

3 Days ISTANBUL KUSADASI – EPHESUS – PRIENE – MILETOS – DIDYMA TOUR

Tour Code : EPS8

Highlights : Kusadasi – ephesus- The House of Mary – Priene – Miletos – Didyma – The Temple Apollon

Tour Days : Everyday (According the available weather conditions)

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Istanbul - Kusadasi

Morning Flight to Izmir Airport for Kusadasi Istanbul to Izmir direct flights every day.

Arrival and meeting with guide at the Izmir Airport just outside the arrival's gate with a sign bearing your name. Transfer to Kusadasi 65 Km .

Kusadasi is one of the most popular touristic resort in Turkey. After check in to your hotel, explore Kuşadası in your free time. You can visit the historical caravanserai, the excellent bazaar, the Pigeon Island Castle. Enjoy the finest fish and sea products of the Aegean Sea and delicious Aegean appetizers. Don't forget to enjoy your wine while watching the sunset in Kusadasi. Overnight in Kusadasi. (B)

DAY 2 – Ephesus

After breakfast driving to Ephesus from Kusadasi We visiting Ephesus - one of the best-preserved classical cities in the eastern Mediterranean and a great example of Roman architecture. When you walk on marble street of Ephesus like by Cleopatra and Mark Antony, feel privilege your self. Within Ephesus you will be seeing **Harbour Street**, the Marble Street, **Ephesus Grand Theater** which is capacity seating for 25,000 persons, the gate of Mihridates and Mazues, Commercial Agora, latrina, the Scolastica Baths, , the **Hercules gate**, the famous **Celsus Library**, Trajan Fountain, Curetes Street, Polio Fountain, Memnius Monument, the Temple of Domitian, **Temple of Hadrian**, the Prytaneion, the State Agora and Odeon. End of Ephesus Ancient city tour visit Artemision Temple

Temple of Artemis : Temple of Artemis is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. In a flat area of first ancient Ephesus, centuries later it became a big bog. Because of Meander river aluvions destroyed Artemis Temple. Today there are the remains of the foundations of this wonderful hellenistic structure. After being destroyed and rebuilt in the second century, the Temple of Artemis was again demolished by earthquakes and was finally dismissed from the Goths. The most beautiful marble remains of this Artemision temple are on display at the British Museum in London since the long years.

Lunch break in a local restaurant. After Lunch, visiting the House of Virgin Maria.

House of Virgin Mary is located on the top of the "Bulbul" mountain 8 km from Ephesus, Virgin Mary may have spent her last years at the Bulbul hill. She have come in this area together with Saint John, who spent several years in the area to spread Christianity. During the visiting you may feel the mystical holly atmosphere around Virgin Maria's house area.

The end of the tour visit leather fabric outlet magazin on request. Arrivel and overnight in your hotel at Kusadasi (B.L.)

DAY 2 – Priene – Miletos - Didyma

After breakfast departure to Priene 35 Km from Kusadasi The tour begins in the ancient city of Priene.

Priene was an ancient port city. But now it is located on the slopes of Mykale Mountain and 16 km

from the sea. Priene is the world's first planned city with clean water canals and waterways beneath its marble-covered streets with sequential houses on either side of the planned avenue and side streets. This 2,500-year-old Ionian city was among the first to be planned with a grid system of streets. You see the Temple of Athena, the roman baths, the well preserved Hellenistic Theatre, the gymnasium and the Temples of Asclepius, Isis, Serapis and Anubis.

The view of the vast plain and the mountains in the shadow of the Priene **Athena Polias Temple** columns overlooking the Soke plain and the Meander river is an incredible joy.

The tour then moves onto the ruins of Miletos 12 Km from Priene.

Miletos ; The world's largest maritime war in 434 BC was between the Persians and the Milesians in the vicinity of the island of Lade near the city of Miletos. 370 Navy ships participated in the war and the Persian Navy won the war and the Persians burned and plundered the city.

Our tour then moves onto the ruins of Miletos, Here you can explore the ancient theater, built around the 4th century BC, 15,000 capacity. You will visit **Miletos Museum** , Serapis Temple and the well-preserved Bath of Faustina - named after the wife of Marcus Aurelius - who ordered its construction. There is a 20 Km sacred road between the Temple of Serapis in Miletus and the **Temple of Apollo** in Didim. The people of Miletos would go to the temple of Apollo in the sacred way during antiquity period. Today a small part of the sacred road is unearthed. Visit Miletos Museum because the main collection of artefacts resides in Miletos museum.

Finally the **Miletos tour** moves to Didyma, which was once connected to Miletos. Arrivel and Take a lunch in Lochal restaurant near the Apollon Temple.

Didyma ; Nowadays, Didyma is a tourism center with golden sand beach. **The Temple of Artemis** has remained as a religious center since it was founded, it has never been a settlement where the people lived. Didyma is Originally an ancient Greek sanctuary. Didyma is referring to Apollo and Artemis and was connected to Miletus by a sacred road. The sacred road was 20 km and marble covering. The original Didyma temple was destroyed and looted by Persian King Darius 1 of Persia in 494 BC. Afterwards the Milesians build again a new Hellenistic temple in 313 BC. Modern experts believe, **Apollon temple** is enormous and impressive structure is the third largest temple of the of thr Hellenistic period.

At the end of the tour moves to Izmir airport 142 Km / 1.45 Hours. After transfer to Izmir airport to take the evening flight and landing to Istanbul meet with your guide transfer to your hotel.

PRICES

Private Tour Prices Rates are based on per person. Share in double room.

Person	Person	Person	Person	Person	Person
2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12
520 €	429 €	357 €	326 €	309 €	298 €

- Single supplement : 55 EURO
- Children 0 – 2,99 ages are free, 3 – 6 years old % 50 over 7 years old is full payment.
- Private tour guide can be other language on request.
- Please kindly contact us for your group requests
- Private tour guide will be other language on request.

Prices includes

- Domestic Flight 2 ways - **Istanbul – Izmir – Istanbul** in the program
- Transfer pick-up and drop back to your hotel to Istanbul Airport
- Izmir Airport – Kusadasi – Izmir Airport Transfer.
- 2 night Accomodation Half Board in Kusadasi in Hotel 4*
- All Entrance Fees the sides and museum.

- Ephesus Tour
- Priene – Miletos – Didyma Tour
- Parking fees.
- Professional and experienced licensed guide during the tours.
- 2 Lunch in a Local Restaurant.

Prices Excluding

- Personal Expences
- Beverages
- Tips to Gude and Driver.

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