

5 Days ISTANBUL to PERGAMON - EPHEBUS – KUSADASI - P.M.D. – BODRUM - PAMUKKALE

Tour Code : EPS11

Tour Days : Everyday (According the available weather conditions)

Highlights : Izmir – Pergamon – Kusadasi –Ephesus – Pamukkale.

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DAY 1 – Pergamon – İzmir - Kusadasi

Early Morning Flight from Istanbul to Izmir Airport (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.

Departure to Pergamon 135 Km – 1.45 hour.

Pergamon was one of the important settlements of Misya region in ancient times. Bergama's history dates back to the seventh century BC. It was the capital of the Kingdom of Pergamon in 282-133 BC.

The Temple of Zeus, the Temple of Dionysus, the Temple of Athena, the Temple of Demeter, the famous Pergamon Library of 200,000 rolls, theater, gymnasium, king palaces, Traian Temple, waterways, fountains, cisterns and arsenals are world famous monuments built at the hill.

The Acropolis, which is the administrative center of the city, The Altar of Zeus, excavated during the Bergama excavations, is now on display at the Pergamon Museum in Berlin. Bergama Theater is the world's steepest theater (about 68 degrees). Capacity 10,000 people.

We have a lunch in a local restaurant

the Red Basilica (St. Johns Church). It is one of the sites of the **Seven Churches** of revalion.

At the end of the tour we departure to Kusadasi 198 Km 2,45 Hour. Overnight at *hotel in Kusadasi* (B.L.D)

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 marbel street of Ephesus like by Cleopatra and Mark Antony, feel privilege your selve. 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. 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.D)

DAY 3 – Priene – Miletos – Didyma – Bodrum

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 Apollon** 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. Arrive 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 Apollon** 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 the Hellenistic period.

At the end of the tour moves to Bodrum 115 Km / 1.30 Hour. Arrive and overnight in your *hotel at Bodrum.* (B.L.D)

DAY 4 – Bodrum - Pamukkale

Bodrum tour; World renowned Bodrum is one of Turkey's most popular holiday destinations. It has an important place in the world tourism with its entertainment life and excellent hotels International Yacht harbor where luxury yachts are accommodated. After our ancient Bodrum tour, you can stroll through the luxury yachts at the marina. You can drink your coffee in a stylish café, or shop in stylish stores.

The city was called Halicarnassus of Caria in ancient times and was famous for housing the Mausoleum of Mausolus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Bodrum Castle, built by the Knights Hospitaller in the 15th century, overlooks the harbour and the marina. Visit St. Peter's Castle, the Myndos Gate, the Roman Amphitheater,

Begin our Bodrum tour at the ancient Bodrum Crusader Castle, the castle now houses Turkey's Museum of Underwater Archeology, which holds treasures that have been excavated from Turkish waters. you'll see many relics of Bodrum's ancient past during Bodrum tour.

The Museum of Underwater Archaeology is home to the world's oldest known shipwrecks. See the Glass Wrecks, late Bronze Age shipwrecks and the amphoras, which were used for transporting and storing olive oil and wine.

Next visit the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World. The

mausoleum was built in 355 B.C. by Artemisia, the sister and wife of King Mausolos. The historical windmills are quite interest standing near the Bodrum harbor. **The windmills** were in use from the 18th century until the 1970s.

There are 2 surviving gate to entrance to ancient Halicarnassus. the **Myndos Gate**, built by King Mausolus in the 4th century. This is the only surviving gate of the 2 original entrances to ancient Halicarnassus.

visit the Ancient Theater of Halicarnassus, which builded to the 4th century B.C. Enjoy to see to Bodrum's wonderful view while to seat on the steps of the theater. Get a Lunch in a lochal restaurant in bodrum and continiu to Pamukkale 255 Km / 3.45 hours. Arrivel and overnight in your Thermal *hotel at Pamukkale*. (B.L.D)

DAY 5 – Pamukkale

After breakfast **Hierapolis tour** is starting, you discover the travertine terraces and the Hierapolis by passing the Roman Gate, the ancient Pamukkale Theater, the path between the heroic tombs. The really important thing about this region is the huge necropolis and the remains of many of the patients who came to heal in their thermal waters were buried here and were not successful. Each tomb tells a story and is a small work of art. The travertine terraces in Pamukkale fly with carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide since thermal waters flowing for millions of years have passed through air. Passengers who wish to swim in the thousands of years old Ancient Cleopatra thermal pool. **(entance to the pool is exstra)**. We're having lunch in a local restaurant . After lunch drive to Laodicea 5 Km.

Laodicea; we are visiting the ancient city of **Laodicea**. Visit this church where one of the **Holy Seven Church** is here. Excavations still continue in Laodicea and an ancient city as beautiful as Ephesus is emerging. Ancient theaters, marble paths and row columns on both sides of this road, recently uncovered basilica ruins, antique stone water pipes, temple, agora, monumental fountain. (B.L.)

At the end of the tour Transfer to Denizli Cardak airport 62 Km / 45 minutes or Izmir Airport 235 Km 3 Hours. 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
1.275 €	967 €	720 €	614 €	556 €	518 €

- Single supplement : **102 EURO**
- Children 0 - 7 years old % 60 over 8 years old is full payment.
- Private tour guide can be other language on request.
- Please kindly contact us for your group requests

Prices including

- Domestic Flight 2 ways - **Istanbul – Izmir – Denizli - Istanbul** in the program
- Transfer pick-up and drop back to your hotel to Istanbul Airport
- Izmir Airport – Kusadasi – Izmir or Pamukkale – Denizli Airport Transfer.
- 2 night accomodation Half Board in Kusadasi.
- 1 night accomodation Half Board in Bodrum.

- 1 night accomodation Half Board in Pamukkale
- All Entrance Fees the sides and museum.
- 4 Lunch in a Local Restaurant.
- Pergamon tour
- Ephesus Tour
- Priene – Miletos – Didyma Tour
- Bodrum Tour
- Pamukkale Tour
- High way, parking fees.
- Professional and experienced licensed guide during the tours.

Prices Excluding

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

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