkish Airlines, Singapore Airlines OR Qatar Airways)

**TOUR FARE: from \*USD2,388** p/person  
Single Supp: USD300 Based on TWN/TRP Sharing

**Departure Dates: 04/27, 05/11, 05/25, 06/08**  
Via: (Turkish Airlines, Singapore Airlines OR Qatar Airways)

## Itinerary:

### DAY 01 MANILA / ISTANBUL

Assemble at the airport for your departure flight to **Istanbul** – formerly known as Byzantium and Constantinople. It is the most populous city in Turkey and the country's economic, cultural and historic center. Overnight on board.

### DAY 02 ISTANBUL

(L/D)

Early morning arrival Istanbul. Meet at the airport and transfer for city tour to **Camlica Hills** and **Camlica Mosque** – Turkey's largest and newest mosque which has a combination of Ottoman and Seljuk Architectural style, located in the Asian side of the City. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, transfer to hotel for check in and rest. Dinner provided. Overnight at **Crown Plaza Hotel Harbiye or Sheraton Hotel City Center Istanbul** or similar class.

### DAY 03 ISTANBUL / GALLIPOLI / ECEABAT / CANAKKALE

(B/L/D)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Depart for **Gallipoli** and visit the Poignant sits of the battlefields where many of the fiercest battle of World War I took place including Anzac Cove. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, continue to **Canakkale** via Eceabat. Upon arrival, proceed with half day sightseeing tour of Canakkale. Dinner and overnight stay at **Parion Hotel or Kolin Hotel** or similar class.

### DAY 04 CANAKKALE / TROY / PERGAMON / IZMIR

(B/L/D)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Depart Canakkale to visit the legendary city of **Troy**, immortalized by Homer in the stories of King Priam, Hector, Paris and the beautiful Helen. We see archaeological excavations that have revealed nine separate periods of settlement and of course, we see the symbolic replica of the Wooden Trojan horse that commemorates the epic war machine that was constructed in the 13th Century B.C. Then we stop at the ancient kingdom of **Pergamon** where we visit and entrance to the **Acropolis** plus cable car. Then continue to Izmir. Lunch at local restaurant. Set dinner in hotel. Overnight in **Hilton Hotel Izmir** or similar class.

### DAY 05 IZMIR / EPHESUS / VIRGIN MARY'S HOUSE / PAMUKKALE

(B/L/D)

Breakfast in the hotel. Morning drive to the ancient city of **Ephesus**, where we begin our walking tour including the great theater which was built by the Romans between 41 – 117 AD and is still used today. The temple of Hadrian guarded by a head of Medusa and the **House of the Virgin Mary**. Then continue to **Pamukkale**, meaning "cotton castle" in Turkish and is a natural site in Denizli Province in southwestern Turkey. The city contains hot spring and the area is famous for a carbonate mineral left by the flowing water. Enjoy the nice feeling of soaking your feet in a hot spring water. Lunch at local restaurant. Upon arrival, check in and dinner in hotel. Overnight at **Thermal Collosae Hotel** or similar class.

### DAY 06 PAMUKKALE / KONYA / CAPPADOCIA

(B/L/D)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Morning we will drive through an interesting landscapes where peasants make their living. Lunch en-route before arriving in **Konya**, Turkey's city of whirling dervishes and has been for 800 years. It was the capital of the Seljuk Turkish Sultanate of Rum ("ROOM," that is, *Rome*) which flourished in Central Anatolia from 1071 to 1275. Located about three hours' drive south of Ankara, it's an extremely old city, its roots going back to the days of the Hittites, who called it Kuwana. As a Roman city, it was called Iconium. Today it is the most religiously conservative city in Turkey. The reason to visit Konya is to see the Mevlana Museum which shelters the tomb of Jelaleddin Rumi (1207-1273), known to his followers as **Mevlana** (or Rumi), a Muslim poet and mystic and one of the great spiritual thinkers and teachers of all time. Then continue on to **Cappadocia** en-route visit Sultanhani Caravanserai, literally caravan places and the mediaeval equivalent of motorway service stations. Lunch in local restaurant. Restaurant. Upon arrival, check in hotel. Dinner in hotel. Overnight in **Crowne Plaza Hotel Nevsehir or similar class**.

## DAY 07 CAPPADOCIA

(B/L/D)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Today we visit the incredible **underground city of Kaymakli** where early Christians lived secretly in order to survive and keep their faith. Photo stops will be given at the Valley of the Birds and at the foot of the **Uchisar Castle**. Afterwards proceed to **The Rock Carved Church** hallowed out of a volcanic ash. Then visit **Goreme Open Air Museum** unique with its volcanic formations. Then visit **Pigeon Valley**. Lunch will be at **Avanos Village** followed by the famous local pottery and carpet shows allowing ample time for shopping in the afternoon. Also time will be allocated for the local souvenir shopping before returning to the hotel. Lunch in local restaurant. Dinner in hotel. Overnight at **Crowne Plaza Hotel Nevsehir** or similar class.

## DAY 08 CAPPADOCIA / ANKARA

(B/L/D)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. This morning drive westwards from **Cappadocia** to the Turkish capital city – **Ankara**. Visit the **Ataturk mausoleum** – the final resting place of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk – Father of Modern Turkey. The architecture of the mausoleum is a mix of different styles that represent the various Anatolian civilizations. Thereafter, we will free time at Kızılay Square. You can buy local souvenirs and trendy clothes, have cup of tea or coffee at coffee houses. Lunch at local restaurant. Upon arrival, check in and set dinner in hotel. Overnight at **Holiday Inn Hotel Ankara** or similar class .

## DAY 09 ANKARA / ISTANBUL

(B/L/D)

Hot buffet breakfast at hotel. Drive to Istanbul which is the largest city in Turkey, constituting the country's economic, cultural & historical heart. Photo stop at **Sapanca Lake**. Upon arrival, lunch at local restaurant. Then visit famous **Grand Bazaar** - one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world, with 61 covered streets and over 3,000 shops which attract between 250,000 and 400,000 visitors daily. Lunch at local restaurant. Dinner in hotel. Check in at **Crown Plaza Hotel Harbiye** or **Sheraton Hotel City Center Istanbul** or similar class.

## DAY 10 ISTANBUL / MANILA

(B/L/D)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Check out from hotel and transfer for full day sightseeing tour with visit to the impressive **Topkapi Palace** – primary residence of Ottoman Sultans for approximately 400 years and has a superb position overlooking the Bosphorus. It is Istanbul's premier must see attraction. Then visit the **Hippodrome Square** where Chariot races and competitive athletic events took place. Lunch at Best Western Citadel Hotel. After lunch, visit the fascinating and impressive Sultan Ahmed Mosque or more popularly known as the **Blue Mosque**. It is famous for its six minarets and beautiful handmade ceramic tiles, made in Iznik dominated by blue paint. Dinner at local restaurant. Then transfer to airport for flight back to Manila.

## DAY 11 MANILA

Depart Istanbul to Manila.

\*\*\* END OF TOUR \*\*\*

**LEGEND: B** – Breakfast **L** – Lunch **D** – Dinner

### REMARKS:

~RATE IS EXCLUDED OF AIRLINE TAX, PH TAX, VISA HANDLING FEE & TIPPING FOR THE GUIDE AND DRIVER

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