



BEST OF TURKEY

14 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 24 MEALS | FROM US\$1695pp*

TAKE A LEISURELY JAUNT THROUGH TURKEY TO VISIT THE EXTRAORDINARY EXCAVATIONS AT EPHEBUS, THE UNDERGROUND CITY OF SARHATLI ON THE ANCIENT SILK ROAD AND ISTANBUL'S BUSTLING CITY MARKETS.

THE *Icons*

CITY TOUR in Istanbul

VISIT the Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Anzac Cove and the War Cemeteries at Gallipoli, the ancient ruins of Troy, the Asclepion Medical Centre at Pergamon, the ancient city of Ephesus, the Virgin Mary's House at Ephesus, the Cotton Castle Springs in Pamukkale, the Archaeological Museum in Antalya, the Roman cities at Perge and Aspendos, the home of the Whirling Dervishes at Konya, the underground city of Saratli, Göreme Open Air Museum and the Museum of Anatolian Civilisation at Ankara

VIEW the Wooden Horse at Troy



Lanterns, Istanbul

YOUR *Holiday*

DAY

1 ARRIVE ISTANBUL (2 NIGHTS) Stand at the ancient crossroads between Europe and Asia, embarking on a journey of discovery through ancient lands and the marauding empires who fought to rule it. Arriving in vibrant Istanbul, you will be transferred to your hotel before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a memorable Welcome Reception to kick off your epic adventure. **(WR)**
Hotel: Crowne Plaza Old City

2 ISTANBUL SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Gain insights into the Ottoman Empire's power during your guided tour of the Topkapı Palace, the Hippodrome and the Blue Mosque, then consider an optional cruise navigating the waters of the Bosphorous. 'Dive Into Culture' this afternoon, with a visit to the Grand Bazaar. **(B, 🍷)**

3 ISTANBUL – GALLIPOLI – ÇANAĞKALE Pay tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives at Gallipoli – the national pride of two nations, the Turkish and Australians, were awakened at the site of the bloody WWI battlefields and are commemorated to this day. See Anzac Cove and Dardanelles, and visit the cemeteries of Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair, the final resting place of many Allied soldiers. We continue to Çanağkale where we dine at our hotel tonight. **(B, D) Hotel: Kolin**

4 ÇANAĞKALE – TROY – PERGAMON – IZMIR (2 NIGHTS) Explore the legends of Troy and see the symbolic replica of the famous Wooden Horse the Greeks used to break their siege of this ancient city. Visit the ancient Asclepion Medical Centre in the city of Pergamon before retiring in seaside Izmir this evening, where we'll dine at our hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Mövenpick**

5 EXCURSION TO EPHEBUS AND THE HOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY Stroll through the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, past the amazingly intact façade of the Library of Celsus and down to what was once its thriving port. See the House of Virgin Mary at Mt. Koresos then spend the rest of the day at leisure. This evening, you may consider joining an optional dinner at a local restaurant in Izmir and indulge in some of the local raki. **(B)**

6 IZMIR PAMUKKALE FREE TIME Leave the coastal city of Izmir behind as you journey inland to Pamukkale. Relax and enjoy the blissful thermal pools at your hotel before dinner. **(B, D) Hotel: Richmond Thermal**

7 PAMUKKALE – HIEROPOLIS – ANTALYA (2 NIGHTS) Visit Hieropolis, then admire the bubbling pools and delicate white cascades of water of Pamukkale's Cotton Castle Springs. Later, we join the Yazir community where we'll 'Connect With Locals' over Be My Guest lunch. Our stop for the next two nights is the Mediterranean retreat of Antalya. **(B, BMG, RD, 🍷) Hotel: Rixos Downtown**

8 PERGE EXCURSION Enjoy a free morning on the Turkish Riviera. This afternoon, we travel to the Roman city of Perge to visit the impressive Antalya Archaeological Museum. Your evening

is free to find an inviting *meyhane* for some local chit chat and delicious flavours of kebab and baklava. **(B)**

9 ANTALYA – ASPENDOS – KONYA Witness the world's best-preserved theatre of antiquity in Aspendos, before continuing to Konya, for insights into the Whirling Dervish sect. Continue to the Karatay Tile Museum. **(B, D) Hotel: Dedeman**

10 KONYA – CAPPADOCIA (2 NIGHTS) See a well-preserved 13th-century caravanseray. Then, journey to Cappadocia and the underground city of Sarhatli. This evening, indulge in the flavours of traditional pottery kebabs during a Regional Dinner. Tonight we stay in one of Trafalgar's 'Stays With Stories', located alongside the ancient Ortahisar rock castle. **(B, RD, 🍷) Hotel: Dilek Kaya**

11 GÖREME EXCURSION The other-worldly landscapes of Cappadocia take centre stage today as we explore its volcanic landscape dotted with caves and troglodyte dwellings. We visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum to admire the extraordinary rock-hewn churches and learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos before dining in our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

12 CAPPADOCIA – ANKARA We visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations and the final resting place of the country's beloved Atatürk in Ankara. **(B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza**

13 ANKARA – ISTANBUL FREE TIME Returning to Istanbul, visit the Hagia Sophia then enjoy the rest of the day on our own. Delve into the depths of the Basilica Cistern, savour the intoxicating smells of the Spice Market or ascend Galata Tower for exquisite views of east and west. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow companions for a memorable Farewell Dinner. **(B, FD) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Old City**

14 DEPART ISTANBUL We bid Istanbul a fond farewell. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(B)**

MORE ABOUT YOUR *Trip*

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Shared Rooming: Room Share is available on this trip.

Airport transfers: Complimentary transfers will be provided for guests who have provided Trafalgar with their flight details and are staying in an Istanbul hotel booked by Trafalgar.

Itinerary: Some departures may operate in reverse. Included sightseeing will not be affected. If Sarhatli is unavailable, an alternative underground city may be visited instead.

Important Visa Information: Visas may be required for this trip. Please speak with your Travel Agent when making your reservation to assess your specific requirements.

TRIP CODE: WBOT

Connect With Locals
 WR Welcome Reception
 B Breakfast
 Stays With Stories
 L Lunch
 D Dinner

Dive Into Culture
 RD Regional Dinner
 FD Farewell Dinner
 Make A Difference
 BMG Be My Guest

YOUR HOLIDAY *Planner*

PricePP			PricePP		
Start	End	Twin Share	Start	End	Twin Share
SU 03 NOV	SA 16 NOV	1695	+ SU 09 FEB	SA 22 FEB	1695
SU 15 DEC	SA 28 DEC	1695	+ SU 01 MAR	SA 14 MAR	1695
q SU 22 DEC	SA 04 JAN 2020	1825	SU 08 MAR	SA 21 MAR	1695
SU 05 JAN	SA 18 JAN	1695	SU 15 MAR	SA 28 MAR	1695
+ SU 26 JAN	SA 08 FEB	1695	SU 22 MAR	SA 04 APR	1695
			SU 29 MAR	SA 11 APR	1695

Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$530 p.p.

q New Year's Eve Highlights: Departure 22 December 2019 departure will toast New Year's Eve in Cappadocia. Please note Christmas is not celebrated in Turkey.

9 Special Rate Solo Rooming: These departures include 20-100% discount on our standard single supplement. Please see trafalgar.com for pricing.

★ Young traveller discount: SAVE US\$170

★ Triple room discount: SAVE US\$20 p.p.

★ Multiple trip discount: SAVE up to US\$46

★ Past guests: Unlock VIP benefits

TRIP *Highlights*

Here's just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Enjoy a Be My Guest lunch with the Yazir community in the Taurus Mountains near Antalya. **(Day 7)**

STAYS WITH STORIES

Located alongside the ancient Ortahisar rock castle, the rooms at Dilek Kaya Hotel are hewn out of the surrounding rock. **(Day 10)**

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Haggle for souvenirs at Istanbul's Grand Bazaar one of the largest covered markets in the world with 60 streets and over 5,000 shops. **(Day 2)**

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