

14 Day 5-Star Türkiye (Turkey) Explorer with Cappadocia

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AVG Travel Trusted Partner Tour	Small Group Tour Max 24 Travellers	5-star Hotels
English-speaking Travel Director	International Flights Included	

Day by Day Itinerary

Istanbul, Cappadocia, Konya, Antalya, Pamukkale, Ephesus, İzmir, Troy, Çanakkale

HIGHLIGHTS

- Be guided through **Istanbul**, visiting; the Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and having your own time to explore the Grand Bazaar
- Immerse yourself amongst the fairy-chimneys at the **Goreme Open-Air Museum** – weather pending, you have the opportunity for hot air ballooning whilst here (additional cost)
- Explore the ancient ruins of Pamphylia, near **Antalya**
- Walk in the shallow pools of Pamukkale’s travertines before touring **Hierapolis**
- Be amazed by the history and preservation of **Ephesus**
- Witness the ruins of the once glorious city of **Troy**
- Tour the battlefields of **Gallipoli** including, ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine, Johnston’s Jolly Cemetery, Ari Burnu and Chunuk Bair Cemetery to name a few

ITINERARY

Day 1: Home -

Depart home today, en route to Türkiye (Turkey) – straddling Europe and Asia, this country is steeped in history and natural beauty.

Meals: In-flight

Accommodation: In-transit

Day 2: - Arrive Istanbul, Türkiye (Turkey)

Welcome to Istanbul!

On arrival into Istanbul International Airport (IST), upon entering into the arrivals hall, you will be met by a local representative and transferred to your accommodation.

Spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

In the afternoon, join the welcome meeting at the hotel lobby with your fellow travellers and Tour Director. Greet

the diverse and incredibly tasteful Turkish cuisine tonight on a group dinner (at your own cost), make sure to leave room for delicious desserts.

Meals: In-flight

Accommodation: Hilton Hotel Bosphorus 5* or similar

Day 3: Istanbul - Cappadocia

After breakfast today, we'll head to the airport for our flight to Cappadocia. This renowned region in Türkiye (Turkey) is known for its breathtaking landscapes, featuring incredible caves and fairy chimneys—unique formations of eroded volcanic rock and tuff. Our adventure begins in Avanos, celebrated for its premium clay, where you'll participate in an interactive pottery-making workshop.

After a day of cultural exploration, unwind at your hotel and enjoy dinner with your group.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos 5* or similar

Day 4: Cappadocia

Spend this morning at your leisure.

If the optional activity of hot-air ballooning (bookable on tour – approx. €250pp) doesn't interest you, we recommend finding a cafe with a rooftop to watch the spectacular scene of the balloons.

Later, immerse yourself in one of Türkiye's (Turkey's) most esteemed traditional crafts with a visit to a carpet-weaving workshop. In the evening, you can unwind at your hotel with dinner, reflecting on the day's experiences. Alternatively, you might choose to attend a live whirling dervishes performance, an unforgettable display of spiritual ritual, or partake in an optional wine tasting session or Turkish Night show (bookable on tour – approx. €40pp).

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos 5* or similar

Day 5: Cappadocia - Konya

Begin your day with an unforgettable visit to the renowned underground city of Kaymakli, where ancient Christians sought refuge from raids and wars for centuries. Explore the intricate network of underground tunnels, storerooms, burial chambers, and chapels that span various historical periods. This unique site reflects the influence of different civilizations and cultures over thousands of years, offering a truly exceptional experience for travellers. The journey then proceeds to Konya, the city of the famous whirling dervishes, who are members of the Sufi order. Here you will have the opportunity to see a Whirling Dervishes performance (bookable on tour – approx. €30pp).

Afterward, relax at your hotel with dinner and reflect on the day's discoveries.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Dedeman Konya Hotel 5* or similar

Day 6: Konya - Antalya

Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Turkish culture today. Start by visiting the Karatay Madrasa, an 8th-century centre of education renowned for its architectural beauty. Next, explore the Museum and Mausoleum of Mevlana, also known as Rumi, a celebrated scholar, poet, and theologian from the 13th century. Delve into his profound teachings on understanding and acceptance that continue to resonate today. In the afternoon, enjoy the fresh sea breeze as we drive to Antalya.

We'll pause for lunch at a charming local restaurant (at your own expense) before arriving at our hotel late in the afternoon. Antalya, a popular seaside resort, boasts stunning beaches and exceptional service.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Ramada Plaza Antalya 5* or similar

Day 7: Antalya

Today, we'll start our journey at Perge, located 15 km east of Antalya, where you'll find the impressive ruins of the ancient city of Pamphylia. The acropolis here features remarkable mosaics dating back to the Bronze Age. A short drive away is Aspendos, Perge's sister city, renowned for its remarkably well-preserved ancient theatre. Imagine an amphitheatre that has remained in exceptional condition for over 2,000 years, with a capacity of 12,000 and acoustics that are as impressive today as ever.

After this extraordinary exploration, we'll return to Antalya to unwind and relax.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Ramada Plaza Antalya 5* or similar

Day 8: Antalya - Pamukkale

This morning, we'll journey inland to our hotel at Pamukkale, Türkiye's (Turkey's) "Cotton Castle." Here, you can stroll through shallow pools of mineral-rich waters, surrounded by stunning terraces of white travertine. Known for its therapeutic properties, Pamukkale has attracted countless visitors over the centuries. Explore the ancient city of Hierapolis, where you can marvel at the grand amphitheatre, which accommodates 15,000 people and boasts remarkable acoustics.

Afterward, unwind and enjoy the spa or massage services at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Doga Thermal Health & Spa 5* or similar

Day 9: Pamukkale - Ephesus - İzmir

This morning, we'll drive to the remarkable ruins of ancient Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Take a leisurely walk through this exceptionally well-preserved ancient city and admire the impressive library.

A short drive from these wonders will bring us to the house of the Virgin Mary in the mountains, where it is believed she spent her final days.

Next, enjoy a culinary experience at a charming countryside restaurant known for its delicious Gozleme (at your own expense).

After this cultural journey, we'll arrive at our seaside hotel in İzmir, where you can fully immerse yourself in Turkish seafood culture and enjoy some raki.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: İzmir Marriott Hotel 5* or similar

Day 10: İzmir - Troy - Çanakkale

An exciting day of adventure lies ahead. In the morning, we'll set off for Pergamon, renowned for its healing waters and the ruins of the Asklepion medical centre, a major healing hub in the Roman world.

Next, we'll explore the ancient city of Troy, famed for its significant role in both mythology and history. Don't miss the chance to pose with the iconic Trojan Horse before we head to Çanakkale.

We'll arrive at our hotel just in time for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: DoubleTree By Hilton Çanakkale 5* or similar

Day 11: Çanakkale - Gallipoli - Istanbul

After a delightful breakfast, we'll head to the historic shores of Gallipoli. Upon arrival, we'll honour the courageous Turkish and Australian soldiers who fought here during World War I, with commemorations held every April.

Explore the verdant battlefields and visit significant sites such as Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, and Chunuk Bair.

In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic drive through the countryside as we travel to Istanbul in comfort.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Hilton Hotel Bosphorus 5* or similar

Day 12: Istanbul

Travel to the heart of Istanbul's historic old town and experience the seamless blend of ancient and contemporary. Walk with your knowledgeable local guide through the Hippodrome, explore the captivating Blue Mosque, and discover the intriguing Basilica Cistern. Relish a sumptuous meal fit for sultans near the stunning Hagia Sophia.

Afterward, enjoy some free time in the old town to uncover hidden gems and immerse yourself in local culture.

In the afternoon, marvel at the enchanting Bosphorus as you embark on a cruise between Europe and Asia.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Hilton Hotel Bosphorus 5* or similar

Day 13: Depart Istanbul -

Our incredible journey around Türkiye concludes today with breakfast among new friends. Be sure to say your goodbyes and exchange contact information before checking out of the hotel by 11:00am.

At the relevant time, you will be transferred to Istanbul International Airport (IST) in time for your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: In-transit

Day 14: - Home

Arrive home today – we hope you have thoroughly enjoyed your time in Türkiye (Turkey).

Meals: In-flight

INCLUSIONS

- **International flights departing Melbourne or Sydney**
- Small group touring – no more than 24 travellers
- Incredible sightseeing, including all the sights of Istanbul, the fairy chimneys of Cappadocia, the terraced travertines in Pamukkale, the ancient Ephesus, the battlefields of Gallipoli and many more
- Guided tours when in Istanbul, at the Goreme Open Air Museum, Museum and Mausoleum of Mevlana in Konya, the ruins of ancient Pamphylia city, Hierapolis, Ephesus, Pergamon, Troy and the battlefields of Gallipoli
- 11 nights in 5-star, comfortable and ideally located hotels
- Breakfast daily & 10 dinners
- Domestic, economy class flights from Istanbul to Cappadocia
- Private arrival and departure airport transfers from/to IST Airport
- Entrance into all the cultural, historical and sites mentioned in the itinerary
- English-speaking, local & expert Travel Director throughout the itinerary
- Tips at hotels, restaurants and portering fees
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles

EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities for Tour Director

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN \$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Sunday 09 Mar 2025	Saturday 22 Mar 2025	\$7,299		Book
Sunday 23 Mar 2025	Saturday 05 Apr 2025	\$7,299		Book
Sunday 06 Apr 2025	Saturday 19 Apr 2025	\$7,399		Book

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Sunday 20 Apr 2025	Saturday 03 May 2025	\$7,399		Book
Sunday 04 May 2025	Saturday 17 May 2025	\$7,599		Book
Sunday 18 May 2025	Saturday 31 May 2025	\$7,599		Book
Sunday 01 Jun 2025	Saturday 14 Jun 2025	\$7,599		Book
Sunday 15 Jun 2025	Saturday 28 Jun 2025	\$7,699		Book
Sunday 29 Jun 2025	Saturday 12 Jul 2025	\$7,699		Book
Sunday 13 Jul 2025	Saturday 26 Jul 2025	\$7,699		Book
Sunday 27 Jul 2025	Saturday 09 Aug 2025	\$7,699		Book
Sunday 10 Aug 2025	Saturday 23 Aug 2025	\$7,699		Book
Sunday 24 Aug 2025	Saturday 06 Sep 2025	\$7,699		Book
Sunday 07 Sep 2025	Saturday 20 Sep 2025	\$7,499		Book
Sunday 21 Sep 2025	Saturday 04 Oct 2025	\$7,499		Book
Sunday 05 Oct 2025	Saturday 18 Oct 2025	\$7,399		Book
Sunday 19 Oct 2025	Saturday 01 Nov 2025	\$6,999		Book
Sunday 02 Nov 2025	Saturday 15 Nov 2025	\$7,399		Book

OPTIONAL TOURS

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes return flights from Melbourne or Sydney.

Flights from Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart attract a \$400 per person surcharge.

Airline Selection: We book the best available airlines for your journey, which may include a mix of full-service and low-cost carriers. Specific airline requests can be made at the time of purchase. This includes upgrades to your

preferred carrier, premium economy or business class cabins or specific seats. Whilst we will try our best, not all requests can be confirmed.

Flight Conditions: Flights may not be direct and could involve a maximum of two transits.

Ticketing Information: Once issued, tickets are non-refundable. Changes are subject to airline rules, airline change fees, and an Asia Vacations Group change fee of \$250 per person.

Passenger Details: Please ensure all traveller names are as per passports. This includes all middle names. Errors may incur a name change fee of \$150 plus airline charges, or may require a forfeit of the existing ticket and purchase of a new ticket at an additional cost.

Flight Schedule Changes: Any changes or cancellations to airline schedules are outside our control. We recommend staying updated with airline schedules before departure. Additional expenses for extended transits or alternative arrangements are the traveller's responsibility.

Internal Airfares: Local flights included in your itinerary may utilise low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage is included; any additional baggage fees are payable at check-in.

Booking Considerations: If travelling with others on separate bookings, we may not be able to guarantee all flights are the same flight due to availability.

Luggage and Fees: You are responsible for your luggage at all times. Excess baggage fees, if incurred, are payable directly to the airline. All tickets will include 20 kg checked baggage per person, plus 7 kg of hand luggage. We recommend travelling with a max 20kg per person due to restrictions on internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Please note, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included.

No-Show Policy: Missing your flight may result in fees including a no-show fee, airline reissue fee, and possible new ticket purchase. AVG Travels charges a \$250 admin fee for re-booking assistance.

Price Adjustments: Prices are final at the time of ticketing. Any subsequent changes may result in additional costs due to factors beyond our control, such as currency fluctuations or airline surcharges.

Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

- Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline
- Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class
- Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.
- Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.
- Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$1,550 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required. Participants should be comfortable navigating stairs, boarding and disembarking from the coach, and walking reasonable distances, typically around 2 kilometres per day or more. Please disclose any physical conditions at the time of booking to assess suitability for the tour.

Tipping

USD\$10-15 per person per day.

Group Size

Minimum: 4

Maximum: 24

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

AU passport holders:

A visa is required to enter into Türkiye for Australian passport holders – e-visa can be applied for [here](#).

Travellers require a passport valid for at least 150 days from the time of entry.

IMPORTANT: Visa requirements may change at any time without notice. You should contact the nearest high commission/embassy or consulate for the latest details.

Children

Children must be 18 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

15 to 17 year olds are permitted to travel on this tour with their parents.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while traveling. We have partnered with **NibTravel Insurance** to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi- trip journeys simply with us.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

Pre Tour Accommodation – AUD\$575, per night for double/twin/single

Post Tour Accommodation – AUD\$575, per night for double/twin/single

Airport transfers are included in the above cost.

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