



## [Gold] Türkiye Istanbul+ Ankara+ Cappadocia+ Konya+ Pamukkale+Canakkale 12 days 11 nights tour

Product information			
Tour No.	ISTIST12		
Departure city	Istanbul		
Destination	Istanbul	Way location	Ankara、Konya、Pamukkale、Ancient city of Troy
Travel days	12 Day 11 Night	Transportation	Vehicle
Airport pick-up/drop-off	Airport pick-up Airport drop-off	Currency	USD

Product price	
<b>Single occupancy:</b> \$1799 / Person Including balance: Total amount for all people 2359 Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:1; Basic price:1 x 1799 = 1799 Mandatory Fee: \$500 per person:1 x 500 = 500 Transportation Surcharge:1 x 60 = 60	<b>Double occupancy:</b> \$1299 / Person Including balance: Total amount for all people 3718 Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:2; Basic price:2 x 1299 = 2598 Mandatory Fee: \$500 per person:2 x 500 = 1000 Transportation Surcharge:2 x 60 = 120
<b>Triple occupancy:</b> \$1299 / Person Including balance: Total amount for all people 5577 Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:3; Basic price:3 x 1299 = 3897 Mandatory Fee: \$500 per person:3 x 500 = 1500 Transportation Surcharge:3 x 60 = 180	

Departure date
01/25/2025-04/07/2025: Tuesday 04/08/2025-12/31/2025: Wednesday Additional Dates: 04/29/2025, 05/06/2025

No tours on the following dates: 04/30/2025, 05/07/2025

Departures from April to October are subject to a peak season surcharge of \$100/person.

## Highlights

- Stay for 8 nights at a five-star hotel, with special arrangements for 2 nights at the Cappadocia Featured Cave Hotel and 1 night at the Pamukkale Kaya Thermal Spa Hotel.
- Visit Istanbul, Ankara, Kapadocia, Konya, Cotton Castle, Hilapolis, Kusadas, Izmir, and Charnacle to experience the exotic customs of Türkiye.
- Travel with us on a delightful twelve-day tour with Chinese-speaking tour guides, all tickets and tips included, three meals (except the day of pick-up and drop-off).
- Visit one of the most beautiful cities in the world in Cappadocia! Ride on a hot air balloon at your own expense to overlook the magnificent and beautiful magical lands from above.
- Visit the unique Pamukkale in the world and mineral-rich hot springs! Take a look at the beautiful Pamukkale and see what makes this place one of the greatest on Earth!

## Join / leave point

### Boarding location

Istanbul Airport (IST); Address: Tayakadın, Terminal Caddesi No:1, 34283 Arnavutköy/İstanbul, Türkiye;

Free airport pick-up time on the first day of your tour: 12:00 at noon, 15:00, 18:00 and 22:00. Please make sure to meet with our staff at the listed time slots with your claimed baggage. Please make sure to be at the meeting point on-time.

### Drop-off location

Istanbul Airport (IST); Address: Tayakadın, Terminal Caddesi No:1, 34283 Arnavutköy/İstanbul, Türkiye;

For detailed information, please refer to the last day's itinerary.

## Tour introduction

### Day 1

#### Istanbul, Türkiye

##### All day

Welcome to Istanbul, the largest city in Türkiye! Shortly upon your arrival, your tour guide will be waiting for you at the airport. He or she will arrange for you to check in at the hotel.

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##### Night

Hotel: Nova Plaza Prime Hotel; similar

### Day 2

#### Istanbul

##### Morning Breakfast

##### **Include breakfast**

##### All day

Istanbul, formerly known as Constantinople, is the largest city in Türkiye. It serves as the country's economic, cultural, and historic hub. The city straddles the Bosphorus strait, lying in both Europe and Asia.

##### **Itinerary:**

**Hotel → The Walls of Istanbul (15 mins) → Sultanahmet Square (20 mins) → Blue Mosque (45 mins) → Hagia Sophia (45 mins) → Topkapi Palace (100 mins)**

##### All day

##### **The Walls of Istanbul**

These stone walls were built by Constantine the Great to protect Constantinople, what is now known as Istanbul, from attack by land and sea. The walls largely remained intact until sections began to be dismantled in the 19th century, as the city outgrew its medieval boundaries. Many parts of the walls survived and are still standing today.

### **Sultanahmet Square**

The Sultanahmet Square is the old historic quarter of Istanbul and here you will find some of the most significant historic monuments of Istanbul. Facing the Blue Mosque at the opposite end of the square is the magnificent Hagia Sophia. There's not much left of this stadium, but significant monuments here include the Obelisk of Theodosius, the Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. There's also a pretty domed fountain commemorating the visit of Kaiser Wilhelm II to Istanbul in 1898.

### **Blue Mosque**

Explore the Blue Mosque and its spectacular beauty! It has five main domes, six minarets and eight secondary domes. It is a one-of-a-kind unique place to discover and something you must visit at least once in your life.

### **Hagia Sophia**

The Hagia Sophia is a religious sacred place. It is one of the eight wonders of the world and is full of extraordinary beauty. The Hagia Sophia is easily one of the most memorable places to visit in Türkiye and a bucket list for many. Explore the beauty of it today with us!

### **Topkapi Palace**

Set on top of the most visible hill of Istanbul, Topkapi Palace. This location is the symbol of the city. The rich history of this place offers visitors a chance to get to know the Sultans of the Ottoman Empire. It is made up of four different courtyards and various exhibitions such as the treasury, weapons, watch collection, kaftans, portraits, and sacred relics of prophets.

Afternoon Lunch

**Lunch included**

Local lunch

Night Dinner

**Dinner included**

Roast dinner

Night

Hotel: Nova Plaza Prime Hotel; similar

Morning Breakfast

**Breakfast Included**

Breakfast in the hotel

All day

Explore Ataturk Mausoleum, Which is the leader of the Turkish War of Independence and the founder and the first President of Republic of Türkiye and then explore rich history at the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, which was built in 1493 as an indoor market and warehouse. Here, you can learn all about the rich history of the Anatolian region.

**Itinerary:**

**Istanbul → Ankara → Ataturk Mausoleum (60mins) → Museum of Anatolian Civilizations (60 mins) → Hotel**

All day

**Ataturk Mausoleum**

Anıtkabir is the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the leader of the Turkish War of Independence and the founder and the first President of Republic of Türkiye. The site is also the final resting place of İsmet İnönü, the second President of Türkiye. The mausoleum was depicted on various Turkish banknotes during 1966–1987 and 1997–2009 and was included in the Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers list of the fifty civil engineering feats in Türkiye.

**Museum of Anatolian Civilizations**

The best place in the country to get a better understanding of the complex weave of Türkiye's history, is at the significant archaeological site in Anatolia. The central hall houses reliefs and statuary, while the surrounding halls take you on a journey of staggering history from Neolithic and Chalcolithic, through the Bronze Age Assyrian and Hittite eras, to the Iron Age's Phrygian and Urartian periods.

Afternoon Lunch

**Lunch included**

Local lunch

Night Dinner

**Dinner included**

Dinner in the hotel

Night

Hotel: New Park Hotel; similar

## Day 4

Ankara - Vehicle - Cappadocia

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Morning Breakfast

### Breakfast Included

Breakfast in the hotel

All day

Today we will first head to the inland saltwater lake in central Türkiye, Lake Tuz, known as Türkiye's "land of the sky." Then, we will continue by car to the most spectacular "weathered area" in the world at Cappadocia. Following, we will visit Goreme Open Air Museum. And then go to the Devrent Valley, a charming valley renowned for its surreal and otherworldly landscapes that will provide you with a unique and distinct experience.

### Itinerary:

**Lake Tuz** (45 mins) → **Cappadocia** → **Goreme Open Air Museum** (100 mins) → **Devrent Valley** (30 mins)

All day

### Lake Tuz

Lake Tuz is an incredible salt lake near Aksaray! It is just over an hour drive away from Cappadocia. This lake is remarkably known due to its vibrant pink color.

### Goreme Open Air Museum

The Göreme Open Air Museum is a crown jewel in Cappadocia's rich history! This small area contains the best churches in Cappadocia and several monastic complexes. In 1985, the Göreme Open Air Museum was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site to conserve and properly display Cappadocia's best cave churches.

### Devrent Valley

Look: it's a camel rock! Nicknamed 'Imagination Valley' locally, Devrent Valley's rock formations are some of the best formed and most thickly clustered in Cappadocia. Most of the rosy rock cones are topped by flattish, darker stones of harder rock that sheltered the cones from the rain until all the surrounding rock was eaten away. This process is known to geologists as differential erosion but you can just call it kooky.

Afternoon Lunch

**Lunch included**

Local lunch

Night Dinner

**Dinner included**

Dinner in the hotel

Night

Hotel: Charm Of Cappadocia Cave Suites; Uchisar Kaya Otel; similar

## Day 5

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Morning Breakfast

**Breakfast Included**

Breakfast in the hotel

All day

Today we will first go to the Özkonak Underground City. Cappadocia has many unexpected natural wonders, but the underground city is the most famous so far. Then we will head to the Red Valley, whose breathtaking scenery and vibrant colors attract many tourists. Next, we will arrive at the Pigeon Valley. Afterwards, we will visit Aşıklar Vadisi, whose rock layers have been carved and eroded by nature for millions of years. Finally, we will head to the jewelry store.

**Itinerary:**

**Özkonak Underground City (60 mins) → Red Valley (30 mins) → Pigeon Valley (30 mins) → Aşıklar Vadisi (30 mins) → Jewelry store (60 mins)**

Recommended optional activities:

1. Hot air balloon flight;
2. Appreciating belly dance performances at cave restaurants.

All day

**Özkonak Underground City**

Cappadocia is filled with surprises by mother nature! Underground cities are by far the most jaw-dropping. They are hidden beneath the moonscape topography of this magical region and there are 36 total underground cities. For centuries, these magnificent structures have hosted Cappadocians and provided them with a haven from those who sought their destruction.

### **Red Valley**

Red Valley is Cappadocia's most beautiful natural wonder. Surreal rock formations, pinkish-red colors, and ancient cave churches make Red Valley a top destination in Cappadocia.

### **Cappadocia, Pigeon Valley**

Pigeon Valley earned its name from the countless man-made dovecotes (Pigeon Houses) that have been carved into the soft volcanic tuff. While pigeons no longer play such an important role in the area, their rocky homes have still been maintained by locals.

### **Aşıklar Vadisi**

Located in the heart of Cappadocia in Turkey, the Aşıklar Vadisi (also known as Göreme Valley) is a unique geological wonder that draws visitors from all over the world. This valley is known for its distinctive phallic-shaped rock formations, which have been sculpted by natural erosion over millions of years. These formations are not only a stunning sight to behold but also hold significant historical and cultural importance.

Afternoon Lunch

**Lunch included**

Night Dinner

**Dinner included**

Dinner in the hotel

Night

Hotel: Charm Of Cappadocia Cave Suites; Uchisar Kaya Otel; similar

## **Day 6**

### **Cappadocia - Vehicle - Konya**

Morning Breakfast

**Breakfast Included**



Breakfast in the hotel

All day

Today, we will drive to Konya, the capital of ancient Türkiye in the 13th century. Konya is located in central Türkiye and is one of the oldest urban centers in the world. It was the birthplace of whirling dance. Then, we will visit Mevlana Müzesi, which is the most historically and culturally valuable attraction in Konya.

**Itinerary:**

**Cappadocia → Konya → Mevlana Müzesi (100 mins)**

All day

**Mevlana Müzesi**

The core structure of Mevlana Dergah is Hazrat Mahdi (as). It is the tomb of Mevlana. The mausoleum was built in 1274. After it is stated in the sources that a dervish lodge was built next to the tomb of Prophet Mevlana right after his reunion with Hakk, these structures have not reached the present day. Other structures of the lodge, semahane, masjid, dedegan cells, kitchen, and fountain were built in the 16th century.

Afternoon Lunch

**Lunch included**

Night Dinner

**Dinner included**

Dinner in the hotel

Night

Hotel: Grand Hotel Konya; similar

**Day 7**

**Konya - Vehicle - Pamukkale**

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Morning Breakfast

**Breakfast Included**

Breakfast in the hotel

All day

After breakfast, we will drive to Pamukkale and enjoy a local lunch upon our arrival! After lunch, we will visit Pamukkale, the famous resort area of Türkiye's natural wonders! Following, we will visit the ruins of the ancient city of Hierapolis. After dinner, we will stay at the hotel to rest.

#### **Itinerary:**

#### **Pamukkale and Hierapolis (2 hours)**

All day

#### **Pamukkale**

Pamukkale, meaning "cotton castle" in Turkish, is a natural site in Denizli Province in southwestern Türkiye. The area is famous for a carbonate mineral that was left by the flowing of thermal spring water. It was added as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988 with Hierapolis.

#### **Hierapolis**

The sacred Hierapolis of Phrygia is one of the antique cities of the Aegean! It was placed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1988. One of the most important sights of Hierapolis Türkiye is an ancient theater that is located on the hillside. The building is constructed of solid rock and the overall height of its steps is about one hundred meters. Fifty rows separated by walkways on seven sectors are seats for spectators. After the completion of the constructions works, the theater could accommodate about ten thousand people. Here you can also see the Hierapolis ruins of the Temple of Apollo.

Afternoon Lunch

#### **Lunch included**

Night Dinner

#### **Dinner included**

Dinner in the hotel

Night

Hotel: Pamukkale Kaya Thermal Spa Hotel; Pam Thermal Hotel Clinic & Spa; similar

## Day 8

Pamukkale - Vehicle - Kusadasi

Morning Breakfast

### Breakfast Included

Breakfast in the hotel

All day

Today, we will go to Kusadasi (Bird Island), a resort on the Aegean Sea at the western end of Türkiye. After lunch, we will visit the ancient city of Ephesus, which is still very well preserved. Then we will drive to the small mountain town of Sirince! It is located 9 kilometers away from the eastern outskirts of Seljuk Province. Following, we can stroll along the Aegean Sea and enjoy the sunset.

### Itinerary:

**Ephesus** (120 mins) → **Sirince** (90 mins) → **Kusadasi free time**

All day

### Ephesus

### Sirince

Şirince is a special little village filled with a fun history! It offers beautiful views, wonderful food, hospitality, and so much more. It's perhaps the perfect synthesis of a traditional Turkish village and traditional Greek village.

Afternoon Lunch

### Lunch included

Night Dinner

### Dinner included

Dinner in the hotel

Night

Hotel: Elite World Kuşadası; Le Bleu Hotel & Resort Kusadasi; similar

## Day 9

Kusadasi - Vehicle - Izmir - Vehicle - Canakkale

Morning Breakfast

**Breakfast Included**

Breakfast in the hotel

All day

Today, we will drive to the ancient port by the Dardanelles - Canakra (the ancient city of Troy). Here, we will visit the magnificent Big Trojan Horse and the historical relics of the ancient city of Troy! This city was based on a piece of historical relic that has been passed down through the ages. It is best described by the blind poet Homer - the Trojan Horse Massacre.

**Itinerary:**

**Kusadasi → Izmir → Ancient city of Troy (60 mins)**

All day

**Ancient city of Troy**

The ancient city of Troy is known by many as a historical and architectural masterpiece of Türkiye. It is also known as the setting of the Greek myth at the trojan war.

Afternoon Lunch

**Lunch included**

Night Dinner

**Dinner included**

Dinner in the hotel

Night

Hotel: Kolin Hotel Spa & Convention Center; similar

**Day 10**

**Canakkale - Vehicle - İstanbul**

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Morning Breakfast

**Include breakfast**

All day

Today we will travel from Canakkale to Istanbul. Visit Taksim Square, located in the city center and considered the heart of modern Istanbul, and then head south to Istiklal Avenue, which is lined with buildings of historical and political significance and is known as Istanbul's "Champs Elysees".

**Itinerary:**

**Canakkale → İstanbul → Taksim square & İstiklal Caddesi (2 hours) → Dolmabahce Palace (Optional)**

All day

**Taksim square**

Taksim Square is the largest square in Istanbul. It is located in the center of the new urban area of Istanbul. In addition to its high altitude, it is also an important transportation hub in the new urban area and a bustling commercial street in Istanbul. In the south of the square, there stands a circular independent monument to commemorate the founder of the 20th century Republic of Turkey, Kemal.

**İstiklal Caddesi**

İstiklal Caddesi in the historic Beyoğlu (Pera) district in Istanbul, Turkey. It is one of the most famous avenues in the city. It acquired its modern name after the declaration of the Republic on 29 October 1923, İstiklal (Independence) commemorating Turkey's triumph in its War of Independence. The street starts at the northern end of Galata (the medieval Genoese quarter) at Tünel Square and runs as far as Taksim Square. İstiklal Avenue is flanked by late Ottoman era buildings (mostly from the 19th and early 20th centuries) in a variety of styles including Neo-Classical, Neo-Gothic, Renaissance Revival, Beaux-Arts, Art Nouveau and First Turkish National Architecture.

**Dolmabahce Palace**

The Dolmabahce Palace, built during the decline of the Ottoman Empire, is the largest palace building in Turkey and the final glory of the Ottoman Empire. The palace architecture combines the architectural styles of Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassicism and the Ottoman Empire. It has been meticulously carved from the inside to the outside, demonstrating the majesty and luxury of the royal family. Therefore, it has become one of the most famous royal palaces in the world.

Afternoon Lunch

**Lunch included**

Night Dinner

## Dinner included

Night

Hotel: Nova Plaza Prime Hotel; similar

## Day 11

### Istanbul

Morning Breakfast

#### Include breakfast

All day

Today, you will visit the Grand Bazaar, an important trade center with a long history in Istanbul, and then go to the Egyptian market with a wide variety of spices. Then you will visit the Gadara Tower, which has survived many wars and earthquakes and still stands tall in the Golden Horn. After the trip to the Gadara Tower, you will go to the Bosphorus to take a cruise to truly experience "Europe on the left hand and Asia on the right hand". The itinerary will ends with a visit to the shopping mall.

#### Itinerary:

**Grand Bazaar**(90min) → **Egyptian Bazaar**(60min) → **Galata Kulesi**(Non-internal visit, 20min) → **Bosporus Strait**→(Day trip including boat ticket, 90min) → **Mall of Istanbul, Olivium Outlet Center or Forum Istanbul** (120 mins)

All day

#### Grand Bazaar

With a history of more than five hundred years, Grand Bazaar is an important trade center of Istanbul and Turkey. Though its contemporaries are now used as a museum, the Grand Bazaar continues to be a frequently visited place for many people, still maintaining the importance of the first day. The Grand Bazaar has 22 gates, includes bazaars where valuable goods are sold and workshops where production is continued. A great majority of these shops are selling carpets, jewelry, leather products, touristic goods and textile products. The guild system and the Ahi tradition, which were part of the Ottoman Empire's government system and controlled the opening of a defined number of shops according to the needs, were applied in the Grand Bazaar during the Ottoman period. The roof restoration and infrastructural repairs of the Grand Bazaar were started in 2016 with the contributions of Governor's Office of Istanbul, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and Fatih Municipality, and the restoration of the Grand Bazaar was completed after 603 working days. The Grand Bazaar is rushed by local and foreign tourists and a popular destination for those who visit Istanbul, is visited by averagely 150 thousand people a day, and this figure may rise to 300 thousand in summer.

### **Egyptian Bazaar**

Istanbul's Egyptian (Spice) Bazaar, at the southern end of the Galata Bridge near the Eminönü ferry docks, is filled with the fragrance of the exotic East. Spices, dried fruits, cheeses, sausages, jams, nuts and seeds, lokum (Turkish Delight) and other edibles fill most of the shops, though jewelry and other high-margin goods have begun to move in.

### **Galata Kulesi**

The Galata Kulesi is a medieval Genoese tower in the Galata part of the Beyoğlu district of Istanbul, Turkey. Built as a watchtower at the highest point of the mostly demolished Walls of Galata. The tower is now an exhibition space and museum, and a symbol of Beyoğlu and Istanbul. In 1875, the tower's conical roof was destroyed during a storm. It remained without this roof for the rest of the Ottoman period but, many years later, during restoration work between 1965 and 1967, the conical roof was reconstructed. At the same time the tower's wooden interior was replaced with a concrete structure and it was opened to the public. In 2020 the Tower was splendidly restored then reopened as a museum now open for the public and the many tourists visiting Istanbul. It is mainly popular for the 360-degree view of Istanbul visible from its observation deck.

### **Bosporus Strait**

Bosporus Strait is an internationally well-known water strait! It is a significant waterway located in Northwestern Türkiye. It is truly unique because it separates Anatolia from Thrace.

Afternoon Lunch

**Lunch included**

Night Dinner

**Dinner included**

Night

Hotel: Nova Plaza Prime Hotel; similar

## **Day 12**

**Istanbul - Airplane - Home**

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Morning Breakfast

**Include breakfast**

All day

Today we will end our pleasant trip to Turkey. You can book a suitable flight to leave Istanbul Airport (IST) according to your needs.

We provide a drop-off service from the hotel at 9:00 am; if the guest's flight is early and needs to leave the hotel for the airport before 9 am, the tour guide can help the guest get a taxi.

#### Cost Description

##### Cost includes

1. Eleven nights Türkiye Hotel.
2. Hotel includes ABF buffet breakfasts.
3. 1 bottled water per day.
4. Chinese-speaking tour guide.
5. Vehicle using for the itinerary. (The type of vehicle used is determined based on the actual number of guests.).
6. Service fees.

##### Cost excludes

1. **Mandatory Fee: \$500 per person, please pay for this when you place the order. Include: Admission tickets list on the itinerary and 20 meals.**
2. Flight tickets, taxes, visa fees and passport processing fees.



2. Person fees such as laundry, haircut, telephone, fax, pay TV, drinks, tips and any additional expenses inside the hotel.

3. Any personal expenses that are not listed in the Fees Included.

#### Extra expense

Item name	Days	Price description	Description
Hot air balloon ride	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Everyone: \$280.00;	1. The hot air balloon project is relatively popular. It is recommended to book together when booking the tour. Once booked, it cannot be cancelled. 2. If the hot air balloon cannot take off due to the weather in Cappadocia, we will arrange it in Pamukkale. If Pamukkale cannot take off due to weather, a full refund will be arranged.
Belly dance show	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Everyone: \$80.00;	
Dolmabahce Palace	Tour guide arranges	Everyone: \$60.00;	Including round-trip transportation +

	according itinerary		Admission tickets + tour guide's introduction.
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