

Since 1997 we have delighted in bringing exotic destinations to life for travellers from all over the world.

Crystal clear blue waters, rich history, postcard views, stunning architecture, incredible ruins, amazing food, warm and friendly people – these are just some of the things that our trips offer you. The hardest part will be choosing which tour to go on.

With Fez Travel you will see all of the "must-see" sights, but our expert local guides will also show you plenty of hidden treasures as well. Holidays are precious, and so we have designed each of our tours carefully to give you unforgettable memories and great value. Our travellers come from all walks of life and so our itineraries have also been planned to provide the perfect mix of sightseeing and free time.



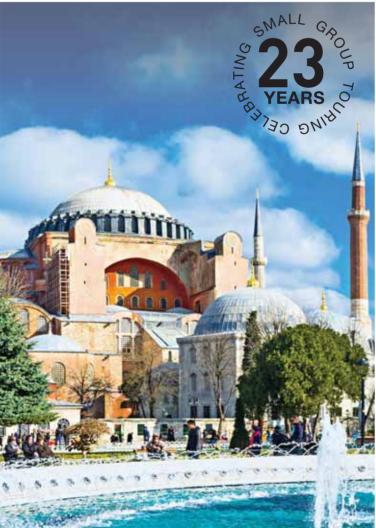


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#### **Our Experience**

We've been around since 1997 and so we know the ropes and all the small things that help to make a tour great. When you book with us you have the peace of mind of knowing that we operate our own group tours - we hire our own guides and operate using our own vehicles and so we control our tour quality. We know every town we stop in like the back of our hand. This means we know the best places to stay, the best places to eat, and the best places to go in your free time.



#### **Quality and Value for Money**

At every step of the way we aim to offer you great value for money. We have worked hard to get all of the ingredients that make up a great tour just right so that you have the best possible experience. All year round we check the quality of our suppliers, and we take a continuous improvement approach to all that we do, and constantly refine our itineraries and suppliers based on guest feedback.



#### **Small Groups**

We believe that you can't really get to know a country if you are travelling in a really large group, and so our groups (with the exception of ANZAC Day tours) have a maximum size of 20 people. This gives you more flexibility when travelling, and more chances to learn more about local culture and traditions.



#### **Guaranteed departures**

Our tours are guaranteed to depart with a minimum of 2 people, this means that when you are a group of 2 you can go ahead and make the booking. We don't cancel after you have booked and leave you with non-refundable flight tickets!









#### Our team

From our tour guides to our drivers and operation staff, we believe a good team is the key to a great tour. We employ a mix of staff who all love to travel, and who have broad experience across all aspects of the travel industry. We also invest in continuously developing our people. We have a large team on the ground to support our operations. The success of Fez is a direct result of the loyalty and dedication that our team has demonstrated over the years.



#### Our guides

We know that your tour guide is the difference between a good and a great trip, and so we carefully select our guides for their passion and knowledge and continually provide them with professional development. All of our guides have studied subjects such as archaeology, history and mythology at university and are passionate about showing their country to visitors



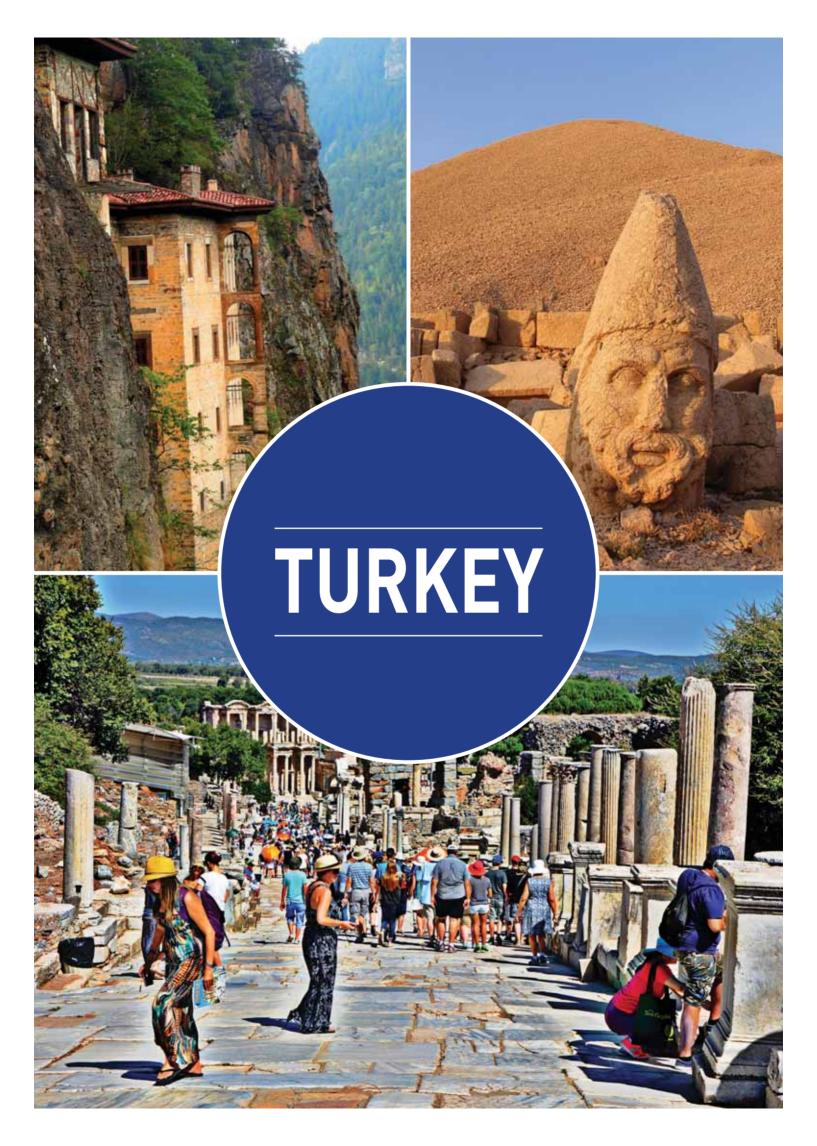
#### Our vehicles

Unlike many tour operators, the bulk of our tours are operated using our own fleet of vehicles. This is because safety is important to us and so we prefer to directly manage the maintenance of our vehicles and the training of our drivers. Our fleet is modern, with our oldest vehicle being just 2 years old. If your group is up to 12 people, your vehicle is most likely to be a comfortable mini-bus such as a Mercedes Sprinter. For groups larger than this we move to a full size coach so there is plenty of room for you to spread out and enjoy your trip.



#### Our hotels

We have a vast range of hotels that have been carefully handpicked by our team, and we review these all year round to ensure they continue to provide our guests with a comfortable stay. While the bulk of our range are moderate 4 star hotels or an equivalent standard we always try to strike the perfect balance between location, comfort and character. In tours we emphasise more on character and traditional style hotels, and wherever possible we prefer to support family-run businesses.







Emperors, poets, traders, warriors, religious pilgrims, explorers - over the centuries, all have found themselves drawn to the diverse, beautiful land now known as Turkey. Even today, Turkey ranks among the top travel destinations in the world, thanks to such attractions as stylish Istanbul, which has one of the globe's youngest populations, the chic beach towns along the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts, the wealth of world - class historic sites and ruins, and the unforgettable landscapes of spots like Cappadocia. Add to that the incredible cuisine, the famous bazaars and artisan trades, and the decadent hamam spa traditions, and it's clear that Turkey travel offers something for everyone.

#### Things Not to Miss in Turkey

- Hagia Sophia this great church of Constantinople was considered to be the greatest house of worship in both Christian and Muslim worlds.
- Blue Mosque is a mosque of extraordinary beauty, architecture and it's 6 minarets,
- Topkapi Palace Museum the main administrative centre of the Ottoman Empire. It is the largest and the oldest palace that survived.
- Grand Bazaar in Istanbul really justifies its name. It's one of the largest covered markets in the world.
- Cappadocia & hot air balloon ride there are hundreds of hot air balloons flying over Cappadocia each morning. You'll have the best view, and the most amazing photos.
- Underground city built in the Bronze Age for safety and religious reasons, and were used mostly in the Byzantine period. There are many churches, dungeons, storage rooms, winemaking rooms and even heavily fortified castles underground.
- Göreme Open Air Museum was the monastic settlement for some 20 monks during the Byzantine period.
- Ephesus is one of the best preserved and the biggest ancient cities in the world.
- The Temple of Artemis one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.
- Antalya offers to its visitors beautiful art, historic sites, extraordinary beaches, hotels and resorts, and a modern nightlife.
- White cliffs of Pamukkale is a nature-made masterpiece located in the Aegean Region of Turkey.

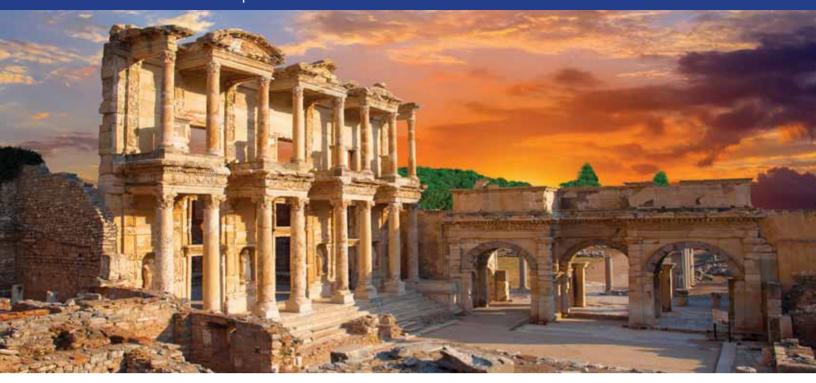
It is believed that even Cleopatra swam in these pools.

- Hierapolis as a big city, founded in the 2nd century BC, Hierapolis has a very well preserved Roman theatre.
- Troy a war that lasted 10 years was fought for a woman Helen of Troy, the most beautiful woman in the world. It all started when Paris of Troy took Helen from her husband Menelaus, the king of Sparta. The Trojans and Greek heroes fought in this war.

#### When To Visit Turkey

The regions bordering the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas are cool and wet in the winter, with dry and sunny days in the summer. The mountain regions see snow in the winter, making them perfect for winter sports enthusiasts, while Istanbul can be visited all year round. Spring, summer and autumn are best to take advantage of Istanbul's outdoor cafes, Bosphorus cruises, and city parks.

## TURKEY | Small Group Tour



## **FLYING CARPET**

15 DAYS from **NZD 3789** 

Departure Dates

Apr 09; May 07, 21; Jun 04, 18 Jul 02, 16, 30; Aug 13, 27; Sep 10, 24 Oct 08, 22

#### 2021

Apr 08,22; May 06, 20; Jun 03, 17 Jul 01, 15, 29; Aug 12, 26; Sep 09, 23 Oct 07, 21

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfers
- Outbound Istanbul airport transfers
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- Services of Captain and supporting crew
- Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- 14 nights accommodation
- 14 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 9 Dinners

#### Day 1 Thursday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours free to explore at your own pace. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Friday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Saturday Gallipoli Battlefields
Today we visit the WW1 battlefields of
Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair
Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels. Overnight Çanakkale (B, D)

#### Day 4 Sunday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

Step back in time today as we visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

**Day 5 Monday Ephesus, Kusadasi** Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

#### Day 6 Tuesday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will head to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Take a dip, amongst ancient columns, in the hot springs that were used in Roman times for their therapeutic powers. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

#### Day 7 Wednesday Fethiye, Gulet

This morning we drive to Fethiye and board our Gulet. Relax at the pre-cruise information session. Enjoy an onboard dinner while meeting the other passengers. Overnight Fethiye Harbour (B, D)

Day 8 Thursday Fethiye, Gulet This morning we drive to Fethiye and board our Gulet. Breakfast is served on deck before continuing the cruise to Dockyard Island, Tasyaka and Bedri Rahmi Bay. Tonight will be spent at a secluded cove or island. Overnight Göcek Bay (B, L, D)

#### **Day 9 Friday Gulet**

Today we cruise to Gocek Island to swim, snorkel or just laze in the sunshine. Overnight Göcek Bay (B, L, D)

**Day 10 Saturday** Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleiçi This morning we disembark from our gulet after breakfast and head to Kayakoy. The morning light provides excellent photos of this deserted Greek village. Afterwards we drive to the resort town of Antalya. Here we will take a walking tour of the old town area of Antalya known as "Kaleiçi". Amongst other things we'll visit Hadrian's Gate, the Ancient Hadrian and Suppleme Kirga Kaleigi Museum Harbour and Suna-Inan Kiraç Kaleiçi Museum which even has a Greek Orthdox Church in its garden! Overnight Antalya (B)

#### Day 11 Sunday Perge, Aspendos, Side

Full day tour of the ancient ruins of Perge, Aspendos and Side. In Aspendos, you can see the Roman Theatre built in the 2nd century and seating 15,000 people. Side is one of the best classical sites in Turkey with Temple of Apollo and ancient ruins. Overnight Antalya (B)

**Day 12 Monday Konya, Cappadocia** Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Tonight, don't miss the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)





**Flying Carpet** 

Anatolia Crossroad

**Turkey Treasures** 

**Western Treasures** 

**Orient Express** 

For more details please check our website

#### Day 13 Tuesday Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadócia (B, D)

#### Day 14 Wednesday Ankara

Early morning departure to the nation's capital, Ankara, where we visit Anitkabir, mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, before returning to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 15 Thursday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends and are transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

## **ANATOLIAN CROSSROAD**

7 DAYS from **NZD** 1795

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Apr 16; May 14, 28; Jun 11,25; Jul 09, 23; Aug 06, 20; Sep 03, 17; Oct 01, 15, 29

Apr 16, 30; May 14, 28; Jun 11, 25; Jul 09, 23 Aug 06, 20; Sep 03, 17; Oct 01, 15, 29

### Tour includes

- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
   Professional English-speaking tour
- guide for the duration of the tour

  Transportation in a fully air-condi-
- tioned, vehicle Tips' except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 6 nights accommodation 6 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

#### Day 1 Thursday Fethiye

Welcome to Fethiye! Overnight Fethiye

### Day 2 Friday Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleiçi

This morning we will head to Kayakoy.. Afterwards we drive to the resort town of Antalya. Here we will take a walking tour of the old town area of Antalya known as "Kaleiçi". Overnight Antalya (B)

#### Day 3 Saturday Perge, Aspendos, Side

Full day tour of the ancient ruins of Perge, Aspendos and Side Overnight Antalya (B)

#### Day 4 Sunday Konya, Cappadocia

Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konva.

Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 5 Monday Cappadocia, Goreme, **Underground City**

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city.

Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 6 Tuesday Ankara

Early morning departure to the nation's capital, Ankara, where we visit Anitkabir, before returning to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 7 Wednesday Istanbul

After breakfast, you are transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)







## **TURKEY TREASURES** 12 DAYS from **NZD 2565**

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Apr 09; May 07, 21; Jun 04, 18 Jul 02, 16, 30; Aug 13, 27; Sep 10, 24 Oct 08, 22

Apr 08,22; May 06, 20; Jun 03, 17 Jul 01, 15, 29; Aug 12, 26; Sep 09, 23 Oct 07, 21

- Tour includes

  Inbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour

  Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- vehicle
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Entrance fees
- 11 nights accommodation
  11 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 7 Dinners

#### Day 1 Thursday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Friday Istanbul Old City

Enjoy a fully guided tour of the Blue Mosque, St. Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 3 Saturday Gallipoli Battlefields

Today we visit Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly. Overnight Çanakkale (B,D)

#### Day 4 Sunday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

We visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

#### Day 5 Monday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city, continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

### Day 6 Tuesday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will head to Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D)

#### Day 7 Wednesday Fethiye, Gulet

This morning we drive to Fethiye and board our Gulet. Overnight Fethiye Harbour (B,D)

#### Day 8 Thursday Fethiye, Gulet

Breakfast is served on deck before continuing the cruise to Dockyard Island, Tasyaka and Bedri Rahmi Bay. Overnight Göcek Bay (B,L,D)

#### **Day 9 Friday Gulet**

Today we cruise to Gocek Island to swim, snorkel or just laze in the sunshine. Overnight Göcek Bay (B,L,D)

### Day 10 Saturday Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleiçi

This morning we disembark from our gulet and head to Kayakoy. Then drive to the resort town of Antalya, take a walking tour of the old town "Kaleiçi". Overnight Antalya (B)

### Day 11 Sunday Perge, Aspendos, Side

Full day tour of the ancient ruins of Perge, Aspendos and Side. Overnight Antalya (B)

#### Day 12 Monday Antalya

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends. (B)



## **WESTERN TREASURES**

11 DAYS from **NZD 2309** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Apr 09; May 07, 21; Jun 04, 18 Jul 02, 16, 30; Aug 13, 27; Sep 10, 24 Oct 08, 22

Apr 08,22; May 06, 20; Jun 03, 17 Jul 01, 15, 29; Aug 12, 26; Sep 09, 23 Oct 07, 21

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Entrance fees
- 10 nights accommodation
- 10 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 7 Dinners

#### Day 1 Thursday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Friday Istanbul Old City

Enjoy a fully guided tour of the Blue Mosque, St. Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 3 Saturday Gallipoli Battlefields

Today we visit Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly. Overnight Canakkale (B,D)

#### Day 4 Sunday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

We visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

#### Day 5 Monday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city, continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

### Day 6 Tuesday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will head to Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D)

#### Day 7 Wednesday Fethiye, Gulet

This morning we drive to Fethiye and board our Gulet. Overnight Fethiye Harbour (B,D)

#### Day 8 Thursday Fethiye, Gulet

Breakfast is served on deck before continuing the cruise to Dockyard Island, Tasyaka and Bedri Rahmi Bay. Overnight Göcek Bay (B,L,D)

#### Day 9 Friday Gulet

Today we cruise to Gocek Island to swim, snorkel or just laze in the sunshine. Overnight Göcek Bay (B,L,D)

#### Day 10 Saturday Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleiçi

This morning we disembark from our gulet and head to Kayakoy. Then drive to the resort town of Antalya, take a walking tour of the old town "Kaleiçi". Overnight Antalya (B)

### Day 11 Sunday Fethiye

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends.



## **ORIENT EXPRESS**

## 12 DAYS from **NZD 2819**

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Apr 12; May 10, 24; Jun 07, 21 Jul 05, 19; Aug 02, 16, 30; Sep 13, 27 Oct 11, 25

Apr 12, 26; May 10, 24; Jun 07, 21 Jul 05, 19; Aug 02, 16, 30; Sep 13, 27 Oct 11, 25

- Tour includes

  Outbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour

  Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,
- vehicle Trans
- Transportation by Gulet boat Tips except driver and guide

- Entrance fees
  Services of Captain and supporting crew
  Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
  11 nights accommodation
  11 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 8 Dinners

#### Day 1 Sunday Kusadasi

Welcome to Kusadasi! Overnight Kusadasi (D)

#### Day 2 Monday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city, continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

#### Day 3 Tuesday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will head to Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D)

#### Day 4 Wednesday Fethiye, Gulet

This morning we drive to Fethiye and board our Gulet. Overnight Fethiye Harbour (B,D)

#### Day 5 Thursday Fethiye, Gulet

Breakfast is served on deck before continuing the cruise to Dockyard Island, Tasyaka and Bedri Rahmi Bay. Overnight Göcek Bay (B,L,D)

#### **Day 6 Friday Gulet**

Today we cruise to Gocek Island to swim, snorkel. Overnight Göcek Bay (B,L,D)

#### Day 7 Saturday Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleiçi

This morning we disembark from our gulet and head to Kayakoy. Then drive to the resort town of Antalya, take a walking tour of the old town "Kaleiçi". Overnight Antalya (B)

#### Day 8 Sunday Perge, Aspendos, Side

Full day tour of the ancient ruins of Perge, Aspendos and Side. Overnight Antalya (B)

#### Day 9 Monday Konya, Cappadocia

Travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum. Overnight Cappadocia (B,D)

### Day 10 Tuesday Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City

We visit the Goreme Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B,D)

### Day 11 Wednesday Ankara

Early morning departure, we visit Anitkabir before returning to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 12 Thursday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes. (B)



## TURKEY UNDISCOVERED

NZD 2819 12 DAYS from

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Apr 11; May 09, 23; Jun 06, 20 Jul 04, 18; Aug 01, 15, 29; Sep 12, 26 Oct 10, 24

Apr 11, 25; May 09, 23; Jun 06, 20 Jul 04, 18; Aug 01, 15, 29; Sep 12, 26 Oct 10, 24

#### Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- Services of Captain and supporting crew
- Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- 11 nights accommodation11 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 9 Dinners

### Day 1 Saturday Gallipoli Battlefields

Today we visit Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly. Overnight Çanakkale (B,D)

#### Day 2 Sunday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

We visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

#### Day 3 Monday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city, continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

### Day 4 Tuesday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will head to Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D)

#### Day 5 Wednesday Fethiye, Gulet

This morning we drive to Fethiye and board our Gulet. Overnight Fethiye Harbour (B,D)

#### Day 6 Thursday Fethiye, Gulet

Breakfast is served on deck before continuing the cruise to Dockyard Island, Tasyaka and Bedri Rahmi Bay. Overnight Göcek Bay (B,L,D)

#### **Day 7 Friday Gulet**

Today we cruise to Gocek Island to swim, snorkel or just laze in the sunshine. Overnight Göcek Bay (B,L,D) Day 8 Saturday Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleiçi

#### This morning we disembark from our gulet and head to Kayakoy. Then drive to the resort town of Antalya,

take a walking tour of the old town "Kaleiçi".

Overnight Antalya (B)

Day 9 Sunday Perge, Aspendos, Side

Full day tour of the ancient ruins of Perge, Aspendos and Side. Overnight Antalya. (B)

Day 10 Monday Konya, Cappadocia

Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting

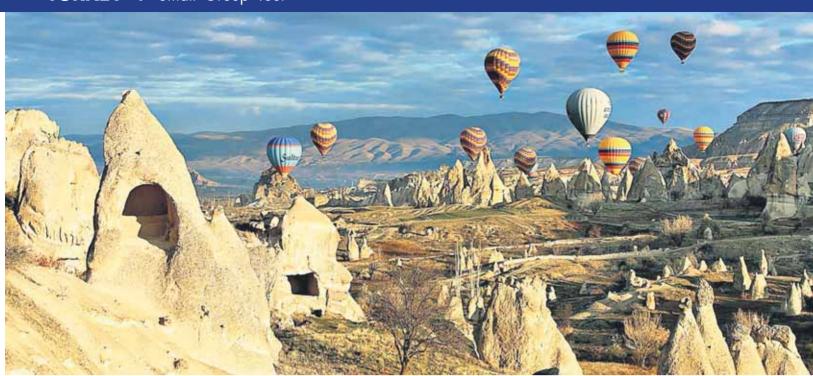
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#### **Underground City** Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today

as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia. (B,D)

#### Day 12 Wednesday Ankara

Early morning departure to the nation's capital, Ankara, where we visit Anitkabir, mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, before returning to Istanbul. (B)





## **MAGIC EXPLORER**

12 DAYS from **NZD 2779** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Apr 25; May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jun 06, 13, 20, 27 Jul 04, 11, 18, 25; Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Sep 05, 12, 19, 26 Oct 03, 10, 17 2021

Apr 24; May 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Jun 05, 12, 19, 26 Jul 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug 07, 14, 21, 28; Sep 04, 11, 18, 25 Oct 02, 09, 16

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
  Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
- Domestic flight between Gaziantep and Istanbul and transfers
- Entrance fees
- 10 nights accommodation
- 11 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 8 Dinners

#### Day 1 Saturday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Sunday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 3 Monday Gallipoli Battlefields

One of the most emotionally touching places in Turkey, today we visit the WW1 Battletields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels. Overnight Çanakkale (B, D)

Day 4 Tuesday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum This morning, step back in time as we visit Troy, home of the famed Trojan Horse and then tour the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made Pergamum a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

#### Day 5 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

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Day 6 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis
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Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

Day 7 Friday Silk Road, Konya Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Tonight, don't miss the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening! Övernight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 8 Saturday Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City
Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city.
Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 9 Sunday Mt Nemrut, Karatay Caravansaray, Kahramanmaras Departure in the morning from Cappadocia, we we cross the Tekir plateau towards Adiyaman and Mt Nemrut. Along the way our first stop will be will be Pinarbasi for a short tea break than onto Kahramanmaras which produces Turkey's best ice cream! From here we pass through Adiyaman and visit Arsemia, once the capital of the Commagene Kingdom, before continuing to the ancient Severus (Cendere) Bridge and the Karakus Tumulus where members of the royal family were buried. This evening we will go to Mt Nemrut, ascend the mountain, watch the magical sunrise over the plateau, and visit the massive ancient rock statues. After the sunset we return to Adiyaman. Overnight Adiyaman (B, L, D)

## Day 10 Monday Gobekli Tepe, Sanliurfa,

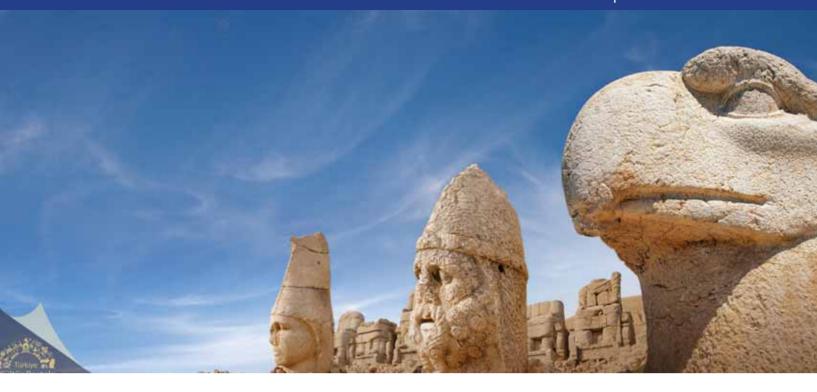
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#### Day 11 Tuesday Gaziantep, Istanbul

Departure from Sanliurfa for Gaziantep where you can see the famous Mosaic Museum, the largest in the world and home to the famous 'Gypsy Girl' mosaic. This museum exhibits superb mosaics discovered at the roman site of Belkis - Zeugma before Birecik Dam flooded most of the site. After lunch, we catch a flight to Istanbul from Gaziantep airport. (B, L)

**Day 12 Wednesday Istanbul**After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends and are transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)







## **FLYING EXPLORER** 17 DAYS from **NZD 4685**

Departure Dates

May 07, 21; Jun 04, 18; Jul 02, 16, 30; Aug 13, 27; Sep 10, 24; Oct 08 2021

Apr 22; May 06, 20; Jun 03, 17; Jul 01, 15, 29; Aug 12, 26; Sep 09, 23; Oct 07

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
   Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
   Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
  Domestic flight between Gaziantep and Istanbul
- and transfers

   Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 16 nights accommodation 16 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 11 Dinners

#### Day 1 Thursday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours free to explore at your own pace. Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Friday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Saturday Gallipoli Battlefields
Today we visit the WW1 battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials,
ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels. Overnight Canakkale (B, D)
Day 4 Sunday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum
Step back in time today as we visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time.

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Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

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Overnight Göcek Bay (B, L, D)
Day 9 Friday Gulet
Today we cruise to Gocek Island to swim, snorkel or just laze in the sunshine.
Overnight Göcek Bay (B, L, D)
Day 10 Saturday Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleiçi
This morning we disembark from our gulet after breakfast and head to Kayakoy. The morning light provides excellent photos of this deserted Greek village. Afterwards we drive to the resort town of Antalya. Here we will take a walking tour of the old town area of Antalya known as "Kaleiçi".
Amongst other things we'll visit Hadrian's Gate, the Ancient Harbour and Suna-lnan Kiraç Kaleiçi.
Museum which even has a Greek Orthdox Church

Ancient Harbour and Suna-Inan Kirac, Kaleiçi Museum which even has a Greek Orthdox Church in its garden! Overnight Antalya (B)

Day 11 Sunday Perge, Aspendos, Side

Full day tour of the ancient ruins of Perge,
Aspendos and Side. In Aspendos, you can see the Roman Theatre built in the 2nd century and seating
15,000 people. Side is one of the best classical sites in Turkey with Temple of Apollo and ancient ruins. Overnight Antalya (B)

**Day 12 Monday Konya, Cappadocia**Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting
Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum

Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Tonight, don't miss the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 13 Tuesday Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city.

Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

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Overnight Adiyaman (B, L, D)
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Sanliurfa, Harran

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Turkey's largest, along. After short break we drive
to Gobekli Tepe, predating Stonehenge by some
6,000 years, some believe it is the site of the
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Day 16 Friday Gaziantep, Istanbul

Departure from Sanliurfa for Gaziantep where you can see the famous Mosaic Museum, the largest in the world and home to the famous 'Gypsy Girl' mosaic. This museum exhibits superb mosaics discovered at the roman site of Belkis - Zeugma before Birecik Dam flooded most of the site. After lunch, we catch a flight to Istanbul from Gaziantep airport. Overnight Istanbul (B, L)

Day 17 Saturday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends and are transferred to

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## **MAGIC CARPET**

10 DAYS from **NZD** 1889

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 04, 11, 18, 25; Feb 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Mar 07, 14, 21, 28; Apr 04, 11, 18, 25; May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jun 06, 13, 20, 27 Jul 04, 11, 18, 25; Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Sep 05, 12, 19, 26; Oct 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 Nov 07, 14, 21, 28; Dec 05, 12, 19, 26 2021

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#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer Outbound Istanbul airport transfer Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
  Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- nights accommodation
- Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

#### Day 1 Saturday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Sunday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### **Day 3 Monday Gallipoli Battlefields**

One of the most emotionally touching places in Turkey, today we visit the WWI Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels. Overnight Canakkale (B, D)

#### Day 4 Tuesday Troy, Acropolis of **Pergamum**

This morning, step back in time as we visit Troy, home of the famed Trojan Horse and then tour the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made Pergamum a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

## Day 5 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

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Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

#### Day 6 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

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### Day 7 Friday Silk Road, Konya

Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Tonight, don't miss the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 8 Saturday Cappadocia, Goreme, **Underground City**

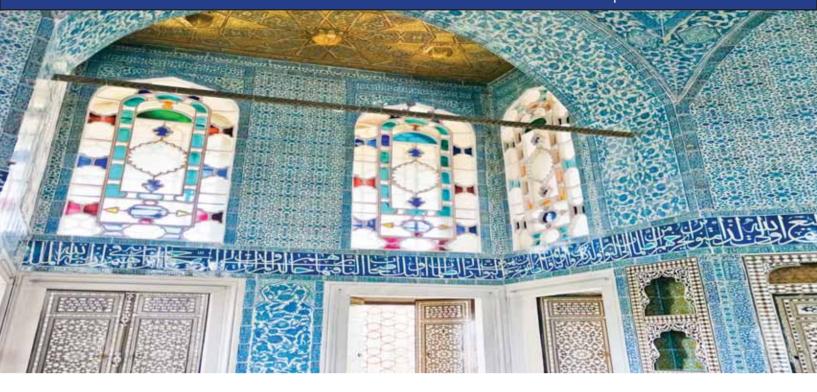
Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 9 Sunday Ankara

Early morning departure to the nation's capital, Ankara where we visit Anitkabir, mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, before returning to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

### Day 10 Monday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends and are transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



### **TURKEY BEAUTY** NZD 1795 8 DAYS from

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- · Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guideDomestic flight between Istanbul and Izmir and transfers
- Entrance fees
- 7 nights accommodation7 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

#### Day 1 Monday Istanbul & Bosphorous

You will be transferred to your hotel and at 13:00 we will have a short visit to the Egyptian Spice Bazaar and a cruise along the European and Asian shores of the Bosphorous. Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Tuesday Istanbul Old City & Flight to

Fully guided tour of Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Turkish and Islamic Arts Musuem and the

Hippodrome. Then, we will be transferred to airport

for the flight to Izmir. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

Day 3 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

Day 4 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis
This morning, heading to the the magnificent white calcium terraces, in Pamukkale where visiting the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D) **Day 5 Friday Silk Road, Konya** 

Travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum.

Overnight Cappadocia (B,D)

Day 6 Saturday Cappadocia, Goreme,

**Underground City**We visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B,D) **Day 7 Sunday Ankara** 

Early departure to Ankara where we visit Anitkabir, before returning to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B) Day 8 Monday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes. (B)

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 06, 13, 20, 27; Feb 03, 10, 17, 24 Mar 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Apr 06, 13, 20, 27 May 04, 11, 18, 25; Jun 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Jul 06, 13, 20, 27; Aug 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 Sep 07, 14, 21, 28; Oct 05, 12, 19, 26 Nov 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Dec 07, 14, 21, 28 2021

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## **TURKEY CLASSICS**

7 DAYS from **NZD** 1519

#### Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 6 nights accommodation
- 6 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

#### Day 1 Monday Gallipoli Battlefields

Departure from Istanbul for the Gallipoli Gallipoli Peninsula. Here we will visit the Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, Johnston's Jolly, The Nek. Overnight Canakkale (B,D)

Day 2 Tuesday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum
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Day 4 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will head to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of

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Day 5 Friday Silk Road, Konya

Travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani

Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Overnight Cappadocia (B,D)

Day 6 Saturday Cappadocia, Goreme, **Underground City** 

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia through the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum, the fairy chimneys and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B,D) Day 7 Sunday Ankara

Early morning departure to the nation's capital, Ankara where we visit Anitkabir, before returning to Istanbul. (B)





# SILK ROAD EXPLORER 7 DAYS from NZD 1519

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 07, 14, 21, 28; Feb 04, 11, 18, 25 Mar 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Apr 07, 14, 21, 28 May 05, 12, 19, 26; Jun 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Jul 07, 14, 21, 28; Aug 04, 11, 18, 25 Sep 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Oct 06, 13, 20, 27 Nov 03, 10, 17, 24; Dec 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 2021

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#### Tour includes

- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 6 nights accommodation
- 6 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

#### Day 1 Tuesday Kusadasi

Welcome to Kusadasi! Check into your hotel at your leisure and the rest of the day you are free to explore this harbour side resort town.

Overnight Kusadasi

#### Day 2 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Overnight Kusadasi

#### Day 3 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods before heading to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Pamukkale

#### Day 4 Friday Silk Road, Konya

Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Overnight Cappadocia

#### Day 5 Saturday Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city.

Overnight Cappadocia

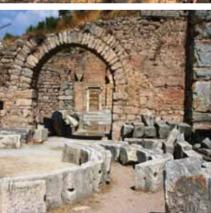
#### Day 6 Sunday Ankara

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#### Day 7 Monday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends and are transferred to the airport for your onward flight.











# SILK ROAD DISCOVERY 9 DAYS from NZD 2199

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Apr 28; May 05, 12, 19, 26 Jun 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jul 07, 14, 21, 28 Aug 04, 11, 18, 25; Sep 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Oct 06, 13, 20

2021

Apr 27; May 04, 11, 18, 25 Jun 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Jul 06, 13, 20, 27 Aug 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Sep 07, 14, 21, 28 Oct 05, 12, 19

#### Tour includes

- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Domestic flight between Gaziantep and Istanbul and transfers
- Entrance fees
- 8 Nights accommodation
- 8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 7 Dinners

#### Day 1 Tuesday Kusadasi

Welcome to Kusadasi! Check into your hotel at your leisure and the rest of the day you are free to explore this harbour side resort town. Tonight you meet your tour guide and fellow travelling companions. Overnight Kusadasi (D)

#### Day 2 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

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#### Day 3 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

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Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

#### Day 4 Friday Silk Road, Konya

Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Tonight, don't miss the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 5 Saturday Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city.

Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

### Day 6 Sunday Mt Nemrut, Karatay Caravansaray, Kahramanmaras

Departure in the morning from Cappadocia, we we cross the Tekir plateau towards Adiyaman and Mt Nemrut. Along the way our first stop will be the Seljuk Karatay Caravansaray. The next stop will be Pinarbasi for a short tea break than onto

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Overnight Adiyaman (B, L, D)

#### Day 7 Monday Gobekli Tepe, Sanliurfa, Harran

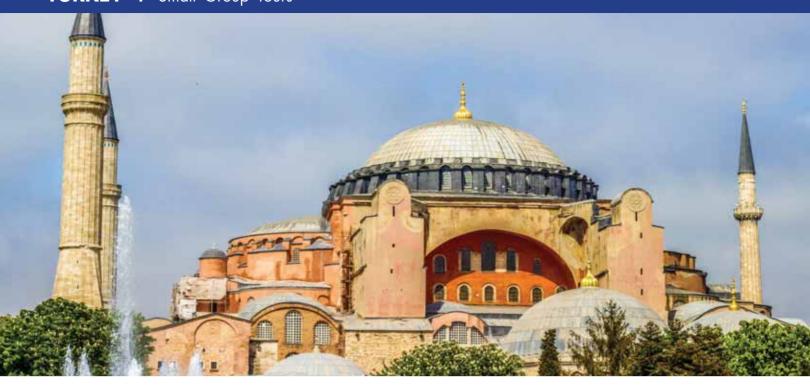
Today we drive to Sanliurfa, visiting Ataturk Dam, Turkey's largest, along. After short break we drive to Gobekli Tepe, predating Stonehenge by some 6,000 years, some believe it is the site of the world's oldest temple. Lunch will be in Sanliurfa and after lunch we visit the Harran, a village of Mud-Brick "beehive" houses mentioned in the book of Genesis where Abraham spend last years of his life. we will visit the ruins of Harran including city walls, oldest Islamic university and the castle dated to eighteen century. We then drive back to Sanliurfa where we will stay and you will have chance to see Mevlid-i Halil Mosque, where you can see the Prophet Abraham Cave and the Pools of the Holy Carp surrounding it, then wander around oriental covered bazaar.

## Overnight Sanliurfa (Urfa) (B, L, D) **Day 8 Tuesday Gaziantep, Istanbul**

Departure from Sanliurfa for Gaziantep where you can see the famous Mosaic Museum, the largest in the world and home to the famous 'Gypsy Girl' mosaic. This museum exhibits superb mosaics discovered at the roman site of Belkis - Zeugma before Birecik Dam flooded most of the site. After lunch, we catch a flight to Istanbul from Gaziantep airport. Overnight Istanbul (B, L)

#### Day 9 Wednesday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends. (B)



## **AEGEAN DELIGHT**

8 DAYS from NZD 1509

- Tour includes

  Inbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Outbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
   Car ferry fees between Canakkale and
- Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
  Entrance fees
- 7 nights accommodation 7 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

#### Day 1 Saturday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Sunday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Monday Gallipoli Battlefields

Today we visit the WW1 Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels. Overnight Canakkale (B,D)

## Day 4 Tuesday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

This morning, step back in time as we visit Troy, home of the famed Trojan Horse and then tour the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum.

#### Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

#### Day 5 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

### Day 6 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

Heading to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale and tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D)

### Day 7 Friday Bursa, Istanbul

Today you head back to Istanbul, passing through rural Turkey and ancient Bursa to visit the famous Green Mosque and explore the Silk Bazaar. Overnight Istanbul (B)

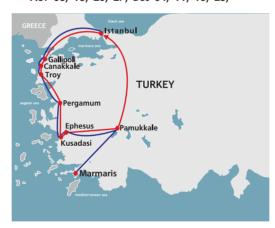
### Day 8 Saturday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes. (B)

Departure Dates

Jan 04, 11, 18, 25; Feb 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Mar 07, 14, 21, 28; Apr 04, 11, 18, 25; May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jun 06, 13, 20, 27; Jul 04, 11, 18, 25; Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Sep 05, 12, 19, 26; Oct 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov 07, 14, 21, 28; Dec 05, 12, 19, 26;

Jan 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Feb 06, 13, 20, 27 Mar 06, 13, 20, 27; Apr 03, 10, 17, 24; May 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Jun 05, 12, 19, 26; Jul 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug 07, 14, 21, 28; Sep 04, 11, 18, 25; Oct 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Nov 06, 13, 20, 27; Dec 04, 11, 18, 25;





## **AEGEAN PRELUDE**

7 DAYS from **NZD** 1595

- Tour includes

  Inbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Outbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour

  Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle

  Car ferry fees between Canakkale and
- Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
  Entrance fees

- 6 nights accommodation6 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

#### Day 1 Saturday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Sunday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### **Day 3 Monday Gallipoli Battlefields**

Today we visit the WW1 battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels. Overnight Çanakkale (B,D)

## Day 4 Tuesday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

Step back in time today as we visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

### Day 5 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

### Day 6 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will enjoy a display of handcrafted leather goods before heading to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D)

#### **Day 7 Friday Marmaris**

After breakfast you will be transferred to Marmaris and our tour concludes upon arrival in Marmaris at approximately 12:00. (B)



## **AEGEAN EXPRESS**

NZD 1365 6 DAYS from

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 04, 11, 18, 25; Feb 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Mar 07, 14, 21, 28; Apr 04, 11, 18, 25; May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jun 06, 13, 20, 27; Jul 04, 11, 18, 25; Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Sep 05, 12, 19, 26; Oct 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov 07, 14, 21, 28; Dec 05, 12, 19, 26;

Jun 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Feb 06, 13, 20, 27 Mar 06, 13, 20, 27; Apr 03, 10, 17, 24; May 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Jun 05, 12, 19, 26; Jul 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug 07, 14, 21, 28; Sep 04, 11, 18 25; Oct 02 09, 16, 23, 30; Nov 06 13, 20, 27; Dec 04, 11, 18, 25;

#### Tour includes

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  Inbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Outbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Transfer

  Transportation of the tour

  Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle

  Car ferry fees between Canakkale and
- Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
  Entrance fees
  5 nights accommodation
  5 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

### Day 1 Saturday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

### Day 2 Sunday Istanbul Old City

Fully guided tour of Istanbul, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Monday Gallipoli Battlefields
Visit the WW1 Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels. Overnight Canakkale (B,D)

## Day 4 Tuesday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

Today we visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

Day 5 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi Guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D) **Day 6 Thursday Kusadasi** 

After breakfast our tour concludes. (B)







## **ANATOLIAN DELIGHT**

5 DAYS from **NZD** 1519

Departure Dates

Jun 07, 14, 21, 28; Feb 04, 11, 18, 25; Mar 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Apr 07, 14, 21, 28; May 05, 12, 19, 26; Jun 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jul 07, 14, 21, 28; Aug 04, 11, 18, 25; Sep 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Oct 06, 13, 20, 27; Nov 03, 10, 17, 24; Dec 01, 08, 15, 22, 29;

Jan 05, 12, 19, 26; Feb 02, 09, 16, 23; Mar 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Apr 06, 13, 20, 27; May 04, 11, 18, 25; Jun 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Jul 06, 13, 20, 27; Aug 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Sep 07, 14, 21, 28; Oct 05, 12, 19, 26; Nov 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Dec 07, 14, 21, 28;

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Izmir airport transferOutbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

#### Day 1 Tuesday Kusadasi

Welcome to Kusadasi! You will be transferred to your hotel from Izmir airport. Overnight Kusadasi (D) Day 2 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

Day 3 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will head to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D)

Day 4 Friday Bursa, Istanbul

Today you head back to Istanbul, passing through rural Turkey and ancient Bursa to visit the famous Green Mosque and explore the Silk Bazaar. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 5 Saturday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes. (B)





## FIRE OF ANATOLIA

11 DAYS from **NZD 2459** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Mar 13, 27; Apr 10, 24; May 08, 22; Jun 05, 19; Jul 03, 17, 21; Aug 14, 28; Sep 11, 25; Oct 09, 23; Nov 06 2021

Mar 12, 26; Apr 09, 23; May 07, 21; Jun 04, 18; Jul 02, 16, 30; Aug 13, 27; Sep 10, 24; Oct 08, 22; Nov 05

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 10 nights accommodation
- 10 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners

#### Day 1 Friday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul. You will transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City

Tour the exotic city that spans both Europe and Asia visiting the Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum and the Hippodrome. Cruise between two continents on the stretch of water that separates Europe from Asia in the afternoon with an optional 'Half day Bosphorous cruise'. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 3 Sunday Ankara, Cappadocia

After breakfast we drive towards the nation's capital, Ankara to visit Anitkabir, the Mausole-um of the famed Mustafa Ataturk before continuing on to the surreal landscape of Cappadocia. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

## **Day 4 Monday Goreme Open-Air**

Museum, Pasabag, Uchisar Today we tour the Goreme open-air museum, Pasabag and Uchisar castle. Photo opportunities are everywhere so have your cameras ready! Tonight, don't miss the optional Turkish folklore evening featuring folklore and belly dancers... a night you won't forget! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 5 Tuesday Underground City, Konya

This morning we visit and explore Kaymakli underground city. Then leaving Cappadocia we head south, towards Konya, along the ancient Silk Road, visiting Sultanhani Caravansary, just as the ancient traders did. Once in Konya we tour the Mevlana Museum and Alaeddin Mosque. Overnight Konya (B, D)

#### Day 6 Wednesday Sagalassos, **Pamukkale**

Today we head for Pamukkale and it's calcium travertines. Along the way we visit the ancient site of Sagalassos. Conquered by Alexander the Great in 333 BC, earthquakes and plague saw its demise in 541-2 AD. Today it is one of the best preserved sites in Turkey and is on the UNESCO tentative list. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

#### **Day 7 Thursday Pamukkale**

Visit the ruins of Hierapolis, the Temple of Apollo, Necropolis, and stroll over the magnificent white calcium terraces of Pamukkale. This afternoon we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

**Day 8 Friday Ephesus** Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the Temple of Artemi's. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

#### Day 9 Saturday Pergamum, Troy

Step back in time today as we visit the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. We continue on and visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse Overnight Canakkale (B, D)

#### Day 10 Sunday Gallipoli

After breakfast, we visit the WW1
Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels before driving to back to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

### Day 11 Monday Istanbul

After breakfast, our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)





## **BEST OF TURKEY**

8 DAYS from **NZD 2219** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Mar 14, 28; Apr 11, 25; May 09, 23; Jun 06, 20; Jul 04, 18; Aug 01, 15, 29; Sep 12, 26; Oct 10, 24; Nov 07 2021

Mar 13, 27; Apr 10, 24; May 08, 22; Jun 05, 19; Jul 03, 17, 31; Aug 14, 28; Sep 11, 25; Oct 09, 23; Nov 06

### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
   Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
   Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,
- Triansport of the containing of the containing vehicle
   Domestic flight between Izmir and Istanbul and transfers
   Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 7 nights accommodation7 Breakfast, 5 Dinners

### Day 1 Saturday Istanbul and the Bosphorous

You will be transferred to your hotel and we will tour the Blue Mosque, St.Sophia Museum and the Hippodrome Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Sunday Ankara, Cappadocia

We drive towards the nation's capital, Ankara to visit Anitkabir, before continuing on to Cappadocia. Overnight Cappadocia (B,D)

#### Day 3 Monday Goreme Open-Air Museum, Paśabag, Uchisar

Tour the Goreme open-air museum, Pasabag & Uchisar castle. Overnight Cappadocia (B,D)

Day 4 Tuesday Underground City, Konya

We visit and explore Kaymakli underground city. Then leaving Cappadociá, visiting Sultanhani Caravansary, just as the ancient traders did. Once

Alaeddin Mosque. Overnight Konya (B, D) **Day 5 Wednesday Sagalassos, Pamukkale**Today we head for Pamukkale and it's calcium

in Konya we tour the Mevlana Museum and

travertines. Along the way we visit the ancient site of Sagalassos. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

Day 6 Thursday Pamukkale
Visit the ruins of Hierapolis, the Temple of Apollo,
Necropolis. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

#### Day 7 Friday Ephesus, Istanbul

Guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the Temple of Artemis. Then you will drive to the airport for your flight to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul(B)

#### Day 8 Saturday Istanbul

Your day is free until your return transfer to the airport where your tour concludes. (B)





## **ANCIENT TURKEY**

#### NZD 2219 9 DAYS from

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Mar 13, 27; Apr 10, 24; May 08, 22; Jun 05, 19; Jul 03, 17, 31; Aug 14, 28; Sep 11, 25; Oct 09, 23; Nov 06 2021

Mar 12, 26; Apr 09, 23; May 07, 21; Jun 04, 18; Jul 02, 16, 30; Aug 13, 27; Sep 10, 24; Oct 08, 22; Nov 05

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
   Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
   Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
   Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,
- non-smoking vehicle Tips except driver and guide
  Entrance fees
  8 nights accommodation
  8 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

#### Day 1 Friday Istanbul

You will transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is free. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City

Tour of Istanbul, visiting the Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

### Day 3 Sunday Ankara, Cappadocia

Today drive to Ankara to visit Anitkabir, then continue Cappadocia. Overnight Cappadocia (B,D) Day 4 Monday Goreme Open-Air Museum,

Pasabag, Uchisar Tour the Goreme Open Air Museum, Pasabag,

Uchisar Castle. Overnight Cappadocia (B,D) **Day 5 Tuesday Underground City, Konya**Explore Kaymakli underground city. Then, we head towards Konya and we tour the Mevlana Museum and Alaeddin Mosque. Overnight Konya (B,D)

Day 6 Wednesday Sagalassos, Pamukkale Today we head for Pamukkale and it's calcium travertines. Along the way we visit the ancient site of Sagalassos. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D)

Day 7 Thursday Pamukkale
Visit the ruins of Hierapolis, the Temple of Apollo,
Necropolis. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)
Day 8 Friday Ephesus

Guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the Temple of Artemis. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

### Day 9 Saturday Kusadasi

After breakfast, our tour concludes. (B)

## TURKEY | Small Group Tours





## **EASTERN FIRE**

9 DAYS from **NZD 2125** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

May 29; June 05, 12, 19, 26 Jul 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug 07, 14, 21, 28 Sep 04, 11, 18, 25; Oct 02, 09, 16, 23

#### 2021

Apr 30; May 07, 14, 21, 18; Jun 04, 11, 18, 25 Jul 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Aug 06, 13, 20, 27; Sep 03, 10, 17, 24 Oct 01, 08, 15, 22

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Domestic flight between Gaziantep and Istanbul and transfers
- Entrance fees
- 8 nights accommodation
- 8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 5 Dinners

#### Day 1 Friday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul. You will transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City

Tour the exotic city that spans both Europe and Asia visiting the Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum and the Hippodrome. Cruise between two continents on the stretch of water that separates Europe from Asia in the afternoon with an optional 'Half day Bosphorous cruise'.

Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 3 Sunday Ankara, Cappadocia

After breakfast we drive towards the nation's capital, Ankara to visit Anitkabir, the Mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Ataturk before continuing on to the surreal landscape of Cappadocia. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 4 Monday Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city. Photo opportunities are everywhere so have your cameras ready! Tonight, don't miss the optional Turkish folklore evening featuring folklore and belly dancers... a night you won't forget! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### **Day 5 Tuesday Cappadocia**

Today is a free day to explore this remarkable region. Maybe take the option of a sunrise hot air balloon flight!

Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 6 Wednesday Mt Nemrut, Karatay Caravansaray, Kahramanmaras

Departure in the morning from Cappadocia, we we cross the Tekir plateau towards Adiyaman and Mt Nemrut. Along the way our first stop will be the Seljuk Karatay Caravansaray. The next stop will be Pinarbasi for a short tea break than onto Kahramanmaras which produces Turkey's best ice

cream! From here we pass through Adiyaman and visit Arsemia, once the capital of the Commagene Kingdom, before continuing to the ancient Severus (Cendere) Bridge and the Karakus Tumulus where members of the royal family were buried. This evening we will go to Mt Nemrut, ascend the mountain, watch the magical sunrise over the plateau, and visit the massive ancient rock statues. After the sunset we return to Adiyaman. Overnight Adiyaman (B, L, D)

## Day 7 Thursday Gobekli Tepe, Sanliurfa,

Today we drive to Sanliurfa, visiting Ataturk Dam, Turkey's largest, along. After short break we drive to Gobekli Tepe, predating Stonehenge by some 6,000 years, some believe it is the site of the world's oldest temple. Lunch will be in Sanliurfa and after lunch we visit the Harran, a village of Mud-Brick "beehive" houses mentioned in the book of Genesis where Abraham spend last years of his life. we will visit the ruins of Harran including city walls, oldest Islamic university and the castle dated to eighteen century. We then drive back to Sanliurfa where we will stay and you will have chance to see Mevlid-i Halil Mosque, where you can see the Prophet Abraham Cave and the Pools of the Holy Carp surrounding it, then wander around oriental covered bazaar. Overnight Sanliurfa (Urfa) (B, L, D)

### Day 8 Friday Gaziantep, Istanbul

Departure from Sanliurfa for Gaziantep where you can see the famous Mosaic Museum, the largest in the world and home to the famous 'Gypsy Girl' mosaic. This museum exhibits superb mosaics discovered at the roman site of Belkis - Zeugma before Birecik Dam flooded most of the site. After lunch, we catch a flight to Istanbul from Gaziantep airport. Overnight Istanbul (B, L)

#### Day 9 Saturday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends. (B)





### **EASYMADE TURKEY** 10 DAYS from NZD 2849

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 04, 11, 18, 25; Feb 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Mar 07, 14, 21, 28; Apr 04, 11, 18, 25; May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jun 06, 13, 20, 27; Jul 04, 11, 18, 25; Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Sep 05, 12, 19, 26; Oct 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov 07, 14, 21, 28; Dec 05, 12, 19, 26; 2021

Jan 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Feb 06, 13, 20, 27 Mar 06, 13, 20, 27; Apr 03, 10, 17, 24; May 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Jun 05, 12, 19, 26; Jul 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug 07, 14, 21, 28; Sep 04, 11, 18, 25; Oct 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Nov 06, 13, 20, 27; Dec 04, 11, 18, 25;

#### Tour includes

• Inbound - Istanbul airport transfer

 Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
 Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
 Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat

Tips except driver and guide
Domestic flight between Izmir and Cappadocia and transfers

Domestic flight between Cappadocia and Istanbul and transfers

Entrance fees9 nights according

9 nights accommodation 9 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners

#### Day 1 Saturday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours free to explore at your own pace. Óvernight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Sunday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### **Day 3 Monday Gallipoli Battlefields**

One of the most emotionally touching places in Turkey, today we visit the WWI Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels. Overnight Çanakkale (B, D)

#### Day 4 Tuesday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

Step back in time today as we visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

#### Day 5 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

#### **Day 6 Thursday Pamukkale**

This morning we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods before heading to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Take a dip, amongst ancient columns, in the hot springs that were used in Roman times for their therapeutic powers. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 7 Friday Kusadasi to Cappadocia Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Kayseri. On arrival you will be met and transferred to Cappadocia. Cappadocia is an extraordinary national treasure and is perhaps even the jewel in Turkey's illustrious crown. Overnight Cappadocia (B)

#### **Day 8 Saturday Northern Cappadocia**

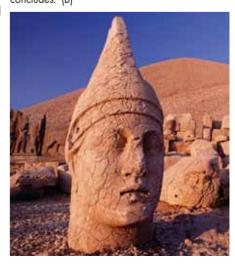
Today our first stop is Esentepe, followed by a visit to Uchisar Castle. We then trek through Rose Valley to Cavusin, where we stop for lunch and learn about hand-made pottery. Afterwards, we visit the Pasabag fairy Chimneys, followed by Devrent Valley and Urgup Winery to taste the delicious vines of Cappadocia. Overnight Cappadocia (B, L)

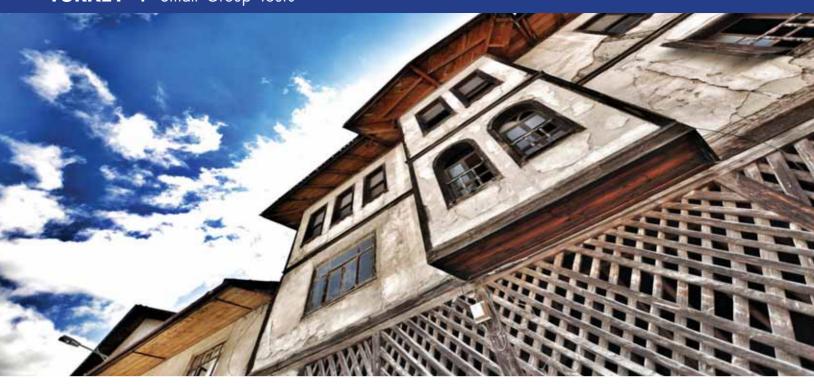
#### Day 9 Sunday Southern Cappadocia

This morning, we head to Pigeon Valley and then Red Valley. After visiting the village of Cavusin, Cave churches and head to Kaymakli Underground City, the biggest in the region.

Overnight Cappadocia (B, L)

Day 10 Monday Cappadocia to Istanbul After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Istanbul, arriving at approximately 10:30 am, and our tour concludes. (B)







## **COLOURS OF ANATOLIA**

15 DAYS from **NZD 3709** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Mar 20; Apr 03, 17; May 01, 15, 29; Jun 12, 26; Jul 10, 24; Aug 07, 21; Sep 04, 18; Oct 02, 16, 30; Nov 13 2021

Mar 19; Apr 02, 16, 30; May 14, 28; Jun 11, 25; Jul 09, 23; Aug 06, 20; Sep 03, 17; Oct 01, 15, 29; Nov 12

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,
- Tips except driver and guide
- Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Entrance fees
- 14 nights accommodation
- 14 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

#### Day 1 Friday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul. You will transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Cruise between two continents on the stretch of water that separates Europe from Asia in the afternoon with an optional 'Half day Bosphorous cruise'. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 3 Sunday Ankara, Cappadocia

After breakfast we drive towards the nation's capital, Ankara to visit Anitkabir, the Mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Ataturk before continuing on to the surreal landscape of Cappadocia. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 4 Monday Cappadocia, Goreme, **Underground City**

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 5 Tuesday Sultanhani Caravansary, Konya

Heading towards Konya we will visit Sultanhani Caravansary, the largest in Anatolia, en route. Then we will visit mausoleum of Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi. We will also visit Selimiye Mosque and Silli Aya Helena Church. Overnight Konya (B)



#### Day 6 Wednesday Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleici

Today we drive towards to southern part of the country, the Medierranean coast and the city of Antalya. Here we will take a walking tour of the old town area of Antalya known as "Kaleiçi". Amongst other things we'll visit Hadrian's Gate, the Ancient Harbour and Suna-Inan Kiraç Kaleiçi Museum which even has a Greek Orthdox Church in its garden! Overnight Antalya (B)

## **Day 7 Thursday Perge, Aspendos, Side** Today, we will visit Perge a famous antique site.

Continue to famous theatre at Aspendos which is known for one of the best preserved theatres of Asia Minor, and is still used today. After Aspendos drive to Side is one of the best classical sites in Turkey with Temple of Apollo and ancient ruins. Overnight Antalya (B)

#### Day 8 Friday Pamukkale

We depart from Antalya in the morning and head for Pamukkale where we will visit the famous cotton castles and Heirapolis, including magnificently preserved necropolis, the main steet, gates, thermal baths, the Greco Roman theatre and the Basilica of St. Philippe. Swim in a theraputic bath of hot spring mineral waters. Overnight Pamukkale (B,D)

#### **Day 9 Saturday Aphrodisias**

Depart from Pamukkale towards Aphrodisias the ancient city dedicated to Aphrodite, the goddess of Beauty, Love and Fertility, also famous for its school of sculpture, we visit the stadium, which is the best preserved in Anatolia, the Temple of Aphrodite, the Tetrapylon, theatre, the Museum. Afterwards we continue on to Bodrum. Overnight Bodrum (B)

#### Day 10 Sunday Bodrum

Today is a free day in Bodrum. Maybe visit Bodrum Castle which was built by the Knights of Rhodes in honour of St.Peter. Or the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, which was constructed as a funeral monument by Artemisia, Queen of Caria, after the death of her brother and husband Mausolos. It is here that the word 'Mausoleum' comes from. Or maybe just spend the day at one of the many beaches nearby. Overnight Bodrum (B)



#### Day 11 Monday Priene, Miletus, Didyma, Bafa, Lake Euromos

Depart from your hotel in Bodrum in the morning. After a short drive your tour starts with the visit to Temple of Zeus at Euromos. After the fascinating temple you will have a short drive to Bafa Lake, with a small authentic boat you will enjoy the romantic view of the lake. Thereafter we will get to Didyma's Temple of Apollo with its very well-known oracles was one of the most sacred places of antiquity. Although looted and burnt many times it remains impressive. After the fascinating temple you will visit Miletus which has provided its alphabet to the rest of the classical world, was a great port and the hometown of several philosophers and sages Last stop will be Priene which was one of the most active ports of the Ionian Federation. The city is the oldest example of geometric city planning. We continue on to Kusadasi.

Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

**Day 12 Tuesday Ephesus** 

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Éphesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

### Day 13 Wednesday Pergamum, Troy

Step back in time today as we visit the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. We continue on and visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse Overnight Çanakkale (B, D)

#### Day 14 Thursday Gallipoli

After breakfast, we visit the WW1 Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels before driving to back to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 15 Friday Istanbul

After breakfast, our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

## **ANATOLIAN DREAMS**

7 DAYS from NZD 1729

Departure Dates

2020

Mar 13, 20, 27; Apr 03, 10, 17, 24 May 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Jun 05, 12, 19, 26 Jul 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug 07, 14, 21, 28 Sep 04, 11, 18, 25, Oct 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Nov 06, 13 2021

Mar 12, 19, 26; Apr 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; May 07, 14, 21, 28; Jun 04, 11, 18, 25; Jul 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Aug 06, 13, 20, 27; Sep 03, 10, 17, 24; Oct 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Nov 05, 12

- Tour includes

  Inbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Outbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Professional English-speaking tour
  guide for the duration of the tour

  Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle

  Tips except driver and guide

  Car ferry fees between Canakkale
- and Eceabat

- Entrance fees6 nights accommodation6 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

**Day 1 Friday Istanbul**Welcome to Istanbul. You will transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City

Tour the exotic city that spans both Europe and Asia visiting the Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum and the Hippodrome. Cruise between two continents on the stretch of water that separates Europe from Asia in the afternoon with an optional 'Half day Bosphorous cruise'. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Sunday Ankara, Cappadocia

After breakfast we drive towards the nation's capital, Ankara to visit Anitkabir, the Mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Ataturk before continuing on to the surreal landscape of Cappadocia. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D) Day 4 Monday Goreme Open-Air Museum, Pasabag, Uchisar

Today we tour the Goreme open-air museum, Pasabag and Uchisar castle. Photo opportunities are everywhere so have your cameras ready! Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand what determines their value. Tonight, don't miss the optional Turkish folklore evening featuring folklore and belly dancers... a night you won't forget! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 5 Tuesday Underground City, Konya

This morning we visit and explore Kaymakli underground city. Then leaving Cappadocia we head south, towards Konya, along the ancient Silk Road, visiting Sultanhani Caravansary, just as the ancient traders did. Once in Konya we tour the Mevlana Museum and Alaeddin Mosque. Overnight Konya (B, D)

Day 6 Wednesday Konya - Istanbul Today, after breakfast, we catch the new high speed train from Konya to Istanbul, arriving into Istanbul mid afternoon. You will be transferred to your hotel and the rest of the day is free to explore. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 7 Thursday Istanbul

After breakfast, our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)





## **ANATOLIAN TREASURES**

8 DAYS from **NZD 2049** 

Tour includes

• Inbound - Istanbul airport transfer

• Outbound - Antalya airport transfer

 Outbound - Antalya airport transfer
 Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
 Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
 Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Freehott Eceabat

Tips except driver and guide
Entrance fees
7 nights accommodation
7 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

### Day 1 Friday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul. You will transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

### Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City

Visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Sunday Ankara, Cappadocia

After breakfast we drive towards Ankara and visit Anitkabir continue on to the surreal landscape of Cappadocia. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

## Day 4 Monday Cappadocia, Goreme,

Underground City Visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 5 Tuesday Sultanhani Caravansary, Konya Heading towards Konya we will visit Sultanhani Caravansary. Once in Konya we tour the Mevlana

Museum and Alaeddin Mosque. Overnight Konya (B)

Day 6 Wednesday Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleiçi

Today we drive to the Medierranean coast, Antalya. Then we will take a walking tour of the old town area of Antalya known as "Kaleiçi". Overnight Antalya (B)

### Day 7 Thursday Perge, Aspendos, Side

Visit Perge a famous antique site. Continue to famous theatre at Aspendos. After Aspendos drive to Side is one of the best classical sites in Turkey with Temple of Apollo. Overnight Antalya (B)

**Day 8 Friday Antalya** 

After breakfast, our tour concludes.(B)

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Mar 20; Apr 03, 17; May 01, 15, 29 Jun 12, 26; Jul 10, 24; Aug 07, 21 Sep 04, 18; Oct 02, 16, 30; Nov 13 2021 Mar 19; Apr 02, 16, 30; May 14, 28 Jun 11, 25; Jul 09, 23; Aug 06, 20 Sep 03, 17; Oct 01, 15, 29; Nov 12





## **ANATOLIAN CLASSICS**

10 DAYS from **NZD 2565** 

Tour includes

Inbound - Istanbul airport transfers

Outbound - Bodrum - Milas Airport

Professional English-speaking tour guide for

the duration of the tour

Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle

Tips except driver and guide Entrance fees
9 nights accommodation

nights accommodation

9 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

### Day 1 Friday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul. You will transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City

Fully guided tour of Istanbul, visiting the Blue Mosque, St.Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Sunday Ankara, Cappadocia
We drive towards the nation's capital, Ankara to visit Anitkabir, the Mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Ataturk before continuing on to the surreal landscape of Cappadocia.

Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

## Day 4 Monday Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 5 Tuesday Sultanhani Caravansary, Konva

Heading towards Konya we will visit Sultanhani Caravansary, the largest in Anatolia, en route. Once in Konya we tour the Mevlana Museum, the mausoleum of Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi and Alaeddin Mosque. Overnight Konya (B)

Day 6 Wednesday Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleiçi Today we drive towards to southern part of the country, the Medierranean coast and the city of Antalya. Here we will take a walking tour of the old town area of Antalya known as "Kaleiçi".

## Overnight Antalya (B) Day 7 Thursday Perge, Aspendos, Side

Today, we will visit Perge a famous antique site. Continue to famous theatre at Aspendos which is still used today. After Aspendos drive to Side is one of the best classical sites in Turkey with Temple of Apollo and ancient ruins. Overnight Antalya (B)

Day 8 Friday Pamukkale

We depart from Antalya in the morning and head for Panukkale where we will visit the famous cotton castles and Heirapolis, including magnificently preserved necropolis, the main steet, gates, thermal baths, the Greco Roman theatre and the Basilica of St.Philippe. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

#### Day 9 Saturday Aphrodisias

Depart from Pamukkale towards Aphrodisias the ancient city dedicated to Aphrodite, the goddess of Beauty, Love and Fertility. Afterwards we continue on to Bodrum. Overnight Bodrum (B)

#### Day 10 Sunday Bodrum

After breakfast, our tour concludes. (B)



## **BODRUM DISCOVERY**

NZD 2049 7 DAYS from

Departure Dates

2020

Mar 29; Apr 12, 26; May 10, 24 Jun 07, 21; Jul 05, 19; Aug 02, 16, 30 Sep 13, 27; Oct 11, 25; Nov 08, 22

Mar 28; Apr 11, 25; May 09, 23 Jun 06, 20; Jul 04,18; Aug 01, 15, 29 Sep 12, 26; Oct 10, 24; Nov 07, 21

Tour includes

- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
   Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,
- non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
  Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Entrance fees6 nights accommodation
- 6 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

#### Day 1 Sunday Bodrum

Make your way to your hotel, check in and enjoy the rest of the day free. Overnight Bodrum

#### Day 2 Monday Priene, Miletus, Didyma, Bafa, Lake Euromos

After a short drive your tour starts with the visit to Temple of Zeus at Éuromos. After the fascinating temple you will have a short drive to Bafa Lake, with a small authentic boat you will enjoy the romantic view of the lake. Thereafter we will get to Didyma's Temple of Apollo with its very well-known oracles was one of the most sacred places of antiquity. Last stop will be Priene which was one of the most active ports of the Ionian Federation. We continue on to Kusadasi. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D) **Day 3 Tuesday Ephesus** 

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

### Day 4 Wednesday Pergamum, Troy

Step back in time today as we visit the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. We continue on and visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse Overnight Çanakkale (B, D)



#### **Day 5 Thursday Gallipoli**

After breakfast, we visit Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels before driving to back to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 6 Friday Istanbul Old City

Tour the exotic city that spans both Europe and Asia

visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 7 Saturday Istanbul

After breakfast, our tour concludes. (B)



## WESTERN EXPLORER 6 DAYS from **NZD** 1519

Departure Dates

Mar 19, 30; Apr 02, 13, 16, 27, 30 May 11, 14, 25, 28; Jun 08, 11, 22, 25 Jul 06, 09, 20, 23; Aug 03, 06, 17, 20 Sep 03, 14, 17, 28; Oct 01, 12, 15, 26, 29 Nov 09, 12, 23

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2021

Mar 18, 29; Apr 01, 12, 15, 26, 29

May 10, 13, 24, 27; Jun 07, 10, 21, 24

Jul 05, 08, 19, 22; Aug 02, 05, 16, 19, 30

Sep 02, 13, 16, 27, 30; Oct 11, 14, 25, 28

Nov 08, 11, 22

Tour includes

Inbound - Izmir airport transfer
Outbound - Istanbul airport transfer
Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour

Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat

Tips except driver and guide

Entrance fees
5 nights accommodation
5 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

#### Day 1 Kusadasi

You will transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is free. Overnight Kusadasi (D)

Day 2 Ephesus

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 3 Pergamum, Troy

Step back in time today as we visit the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. We continue on and visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse Overnight Çanakkale (B, D)

Day 4 Gallipoli

After breakfast, we visit the WW1 Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZĂC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels before driving to back to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 5 Istanbul Old City

Tour the exotic city that spans both Europe and Asia visiting the Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B) Day 6 Istanbul

After breakfast, our tour concludes. (B)

## TURKEY | Small Group Tour





## IONIA TO PAMPHYLIA

8 DAYS from **NZD 2049** 

Departure Dates

2020

Apr 08; May 06; Jun 03; Jul 15; Aug 12;

Sep 09; Oct 07;

2021

Apr 07; May 05; Jun 02; Jul 14; Aug 11;

Sep 08; Oct 06;

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Izmir airport transfer
- Outbound Antalya airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

#### Day 1 Wednesday Kusadasi

Welcome to Kusadasi! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours free to explore at your own pace. Overnight Kusadasi (D)

#### **Day 2 Thursday Ephesus**

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

## Day 3 Friday Priene, Miletus, Didyma, Bafa Lake, Euromos

Depart from your hotel in Kusadasi in the morning. After a short hour drive your tour starts with a visit to Priene which was one of the most active ports of the Ionian Federation. The city is the oldest example of geometric city planning. Thereafter visit Miletus which has provided its alphabet to the rest of the classical world, was a great port and the hometown of several philosophers and sages. Continue to Didyma's . Temple of Apollo with its very well-known oracles was one of the most sacred places of antiquity. Although looted and burnt many times it remains impressive. After the fascinating temple you will have a short drive to Bafa Lake, with a small authentic boat you will enjoy the romantic view of the lake. At the end of the tour you will drive to Bodrum. We will visit the temple of Zeus at Euromos enroute. We continue on to Bodrum. Overnight Bodrum (B)

#### Day 4 Saturday Bodrum

Today is a free day in Bodrum. Maybe visit Bodrum Castle which was built by the Knights of Rhodes in honour of St.Peter.

Or the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. which was constructed as a funeral monument by Artemisia, Queen of Caria, after the death of her brother and husband Mausolos. It is here that the word 'Mausoleum' comes from. Or maybe just spend the day at one of the many beaches nearby. Overnight Bodrum (B)

#### **Day 5 Sunday Aphrodisias**

Depart from Bodrum to Aphrodisias the ancient city dedicated to Aphrodite, the goddess of Beauty, Love and Fertility, also famous for its school of sculpture, we visit the stadium, which is the best preserved in Anatolia, the Temple of Aphrodite, the Tetrapylon, the Amphitheatre and Aphrodisias Museum. Afterwards we continue on to Pamukkale. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

#### Day 6 Monday Pamukkale, Kibyra

Today we will visit Pamukkale, cotton castles and Heirapolis, including magnificently preserved necropolis, the main steet, gates, thermal baths, the Greco Roman theatre and the Basilica of St. Philippe. Swim in a theraputic bath of hot spring mineral waters. From Pamukkale we head to Antalya, visiting, Kibyra, a little-known ancient city, where you will have chance to see the well preserved stadium and bouleuterion. Overnight Antalya (B)

### Day 7 Tuesday Perge, Aspendos, Side

Today, we will visit Perge a famous antique site. Continue to famous theatre at Aspendos which is known for one of the best preserved theatres of Asia Minor, and is still used today. After Aspendos drive to Side is one of the best classical sites in Turkey with Temple of Apollo and ancient ruins. Overnight Antalya (B)

#### Day 8 Wednesday Antalya

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight and our tour concludes. (B)





## PAMPHYLIA TO IONIA

8 DAYS from **NZD 2049** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Mar 25; Apr 08, 15 22; May 06, 13, 20; Jun 03, 10, 17; Jul 01, 15, 22, 29; Aug 12, 19, 26; Sep 09, 16, 23; Oct 07, 24, 21; Nov 04, 08 2021

Mar 24; Apr 08, 15, 21; May 05, 12, 19; Jun 02, 09, 16, 30; Jul 14, 21, 28; Aug 11, 18, 25; Sep 08-15-22; Oct 06-13-20; Nov 03-17

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Antalya airport transfer
- Outbound Izmir airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

## **Day 1 Wednesday Antalya** Welcome to Antalya! You will be

transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours free to explore at your own pace. Overnight Antalya

## **Day 2 Thursday Perge, Aspendos, Side** Today, we will visit Perge a famous antique

site. Continue to famous theatre at Aspendos which is known for one of the best preserved theatres of Asia Minor, and is still used today. After Aspendos drive to Side is one of the best classical sites in Turkey with Temple of Apollo and ancient ruins. Overnight Antalya (B)

#### **Day 3 Friday Pamukkale**

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Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

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#### Day 5 Sunday Bodrum

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#### Day 6 Monday Priene, Miletus, Didyma, Bafa, Lake Euromos

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### Day 7 Tuesday Ephesus

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#### Day 8 Wednesday Kusadasi

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight and our tour concludes. (B)





## **BLACK SEA & EASTERN SPLENDOURS**

NZD 8739 23 DAYS From

Departure Dates

2020

May 22; Jun 12; Jul 03, 24; Aug 14; Sep 04

May 21; Jun 11; Jul 02, 23; Aug 13; Sep 03

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 22 nights accommodation
- 22 Breakfasts



#### Day 1 Friday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Cruise between two continents on the stretch of water that separates Europe from Asia in the afternoon with an optional 'Half day Bosphorous cruise'. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 3 Sunday Akcakoca, Safranbolu

This morning we drive to the coastal town of Akçakoca. Its old town area, situated on a gentle hill is a well preserved neighbour-hood of traditional houses of wood and firebricks, lining square-shaped blocks. We then drive to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Safranbolu. Overnight Safranbolu (B)

#### Day 4 Monday Safranbolu, Amasra

After breakfast, we start our tour from Hidirlik Hill to get a city view then discover Safranbolu's well-preserved wooden houses, Cinci Inn and Bath, old government building, the clock tower and the Arasta Bazaar where we will learn about the traditional handicraft shops. In the afternoon we drive to Amasra and visit the Roman castle and walls, wood-carving handicraft bazaar and the outer and inner piers of the city. Overnight Safranbolu (B)

#### Day 5 Tuesday Kastamonu

After breakfast we will drive to Kastamonu, which is one of the rare cities where you can find great examples of traditional Turkish houses. Along the way we'll stop at the crystal terrace, an unbreakable glass platform attached to a cliff edge 80 meters above the Incekaya Canyon. Overnight Kastamonu (B)

#### Day 6 Wednesday Inebolu, Sinop

This morning we head for Inebolu with its wooden houses reflecting Rum (Byzantine or Ottoman Greek) architecture, dark green nature and excellent coastline which amazes visitors. Overnight Sinop (B)

#### Day 7 Thursday Akliman, Hamsilos, **Erfelek Waterfall**

We depart from our hotel and visit Akliman Cove, Hamsilos Bay which offers rich natural beauty with green forests, colourful flowers and small inland bays where military ships took strategic advantage of the bays' hidden location during the First World War. Lastly we visit Erfelek Waterfall where you will be able to trek through the park and find many cascading waterfalls and other beautiful natural scenes.

Overnight Sinop (B)

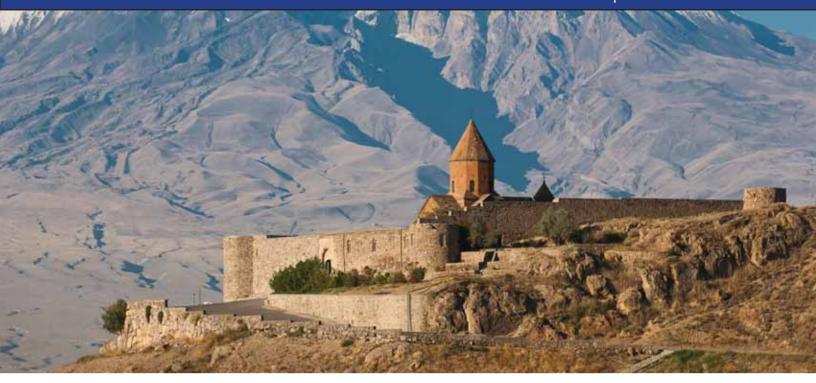
### Day 8 Friday Ordu, Trabzon

Today we will drive towards the Black Sea coast to Trabzon, stopping on the way for a short visit to Yason Church which stands along one of the most picturesque locations on the Black Sea coast. Then you will have great photo opportunity at Boztepe before heading to Trabzon. Overnight Trabzon. (B)

**Day 9 Saturday Trabzon**Today we tour Trabzon and surrounds, visiting the breathtaking Byzantine Sumela Monastery and Uzungol, a picturesque lake surrounded by thick woods before returning back to the hotel. Overnight Trabzon. (B)

### Day 10 Sunday Rize, Erzurum

Today we travel along the Black Sea coast towards Artvin before driving through the wild landscapes of Coruh Valley. We also visit picturesque Ishan village on our way to the scenic heights of Erzurum. Overnight Erzurum (B)



#### Day 11 Monday Ani, Dogubayazit

This morning we visit the Seljuk monuments of Erzurum before continuing through Kars to Ani, close to the Turkish Armenian border. We continue to Dogubeyazit located at the foothill of Mount Ararat, the highest mount in Anatolia and where Noah's Ark is thought to have landed. Overnight Dogubeyazit (B)

#### Day 12 Tuesday Dogubeyazit, Van

After breakfast we tour Ishak Pasha Palace before driving through barren landscapes of volcanic stones stopping at Muradiye Waterfalls. We continue to Van, home to Lake Van, Turkey's largest lake. Overnight Van (B)

#### Day 13 Wednesday Van, Hosap, Akdamar

Morning drive to Çavustepe, to explore the ancient Urartian citadel before continuing to the village of Hosap. Early afternoon from the town of Gevas we take a boat excursion to Akdamar Island which is home to the 10th century Holy Cross Church. Overnight Van (B)

#### Day 14 Thursday Ahlat, Tatvan, Bitlis

Today we drive along the north shore of Lake Van to visit Ahlat, Tatvan and the picturesque town of Bitlis. Late afternoon arrival in Diyarbakir. Overnight Diyarbakir (B)

### Day 15 Friday Hasankeyf, Midyat

Morning drive to Hasankeyf, to visit the cliff top Roman ruins of ancient Cephe, and the old town of Midyat, an architectural treasure. Overnight Mardin (B)

### Day 16 Saturday Harran, Urfa

On the way to Sanliurfa, we will visit Göbeklitepé which will allow you to discover the region and observe the excavation currently running at the site. Visit the famous 'beehive' village houses of Harran and the ancient city of Urfa, home of Abraham. Discover the "City of the Prophets" as we visit Abraham's Caves, the pool of sacred carp and the busy and colourful bazaar. Overnight Sanliurfa (Urfa) (B)



#### Day 17 Sunday Adiyaman, Adiyaman

We have an interesting drive today as we pass by Bozova and see Ataturk Dam before arriving in Adiyaman. Overnight Adiyaman (B)

#### **Day 18 Monday Mt Nemrut**

We set off for Mt. Nemrut before dawn and after a short ascent of the mountain watch the magical sunrise over the plateau, and visit the massive ancient rock statues. Visit the ancient Roman city of Zeugma and tour Gaziantep, and the Mosaic Museum where the superb Roman mosaics of Zeugma are displayed. Overnight Gaziantep (B)

#### Day 19 Tuesday Kahramanmaras, Cappadocia

After breakfast we set off for Cappadocia, stopping off at Kahramanmaras (produces Turkey's best ice cream!) along the way. Overnight Cappadocia (B)

#### Day 20 Wednesday Cappadocia

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia as you visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum, the fairy chimneys and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B)

## Day 21 Thursday Yazilikaya, Hattusa,

After breakfast, we drive via Kozakli to the city of Hattusa, the capital of the Hittite Empire in the late Bronze Age. First we visit Yazilikaya, the ruins of the open air temple where there are rock carvings of Hitite gods. Then we go to Hattusa, 'the Great Temple', the city ruins including the Lions' Gate and the Royal Gate and the summer palace of Hitites. Then we drive to Alacahoyuk seeing the Sphinx Gate and the Royal Tombs. Overnight Ankara (B)

### Day 22 Friday Ankara, Istanbul

This morning we visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, an award winning museum located near the ancient citadel of Ankara and then continue on to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 23 Saturday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

## TURKEY | Small Group Tour



## **BLACK SEA EXPLORER** 10 DAYS from **NZD 3799**

Departure Dates

May 22; Jun 12; Jul 03, 24 Aug 14; Sep 04 **2021** May 21; Jun 11; Jul 02, 23 Aug 13; Sep 03

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
   Outbound Trabzon airport transfer
   Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
   Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicles.
- Tips except driver and guide
  Entrance fees
  9 nights accommodation
  9 breakfast

#### Day 1 Friday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Sunday Akcakoca, Safranbolu

First stop is the coastal town of Akçakoca. Its old town area, situated on a gentle hill is a well preserved neighbourhood of traditional houses. We then drive to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Safranbolu. Overnight Safranbolu (B)

### Day 4 Monday Safranbolu, Amasra

After breakfast, we start our tour from Hidirlik Hill to get a city view then discover Safranbolu's well-preserved wooden houses, Cinci Inn and Bath, old government building, the clock tower and the Arasta Bazaar. In the afternoon we drive to Amasra and visit the Roman castle and walls, wood-carving handicraft bazaar and the outer and inner piers of the city. Overnight Safranbolu (B)

### Day 5 Tuesday Kastamonu

After breakfast we will drive to Kastamonu, which is one of the rare cities where you can find great examples of traditional Turkish houses. Along the way we'll stop at the crystal terrace, an unbreakable glass platform attached to a cliff edge 80 meters above the Incekaya Canyon. Overnight Kastamonu (B)

Kastamon Dogubeyazıt Ankara Divarbakı Cappadocia Gaziantep

**Day 6 Wednesday Inebolu, Sinop**This morning we head for Inebolu with its wooden houses reflecting Rum (Byzantine or Ottoman Greek) architecture, dark green nature and excellent coastline which amazes visitors. Overnight Sinop (B)

#### Day 7 Thursday Akliman, Hamsilos, Erfelek Waterfall

We depart from our hotel and visit Akliman Cove, Hamsilos Bay which offers rich natural beauty with green forests, colourful flowers and small inland bays where military ships took strategic advantage of the bays' hidden location during the First World War. Lastly we visit Erfelek Waterfall where you will be able to trek through the park and find many cascading waterfalls and other beautiful natural scenes. Overnight Sinop (B)

Day 8 Friday Ordu, Trabzon
Today we will drive towards the Black Sea coast to Trabzon, stopping on the way for a short visit to Yason Church which stands along one of the most picturesque locations on the Black Sea coast. Then you will have great photo opportunity at Boztepe before heading to Trabzon.Overnight Trabzon (B)

#### **Day 9 Saturday Trabzon**

Today we tour Trabzon and surrounds, visiting the breathtaking Byzantine Sumela Monastery and Uzungol, a picturesque lake surrounded by thick woods before returning back to the hotel. Overnight Trabzon (B)

### Day 10 Sunday Trabzon

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

## NORTHERN EXPLORER

13 DAYS from **NZD 4939** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

May 28; June 18; July 09, 30; Aug 20; Sep 10 **2021** 

May 27; June 17; July 08, 29; Aug 19; Sep 09

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
   Outbound Gaziantep airport transfer
   Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
   Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,
- non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees12 nights accommodation12 breakfast

#### Day 1 Thursday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

### Day 2 Friday Istanbul Old City, Trabzon

Enjoy a fully guided tour of the Istanbul visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Then we will fly to Trabzon, on the Black Sea coast. Overnight Trabzon (B)

Day 3 Saturday Trabzon
Today we tour Trabzon and surrounds, visiting the Byzantine Sumela Monastery and Uzungol, a picturesque lake surrounded by thick woods. Overnight Trabzon (B)



Day 4 Sunday Rize, Erzurum
Today we travel along the Black Sea coast towards
Artvin before driving through the wild landscapes of Çoruh Valley. We also visit picturesque Ishan village. Overnight Erzurum (B)

Day 5 Monday Ani, Dogubayazit

Visit the Seljuk monuments of Erzurum before continuing through Kars to Ani, close to the Turkish Armenian border. We continue to Dogubeyazit located at the foothill of Mount Ararat, the highest mount in Anatolia and where Noah's Ark is thought to have landed. Overnight Dogubeyazit (B) Day 6 Tuesday Dogubeyazit, Van

After breakfast we tour Ishak Pasha Palace before driving through Muradiye Waterfalls. We continue

to Van, home to Lake Van. Overnight Van (B)

Day 7 Wednesday Van, Hosap, Akdamar

Morning drive to Cavustepe, to explore the ancient Urartian citadel before continuing to the village of Hosap. Early afternoon from the town of Gevas we take a boat excursion to Akdamar Island which is home to the 10th century Holy Cross Church.

Overnight Van (B)

Day 8 Thursday Ahlat, Tatvan, Bitlis

Today we drive along the north shore of Lake Van to visit Ahlat, Tatvan and the picturesque town of

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Day 9 Friday Hasankeyf, Midyat

Morning drive to Hasankeyf, to visit the cliff top

Roman ruins of ancient Cephe, and the old town
of Midyat. Overnight Mardin (B)

Day 10 Saturday Harran, Urfa

On the way to Sanliurfa, we will visit Göbeklitepe which will allow you to discover the region and observe the excavation currently running at the site. Visit the famous 'beehive' village houses of Harran and the ancient city of Urfa, home of Abraham.

Overnight Sanliurfa (Urfa) (B)

Day 11 Sunday Adiyaman, Adiyaman

We have an interesting drive today as we pass by Bozova and see Ataturk Dam before arriving in Adiyaman. Overnight Adiyaman (B)

Day 12 Monday Mt Nemrut

We set off for Mt. Nemrut before dawn and after a short ascent of the mountain watch the magical sunrise over the plateau, and visit the massive ancient rock statues. Visit the ancient Roman city of Zeugma and tour Gaziantep, and the Mosaic Museum where the superb Roman mosaics of Zeugma are displayed. Overnight Gaziantep (B) Day 13 Tuesday Gaziantep

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

## **EASTERN SPLENDOURS**

17 DAYS from **NZD 459** 

Departure Dates

2020 May 28; June 18; July 09, 30; Aug 20; Sep 10 **2021** 

May 27; June 17; July 08, 29; Aug 19; Sep 09 Tour includes

Inbound - Istanbul airport transfer
Outbound - Gaziantep airport transfer
Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,

non-smoking vehicle

Tips except driver and guide Entrance fees

16 nights accommodation 16 breakfast

Day 1 Thursday Istanbul Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Friday Istanbul Old City, Trabzon

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of Istanbul visiting the Blue Mosque, St.Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. This afternoon we will fly to Trabzon, on the Black Sea coast. Overnight Trabzon (B)

Day 3 Saturday Trabzon
Today we tour Trabzon and surrounds, visiting the broathstaking Burgarting Sumpla Magastany and

breathtaking Byzantine Sumela Monastery and Uzungol, a picturesque lake surrounded by thick woods. Overnight Trabzon (B)

Day 4 Sunday Rize, Erzurum

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Day 5 Monday Ani, Dogubayazit
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Day 6 Tuesday Dogubeyazit, Van
Tour Ishak Pasha Palace before driving through barren landscapes of volcanic stones stopping at Muradiye Waterfalls. Overnight Van (B)

Day 7 Wednesday Van, Hosap, Akdamar Morning drive to Cavustepe, to explore the ancient Urartian citadel. Early afternoon we take a boat excursion to Akdamar Island which is home to the 10th century Holy Cross Church. Overnight Van (B) Day 8 Thursday Ahlat, Tatvan, Bitlis

Today we drive along the north shore of Lake Van to visit Ahlat, Tatvan and the picturesque town of Bitlis. Overnight Diyarbakir (B)

Day 9 Friday Hasankeyf, Midyat

Morning drive to Hasankeyf, to visit the cliff top Roman ruins of ancient Cephe, and the old town of Midyat, an

architectural treasure. Overnight Mardin (B)

Day 10 Saturday Harran, Urfa
On the way to Sanliurfa, we will visit Göbeklitepe which will allow you to discover the region and observe the excavation currently running at the site. Visit the famous 'beehive' village houses of Harran and the ancient city of Urfa, home of Abraham. Discover the "City of the Prophets" as we visit Abraham's Caves. Overnight Sanliurfa (Urfa) (B)

Day 11 Sunday Adiyaman, Adiyaman
We have an interesting drive today as we pass by
Bozova and see Ataturk Dam before arriving in

Adiyaman. Overnight Adiyaman (B)

Day 12 Monday Mt Nemrut

We set off for Mt. Nemrut before dawn and after a short ascent of the mountain watch the magical sunrise over the plateau. Visit the ancient Roman city of Zeugma and tour Gaziantep, and the Mosaic Museum where the superb Roman mosaics of Zeugma are

displayed. Overnight Gaziantep (B)

Day 13 Tuesday Kahramanmaras, Cappadocia After breakfast we set off for Cappadocia, stopping off at Kahramanmaras (produces Turkey's best ice cream!) along the way. Overnight Cappadocia (B)

Day 14 Wednesday Cappadocia

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia as you visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum, the fairy chimneys and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B)

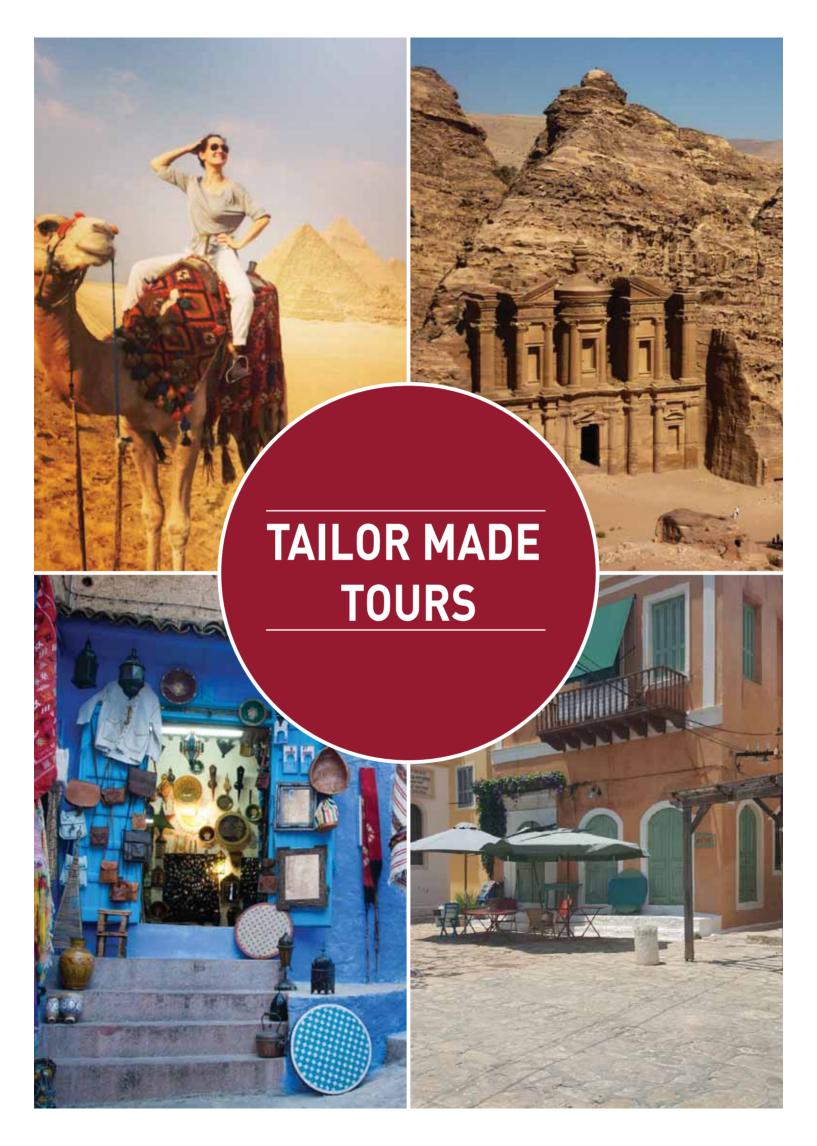
Day 15 Thursday Yazilikaya, Hattusa, Alacahoyuk

After breakfast, we drive via Kozakli to the city of Hattusa, the capital of the Hittite Empire in the late Bronze Age. First we visit Yazilikaya, the ruins of the open air temple where there are rock carvings of Hitite gods. Then we go to Hattusa, 'the Great Temple', the city ruins including the Lions' Gate and the Royal Gate and the summer palace of Hitites. Then we drive to Alacahoyuk seeing the Sphinx Gate and the Royal Tombs. Overnight Ankara (B)

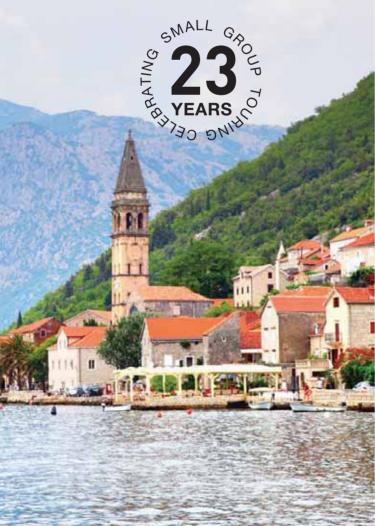
Day 16 Friday Ankara, Istanbul
This morning we visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, an award winning museum located near the ancient citadel of Ankara and then continue on to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 17 Saturday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)







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## **ISTANBUL MINI STAY**

3 Days from NZD 369

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Airport Transfer
- Outbound Airport Transfer
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Professional English speaking local tour guides
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance Fees
- 2 nights accommodation.
- 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch

## Day 1 Welcome to Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours free to explore. Overnight Istanbul

### Day 2 Istanbul

Full day city tour featuring the Blue Mosque, St. Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace (closed Tuesdays), Hippodrome and the Grand Bazaar. As one the world's largest covered markets, the Grand Bazaar (closed Sundays) is home to thousands of shops and stalls spread over nearly 60 blocks. We also visit a carpet shop and learn how carpets are made by hand. Overnight Istanbul (B, L)

## Day 3 Istanbul

Your day is free until your return transfer to the airport where your tour concludes. (B)



## MINI STAY ISTANBUL

4 Days from **NZD 525** 

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Airport Transfer
- Outbound Airport Transfer
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Professional English speaking local tour guides Bosphorous Cruise
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance Fees
- 3 nights accommodation
- 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches

## Day 1 Welcome to Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours free to explore. Overnight Istanbul.

## Day 2 Istanbul

Full day city tour featuring the Blue Mosque, St. Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace (closed Tuesdays), Hippodrome and the Grand Bazaar. As one the world's largest covered markets, the Grand Bazaar (closed Sundays) is home to thousands of shops and stalls spread over nearly 60 blocks. We also visit a carpet shop and learn how carpets are made by hand. Overnight Istanbul (B, L)

## Day 3 Istanbul

Today we cruise along the European and Asian shores of the Bosphorous. This afternoon we visit Camlica Hill on the Asian side of Istanbul, with its panoramic view. Overnight Istanbul (B, L)

## Day 4 Istanbul

Your day is free until your return transfer to the airport where your tour concludes. (B)



## ISTANBUL BY NIGHT From NZD 125

#### Tour includes

- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Pick up & drop off from/to your Istanbul hotel
- 2 local drinks
- 1 Dinner

A short drive to an exclusive night club through the illuminated city. Five course dinner will be served including two local drinks. After dinner, enjoy the floorshow of belly dancers, folklore dancers and singers from various regions of Turkey.







## **EPHESUS & HOUSE** OF VIRGIN MARY DAY TRIP FROM ISTANBUL WITH RETURN FLIGHTS

NZD 545 From

## Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- ullet Pick up  $\dot{\&}$  drop off from/to your Istanbul hotel
- Entrance fees
- Tips except driver and guide
- 1 Lunch
- Return domestic flight between Istanbul and Izmir and transfers

Early morning pick up from your hotel for your flight to Izmir. Arrive at Izmir airport and transfer to Ephesus. Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of the ancient city of Ephesus. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the city and stadium where chariot and horse races were once held. We also visit the site of the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. You will also have the chance to learn about some Turkish handicrafts and to visit the House of Virgin Mary, where it is believed she spent her last days. Your last visit of the day will be to Sirince village, located on top of a mountain, and famous for its fruit wines, which you can taste. Transfer back to Izmir Airport for your flight to Istanbul. Transfer to your Istanbul hotel.



## **CAPPADOCIA** DAY TOUR WITH RETURN DOMESTIC **FLIGHTS**

NZD 569 From

## Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Pick up & drop off from/to your Istanbul hotel
- Entrance fees
- Tips except driver and guide
- 1 Lunch
- Return domestic flight between Istanbul and Kayseri and transfers

Pick up from your hotel in Istanbul and take an early morning flight to Kayseri. On arrival, transfer to the village of Urgup to start your tour. Our first stop is Esentepe, followed by a visit to Uchisar Castle. We then visit Goreme Open Air Museum and Ortahisar Castle. Afterwards we visit the fairy chimneys of Pasabag follwed by Devrent Valley. Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Istanbul. On arrival, transfer to your Istanbul hotel.



## WHIRLING **DERVISHES** AT HODJAPASHA

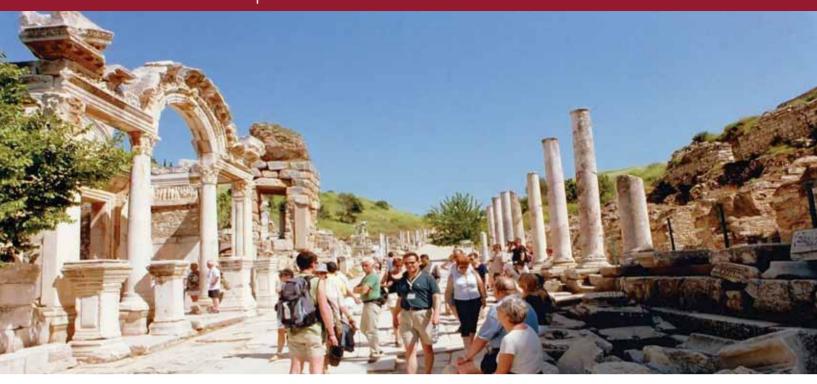
**NZD 109** From

- Tour includes
- Entrance fees
- Light refreshments
- Multilingual Explanation Booklet
- Pick up & Drop off from your hotel

Don't miss the opportunity to see whirling dervishes perform the Mevlevi Sema Ceremony at Istanbul's Hodjapasha cultural dance theatre. The ceremony features a complex musical repertoire called 'ayin' and the whirling dance performed by the dervishes represents the mythical journey of man's spiritual ascent through mind and love to perfection. It is a tradition more than 800 years old, and in 2005 it was proclaimed as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity by

The ceremony starts after a 15 minute classical instrumental performance by a traditional Turkish orchestra and lasts for around 45 minutes. It is accompanied by 360 degree video special effects projected on the walls of the beautiful historic building and some amazing lighting, adding to the atmosphere of this captivating ceremony. The total duration is one hour, and seats are numbered, so be sure to book early





## MINI STAY KUSADASI 3 Days from NZD 645

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Izmir airport transfer
- Outbound Izmir airport transfer
- Professional English speaking local tour guides
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 2 nights accommodation in Kusadasi
- 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches

**Day 1 Ephesus** 

Pick up from Izmir airport by 8am at the latest, or from your hotel at 9am in Kusadasi, and then absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of the ancient city of Ephesus. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the city and stadium where chariot and horse races were once held. We also visit the site of the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. You will also have the chance to learn about some Turkish handicrafts and to visit the House of Virgin Mary, where it is believed she spent her last days. Your last visit of the day will be to Sirince village, located on top of a mountain, and famous for its fruit wines, which you can taste. Drop back to your hotel after the tour. Overnight Kusadasi (L)

Day 2 Pamukkale

Pick up from your hotel approximately 8.00am, we then drive approximately 3 hours to Pamukkale, home of the magnificent white calcium terraces known as the travertines. We will tour the ancient city of Hierapolis, and you can take a dip amongst ancient columns in the hot springs that have been used since ancient times for their therapeutic powers. Drive back to Kusadasi. Overnight Kusadasi (B, L)

Day 3 Kusadasi

After breakfast you will be transferred to Izmir airport. (B)

## MINI STAY KUSADASI NZD 715 4 Days from

- Tour includes

  Inbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Outbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Professional English speaking local tour guides
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle Tips except driver and guide Suggested optional activities

- Entrance fees
- 3 nights accommodation in Kusadasi 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches

## Day 1 Izmir, Kusadasi

On arrival at Izmir airport you will be transferred to your hotel in the resort town of Kusadasi. The remainder of the day is yours, free to explore. Overnight Kusadasi

Day 2 Ephesus
Absorb yourself in history today with a
guided tour of the ancient city of Ephesus.
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Day 3 Pamukkale

Pick up from your hotel approximately 8.00am, we then drive approximately 3 hours to Pamukkale, home of the magnificent white calcium terraces known as the travertines. We will tour the ancient city travertines. We will tour the ancient city of Hierapolis, and you can take a dip amongst ancient columns in the hot springs that have been used since ancient times for their therapeutic powers. Drive back to Kusadasi. Overnight Kusadasi (B, L)

Day 4 Kusadasi

After breakfast you will be transferred to lzmir airport. (B)

## **EPHESUS DAY TOUR** NZD 109 From

- Tour includes
   Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- Pick up & drop off from/to your Kusadasi hotel
  Tips except driver and guide
  Entrance fees

- 1 Lunch

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of the ancient city of Ephesus. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the city and stadium where chariot and horse races were once held. We also visit the site of the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. You will also have the chance to learn about some Turkish handicrafts and to visit the House of Virgin Mary, where it is believed she spent her last days. Your last visit of the day will be to Sirince village.

## PERGAMON DAY TOUR From NZD 149

- Tour includes
   Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
  Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
  Pick up & drop off from/to your Kusadasi hotel
  Tips except driver and guide
  Entrance fees

- 1 Lunch

Bergama is home to two of the country's most celebrated archaeological sites: the Acropolis and the Asklepion of ancient Pergamon. Most of the extraordinary buildings and monuments in Bergama date to the time of Eumenes II (197-159 BC), to the time of Eumenes II (197-159 BC), including the famed library, the terrace of the spectacularly sited hillside theatre, the main palace, the Altar of Zeus and the propylaeum of the Temple of Athena. In the early Christian era, Pergamon's church was a major centre of Christianity and was one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. You will return to your hotel after the tour. after the tour.



## **PAMUKKALE DAY** From NZD 109 **TOUR**

## Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Pick up & drop off from/to your Kusadasi hotel
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 1 Lunch

Visit Pamukkale's famous cotton castle (travertine pools) and Hierapolis, including the magnificently preserved necropolis, the main street, gates, thermal baths, the Greco-Roman theatre and the Basilica of St Philip. Swim in a therapeutic pool of hot spring mineral waters.

### PRIENE MILETUS DIDYMA **NZD 189 TOUR** From

#### Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Pick up & drop off from/to your Kusadasi hotel
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 1 Lunch

Depart from your hotel in Kusadasi in the morning. After a 2 hour drive your tour starts with a visit to Priene which was one of the most active ports of the Ionian Federation. The city is the oldest example of geometric city planning. Next, visit Miletus which provided its alphabet to the rest of the classical world, was a great port and the hometown of several philosophers and sages. Continue to Didyma's Temple of Apollo which, with its very well-known orcales was one of the most sacred places in antiquity. Although looted and burnt many times it remains impressive. At the end of the tour you will be dropped back at your hotel.

## **CAPPADOCIA** 3 DAY TOUR WITH RETURN FLIGHTS

NZD 919 From

#### Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Pick up from your Istanbul hotel
- Entrance fees
- Tips except driver and guide
- Return domestic flight between Istanbul and Kayseri and transfers
- 2 nights accommodation.
- 2 Breakfast, 2 Lunches

### **Day 1 Northern Cappadocia**

Pick up from your hotel in Istanbul and take an early morning flight to Kayseri.

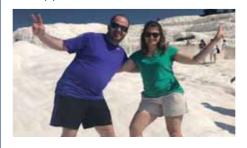
On arrival, transfer to the village of Urgup to start your tour. Our first stop is Esentepe, followed by a visit to Uchisar Castle.

We then visit Goreme Open Air Museum and Ortahisar Castle. Afterwards we visit the fairy chimneys of Pasabag follwed by Devrent Valley. Overnight Cappadocia. (L)

Day 2 Southern Cappadocia
This morning we head to Pigeon Valley and then Red Valley. After visiting some cave churches we head to one of the area's undergound cities. Afterwards we visit Cavusin village and finally the town of Avanos where we learn about hand-made pottery. Overnight Cappadocia. (B, L)

## Day 3 Cappadocia to Istanbul

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Istanbul. On arrival, transfer to your Istanbul hotel. (B)



## 3 DAY EPEHSUS & PAMUKKALE FROM ISTANBUL WITH ONE WAY FLIGHT NZD 689 From

Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- · Pick up from your Istanbul hotel
- Entrance fees
- Tips except driver and guide
- Domestic flight between Istanbul and Izmir and transfers
- 2 nights accommodation.
- 2 Breakfast, 2 Lunches

Day 1 Ephesus

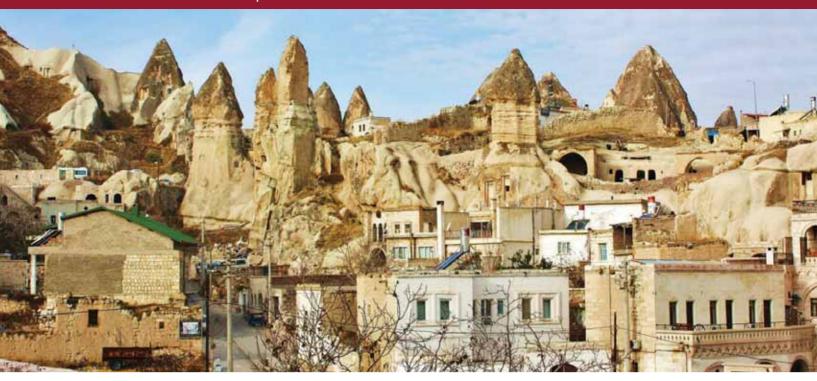
Early morning pick up from your hotel for your flight to Izmir. Arrive at Izmir airport and transfer to Ephesus. Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of the ancient city of Ephesus. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the city and stadium where chariot and horse races were once held. We also visit the site of the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. You will also have the chance to learn about some Turkish handicrafts and to visit the House of Virgin Mary, where it is believed she spent her last days. Your last visit of the day will be to Sirince village, located on top of a mountain, and famous for its fruit wines, which you can taste.

Day 2 Pamukkale

Pick up from your hotel approximately 8.00am, we then drive approximately 3 hours to Pamukkale, home of the magnificent white calcium terraces known as the travertines. We will tour the ancient city of Hierapolis, and you can take a dip amongst ancient columns in the hot springs that have been used since ancient times for their therapeutic powers. At the end of the tour, drive back to Kusadasi. Overnight Kusadasi (B, L)

## Day 3 Kusadasi

After breakfast transfer to Izmir where our services conclude. (B)



## MINI STAY CAPPADOCIA 3 Days from NZD 499

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Kayseri OR Nevsehir airport transfer
- Outbound Kayseri OR Nevsehir airport transfer
- Professional English speaking local tour guides
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance Fees
- 2 nights boutique cave accommodation
- 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunch

**Day 1 Northern Cappadocia** 

Pick up from Kayseri or Nevsehir airport or from your hotel in Cappadocia. First stop is Esentepe, followed by a visit to Uchisar Castle. We then visit Goreme Open air museum and Ortahisar castle. Afterwards, we visit the Pasabag Fairy Chimneys, followed by Devrent Valley. Overnight Cappadocia (L)

Day 2 Southern Cappadocia

This morning, we head to Pigeon Valley and then Red Valley. After visiting cave churches we head to underground city and afterwards visit Cavusin village and lastly Avanos town where we learn about hand-made pottery. Overnight Cappadocia (B, L)

**Day 3 Cappadocia to Istanbul** You will be transferred to the airport for your flight and end of the services. (B)



## MINI STAY CAPPADOCIA 4 Days from NZD 645

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Kayseri OR Nevsehir airport transfer
- Outbound Kayseri OR Nevsehir airport transfer
- Professional English speaking local tour guides
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance Fees
- 3 nights boutique cave accommodation
- 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches

**Day 1 Welcome to Cappadocia**On arrival you will be met and transferred to Cappadocia. Cappadocia is an extraordinary national treasure and is perhaps even the jewel in Turkey's illustrious crown. Overnight Cappadocia

Day 2 Northern Cappadocia
First stop is Esentepe, followed by a visit
to Uchisar Castle. We then visit Goreme
Open air museum and Ortahisar castle. Afterwards, we visit the fairy chimneys of Pasabag, followed by Devrent Valley. Overnight Cappadocia (B, L)

Day 3 Southern Cappadocia
This morning, we head to Pigeon Valley
and then Red Valley. After visiting cave
churches we head to an underground city
and afterwards visit Cavusin village and
lastly we visit Avanos, where we learn
about hand-made pottery.
Overnight Cappadocia (B, L)

Day 4 Cappadocia to Istanbul

You will be transferred to the airport for your flight and end of the services. (B)



## **CAPPADOCIA NORTH NZD 95 TOUR** From

### Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Pick up & drop off from/to your Cappadocia hotel
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 1 Lunch

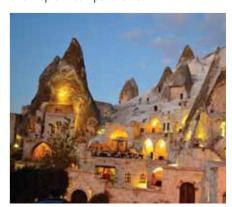
First stop is Esentepe, followed by a visit to Uchisar Castle. We then visit Goreme Open air museum and Ortahisar castle. Afterwards, we visit the Pasabag Fairy Chimneys, followed by Devrent Valley

## **IHLARA VALLEY NZD 109 TOUR** From

## Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Pick up & drop off from/to your Cappadocia hotel
  Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 1 Lunch

Visit Derinkuyu Underground city, which is 85 m deep and Ihlara Canyon along the Melendiz river. Selime Monastery and Yaprakhisar panaroma.





## CAPPADOCIA SOUTH **NZD 95 TOUR** From

#### Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Pick up & drop off from/to your Cappadocia hotel
- Entrance fees
- · Tips except driver and guide
- 1 Lunch

This morning, we head to Pigeon Valley and then Red Valley. After visiting the cave churches we head to an underground city, afterwards we visit Cavusin village and lastly Avanos town where we learn about hand-made pottery.

## TRADITIONAL TURKISH **FOLKLORE EVENING NZD 109** From

### Tour includes

- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- Professional English speaking tour leader
- throughout the journey

   Pick up & drop off from/to your Istanbul hotel

   Unlimited local drinks
- 1 Dinner

A great night out where dinner, unlimited beer, wine, Turkish Raki, soft drinks and entertainment is included in the price. The show features belly dancers, traditional folk dancers and traditional Turkish musicians.



## **NEMRUT EASTERN** EXPLORER From NZD 905

# Departure Dates 01May 20 to 31 Oct 20 : Every Wednesday and Sunday 01May 21 to 31 Oct 21 : Every Wednesday and Sunday

### Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour

- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
   Tips except driver and guide
   Domestic flight between Gaziantep and Istanbul and transfers
- Entrance fees
- 3 nights accommodation3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

## Day 1 Mt Nemrut, Karatay Caravansaray,

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Our first stop will be the Seljuk Karatay
Caravansaray. The next stop will be Pinarbasi
from here we pass through Adiyaman and visit
Arsemia, once the capital of the Commagene
Kingdom, before continuing to the ancient
Severus (Cendere) Bridge and the Karakus
Tumulus where members of the royal family
were buried. This evening we will go to Mt
Nemrut ascend the mountain watch the Nemrut, ascend the mountain, watch the magical sunrise over the plateau, and visit the massive ancient rock statues. After the sunset we return to Adiyaman. Overnight Adiyaman (L,D)

Day 2 Gobekli Tepe, Sanliurfa, Harran
Today we drive to Sanliurfa, visiting Ataturk
Dam, Turkey's largest, along. After short break
we drive to Gobekli Tepe, predating Stonehenge
by some 6,000 years, some believe it is the
site of the world's oldest temple. After lunch we
visit the Harran, a village of Mud-Brick
"beekive" bouses mentioned in the book of "beehive" houses mentioned in the book of "beenive" houses mentioned in the book of Genesis where Abraham spend last years of his life. We then drive back to Sanliurfa where we will stay and you will have chance to see Mevlid-i Halil Mosque, where you can see the Prophet Abraham Cave and the Pools of the Holy Carp surrounding it.

Overnight Sanliurfa (Urfa) (B,L,D)

**Day 3 Gaziantep, Istanbul**Departure from Sanliurfa for Gaziantep where you can see the famous Mosaic Museum, the largest in the world and home to the famous 'Gypsy Girl' mosaic. After lunch, we catch a flight to Istanbul from Gaziantep airport. Overnight Istanbul (B,L)

#### Day 4 Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends. (B)

## MT NEMRUT EASTERN CLASSICS From NZD 675

# Departure Dates 01May 20 to 31 Oct 20 : Every Wednesday and Sunday 01May 21 to 31 Oct 21 : Every Wednesday and Sunday

## Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 2 nights accommodation
- 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

## Day 1 Mt Nemrut, Karatay

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Holy Carp surrounding it.
Overnight Sanliurfa (Urfa) (B,L,D)

Day 3 Gaziantep, Istanbul
Departure from Sanliurfa for Gaziantep where
you can see the famous Mosaic Museum, the
largest in the world and home to the famous
'Gypsy Girl' mosaic. This museum exhibits
superb mosaics discovered at the roman site of Belkis - Zeugma before Birecik Dam flooded most of the site. After lunch, we drive across the Taurus Mountains and back to Goreme, Cappadocia. (B, L)





The shores of Gallipoli are intensely significant to Australians and New Zealanders (ANZACs), and in recent decades they've seen a real healing and reconciliation between Australia, New Zealand and Turkey. This now serene site, located at Turkey's most westerly point, plays a crucial role in the travels of both young and old people, just like it did in 1915 for the allied forces. On 25 April each year, there is commemorations for the landings of the Anzacs on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. The Dawn Service held in ANZAC Cove, Gallipoli, as well as the Australian service at Lone Pine Memorial or the New Zealand service at Chunuk Bair Memorial.

We have several tour options for Anzac Day commerations who wants to experience. We also operate tours to the Gallipoli battlefields every day of the year. Since 1997, we have been one of the biggest tour operators for ANZAC Day tours. Our Head Tour Guides for Gallipoli are the best in Turkey. They brief and train the many licensed guides that we need to employ for our ANZAC Day tours so you can be sure of a brilliant ANZAC Day experience.



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## Responsible travel

Turkey does a fantastic job every day of the year in accommodating Australian's and New Zealander's who want to visit Gallipoli, ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair etc., especially on ANZAC Day. When you travel with Fez you can be sure you are putting something back into the local Turkish economy as Fez are 100% Turkish owned - our head office is in Istanbul.



## **ANZAC COLONEL**

## 15 DAYS from **NZD 2839**

- Tour includes

  Inbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Outbound Istanbul airport transfer

  Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour

  Transportation in a fully air-conditioned
- vehicle Car ferry fees between Canakkale and
- Eceabat Tips - driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 13 nights accommodation
  13 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 10 Dinners

Day 1 Wednesday 22th April Istanbul
Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Thursday 23th April Istanbul Old City
Guided tour of Istanbul, visiting the Blue Mosque,
St. Sophia Museum and the the Hippodrome. In the afternoon we head for the Gallipoli Battlefields. Overnight Canakkale (B, D)

Day 3 Friday 24th April Cape Helles Services

Today we visit International Service at the Turkish memorial, Mehmetcik Abide, and then the Commonwealth service at the British memorial. Overnight Anzac Cove (B)

## Day 4 Saturday 25th April Anzac Day at

Awake before sun rise for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. You will then have the chance to attend the Australian or New Zealand Memorial service before we head to our hotel for a well-deserved rest. Overnight Çanakkale (D)

## Day 5 Sunday 26th April Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

Step back in time as we visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 6 Monday 27th April Ephesus, Kusadasi

Guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince

Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

## Day 7 Tuesday 28th April Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will head to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)



## Day 8 Wednesday 29th April Fethiye, Gulet

This morning we drive to Fethiye and board our Gulet. Overnight Fethiye Harbour (B, D)

## Day 9 Thursday 30th April Fethiye, Gulet

Cruise to Dockyard Island, Tasyaka and Bedri Rahmi Bay. Tonight will be spent at a secluded cove or island.

Overnight Göcek Bay (B, L, D)

Day 10 Friday 1st May Gulet

Today we cruise to Göcek Island to swim, snorkel, laze in the

sunshine. Overnight Göcek Bay (B, L, D)

## Day 11 Saturday 2nd May Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleiçi

This morning we disembark from our gulet after breakfast and head to Kayakoy. We drive to the resort town of Antalya. Here we will take a walking tour of the old town area of Antalya known as "Kaleiçi". Overnight Kantalya (B)

Day 12 Sunday 3rd May Konya, Cappadocia

Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya. Overnight Ćappadocia (B, D)

## Day 13 Monday 4th May Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City

We visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 14 Tuesday 5th May Ankara
Early morning departure to the nation's capital, Ankara, where we visit Anitkabir, before returning to Istanbul.

Overnight Istanbul (B)

## Day 15 Wednesday 6th May Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes (B)

## **ANZAC MAJOR** 11 DAYS from **NZD 2459**

Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Car ferry fees between Canakkale and **Eceabat**
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 9 nights accommodation
- 9 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

## Day 1 Thursday 16th April Welcome to Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul, where you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Friday 17th April Istanbul Old city
Tour of Istanbul, visiting the Blue Mosque, St.
Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace, the Hippodrome
and the Grand Bazzar. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 3 Saturday 18th April Ankara, Cappadocia

After breakfast, drive to the nation's capital, Ankara, visit Anitkabir. Then we head for the surreal, lunar-like landscape of Cappadocia. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 4 Sunday 19th April Goreme, Underground city

Explore Goreme open-air museum, Pasabag, Uchisar castle and one of the area's fascinating underground cities. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D) Day 5 Monday 20th April Konya,

## Caravansary

Leaving Cappadocia we head west along the old Silk Road for the stunning Aegean Coast. We take time out along the way to visit Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana Whirling Dervish Museum in Konya. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D) Day 6 Tuesday 21th April Pamukkale,

## Hierapolis

This morning we will visit the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as the Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Kusadasi (B)

Day 7 Wednesday 22th April Ephesus
Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre. Overnight Kusadasi (B)



## Day 8 Thursday 23th April Pergamum

Today we step back in time as we visit tour the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum.

Overnight Çanakkale (B, D)

## Day 9 Friday 24th April Troy

Early today we tour Homer's famous Troy, home of the famed Trojan Horse. We then cross the Dardanelles and the remainder of the evening is free until we head to the Dawn Service. Overnight Anzac Cove (B)

## Day 10 Saturday 25th April ANZAC Day at Gallipoli

Awake before sun rise for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. You will then have the chance to attend the Australian or New Zealand Memorial service before a late afternoon drive back to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul

## Day 11 Sunday 26th April Istanbul

After breakfast, our tour concludes. (B)

## ANZAC CORPORAL

8 DAYS from **NZD** 1889

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 6 nights accommodation
- 6 Breakfasts, 1 Dinners

## Day 1 Sunday 19th April Welcome to Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul, where you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight Istanbul

## Day 2 Monday 20th April Istanbul Old City Tour

Tour of Istanbul, visiting the Blue Mosque, St. Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace, the Hippodrome and the Grand Bazaar. Overnight Istanbul (B)



## Day 3 Tuesday 21th April Bursa

Today you head to Pamukkale, passing through Bursa where you will visit the famous Grand Mosque & Silk Bazaar. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D) **Day 4 Wednesday 22th April Pamukkale** 

This morning we will visit the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as the Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Kusadasi (B)

### Day 5 Thursday 23th April Ephesus

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre. Overnight Kusadasi (B)

## Day 6 Friday 24th April Pergamum and Troy

Today we step back in time as we visit tour the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Later in the day we tour Homer's famous Troy, home of the famed Trojan Horse. We then cross the Dardanelles and the remainder of the evening is free until we head to the Dawn. Overnight Anzac Cove (B)

## Day 7 Saturday 25th April ANZAC Day at Gallipoli

Awake before sun rise for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. You will then have the chance to attend the Australian or New Zealand Memorial service before a late afternoon drive back to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul

### Day 8 Sunday 26th April Istanbul

After breakfast, our tour concludes. (B)

# ANZAC ISTANBUL TROOPER 2 DAYS from NZD 379

#### Tour includes

- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Entrance fees
- Tips driver and guide

## Day 1 Friday 24th April Istanbul to Gallipoli

Morning departure to the WW1 battlefields of Gallipoli stopping along the way to stock up on supplies and rations. Once we arrive at the Gallipoli Peninsula we head straight to Anzac Cove.

## Day 2 Saturday 25th April ANZAC Day at Gallipoli

Awake before sun rise for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. You will then have the chance to attend the Australian or New Zealand Memorial service before a late afternoon drive back to Istanbul. Upon arrival to Istanbul, your tour concludes.







## GALLIPOLI & TROY GETAWAY From NZD 949

Departure Dates

Departs every day except Anzac Day period between 20-26 April

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 1 Dinner

#### Day 1 Welcome to Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul, where you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is your's free to explore. Overnight Istanbul

## Day 2 Istanbul city tour

After breakfast, you visit the Blue Mosque, the St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. We also visit a carpet shop and learn how carpets are made by hand. Overnight Istanbul (B,L)

## Day 3 Gallipoli battlefields tour

Early departure from your hotel and depart for afternoon tour of Gallipoli. The World War I battlefields of Gallipoli are now a serene site. Visit the Lone Pine Australian Memorial and Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial, ANZAC Cove, Brighton Beach, Beach Cemetery, Ari Burnu Cemetery, Johnston's Jolly (where you'll visit original Allied and Turkish trenches and tunnels), 57th Regiment Turkish Memorial and The Nek. Overnight Canakkale (B,L,D)

Day 4 Ancient Troy
After lunch, step back in time today as we
visit Troy, famous for the legendary Trojan
Horse from the times of beautiful Helen, the Queen of Sparta, and Paris, the Trojan Prince. Return back to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B,L)

## Day 5 Istanbul

Our tour concludes after breakfast (B).







## TROOPER ISTANBUL TO ISTANBUL From NZD 339

Departure Dates

Departs every day except Anzac Day period between 20-26 April

#### Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide

- Professional tour guide at Gallipoli and Troy
   Pick up & drop off from/to your Istanbul hotel
   Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
   Entrance fees
- 1 night accommodation1 Breakfast, 2 Lunches

#### Day 1 Istanbul - Gallipoli **Battlefields Tour**

Pick up between 6:15 am - 6:45 am from your hotel in the old city of Istanbul, Taksim or 7 am from Sultan Hostel, we then depart for an afternoon tour of Gallipoli. The World War I battlefields of Gallipoli are now a serene site. Visit the Lone Pine Australian Memorial and Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial, ANZAC Cove, Brighton Beach, Beach Cemetery, Ari Burnu Cemetery, Johnston's Jolly (where you'll visit original Allied and Turkish trenches and tunnels), 57th Regiment Turkish Memorial and The Nek. Overnight Canakkale (L)

Day 2 Troy - Istanbul

After lunch, step back in time as we visit

Troy, famous for the legendary Trojan Horse
from the times of beautiful Helen, the Queen
of Sparta, and Paris, the Trojan Prince. Return to Istanbul approximately 10pm. (B,L)





## TROOPER ISTANBUL TO **EPHESUS** From NZD 679

Departure Dates

Departs every day except Anzac Day period between 20-26 April

#### Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Professional tour guide at Gallipoli, Troy and Pergamum
- Pick up from your Istanbul hotel
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 3 nights accommodation
- 3 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

## Day 1 Gallipoli Battlefields tour

Pick up between 6:15 am - 6:45 am from your hotel in the old city of Istanbul, Taksim or 7 am from Sultan Hostel, we then depart for an afternoon tour of Gallipoli. The World War I battlefields of Gallipoli are now a serene site. Visit the Lone Pine Australian Memorial, Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial, ANZAC Cove, Johnston's Jolly and The Nek. Overnight Canakkale (D)

Day 2 Troy, Pergamum, Kusadasi

Visit the ancient city of Troy, famous for the legendary Trojan horse from the times of Beautiful Helen, Queen of Sparta and the ancient town of Pergamum with its magnificent acropolis and one of the steepest theatres in the world. Its impressive temples, library and medical facilities made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. Then we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

Day 3 Ephesus, Kusadasi

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey, and at a carpet will have to be a carpet will be a competitive or the second traditions. village we learn how a carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B,D)

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends. (B)







## TROOPER ISTANBUL TO PAMUKKALE From NZD 759

Departure Dates

Departs every day except Anzac Day period between 20-26 April

Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Professional tour guide at Gallipoli,

Troy and Pergamum

• Pick up from your Istanbul hotel

- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
   Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
  Entrance fees
- 3 nights accommodation3 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

Day 1 Gallipoli Battlefields tour

Day 1 Gallipoli Battlefields tour
Pick up between 6:15 am - 6:45 am from your
hotel in the old city of Istanbul, Taksim or 7 am
from Sultan Hostel, we then depart for afternoon
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Gallipoli are now a serene site. Visit the Lone
Pine Australian Memorial, Chunuk Bair New
Zealand Memorial, ANZAC Cove, Johnston'sJolly
and The Nek. Overnight Canakkale (D)

Day 2 Troy, Pergamum, Kusadasi
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Day 4 Pamukkale, Hierapolis
Pick up from your hotel approximately 8.00am, we then drive approximately 3 hours to
Pamukkale, home of the magnificent white calcium terraces known as the travertines. We will tour the ancient city of Hierapolis, and you can take a dip amongst ancient columns in the hot springs that have been used since ancient times for their therapeutic powers. Our tour concludes in Pamukkale at approximately 4pm(B).



## **GALLIPOLI & TROY** PRIVATE From NZD 665

Departure Dates

Departs every day except Anzac Day period between 20-26 April

- Tour includes
   Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle • Pick up & drop off from/to your Istanbul hotel
- Ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 1 nights accommodation
- 1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Day 1 Troy Tour
Pick up between 6:15 am - 6:45 am
from your hotel in the old city of Istanbul,
Taksim or 7 am from Sultan Hostel, and
head towards the Gallipoli battlefields and Troy. After crossing the Dardenelles we will visit the Naval Museum and the minelayer, Nusret. Afterwards we head for the ancient city of Troy, famous for the legendary Trojan Horse from the times of beautiful Helen, the Queen of Sparta, and Paris, the Trojan Prince. Overnight Canakkale (L,D)

Day 2 Gallipoli Battlefields Tour Gallipoli is one of the most touching places in Turkey. Today, we visit the Gallipoli World War I Battlefields, including Lone Pine Australian Memorial and Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial, ANZAC Cove, Brighton Beach, Beach Cemetery, Ari Burnu Cemetery, Johnston's Jolly (where you'llvisit original Allied and Turkish trenches and tunnels), 57th Regiment Turkish Memorial and The Nek. With your own guide and driver, you may visit rarely seen areas which are not included on the standard coach tour. After our Gallipoli tour we drive for Istanbul where our tour finishes at approximately 7 pm. (B)

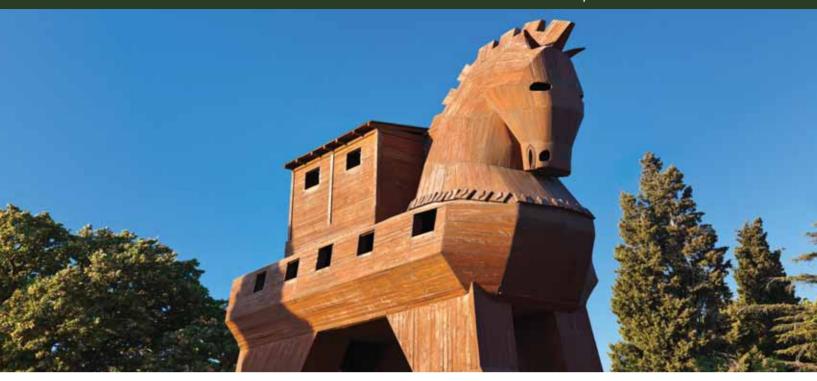












## **GALLIPOLI DAY** From NZD 169 **TOUR**

Departure Dates

Departs every day except Anzac Day period between 20-26 April

#### Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Pick up & drop off from/to your Istanbul hotel
- Professional tour guide at Gallipoli
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 1 Lunch

## **Duration: 06.30am to 11pm**

Depart early morning from your hotel in the old city of Istanbul for an afternoon tour of Gallipoli. The World War I battlefields of Gallipoli are now a serene site. Visit the Lone Pine Australian Memorial and Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial, ANZAC Cove, Brighton Beach, Beach Cemetery, Ari Burnu Cemetery, Johnston's Jolly (where you'll visit original Allied and Turkish trenches and tunnels), 57th Regiment Turkish Memorial and The Nek. Return to Istanbul after the tour. (L)







## TROY DAY TOUR From **NZD** 189

Departure Dates

Departs every day except Anzac Day period between 20-26 April

## Tour includes

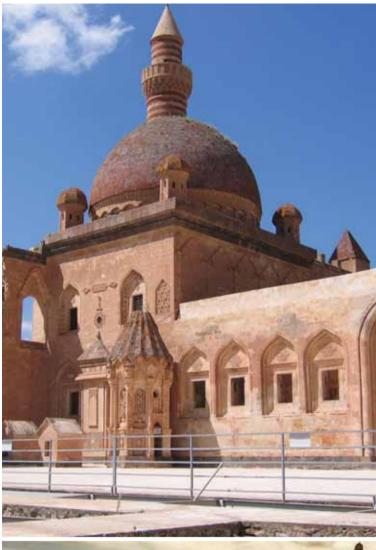
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Pick up & drop off from/to your Istanbul hotel
- Professional tour guide at Troy
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 1 Lunch

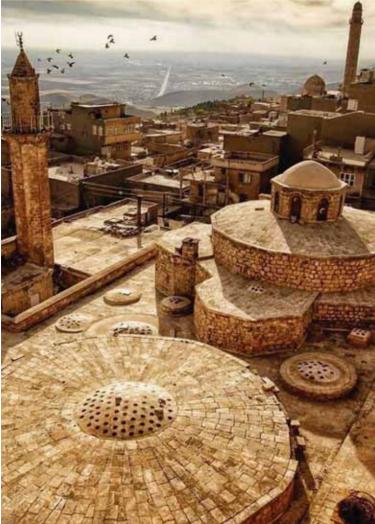
## **Duration: 06.30am to 11pm**

Pick up from your hotel or agency in Istanbul and head for Troy. Arrive at lunch stop in Eceabat and we take a ferry across the Dardanelles and drive to Troy which is famous with the legendary Trojan Horse from the times of Beautiful Helen, the Queen of Sparta, and Paris, the Trojan Prince. After the tour, we return back to ferry port to take a ferry across the Dardanelles. We return to Istanbul in the evening arriving back at approximately 23:00 hours. (L)









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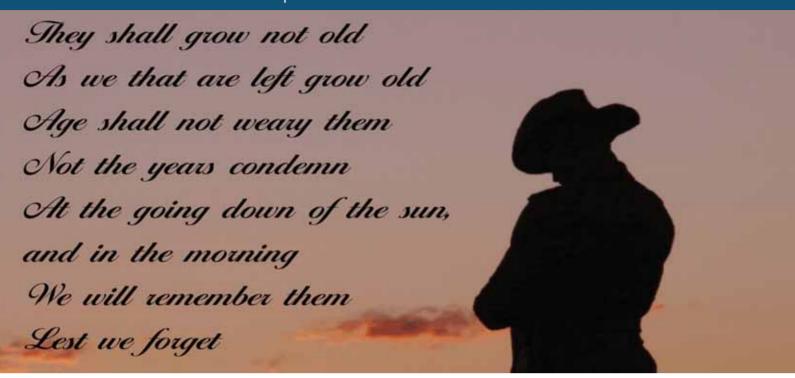
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- Sociable and convivial evenings
- Nature and local culture experience
- Workshops and classes around specific theme

## How these trips work?

Travel with a group of like-minded companions, share discoveries and enjoy great memories. We would be pleased to customize a trip for your group: Families and Friends, Church groups, Club members, Folklore ensembles and orchestras, Senior groups, Alumni groups, Corporate groups.

All these itineraries will be customized trips. The destinations, hotels and experiences are all individually selected to suit your personal journey. You can also combine visit in few countries and elements of various themes in one tour. Let us design a customized tour based on exactly what you'd like to experience!

Here is a few sample itineraries but there is heaps of more options we could offer to you.



## GALLIPOLI BATTLEFIELDS

8 DAYS

## Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer Outbound Istanbul airport transfer Professional English-speaking local tour
- guides at each site

  Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,
- non-smoking vehicle

  Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide Entrance tees
  7 nights accommodation
- 7 nights accommodules7 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

## Day 1 Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul, where you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight Istanbul

## Day 2 Istanbul Old City

Guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace, the Hippodrome and the Turkish Military Museum. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Troy

Early departure this morning as we drive west, along the Sea of Marmara, towards the Gallipoli Peninsula. Travel onward to Troy to visit the site of the famous siege and tour the archaeological remains. Overnight Çanakkale (B, D)

Day 4 Cape Helles, Krithia

Visit the WW1 battlefields of Gallipoli commencing with the British landing sites of 25th April, 1915. We visit Mehmetcik Abide - Turkish Memorial, the Helles Memorial - British Memorial to the missing, a Turkish gun battery, V beach, Krithia war museum and nearby Twelve Tree Copse cemetery and N.Z. Memorial. Overnight Çanakkale (B, D)

Day 5 ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair

After breakfast we continue our tour of the April 25th landing sites as we move north to ANZAC Cove, where the Australians and New Zealanders landed. We visit the Australian memorial at Lone Pine and Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels, before detouring to the Nek. The day ends on the New Zealand Battlefield at Chunuk Bair, seeing more preserved trenches and visiting the memorial. Overnight Canakkale (B, D)

Day 6 Suvla Bay Shell Green

Today we head to Sulva Bay, where some of the first British 'New Army' Battalions joined the action in August 1915. Here we study the landings and also look at the history of the lost battalion. We will visit some of the less visited areas within the Gallipoli battlefields including Suvla Bay, Hill 60, Scrubby Knoll (Kemal Yeri) and Hill 971. Overnight Canakkale (B, D)

Day 7 Canakkale, Istanbul

This morning we visit Naval Museum and the minelayer, Nusret, before we retrace our steps and travel back to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 8 Istanbul

After breakfast, our tour concludes. (B)



## **SEVEN CHURCHES** OF ANATOLIA

8 DAYS

Tour includes

Inbound - Istanbul airport transfer

Outbound - Istanbul airport transfer

Professional English-speaking tour guide for the

duration of the tour

Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle

Domestic flight between Istanbul and Izmir

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Domestic flight between Izmir and Istanbul and transfers

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Tips except driver and guide
Entrance tees
7 nights accommodation
7 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 1 Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Istanbul

After breakfast, visit the Museum of St. Sophia. Then, visit to the Hippodrome, where chariot races and athletic events took place during the roman period. Continue to the Mosque of Suleyman the magnificient. In the afternoon, we visit the Kariye Museum, Church of St.Mary of Blachernae, the Patriarchate of the Greek Orthodox Church. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 3 Istanbul, Izmir

Early in the morning, transfer to the airport and fly for Izmir then proceed to Pergamon. Visit the Church of Pergamon, the red court, Acropolis. After lunch, we drive to, visit Thyatira which was the fourth of the seven churches of Asia Minor. Overnight Izmir (B)

Day 4 Smyrna, Sardis, Philadelphia,

Laodicea, Pamukkale

Departure to Sardis, to see the beautifully restored Synagogue, Church, which is on of unique of its kind. Next, continue to Phiadelphia, will visit Laodicea en route to Pamukkale. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

Day 5 Pamukkale, Ephesus

After visiting Pamukkale, drive to Ephesus. Then we will visit the cottage of Virgin Mary, St.John brought the Virgin Mary to live here in peace in her her final years. Overnight Kusadasi (B)

Day 6 Priene, Miletos, Didyma

After breakfast, we will head to Priene, the first gridsystem planned city of the ancient world, built on a hillside. Then we will head to Miletos, the home of the Thales and a principle Ionian city that was twice visited by St Paul. Overnight Kusadasi (B)

Day 7 Kusadasi, Izmir, Istanbul

After breakfast we will drive to Izmir airport for our onward flight to Istanbul. Upon your arrival at the airport, you will be met and drive old city. Today you will visit Spice Bazaar & take an hour ferry ride on Bosphorous. Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 8 Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes (B)



## Independent Tours | SPECIAL INTEREST



## **ARARAT & NOAH'S ARK** 5 DAYS

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Gaziantep airport transferOutbound Agri airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,
- Akdamar Island Boat Trip
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 breakfast

## **Day 1 Gaziantep**

You will be met upon arrival Gaziantep Airport. We will also visit the Mosaic Museum where you can see incredibly well-preserved highlights including the poignant Gypsy Girl and the Birth of Venus mosaics. Afterwards we will head to Adiyaman and check in to your hotel. Overnight Adiyaman

Day 2 Mt. Nemrut - Hasankeyf - Tatvan

In the morning we will visit Cendere, the Roman

bridge, Karakus Tumulusu where the royal women of Kommagene were buried. We continue on to Tatvan via Diyarbakir over the bridge on the Euphrates. We will drive to Hasankeyf, situated by the Tigris River. From Hasankeyf we continue to Tatvan on the western shore of Lake Van. Overnight Van (B)

Day 3 Van - Akdamar Island

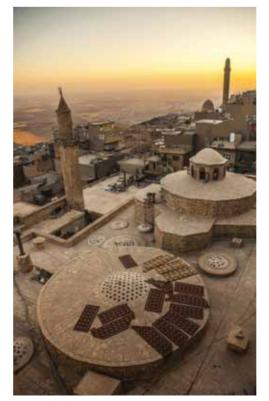
We will see the old city in Van, Tusba, and a visit the 3000 year old Citadel of Van and then head to Akdamar Island where we visit the beautifully restored 10th century Armenian Church of the Holy Cross, or Sourp Khach. Overnight Dogubeyazit (B) Day 4 Dogubeyazit - Ishak Pasha Palace We will travel to Durupinar, at the foot of Mt.

Ararat, which some believe is the final resting place of Noah's Ark, we visit the open air museum. We return to Dogubeyazit where we will visit the spectacular Ishak Pasha Palace with its unique fusion of architectural styles from Seljuk, Ottoman, Georgian, Armenian and Persian traditions. Overnight Dogubeyazit (B)

Day 5 Dogubeyazit

We will drive to Sagliksuyu village to see the Noah's Ark Anchor stone called Delikli Tas. Many crosses have been added since the original eight, which are in a different styles. Transfer to Agri Airport and end of tour. (B)





## JEWELS OF EUPHRATES

4 DAYS

- Tour includes

  Inbound Gaziantep airport transfer

  Outbound Mardin airport transfer

  Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour

  Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,
- vehicle
- Rumkale Fortress Boat Trip
- Tips except driver and guide
  Entrance fees
- 3 nights accommodation 3 breakfast

## Day 1 Gaziantep

You will be met upon arrival Gaziantep Airport. Today you will be exploring the capital of Turkish cuisine, every corner has a different delicacy to taste. We will also visit the Mosaic Museum where you can see incredibly well-preserved highlights including the poignant Gypsy Girl and the Birth of Venus mosaics. Afterwards your hotel check in. Overnight Gaziantep Day 2 Gaziantep, Euphrates, Sanliurfa

After breakfast, we will drive towards the ancient city of Zeugma, present day Belkis, where wonderful examples of mosaics were discovered. Then we will drive towards the Euphrates river, and reach to a hidden treasure Halfeti from where we will take a

boat trip to Rumkale Fortress before heading to

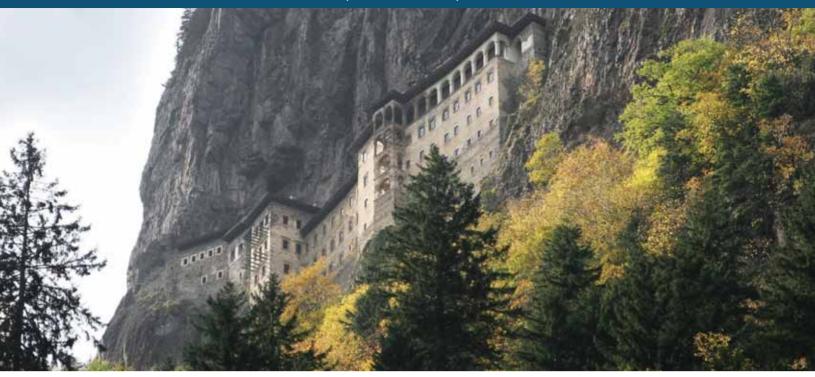
Sanliurfa. Overnight Sanliurfa (Urfa) (B) **Day 3 Gobekli Tepe, Mardin** 

Today we drive northeast to Gobekli Tepe, a recently designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, which it is thought to be the world's first place of worship. The circle of Neolithic megaliths is estimated to date from 10,000 BC, around 7,000 years before Stonehenge. Afterwards we drive towards to Mardin, a melting pot of Kurdish, Yezidi, Christian and Syrian cultures. Overnight Mardin (B)

Day 4 Mardin

Today we will explore the highly addictive and unmissable Mardin. Minarets emerge from a baked brown labyrinth of meandering lanes, a castle dominates the old city, and stone houses cascade down the hillside above the Mesopotamian plains. We will visit Forty Martyrs Church, walk through the bazaar and Ulu Camii. In the afternoon you wil be transferred to Mardin Airport and end of tour. (B)





## **CENTRAL & EASTERN EXPLORER**

13 DAYS from **NZD 4939** 

Departure Dates

2020

May 28; Jun 18; Jul 09, 30; Aug 20; Sep 10 2021

May 27; Jun 17; Jul 08, 29; Aug 19; Sep 09

Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfers
   Outbound Istanbul airport transfers
   Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide

  Entrance fees

  12 nights accommodation

  12 breakfast

Day 1 Thursday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Friday Istanbul Old City, Trabzon

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. This afternoon we will fly to Van. Overnight Van. (B)

Day 3 Saturday Van, Hosap, Akdamar

Morning drive to Çavustepe, to explore the ancient Urartian citadel before continuing to the village of Hosap. Early afternoon from the town of Gevas we take a boat excursion to Akdamar Island. Overnight Van. (B)

Day 4 Sunday Ahlat, Tatvan, Bitlis

Today we drive along the north shore of Lake Van to visit Ahlat, Tatvan and the picturesque town of Bitlis. Overnight Diyarbakir (B)

Day 5 Monday Hasankeyf, Midyat

Morning drive to Hasankeyf, to visit the cliff top Roman ruins of ancient Cephe, and the old town of Midyat. Overnight Mardin (B)

## Day 6 Tuesday Harran, Urfa

On the way to Sanliurfa, we will visit Göbeklitepe. Visit the famous 'beehive' village houses of Harran and the ancient city of Urfa, home of Abraham. Discover the "City of the Prophets" as we visit Abraham's Caves. Overnight Sanliurfa (Urfa) (B)

Day 7 Wednesday Adiyaman, Adiyaman

We have an interesting drive today as we pass by Bozova and see Ataturk Dam before arriving in Adiyaman. Overnight Adiyaman. (B)

**Day 8 Thursday Mt Nemrut** 

We set off for Mt.Nemrut before dawn and after a short ascent of the mountain watch the magical sunrise. Visit the ancient Roman city of Zeugma and tour Gaziantep, and the Mosaic Museum where the superb Roman mosaics of Zeugma are displayed. Overnight Gaziantep (B)

Day 9 Friday Kahramanmaras, Cappadocia After breakfast we set off for Cappadocia, stopping off at Kahramanmaras (produces Turkey's best ice cream!) along the way. Overnight Cappadocia. (B)

Day 10 Saturday Cappadocia

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia as you visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum, the fairy chimneys and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B)

## Day 11 Sunday Yazilikaya, Hattusa,

After breakfast, we drive via Kozakli to the city of Hattusa, the capital of the Hittite Empire in the late Bronze Age. First we visit Yazilikaya, the ruins of the open air temple where there are rock carvings of Hitite gods. Overnight Ankara. (B)

Day 12 Monday Ankara, Istanbul

This morning we visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations then continue on to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul. (B)

Day 13 Tuesday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes. (B)



## TURKEY FLYER

6 DAYS from **NZD** 1899

Tour includes

- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,
- non-smoking vehicle

   Domestic flight between Istanbul and Izmir and transfers
- Domestic flight between Izmir and Cappadocia and transfers
   Domestic flight between Cappadocia and Istanbul and transfers
- Tips except driver and guide Entrance fees

- 5 nights accommodation5 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches

Day 1 Ephesus

Early pick up from you hotel today and you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Izmir. Upon arrival, you'll be met by your tour guide and driven to Ephesus. Guided tour of the site of one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the world, the site of the Temple of Artemis and the ancient city of Ephesus. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the city and stadium where chariot and horse races were once held. Overnight Kusadasi (L)

Day 2 Pamukkale

This morning we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods before heading to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight Kusadasi (B, L)

Day 3 Kusadasi to Cappadocia

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Kayseri. On arrival you will be met and transferred to Cappadocia. Overnight Cappadocia (B)

Day 4 Northern Cappadocia
Today our first stop is Esentepe, followed by a visit
to Uchisar Castle. We then trek through Rose Valley to Cavusin. Afterwards, we visit the Pasabag

Valley to Cavusin. Afterwards, we visit the Pasabag fairy Chimneys, followed by Devrent Valley.

Overnight Cappadocia (B, L)

Day 5 Southern Cappadocia

This morning, we head to Pigeon Valley and then Red Valley. After visiting the village of Cavusin,

Cave churches and head to Kaymakli Underground

City Oversight Capadocia (B, L) City. Overnight Cappadocia (B, L)

Day 6 Cappadocia to Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Istanbul, arriving at approximately 10:30 am. (B)





## SAIL AWAY

Bodrum / Gokova / Bodrum

8 DAYS from

NZD 549

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Every Monday, Saturday & Sunday The first departure date is 2nd May 2020 Last departure date is 18th October 2020

Tour includes

- Services of Captain and supporting crew
- Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Entrance fees
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners

## Day 1 Bodrum

We begin boarding our Gulet in Bodrum at 15:30 pm. Overnight Bodrum Harbour (D)

Day 2 Orak Island, Cokertme
After breakfast, we sail to Orak Island for lunch and then cruise to our overnight stop at Cokertme, a small and picturesque fishing town. Overnight Çökertme (B, L, D)

Day 3 Yedi Adalar (Seven Islands)

Early start as we cruise for Yedi Adalar (Seven Islands). Spend the day amid beautiful island panorama before arriving in Kufre.

Overnight Küfre Bay (B, L, D)

Day 4 Longoz, Karacasogut Village

After breakfast we set off for Longoz. Overnight in Karacasogut village, just 25km away from Marmaris. Overnight Karaca Sögüt (B, L, D)

Day 5 Cleopatra Island

From Marmaris the yacht sails to Sedri Adasi (Cleopatra Island). We spend the afternoon sailing to English port for our overnight stop. Overnight English Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 6 Kargili Bay, Kisebuku

Today we cruise to Kargili Bay for lunch. This afternoon, we sail to Kisebuku for our night stop.
Overnight Kisebuku (Alakisla Buku) (B, L, D)
Day 7 Pabucburnu, Yaliciftlik Bay, Bodrum
Early morning sail to Pabucburnu. After lunch in

Yaliciftlik Bay, we sail back to Bodrum for our final night on the yacht. Overnight Bodrum Harbour (B, L, D)

## Day 8 Bodrum

After breakfast, we disembark at approximately 10:30 am. (B)

## **BODRUM & NORTH DODECANESE**

8 DAYS from

NZD 939

Departure Dates

2020

May 23; Jun 06, 20; Jul 04, 18 Aug 01, 15, 29; Sep 12, 26

Tour includes

- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Services of Captain and supporting crew
- Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- 7 nights accommodation7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners

## Day 1 Saturday Bodrum

Boarding starts at 15:30 from Bodrum Harbour. Overnight Bodrum Harbour. (D)

Day 2 Sunday Kos

After your breakfast you will be informed about the cruise itinerary and boat. When the customs formalities are completed, we will cruise to Kos Island. Overnight will be at Kos Harbour. Overnight Kos Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 3 Monday Leros Island

We will start to cruise early in the morning to Leros Islands' famous bay Xirokampos for breakfast and lunch. Leros is a mountainous, green island with high cliffs and many small bays and villages. We will anchor in Panteli, located in the East, overnight. Overnight Panteli Harbour. (B, L, D)

**Day 4 Tuesday Patmos Island** 

We will cruise to Patmos Island early in the morning. We will have a swimming break in a bay around the island. Patmos is not a big island, but it is one of the best known due to the exile of St. John.

Overnight Patmos Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 5 Wednesday Lipsi Island

We will set sail to Lipsi Island and will have a swimming break in one of the many small islands around it. On Lipsi Island there are beautiful sandy beaches.

Overnight Lipsi Harbour. (B, L, D) Day 6 Thursday Kalymnos Island

We will take a swimming break in a beautiful bay around Kalymnos Island and we are going to enter Pothia, the main harbor. The islanders ensured their livelihood with

sponge diving for centuries.

Overnight Kalymnos Harbour (Pothia) (B, L, D)

Day 7 Friday Akvaryum - Bodrum

Returning to Turkey, we will have a swimming break at the beautiful waters of Akvaryum (Aquarium) bay where you can see the fish swimming below you. Overnight Bodrum Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 8 Saturday Bodrum

Guests will leave the boat with precious memories by 10:30 after breakfast. (B)

## **BODRUM & SOUTH DODECANESE**

8 DAYS from

NZD 939

Departure Dates

2020

May 16,30; Jun 13, 27; Jul 11, 25 Aug 08, 22; Sep 05, 19 Oct 03

Tour includes

- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Services of Captain and supporting crew
- Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners

## Day 1 Saturday Bodrum

Boarding starts at 15:30 from Bodrum Harbour. Overnight Bodrum Harbour (D)

Day 2 Sunday Kos

After your breakfast you will be informed about the cruise itinerary and boat. When the customs formalities are completed, we will cruise to Kos Island. Overnight will be at Kos Harbour. Overnight Kos Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 3 Monday Gyali - Nisyros

Early in the morning, we will have a swimming break at a bay of Gyali Island on the way to Nisyros Island. The volcano on Nisyros erupted in 1422 and is still active.

Overnight Nisyros Harbour(B, L, D)

Day 4 Tuesday Symi

Our next destination is the charming Nanou Bay in Symi Island where the boat will anchor for lunch and a swimming break.

Overnight Symi Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 5 Wednesday Rhodes

We will cruise to Rhodes early in the morning. The island has a unique historical harmony and beauty. Overnight Rhodes Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 6 Thursday Datca - Palamutbuku - Knidos

We return to Turkey via Datca customs. After we will cruise to Palamutbuku for lunch, you may also take a walk in the village. Today our final destination will be

the world famous ancient city of Knidos.

Overnight Knidos (Cnidos) (B, L, D)

Day 7 Friday Black Island - Poyraz Harbour-

**Bodrum** We will begin to cruise early in the morning to Kara Ada (Black Island). We will dock in Bodrum Harbor

for dinner and overnight stay. Overnight Bodrum Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 8 Saturday Bodrum Guests will leave the boat with precious memories by 10:30 after breakfast.



## **ENCHANTING BLUE**

Marmaris / Fethiye / Marmaris

8 DAYS from

NZD 549

Departure Dates

### 2020

Every Monday, Saturday & Sunday The first departure date is 2nd May 2020 Last departure date is 18th October 2020

Tour includes

- Services of Captain and supporting crew
  Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Entrance fees
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners

## **Day 1 Marmaris**

We begin boarding the Gulet at Marmaris Harbour at 3:30 pm. Relax at the pre-cruise information session. Enjoy an onboard dinner while meeting the other passengers.

## Overnight Marmaris Harbour (D) Day 2 Ekincik, Caunos, Dalyan River

After breakfast we cruise to Ekincik and the beautiful beach of Izturu, which is famous for the sea turtle called Carette. The ancient city of Caunos is closeby where you can take a boat trip up the Dalyan river, passing Lycian rock tombs on the way to the sulphurous mud baths and hot springs. Overnight Ekincik Bay (B, L, D)

Day 3 Gocek Gulf

We will sail towards world-famous Gocek Gulf and anchor at Tersane Island for breakfast and swimming break. We will cruise to Monastery Bay which is also known as Cleopatra Bay or Sunken
Bath Bay due to the beautiful underwater ruins of an old bath. Overnight Kizil Ada (B, L, D)

Day 4 Fethiye

Arrive at Fethiye Harbour early in the morning where you have chance to visit city centre. We offer the option of a jeep safari tour in Fethiye. For those who will not join the Safari, the boat will cruise to Samanlik Bay for lunch and swimming.

Afterwards around 16.00 the boat will anchor at Ece Saray Marina for the night.

Overnight Fethiye Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 5 Gocek, Yassica Island

After breakfast we cruise to Gocek. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon swimming and tanning before cruising to Yassica Island. Overnight Göcek Bay (B, L, D)

Day 6 Bedri Rahmi Bay, Sarsala Bay

After breakfast, sail to the spectacular Bedri Rahmi Bay then to Sarsala Bay. Cruise to Aga Limani for overnight stay. Overnight Aga Limani (B, L, D)

Day 7 Iceada Cebekilise, Turunc, Marmaris

This morning we cruise to Iceada Cebekilise, cruising through Turunc for our swim stop in either Kadirga or Kumlubuk. Late this afternoon we arrive in Marmaris harbour for our final night onboard the yacht. Overnight Marmaris Harbour. (B, L, D) **Day 8 Marmaris** 

After breakfast, we disembark at approximately 10 am.(B)

## **MARMARIS AND GREEK ISLANDS**

8 DAYS from

NZD 939

Departure Dates

May 16, 23, 30; Jun 06, 13, 20, 27 Jul 04, 11, 18, 25; Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Sep 05, 12, 19, 26; Oct 03, 10

- Services of Captain and supporting crew
- Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Entrance fees
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners

## **Day 1 Saturday Marmaris**

Boarding starts at 15:30 from Marmaris Harbour. On the first day, our boat will remain anchored in Marmaris Port for dinner and an overnight stay. Overnight Marmaris Harbour. (D)

Day 2 Sunday Arap Island - Bozukkale

We will depart after the breakfast for Arap Island. Lunch will be served at the bay of Arap Island. Then we will cruise to Bozukkale. There are magnificent views to be seen on the hike up to the almost intact ancient castle. Overnight Bozukkale (B, L, D)





**Day 3 Monday Bozburun** Today, we sail for Bozburun. Bozburun is a small fishing town. This area was popular and suitable for sponge-diving but nowadays the people of the island are no longer interested in sponge-diving as it is not financially beneficial and is dangerous. In the recent years sponge-diving has been replaced by gulet tourism.

Óvernight Bozburun Harbour. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Tuesday Datca

Depart for Bencik Bay. After a short uphill walk view the spectacular panorama of Gokova Bay and Hisaronu Bay at the top. After lunch we sail to Datca. Datca is a charming, small harbour town that dates back to the Dorian times and it is the nearest place to the ancient city of Knidos. Overnight Datça (B, L, D)

Day 5 Wednesday Datca - Symi

We will cruise to Symi early in the morning. Symi is a typical Greek Island with its old homes painted in pastel colours and its harbour that resembles an amphitheatre and is pretty as picture.

Overnight Symi Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 6 Thursday Symi - Rhodes

A lazy breakfast in the view of the idyllic fisherman port of Symi before we cruise to the third largest Greek Island Rhodes in the early afternoon. During our stay in Rhodes you are free to explore the island, the old town and the fortress and enjoy the nightlife.

Overnight Rhodes Harbour (B, L, D)

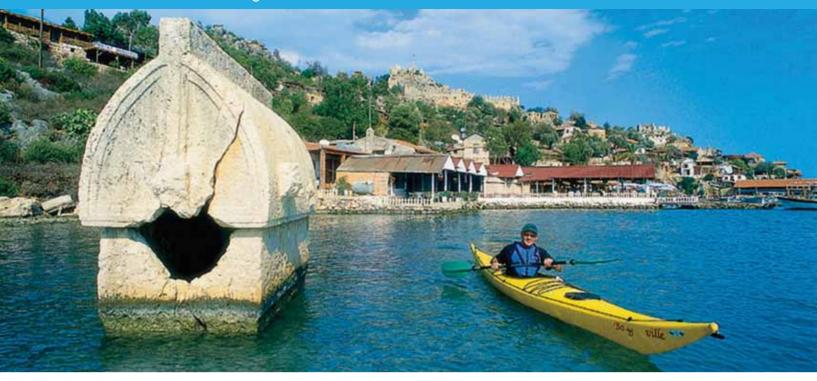
Day 7 Friday Rhodes - Marmaris

After customs formalities are completed in Rhodes we sail back to Marmaris. The yacht will remain anchored in Marmaris harbour for the last night. . Overnight Marmaris Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 8 Saturday Marmaris

The guests will leave the boat with precious memories by 10:30 after breakfast.

## BLUE CRUISE | Sailing Tours



## PARADISE BLUE

Fethiye to Marmaris

5 DAYS from

NZD 435

Departure Dates

## 2020

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday The first departure date is 5th May 2020 Last departure date is 15th October 2020

## Tour includes

- Services of Captain and supporting crew
- Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Entrance fees
- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 4 Dinners

## Day 1 Fethiye

We begin boarding the Gulet at Fethiye Harbour after 17.00pm. Relax at the pre-cruise information session. Enjoy an onboard dinner while meeting the other passengers. Overnight Fethiye Harbour. (D)

## Day 2 Fethiye, Yassica Island

After breakfast we cruise to Gocek. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon swimming and tanning before cruising to Yassica Island. Overnight Göcek Bay (B, L, D)

## Day 3 Bedri Rahmi Bay, Sarsala Bay

After breakfast, sail to the spectacular Bedri Rahmi Bay then to Sarsala Bay. Cruise to Aga Limani for overnight stay. Overnight Aga Limani (B, L, D)

## Day 4 Iceada Cebekilise, Turunc, **Marmaris**

This morning we cruise to Iceada Cebekilise, cruising through Turunc for our swim stop in either Kadirga or Kumlubuk. Late this afternoon we arrive in Marmaris harbour for our final night onboard the yacht. Overnight Marmaris Harbour. (B, L, D)

## **Day 5 Marmaris**

After breakfast, we disembark at approximately 10 am.(B)



## PARADISE BLUE

## Marmaris to Fethiye

4 DAYS from

NZD 435

Departure Dates

## 2020

Every Monday, Saturday & Sunday The first departure date is 2nd May 2020 Last departure date is 19th October 2020

## Tour includes

- Services of Captain and supporting crew
- Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Entrance fees
- 3 nights accommodation
- 3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners

## Day 1 Marmaris

We begin boarding the Gulet at Marmaris Harbour at 3:30 pm. Relax at the pre-cruise information session. Enjoy an onboard dinner while meeting the other passengers. Overnight Marmaris Harbour. (D)

## Day 2 Ekincik, Caunos, Dalyan River

After breakfast we cruise to Ekincik and the beautiful beach of Izturu, which is famous for the sea turtle called Carette. The ancient city of Caunos is closeby where you can take a boat trip up the Dalyan river, passing Lycian rock tombs on the way to the sulphurous mud baths and hot springs.

Overnight Ekincik Bay. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 Gocek Gulf

We will sail towards world-famous Gocek Gulf and anchor at Tersane Island for breakfast and swimming break. We will cruise to Monastery Bay which is also known as Cleopatra Bay or Sunken Bath Bay due to the beautiful underwater ruins of an old bath. Overnight Kizil Ada. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 Fethiye

Arrive at Fethiye Harbour early in the morning where you have chance to visit city centre. We offer the option of a jeep safari tour in Fethiye. For those who will not join the Safari, the boat will cruise to Samanlik Bay for lunch and swimming. Afterwards around 16.30 the boat will anchor at Ece Saray Marina, Fethiye, and guests will leave the boat with precious memories. (B, L)





## **MEDITERRANEAN DREAMING**

Fethiye to Olympos 4 DAYS from

NZD 665

Departure Dates

### 2020

Every Tuesday & Saturday The first departure date is 25th April 2020 Last departure date is 24th October 2020

### Tour includes

- Services of Captain and supporting crew
- Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Entrance fees
- 3 nights accommodation
- 3 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 3 Dinners

## Day 1

We meet at the office in Fethiye at 10 am and begin boarding at Fethiye Harbour at 11 am, then cruise to Samanlik Bay for swimming & lunch. Butterfly Valley (sea conditions permitting) is our next stop for a swim & to visit this natural reserve, hosting 136 kinds of different butterflies and moths. Afterwards we cruise to Oludeniz (The Blue Lagoon) again sea conditions permitting. Option for paragliding available. Last stop of the day is St. Nicholas Island. Byzantine ruins, swim, dinner & 1st night.

Overnight St. Nicholas (Gemiler) Island (L, D)

Around sunrise departure to Firnaz Bay near Kalkan for breakfast & swimming. Cruising to Kas where we stop in the harbour for lunch & visit of this charming fishing village. Of ancient Antiphellos, as Kas was once known, only Lycian rock tombs & sarcophagi and the Roman theatre are left. But the charm of the town remains! In a bay near Kekova we stop for swimming, dinner & the 2nd night. Overnight Kekova Bay. (B, L, D)

## Day 3

Departure to Sunken City of Kekova (this Lycian Roman archaeological site is protected, so only looking!). Simena, a traditional Turkish fishing village with no car access and Byzantine/Ottoman castle. In Gokkaya Bay optional water sports are available. Dinner, relax in this pirates haven. Overnight Gökkaya Bay (B, L, D)

After breakfast we have a look at the Pirates Cave before cruising to Andriace harbour. Disembarkation before lunch. Bus transfer to the Tree houses in Olympos with a stop for banking and shopping when requested. We arrive at approximately 3 pm. (B, L)

## **MEDITERRANEAN DREAMING**

Olympos to Fethiye

NZD 665 4 DAYS from

Departure Dates

### 2020

Every Tuesday & Friday The first departure date is 28th April 2020 Last departure date is 27th October 2020

## Tour includes

- Services of Captain and supporting crew
  Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Entrance fees
- 3 nights accommodation 3 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 3 Dinners

## Day 1

Pick-up from Olympos at approximately 10 am and transfer to Demre (Andriace) Harbour. We begin boarding at Demre Harbour at 13:00. Pirates Cave. Sunken City of Kekova (this Lycian-Roman archaeological site is protected, so only looking!). Simena, a traditional Turkish fishing village with no car access and Byzantine/Ottoman castle. In Gokkaya Bay optional water sports are available. Dinner, relax in this pirates haven. Overnight Gökkaya Bay (L, D)

## Day 2

Departure to Kas where we first have a swim in a nice and quiet bay in front of the little town & and then stop in the harbour for lunch and visit of this charming fishing village. Of ancient Antiphellos, as Kas was once known, only Lycian rock tombs & sarcophagi and the Roman theatre are left. But the charm of the town remains! Near Kalkan we stop in Firnaz Bay (dinner and 2nd night). Overnight Keková Bay. (B,L, D)

## Day 3

Around sunrise we depart for Butterfly Valley where we stop (sea conditions permitting!) for breakfast and swimming. This natural reserve hosts 136 kinds of different butterflies and moths. Oludeniz (The Blue Lagoon) is our next stop, again sea conditions permitting! Option for paragliding available. In a bay near Oludeniz we have lunch. Last stop of the day is St-Nicholas Island. Byzantine ruins, swim, dinner & 3rd night. Overnight St. Nicholas (Gemiler) Island. (B, L, D)

Departure for Samanlik Bay (swim & lunch). Finally we sail to Fethiye Harbour where we arrive at approximately 14:00 pm. (B, L)





## TURQUOISE BLUE

Fethiye - Kekova - Fethiye

8 DAYS from

NZD 795

Departure Dates

## 2020

**Every Saturday** 

The first departure date is 2nd May 2020 Last departure date is 10th October 2020

#### Tour includes

- Services of Captain and supporting crew
- Services of Captain and supporting crew
- Tips except Captain and Gulet crew
- Transportation by Gulet boat
- Entrance fees
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners

## **Day 1 Saturday Fethiye**

We begin boarding the Gulet at Fethiye Harbour after 17.00pm. Relax at the pre-cruise information session. Enjoy an onboard dinner while meeting the other passengers. Overnight Fethiye Harbour (D)

## Day 2 Sunday Oludeniz, Butterfly Valley, St.Nicholas Island

After breakfast set off along the coast of Fethiye Peninsular to Oludeniz and Butterfly Valley for visit and swim.

The night is spent at St.Nicholas Island, where you can explore the ruins of a Byzantine settlement as the sun sets.

Overnight St. Nicholas (Gemiler) Island (B, L, D)

## Day 3 Monday Yesilkoy, Kas

An early start for Yesilkoy, where we have breakfast and time to swim in this quiet bay surrounded by olive groves. Then it's off to Kas, a small harbour town with a charming bohemian atmosphere, where you'll spend the night. Overnight Kas Harbour (B, L, D)

## Day 4 Tuesday Simena, Ucagiz

Climb up to the castle on Simena for a spectacular view of the ancient city. Out in the bay, overlooked by a theatre carved into the rock, a single Lycian sarcophagus sits on its pedestal in the water. The night is spent in the wide bay surrounded by green hills, at nearby Ucagiz.

Overnight Üçagiz Bay (B, L, D)

## Day 5 Wednesday Kekova, Tersane Bay, Gokkaya

A short cruise along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins at Kekova - the Sunken City. Swim and lunch at Tersane Bay where you'll see the ruins of a Byzantine church and a Roman dockyard on the beach. Sailing to Gokkaya to spend the night.

Overnight Gökkaya Bay (B, L, D)

## Day 6 Thursday Bayindir Limani, Kalkan

After breakfast, a short cruise to the sheltered bay at Bayindir Limani for a swim. The rest of the day is spent in Kalkan, a picturesque harbour town set on the hillside, where you can explore the cobbled winding streets or take an optional trip to nearby Patara Beach or the ruins at Xanthos and Letoon.

Overnight Kalkan Harbour (B, L, D)

## Day 7 Friday Camli Burun, Batikkaya Bay

After an early start to Camli Burun, a natural bay edged with pine-clad hills, your last night on board is spent in Batikkaya Bay. Another day of relaxing, sunbathing and swimming has past. Overnight Batikkaya Bay (B, L, D)

## **Day 8 Saturday Fethiye**

Arriving back in the harbour of Fethiye, we disembark at approximately 09:00 am. (B)







The Blue Voyage tempts you with a completely unique holiday experience, bringing together the backdrop of spectacular scenery encompassing a cultural heritage of thousands of years and an on-board lifestyle centred around the sun, sea, good food, good friends and unforgettable relaxation.

It is an unrivalled pleasure to voyage by traditional Turkish Schooners, called a gulet. These are built from chestnut, mahogany, teak and pinewood and offer good living space with their comfortable cabins, showers, toilets and plenty of space to relax. Different standards and various passenger capacities also provide you with plenty of choice depending on your holiday budget and for the preferences of your group.

As a private party, you are free to charter the yacht of your choice for any agreed period of time and you may also determine the route. You can set the boundaries of your Blue Voyage, starting at Fethiye, Marmaris, Antalya or Bodrum and then disembarking at the same or an alternate location. We can recommend how to make the most of the time you have available but it is up to you how you discover the wonders of the blue voyage. We can provide only the basics of your voyage's programme, leaving you free to discuss details with the Captain during the cruise, who will be happy to comply with your wishes, weather permitting of course.

Food on board can be supplied and prepared to your tastes with an extra charge, however Private Charter guests are also welcome to provide and cook their own food if they

> In addition to lying back and enjoying the peace and endless sunshine, you can also take part in numerous energetic water sports, such as scuba diving, water skiing, parasailing, jet skiing and windsurfing. For sailing addicts, favourable winds, such as the late afternoon "meltem", offer the chance to blend spectacular surroundings with the utter tranquillity of a boat at sail? a unique combination.

Private yacht charter is perfect for families and larger groups who want extra flexibility to set their own program. We can arrange the charter of yachts of varying size and standards including Deluxe and VIP categories, with different or special facilities for groups wishing to define their own route and programme, and to suit whatever budget is available.

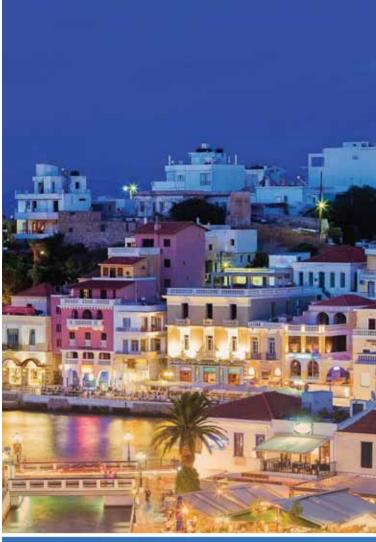
## All we need to know is:

- Required date and an alternative date if possible
- The requirements of the group such as budget
- Requests for particular on-board features/facilities (water sports equipment, air conditioning etc)
- Group size and sleeping combinations (single/couple, children, ages)
- Choosing your gulet

All gulets are based in different harbours, sometimes your choice will not be available from the port you want to start so please take this information into a consideration before making your booking.









Greece remains a top-tier travel destination. With spectacular beaches and majestic scenery, the relics of four millennia of ancient culture and some of Europe's best party spots, those who travel to Greece are certain to experience a once in a lifetime vacation.

## Things Not to Miss in Greece

- Athens many ancient structures still stand in the capital city the Acropolis and the Parthenon just two of the must-see UNESCO relics.
- Metéora Monasteries one of the world's most stunning ecclesiastical sites.
- Hiking the home of the ancient Gods, Mount Olympus
- The islands from the parties of Mykonos to the stunning sunsets of Santorini, hopping around the Greek Islands is something every traveler should experience at least once.
- Delphi Greece's most sacred sites where the oracle once answered the questions in the temple of Apollo

## When to Go to Greece

The autumn and spring are the best time to visit Greece when neither the temperature nor the crowds are too overwhelming. However, those looking to party on the islands should consider a July or August vacation – the most popular time of year to visit and also the most fun. Some of the tourist attractions go on hiatus during the winter months, so traveling between November and March isn't advised for culture seekers.





## **COLOURS OF MEDITERRANEAN**

14 DAYS from **NZD 4749** 

Departure Dates

## 2020

Jun 10, 17, 24; Jul 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Aug 05, 12, 19, 26; Sep 02, 09;

Jun 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jul 07, 14, 21, 28; Aug 04, 11, 18, 25; Sep 01;

## Tour includes

- Inbound Athens airport transfer
- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
  Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour in Turkey

  • Professional English-speaking tour guide for
- Athens city tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle in Turkey
- Transportation by ferry within the Greek islands Transfers between ports and hotels
- Tips except driver, guide and transfer staff Entrance fees in Turkey
- 13 nights accommodation
- 13 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

## **Day 1 Wednesday Athens**

Welcome to Greece! You will be transferred to your hotel and the rest of the day is yours, free to explore this ancient city. Tonight a welcome meeting and meet your fellow travelling companions. Overnight Athens

## Day 2 Thursday Athens Acropolis

This morning you will have half day tour and visit Acropolis, stop at the stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held Admire the Olympian Zeus and Hadrians Arch. At the Acropolis visit the museum, the towering entrance of Propylaia, the Temple of Nike and the most famous of Greek relics, the Parthenon. Overnight Athens (B)

## Day 3 Friday Athens to Santorini

Early morning departure today for the breathtaking Island of Santorini, where you can soak up the sun and relax on the beach or perhaps explore the picturesque capital, Fira.

Overnight Santorini (B)

## Day 4 Saturday Santorini

Take an optional boat trip in the world's biggest volcanic crater above sea level. Visit the active volcano, swim in the warm thermal waters and take a therapeutic mud bath. Overnight Santorini (B)

## Day 5 Sunday Santorini to Mykonos

Arrive in Mykonos and explore the white-washed town or head for the beach before experiencing the completely outrageous Mykonian nightlife. Overnight Mykonos (B)

## Day 6 Monday Mykonos

Free day today. Spend the day on the beach, stroll around the town or take a trip to one of the small villages. This Mecca of Ancient Greece is today an island wide, open-air museum.

## Overnight Mykonos (B)

## Day 7 Tuesday Mykonos, Samos

Today you will catch a mid-day ferry heading towards the island of Samos and then another ferry to Kusadasi, Turkey.

Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

## Day 8 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

### Day 9 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods before heading to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Take a dip, amongst ancient columns, in the hot springs that were used in Roman times for their therapeutic powers.

## Overnight Pamukkale (B, D) Day 10 Friday Silk Road, Konya

Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Tonight, don't miss the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

## Day 11 Saturday Cappadocia, Goreme, **Underground City**

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

#### Day 12 Sunday Ankara

Early morning departure to the nation's capital, Ankara, where we visit Anitkabir, mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, before returning to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B

## Day 13 Monday Istanbul Old City

Tour the exotic city that spans both Europe and Asia visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Cruise between two continents on the stretch of water that separates Europe from Asia in the afternoon with an optional 'Half day Bosphorous cruise'. Overnight Istanbul (B)

### Day 14 Tuesday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends.(B)







## **CONSTANTINOPLE TO HELLAS**

12 DAYS from **NZD 4369** 

Departure Dates

## 2020

Jun 06, 13, 20, 27; Jul 04, 11, 18, 25; Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Sep 05 2021

Jun 05, 12, 19, 26, 30; Jul 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug 07, 14, 21, 28; Sep 04;

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Outbound Athens airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour in Turkey
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for Athens city tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle in Turkey
- Transportation by ferry within the Greek islands
- Transfers between ports and hotels
- Car ferry fees between Canakkale and Eceabat Entrance fees in Turkey
- Tips except driver, guide and transfer staff
- 11 nights accommodation
- 11 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

## Day 1 Saturday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours free to explore. Overnight Istanbul

## Day 2 Sunday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome.

Overnight Istanbul (B)

### Day 3 Monday Gallipoli Battlefields

One of the most emotionally touching places in Turkey, today we visit the WW1 Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels and the Nek. Overnight Çanakkale (B, D)

## Day 4 Tuesday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

This morning, step back in time as we visit Troy, home of the famed Trojan Horse and then tour the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made Pergamum a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

## Day 5 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

## Day 6 Thursday Kusadasi, Samos

Leaving Turkey, we take a ferry to Samos and depending on ferry schedules; we may head straight for Mykonos or spend a day exploring lush-green Samos. Overnight Mykonos (B)

## **Day 7 Friday Mykonos**

Free day today. Spend the day on the beach, stroll around the town or take a trip to one of the small villages or take an optional day trip to the neighbouring island of Delos. This Mecca of Ancient Greece is today an island wide, open-air museum.

Overnight Mykonos (B)

## Day 8 Saturday Mykonos to Santorini

Revitalize with an early morning swim and wander the charming white-washed narrow alleyways of Mykonos Town before an afternoon ferry to Santorini. Overnight Santorini (B)

## Day 9 Sunday Santorini optional boat trip

Take an optional boat trip in the world's biggest volcanic crater above sea level. Visit the active volcano, swim in the warm thermal waters and take a therapeutic mud bath.

Overnight Santorini (B)

## **Day 10 Monday Santorini to Athens**

Soak up the sun on the black sand beaches before we board an afternoon ferry to the mainland. Overnight Athens (B)

## Day 11 Tuesday Athens Old City

This morning you will have half day tour and visit Acropolis, stop at the stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held. Admire the Olympian Zeus and Hadrians Arch. At the Acropolis visit the museum, the towering entrance of Propylaia, the Temple of Nike and the most famous of Greek relics, the Parthenon.

Overnight Athens (B)

### **Day 12 Wednesday Athens**

After breakfast, we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport.(B)





## DIAMONDS OF MEDITERRANEAN

19 DAYS from

NZD 5585

Departure Dates

## 2020

Jun 15, 29; Jul 13, 27; Aug 10, 24; Sep 07; 2021

Jun 14, 28; Jul 12, 26; Aug 09, 23; Sep 06;

## Tour includes

- Inbound Athens airport transfer
- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour in Turkey
- · Professional English-speaking tour guide for Athens city tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle in Turkey

  Transportation by ferry within the Greek islands
- Transfers between ports and hotels
- Tips except driver, guide and transfer staff
- Entrance fees in Turkey
- 18 nights accommodation
- 18 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 8 Dinners

**Day 1 Monday Athens** 

Day 1 Monday Athens
Welcome to Greece! You will be transferred to
your hotel and the rest of the day is yours, free
to explore this ancient city. Tonight a welcome
meeting and meet your fellow travelling
companions. Overnight Athens
Day 2 Tuesday Athens, Acropolis

This morning you will have half day tour and visit Acropolis, stop at the stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held.

Admire the Olympian Zeus and Hadrians Arch. At the Acropolis visit the museum, the towering entrance of Propylaia, the Temple of Nike and the most famous of Greek relics, the Parthenon.

Overnight Athens (B)

Day 3 Wednesday Athens to Santorini Early morning departure today for the breathtaking

Island of Santorini, where you can soak up the sun and relax on the beach or perhaps explore the picturesque capital, Fira.Overnight Santorini [B] Day 4 Thursday Santorini

Take an optional boat trip in the world's biggest volcanic crater above sea level. Visit the active volcano, swim in the warm thermal waters and take a therapeutic mud bath.

Overnight Santorini (B) Day 5 Friday Santorini to Mykonos

Arrive in Mykonos and explore the white-washed town or head for the beach before experiencing the completely outrageous Mykonian nightlife.

Overnight Mykonos (B)

Day 6 Saturday Mykonos

Free day today. Spend the day on the beach, stroll around the town or take a trip to one of the small villages. This Mecca of Ancient Greece is today an island wide, open-air museum.

Overnight Mykonos, (B)

Day 7 Sunday Mykonos, Samos

Today you will catch a mid-day ferry heading towards the island of Samos and then another

ferry to Kusadasi, Turkey. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 8 Monday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 9 Tuesday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will head to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis Take a din amongst ancient columns

Hierapolis. Take a dip, amongst ancient columns, in the hot springs that were used in Roman times for their therapeutic powers Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

Day 10 Wednesday Fethiye, Gulet
This morning we drive to Fethiye and board our
Gulet. Relax at the pre-cruise information session.
Enjoy an onboard dinner while meeting the other
passengers. Overnight Fethiye Harbour (B, D)
Day 11 Thursday Fethiye, Gulet
This morning we drive to Fethiye and board our
Gulet. Breakfast is served on deck before continuing
the cruise to Dockyard Island, Tasyaka and Bedri
Rahmi Bay. Tonight will be spent at a secluded cove

Rahmi Bay, Tonight will be spent at a secluded cove or island. Overnight Göcek Bay (B, L, D) Day 12 Friday Gulet

Today we cruise to Gocek Island to swim, snorkel or just laze in the sunshine. Overnight Göcek Bay (B,L,D) Day 13 Saturday Kayakoy, Antalya, Kaleiçi
This morning we disembark from our gulet after breakfast and head to Kayakoy. The morning light provides excellent photos of this deserted. Greek village. Afterwards we drive to the resort town of Antalya. Here we will take a walking tour of the old town area of Antalya known as "Kaleiçi". Amongst other things we'll visit Hadrian's Gate, the Ancient Harbour and Suna-Inan Kiraç Kaleici Museum which even has a Greek Orthdox Church in its garden! Overnight Antalya (B) Day 14 Sunday Perge, Aspendos, Side Full day tour of the ancient ruins of Perge,

Aspendos and Side. In Aspendos, you can see the Roman Theatre built in the 2nd century and seating

15,000 people. Side is one of the best classical sites in Turkey with Temple of Apollo and ancient ruins. Overnight Antalya (B)

Day 15 Monday Konya, Cappadocia
Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhani Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Tonight, don't miss the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening!

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Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 16 Tuesday Cappadocia, Goreme,

Underground City

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today
as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum
and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels
of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 17 Wednesday Ankara

Farry morning departure to the nation's capital

Early morning departure to the nation's capital, Ankara, where we visit Anitkabir, mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, before returning to

Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

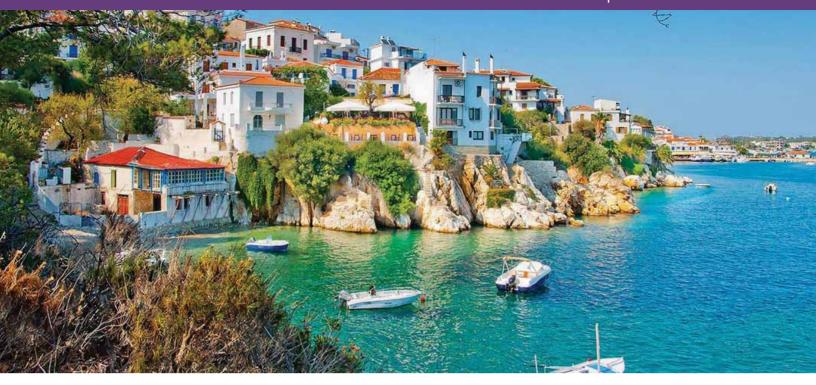
Day 18 Thursday Istanbul Old City

Tour the exotic city that spans both Europe and
Asia visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum,
Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Cruise
between two continents on the stretch of water that separates Europe from Asia in the afternoon with an optional 'Half day Bosphorous cruise'.

Overnight Istanbul (B)

Day 19 Friday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends and are transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)





## **AEGEAN ODYSSEY TOUR** NZD 4879 13 DAYS from

Departure Dates

## 2020

Jun 03, 17; Jul 01, 15, 29;

Aug 12, 26;

Jun 02, 16, 30; Jul 14, 28;

Aug 11, 25;

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Athens airport transfer
- Outbound Istanbul airport transfer
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- Transportation by ferry within the Greek islands
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- Tips except driver, guide and transfer staff
- Entrance fees in Turkey
- 12 nights accommodation
- 12 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

## Day 1 Wednesday Athens

Welcome to Greece! You will be transferred to your hotel and the rest of the day is yours, free to explore this ancient city. Tonight a welcome meeting and meet your fellow travelling companions. Overnight Athens

### **Day 2 Thursday Athens Acropolis**

This morning you will have a half day tour and visit the Acropolis, stop at the stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held. Admire the Olympian Zeus and Hadrians Arch. At the Acropolis visit the museum, the towering entrance of Propylaia, the Temple of Nike and the most famous of Greek relics, the Parthenon. Overnight Athens (B)

## Day 3 Friday Athens to Santorini

Early morning departure today for the breathtaking Island of Santorini, where you can soak up the sun and relax on the beach or perhaps explore the picturesque capital, Fira. Overnight Santorini (B)

#### Day 4 Saturday Santorini

Take an optional boat trip in the world's biggest volcanic crater above sea level. Visit the active volcano, swim in the warm thermal waters and take a therapeutic mud bath.

Overnight Santorini (B)

## Day 5 Sunday Santorini to Mykonos

Arrive in Mykonos and explore the white-washed town or head for the beach before experiencing the vibrant Mykonian nightlife.

Overnight Mykonos (B)

## **Day 6 Monday Mykonos**

Free day today. Spend the day on the beach, stroll around the town or take a trip to one of the small villages or take an optional day trip to the neighbouring island of Delos. This Mecca of Ancient Greece is today an island wide, open-air museum. Overnight Mykonos (B)

#### Day 7 Tuesday Mykonos, Samos

Today you will catch a mid-day ferry heading towards the island of Samos and then another ferry to Kusadasi, Turkey. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

## **Day 8 Wednesday Pamukkale**

Visit the ruins of Hierapolis, the Temple of Apollo, Necropolis, and stroll over the magnificent white calcium terraces of Pamukkale. This afternoon we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods.Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

## **Day 9 Thursday Ephesus**

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

## Day 10 Friday Pergamum, Troy, Canakkale

Step back in time today as we visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time.

Overnight Canakkale (B, D)

## Day 11 Saturday Gallipoli Battlefields

Relaxed morning to explore the town of Canakkale before an afternoon tour of the WW1 battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels. After the tour we continue on to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)

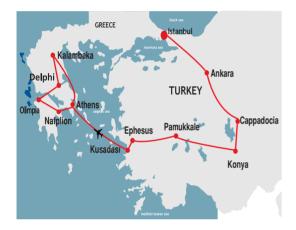
## Day 12 Sunday Istanbul Old City

Tour the exotic city that spans both Europe and Asia visiting the Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum and the Hippodrome. Cruise between two continents on the stretch of water that separates Europe from Asia in the afternoon with an optional 'Half day Bosphorous cruise'. Overnight Istanbul (B)

## Day 13 Monday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends and are transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)





## **BEST OF TURKEY AND GREECE**

19 DAYS from **NZD 4785** 

Departure Dates

## 2020

Mar 13, 27; Apr 10, 24; May 08, 22; Jun 05, 19; Jul 03, 17, 31; Aug 14, 28; Sep 11, 25; Oct 09, 23; Nov 06

Mar 12, 26; Apr 09, 23; May 07, 21 Jun 04, 18; Jul 02, 16, 30, Aug 13, 27 Sep 10, 24, Oct 08, 22, Nov 05

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Outbound Athens airport transfer
  Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide Entrance fees in Turkey
- 14 nights accommodation
- 14 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners

Day 1 Friday Istanbul
Welcome to Istanbul. You will transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul
Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City
Tour the exotic city that spans both Europe and Asia visiting the Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum and the Hippodrome. Cruise between two continents on the stretch of water that separates Europe from Asia in the afternoon with an optional 'Half day Bosphorous cruise'. Overnight Istanbul (B)
Day 3 Sunday Ankara, Cappadocia
After breakfast we drive towards the nation's capital, Ankara to visit Anitkabir, the Mausoleum

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Day 3 Sunday Ankara, Cappadocia
After breaktast we drive towards the nation's capital, Ankara to visit Anitkabir, the Mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Ataturk before continuing on to the surreal landscape of Cappadocia.

Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 4 Monday Goreme Open-Air Museum, Pasabag, Uchisar

Today we tour the Goreme Open Air Museum, Pasabag, Uchisar Castle and Kaymakli Underground City. Photo opportunities are everywhere so have your cameras ready! Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at a carpet village we learn how carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Tonight, don't miss the optional Turkish folklore evening featuring folklore and belly dancers... a night you won't forget! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 5 Tuesday Underground City, Konya

This morning we visit and explore Kaymakli underground city. Then leaving Cappadocia we head south, towards Konya, along the ancient Silk Road, visiting Sultanhani Caravansary, just as the ancient traders did. Once in Konya we tour the Mevlana Museum and Alaeddin Mosque.

Overnight Konya (B, D)

Day 6 Wednesday Sagalassos, Pamukkale

Today we head for Pamukkale and it's calcium travertines. Along the way we visit the ancient site of Sagalassos. Conquered by Alexander the Great in 333 BC, earthquakes and plague saw its demise in 541-2. Today it is one of the best preserved sites in Turkey and is on the UNESCO Tentaice list. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

Day 7 Thursday Pamukkale

Visit the ruins of Hierapolis, the Temple of Apollo, Necropolis, and stroll over the magnificent white calcium terraces of Pamukkale. This afternoon we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 8 Friday Ephesus, Athens

Absort yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by han

**Day 9 Saturday Athens** 

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Day 10 Sunday Athens

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Athens city tour starts from the Panathenaic
Stadium, where the first Olympic Games of
modern times were held in 1896. Continue and
pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the
Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial
to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the
University, the National Library, the Constitution
Square (Syntagma). On the Acropolis visit, the
Architectural Masterpieces of the Golden Age of
Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena
Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony
between material and spirit", the monument that
"puts order in the mind", the Parthenon.
Overnight Athens (B)
Day 11 Monday Athens, Corinth Canal,
Mycenae, Nafplion
You depart early in the morning and cross the
Corinth Canal. Next stop will be a visit at the
famous Mycenae, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
See the home of Mythical Agamemnon, the
Cyclopean walls, the Lions gate and the royal
tombs. Depart for Nafplion, the first capital of
Greece in Argolis, the picturesque town nestling at
the foot of a cliff crowned by the mighty ramparts

Cyclopean walls, the Lions gate and the royal tombs. Depart for Nafplion, the first capital of Greece in Argolis, the picturesque town nestling at the foot of a cliff crowned by the mighty ramparts of the Palamidi Fortress. Overnight Nafplion(B)

Day 12 Tuesday Olympia, Delphi

Early departure for Olympia, the birth place of the Olympia Games. Visit the archeological site of Ancient Olympia, Sanctuary of Olympian Zeus, the Ancient Stadium and the Archaeological Museum, with the impressive statue of Hermes of Praxiteles. In the afternoon the journey continues to the north, over the Rio-Antirio Bridge, and to Delphi. Overnight Delphi (B, D)

Day 13 Wednesday Delphi, Kalambaka

Visit at Delphi, a place that was once characterized as the center of the ancient world. You can see the well preserved remains of Temple Apollo, the Castalian Spring and Temple of Athena, the Oracle of Delphi. Afterwards, you will proceed to the small picturesque city of Kalambaka, passing through beautiful villages and cities of Central Greece, all built according to the traditional local arquitecture. Overnight Kalambaka (B, D)

Day 14 Thursday Meteora, Athens

After breakfast we will visit Meteora. Meteora has unique rock formations, rising high, stand ageless Christian Monasteries amona striking scenery.

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After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends. (B)

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## CONSTANTINOPLE TO THE DODECANESE

16 DAYS from **NZD 4369** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jun 06, 13, 20, 27; Jul 04, 11, 18, 25 Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Sep 05

Jun 05, 12, 19, 26; Jul 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug 07, 14, 21, 28; Sep 04

### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour in Turkey
- · Local representatives on each island in Greece
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle in Turkey
- Transportation by ferry within the Greek islands
- Transfers between ports and hotels 'Lady of Dodecanese' Symi Cruise
- · Car ferry fee's between Canakkale and Eceabat
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 15 nights accommodation
- 15 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

## Day 1 Saturday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours free to explore at your own pace.

Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Sunday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace

and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B) **Day 3 Monday Gallipoli Battlefields**Today we visit the WW1 battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels. Overnight Çanakkale (B, D) Day 4 Tuesday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum Step back in time today as we visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time.

Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 5 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value.

Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 6 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods before heading to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Take a dip, amongst ancient columns, in the hot springs that were used in Roman times for their therapeutic powers. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

**Day 7 Friday Marmaris** 

After breakfast you will be transferred to Marmaris, where you will check in your hotel and the remainder of your day is free to explore.

Overnight Marmaris (B)

Day 8 Saturday Marmaris, Rhodes

Early departure to Marmaris harbor for your onward ferry to the Greek Island, Rhodes. Rhodes is the largest island of the Dodecanese islands in the eastern Aegean Sea and home to some the most impressive sights in Greece. Upon arrival, you will be met and driven to your hotel. Overnight Rhodes Island (B)

## **Day 9 Sunday Rhodes**

It is your free day to explore Rhodes island at your own pace. Walk down the streets of old town which is evokes a story about the city's ancient times. Explore the Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes, a Gothic medieval castle built in the 7th century. You also have a chance to visit Lindos, one the most beautiful white washed villages in Greece.

Overnight Rhodes Island (B)

Day 10 Monday Symi, Lady of

Dodecanese Cruise

Today you will enjoy a cruise to the picturesque small island of Symi. After visiting the most famous monastery of Panormitis with its byzantine frescoes you will continue to the main harbor. Learn about the history of the island and its sponge diving community during the visit to the sponge diving community during the visit to the sponge workshop before heading off to explore on your own. In the afternoon you will return to Rhodes.

Overnight Rhodes Island (B)

Day 11 Tuesday Rhodes to Kalymnos

After breakfast you will drive to port for your onward ferry to Kalymnos. The fourth largest island of the Dodecanese Group is widely known as an international harvesting trade center. Upon arrival to harbor, you will be met and driven to your hotel and the remainder of your day is free to explore.

Overnight Kalymnos Island (B)

Day 12 Wednesday Kalymnos to Patmos

We will head to Holy island of the Dodecanese,

Patmos. Upon arrival, you will be met and driven to your hotel and the remainder of your day is

free to explore. Overnight Patmos Island (B) **Day 13 Thursday Patmos**You could explore the holy spirit of the island by booking an optional day trip or enjoy beautiful beaches of island. Maybe visit the UNESCO sites the Monastery of Saint-John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse.

Overnight Patmos Island (B) Day 14 Friday Patmos to Kos

Today we ferry to Kos. Kos is famous with its sandy beaches, Greek and Roman antiquities as well as an impressive 15th century castle. You will explore island at your own pace.

Overnight Kos Island (B)

Day 15 Saturday Kos

Today you have a chance to explore volcanic island of Nisyros with an optional cruise excursion or spend a lazy day at Kos.

Overnight Kos Island (B)

Day 16 Sunday Kos

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye. (B)





## **GREECE CLASSIC**

7 DAYS from **NZD** 1899

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 11, 25; Feb 08, 22; Mar 07, 21; Apr 04, 18; May 02, 16, 30; Jun 13, 27; Jul 11, 25; Aug 08, 22; Sep 05, 19; Oct 03, 17, 31; Nov 14, 28; Dec 12 2021

Jan 09, 23; Feb 06, 20; Mar 06, 20; Apr 03, 17; May 01, 15, 29; Jun 12, 26; Jul 10, 24; Aug 07, 21; Sep 04, 18; Oct 02, 16, 30; Nov 13, 27; Dec 11

## Tour includes

- Inbound Athens airport transfer
- Outbound Athens airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- 6 nights accommodation
- 6 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

## **Day 1 Saturday Athens**

Arrival in Athens. Our transfer will be waiting for you at the airport to take you to your hotel. Overnight Athens

## Day 2 Sunday Athens

Athens city tour starts from the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896. Continue and pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma). On the Acropolis visit, the Architectural Masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind", the Parthenon. Overnight Athens (B)

## Day 3 Monday Athens, Corinth Canal, Mycenae, Nafplion

You depart early in the morning and cross the Corinth Canal. Next stop will be a visit at the famous Mycenae, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the home of Mythical Agamemnon, the Cyclopean walls, the Lions gate and the royal tombs. Depart for Nafplion, the first capital of Greece in Argolis, the picturesque town nestling at the foot of a cliff crowned by the mighty ramparts of the Palamidi Fortress. Overnight Nafplion (B)

## Day 4 Tuesday Olympia, Delphi

Early departure for Olympia, the birth place of the Olympic Games. Visit the archeological site of Ancient Olympia, Sanctuary of Olympian Zeus, the Ancient Stadium and the Archaeological Museum, with the impressive statue of Hermes of Praxiteles. In the afternoon the journey continues to the north, over the Rio-Antirio Bridge, and to Delphi. Overnight Delphi (B, D)

### Day 5 Wednesday Delphi, Kalambaka

Visit at Delphi, a place that was once characterized as the center of the ancient world. You can see the well preserved remains of Temple Apollo, the Castalian Spring and Temple of Athena, the Oracle of Delphi. Afterwards, you will proceed to the small picturesque city of Kalambaka, passing through beautiful villages and cities of Central Greece, all built according to the traditional local arquitecture.

Overnight Kalambaka (B, D)

### Day 6 Thursday Meteora, Athens

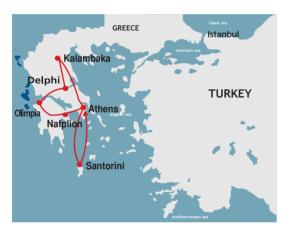
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## **Day 7 Friday Athens**

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends. (B)







## **GREECE DISCOVERY**

10 DAYS from **NZD 3315** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 11, 25; Feb 08, 22; Mar 07, 21; Apr 04, 18; May 02, 16, 30; Jun 13, 27; Jul 11, 25; Aug 08, 22; Sep 05, 19; Oct 03, 17, 31; Nov 14, 28; Dec 12

Jan 09, 23; Feb 06, 20; Mar 06, 20; Apr 03, 17; May 01, 15, 29; Jun 12, 26; Jul 10, 24; Aug 07, 21; Sep 04, 18; Oct 02, 16, 30; Nov 13, 27; Dec 11

## Tour includes

- Inbound Athens airport transferOutbound Athens airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide on the Greek mainland
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle on the Greek mainland
- Transportation by ferry within the Greek islands
- Transfers between ports and hotels
- Ferry ticket Athens to Santorini
- Ferry ticket Santorini to Athens
- Tips except driver, guide and transfer staff 9 nights accommodation
- 9 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

## **Day 1 Saturday Athens**

Arrival in Athens. Our transfer will be waiting for you at the airport to take you to your hotel. Overnight Athens

## **Day 2 Sunday Athens**

Athens city tour starts from the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896. Continue and pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma). On the Acropolis visit, the Architectural Masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind", the Parthenon, Overnight Athens (B)

## Day 3 Monday Athens, Argolis, **Nafplion**

You depart early in the morning and cross the Corinth Canal. Next stop will be a visit at the famous Mycenae, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the home of Mythical Agamemnon, the Cyclopean walls, the Lions gate and the royal tombs. Depart for Nafplion, the first capital of Greece in Argolis, the picturesque town nestling at the foot of a cliff crowned by the mighty ramparts of the Palamidi Fortress. Overnight Nafplion (B)

**Day 4 Tuesday Olympia, Delphi**Eary departure to Olympia, the birth place of the Olympic Games. Visit the archeological site of Ancient Olympia, the Temple of Zeus and Hera, the altar of the Olympic flame, the Stadium and the museum, with the impressive statue of Hermes of Praxiteles. In the afternoon the journey continues to the north, over the Rio-Antirio Bridge, and to Delphi. Overnight Delphi (B, D)

## Day 5 Wednesday Delphi, Kalambaka

Visit at Delphi, a place that was once characterized as the center of the ancient world. You can see the well preserved remains of Temple Apollo, the Castalian Spring and Temple of Athena, the Oracle of Delphi. Then you can explore the on-site museums, visiting the Archaeological Museum of Delphi, which contains masterpieces of ancient Greece, such as Eniochos the bronze Charioteer. Afterwards, you will proceed to the small picturesque city of Kalambaka, passing through beautiful villages and cities of Central Greece, all built according to the traditional local arquitecture. Overnight Kalambaka (B, D)

## Day 6 Thursday Meteora, Athens

After breakfast we will visit Meteora. Meteora has unique rock formations, rising high with Christian monasteries built at the top. It is truly fascinating to visit the interior part of them, but also enjoy the amazing views. Return to Athens via Trikala, Lamia, Thermopylae with a short stop to see across the road Leonida's Monument. Arrival in Athens early in the evening. Overnight Athens (B)

Day 7 Friday Athens to Santorini Early morning departure today for the

breathtaking Island of Santorini, where you can soak up the sun and relax on the beach or perhaps explore the picturesque capital, Fira. Overnight Santorini (B)

## Day 8 Saturday Santorini

Today you are free to explore Santorini at your own pace. Perhaps take an optional boat trip in the world's biggest volcanic crater above sea level. Visit the active volcano, swim in the warm thermal waters and take a therapeutic mud bath. Overnight Santorini (B)

## Day 9 Sunday Santorini to Athens

Today you will return back to main land, you will drive to port for your onward ferry to Athens. Upon arrival, you will drive to your hotel and the remainder of your day is free to explore. Overnight Athens (B)

## **Day 10 Monday Athens**

Transfer to the airport and our tour concludes. (B)



### **BEST OF GREECE**

NZD 949 5 DAYS from

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Athens airport transfer
- Outbound Athens airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking local tour guides at each site
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

#### Day 1 Athens

Arrival in Athens. Our transfer will be waiting for you at the airport to take you to your hotel. Overnight Athens

#### Day 2 Athens

Athens city tour starts from the Panathenaic Stadium. Continue and pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma). On the Acropolis visit, the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion. Overnight Athens (B)

### Day 3 Delphi

Depart early in the morning for Delphi via Thebes, Levadia and the picturesque village of Arachova, on the slopes of Mount Parnassus, and arrive in Delphi, to visit the Archaeological Site. Visit the marble Treasury of the Athenians, built to store the rich offerings of grateful kings. Afterwards, you will proceed to the small picturesque city of Kalambaka, passing through beautiful villages and cities of Central Greece, all built according to the traditional local arquitecture. Overnight Kalambaka (B, D)

#### Day 4 Meteora

After breakfast we will visit Meteora. Meteora are unique rock formations, raising high with Christian monasteries built at the top.Return to Athens via Trikala, Lamia, Thermopylae (short stop to see across the road the Leonida's Monument). Arrival in Athens early in the evening. Overnight Athens (B)

#### Day 5 Athens

Transfer to the airport and our tour concludes (B)







### **GREEK ISLAND EXPLORER**

7 DAYS from **NZD 2089** 

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Athens airport transfer
- Outbound Athens airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- 6 nights accommodation.
- 6 Breakfasts

#### Day 1 Athens

Arrival in Athens. Our transfer will be waiting for you at the airport to take you to your hotel. Overnight

#### Day 2 Athens

Athens city tour starts from the Panathenaic Stadium. Continue and pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma). On the Acropolis visit, the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion. Overnight Athens (B)

#### Day 3 Athens to Santorini

Early morning departure today for the breathtaking Island of Santorini, where you can soak up the sun and relax on the beach. Overnight Santorini (B)

#### Day 4 Santorini

Take an optional boat trip in the world's biggest volcanic crater above sea level. Visit the active volcano, swim in the warm thermal waters and take  $\boldsymbol{a}$ therapeutic mud bath. Overnight Santorini (B)

Day 5 Santorini to Mykonos Arrive in Mykonos and explore the white-washed town or head for the beach before experiencing the completely outrageous Mykonian nightlife. Overnight Mykonos (B)

#### Day 6 Mykonos

Free day today. Spend the day on the beach, stroll around the town or take a trip to one of the small villages. Overnight Mykonos (B)

Day 7 Mykonos to AthensTransfer to the port for your ferry to Athens and our tour concludes with your arrival to Athens port. (B)



### HIGHLIGHTS OF CYCLADES

8 DAYS from **NZD 2519** 

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Athens airport transfer
- Outbound Athens airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide on the Greek mainland
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle on the Greek mainland
- Transportation by ferry within the Greek islands
- Transfers between ports and hotels
- Tips except driver, guide and transfer staff
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfast

#### Day 1 Athens

Arrival in Athens. Our transfer will be waiting for you at the airport to take you to your hotel.

Overnight Athens

Day 2 Athens City Tour

Athens city tour starts from the Panathenaic Stadium. Continue and pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma). On the Acropolis visit, the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion. Overnight Athens (B) Day 3 Athens to Milos

Early morning departure today for the island of Milos. It is time to be fascinated by lunar landscapes of Milos. Overnight Milos (B)

Day 4 Milos

You are free to explore at your own pace or join optional photography safari tour. Overnight Milos (B) Day 5 Milos to Santorini
Today we will depart for the breathtaking Island of Santorini, where you can soak up the sun and relax on the beach or perhaps explore the picturesque capital, Fira. Overnight Santorini
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Take an optional boat this is the world's himself the continuation.

Take an optional boat trip in the world's biggest volcanic crater above sea level. Overnight Santorini (B) Day 7 Santorini to Athens

Today you will return back to main land, you will drive to port for your onward ferry to Athens. Upon arrival, you will drive to your hotel and the remainder of your day is free to explore. Overnight Athens (B)

Day 8 Athens

Transfer to the airport and our tour concludes.(B)







### SANTORINI EXPLORER

7 DAYS from **NZD** 1745

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Athens airport transfer
- Outbound Athens airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for Athens city tour
- Transfers between ports and hotels
- Transportation by ferry within the Greek islands
- Ferry ticket Athens to Santorini
- Ferry ticket Santorini to Athens
- Tips except guide and transfer staff
- 6 nights accommodation
- 6 Breakfasts

#### Day 1 Athens

Arrival in Athens. Our transfer will be waiting for you at the airport to take you to your hotel. Overnight

#### Day 2 Athens

Athens city tour starts from the Panathenaic Stadium. Continue and pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian's Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma). On the Acropolis visit, the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion. Overnight Athens (B)

Day 3 Athens to Santorini

Early morning departure today for the breathtaking Island of Santorini, where you can soak up the sun and relax on the beach or perhaps explore the picturesque capital, Fira-Overnight Santorini (B)

Day 4 Santorini

Take an extract beach trivial to the santorini (B)

Take an optional boat trip in the world's biggest volcanic crater above sea level. Visit the active volcano, swim in the warm thermal waters and take a therapeutic mud bath. Overnight Santorini (B)

Today you are free to explore Santorini at your own pace. Santorini. Overnight Santorini (B)

Day 6 Santorini to Athens

Today you will return back to main land, you will drive to port for your onward ferry to Athens. Upon arrival, you will drive to your hotel and the remainder of your day is free to explore. Overnight Athens (B) Day 7 Athens

Transfer to the airport and our tour concludes (B)







Croatia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania.

The Balkan Peninsula is one of the last relatively unexplored corners of Europe. But with a wealth of history, cultural and culinary treasures and great nightlife, it won't be long before the region becomes the next travel hotspot.

#### Things Not to Miss in Balkans

- **Dubrovnik** the famous walled city of Dubrovnik is one of the most visited in the Balkans. Visitors can explore the white marble streets and walk along the imposing ramparts.
- Sarajevo home to one of the prettiest pedestrian old towns in the Balkans.
- **Mostar** Mostar's iconic Old Bridge is the most famous in the Balkans.
- **Kotor** the walled city of Kotor is often referred to as the 'new' Dubrovnik. Its narrow streets and pretty plazas rival those of its northern neighbour, and refreshingly lack the heaving tourist crowds.
- **Budva** not far from Kotor, Budva is another walled city that boasts a pretty Old Town, sandy beaches and great nightlife. Bars fill the cobbled streets and line the waterfront outside of the historic city walls, and Mogren Beach and other sandy strips draw visitors from all over Europe during the warmer months.
- **Tirana** is one of the most off-the-beaten-path capitals in Europe, but the city's vibrant cafe culture and funky public art make it worth a visit.
- **Ohrid** the town of Ohrid is a gem in the Balkans. Set beside a beautiful lake, its narrow, winding streets open up to reveal gems like a Roman amphitheatre, castle fortress, and church with 11th-century frescoes.
- **Belgrade** may be best known for its great nightlife, but the city has a wealth of historic treasures and cultural attractions, too.
- Krka Natiaonal park and waterfalls magnificent waterfalls, including the famous Skradinski Buk falls which are one of Croatia's most famous sights.
- Tunnel Museum The most visceral of Sarajevo's many 1990s war-experience 'attractions', this unmissable museum's centrepiece and raison d'être is a short section of the 1m wide, 1.6m high hand-dug tunnel under the airport runway which acted as the city's lifeline to the outside world during the 1992–95 siege, when Sarajevo was virtually surrounded by Serb forces.
- Athens many ancient structures still stand in the capital city the Acropolis and the Parthenon just two of the must-see UNESCO relics.
- Metéora Monasteries one of the world's most stunning ecclesiastical sites.
- **Delphi** Greece's most sacred sites where the oracle once answered the questions in the temple of Apollo

#### When to Go to Balkans

The peak summer months of July and August attract the most visitors with blissfully hot days and ideal water temperatures for swimming. May and September are great months to visit with a pleasant climate and sunny skies, though fewer crowds. The seas are still relatively warm so swimming is still an option. Winters are much cooler and wetter though still pleasant enough.



## ATHENS AND THE BALKANS

16 DAYS from **NZD 4359** 

Departure Dates

May 04, 18; Jun 01, 15, 29 Jul 13, 27; Aug 10, 24; Sep 07, 21 Oct 05

May 03, 17, 31; Jun 14, 28 Jul 12, 26; Aug 09, 23; Sep 06, 20 Oct 04

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Athens airport transfer
- Outbound Athens airport transfer
- English-speaking tour leader for the duration of the tour
- Professional English-speaking local tour guides at each site
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- 15 nights accommodation
- 15 breakfast

**Day 1 Monday Athens** 

Welcome to Athens, upon your arrival, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of your day is free to explore. Overnight Athens

**Day 2 Tuesday Athens** 

Today is a free day to explore Athens or take one of our optional tours: Half Day Acropolis Tour or Corinth Canal Tour. Overnight Athens (B)

**Day 3 Wednesday Athens - Meteora** Today we head to Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a unique and enchanting place where monasteries are elevated by otherworldly sandstone pillars. We spend an evening in the nearby traditional Greek village of Kalambaka. Overnight Kalambaka (B)

## Day 4 Thursday Meteora - Tirana (Albania)

Today we leave Greece behind and head towards Tirana, the capital of Albania. We will have a break along the way at the Drilon Springs. A national park, a wooded area with a lake with an island in the middle, a bridge to access the many restaraunts. Maybe hire a row boat to explore the area. Overnight Tirana (B)

Day 5 Friday Tirana - Budva

(Montenegro) - Kotor After breakfast, we drive to Budva, Montenegro. Apart from its natural beauty, its bay islands and beaches, Budva is rich in historic monuments. Budva Old Town lies on a small peninsula and represents a treasure chest of culture heritage. Crossed with narrow streets and squares are famous buildings, the Church St. Trojica, housing the tomb of writer Stjepan Mitrov Ljubisa, the Churches of St. Ivan, St. Bogorodica and St. Sava. We continue to Kotor, which is set on the beautiful Bay of Kotor and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Amongst the sights to see, at Kotor, are the well-preserved Old Town and its city walls, along which you can walk, and the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon, built in 1166. Overnight Kotor (B)

Day 6 Saturday Kotor - Dubrovnik (Croatia) - Trogir

We continue along beautiful southern coast of Croatia to Dubrovnik, another UNESCO World Heritage site and a city legendary for its well-preserved stone walls, and is often referred to as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. On arrival, head out on a guided walk along the city walls, enjoying views of the Adriatic Sea. You'll also visit Big Onofrio's Fountain, built by the European architect Onofrio della Cava in the 15th century to supply water to the city, the 13th century Franciscan monastery and the Sponza and Rector's Palaces. In the afternoon, we will drive along the Adriatic coast line towards to Trogir. Overnight Trogir (B)

Day 7 Sunday Trogir - Split - Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

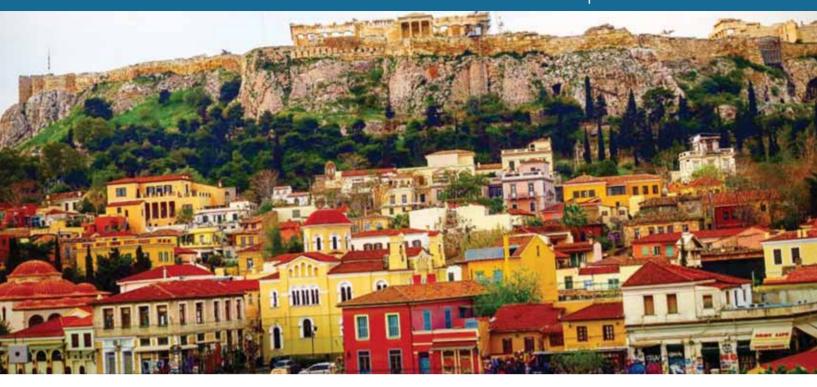
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#### Day 8 Monday Mostar - Sarajevo

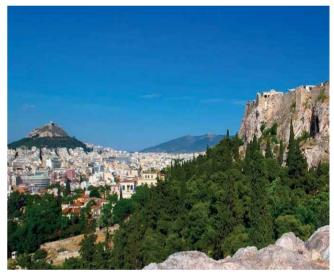
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Day 9 Tuesday Sarajevo

This morning we have a guided tour of Sarajevo. Twenty years after the end of a devastating war, Sarajevo is slowly asserting itself as one of Europe's most beautiful and interesting cities. The city mixes east and west dotted with minarets, mosques, bazaars and the aroma of coffee. In the evening, perhaps enjoy a simple but delicious meal in Bascarsija, Sarajevo's old bazaar and you must try the local specialty of 'bosanski cevapi' (grilled minced meat mixed with mild spices). Optional tours of the Tunnel of Hope and Vrelo Bosne are available for the afternoon. Overnight Sarajevo (B)







#### Day 10 Wednesday Sarajevo - Belgrade (Serbia)

This morning, after breakfast, we depart for Serbia's capital, Belgrade, which is famous for its grand Orthodox churches and museums. In the afternoon we have a guided tour of Belgrade visiting the city's wide boulevards and squares, and the historic and green heart of Kalemegdan Park. The park is home to Kelmegdan Fortress, which has overlooked the Danube River here for centuries. Overnight Belgrade (B)

#### Day 11 Thursday Belgrade (Free Day)

Today is a free day to explore Belgrade. Maybe, head down to Skadarska Street in the bohemian quarter of Skadarlija to sample some authentic local food and enjoy the lively atmosphere, in a place where Orthodox churches vie for space next to fashionable nightclubs. Optional tour available to Novi Sad or Sremski Karlovci. Overnight Belgrade (B)

#### Day 12 Friday Belgrade - Skopje (Macedonia)

Early departure from Belgrade towards the capital of Macedonia, Skopje. In the afternoon will have a gentle walking tour of the city center, visit Kale Fortress, the Church of the Holy Savior with its iconostas, one of the finest samples of traditional walnut woodcarving, Old Bazaar and Stone Bridge. Overnight Skopje (B)

#### Day 13 Saturday Skopje - Ohrid

This morning, we drive to Ohrid, this UNESCO world heritage site is known as the 'Macedonian Jerusalem' due to its large number of churches. Nestled on the shores of a large lake which is renowned for the clarity of its water. Our local tour guide will help us discover highlights of Ohrid, The church of St. Sofia (11th century), the most eminent mediaeval monument in Macedonia with magnificent Byzantine fresco paintings and St. Clement Church with its icon of Annunciation. Overnight Ohrid (B)

## Day 14 Sunday Ohrid - Thessaloniki

Today we set off towards Thessaloniki, famous for its UNESCO listed Paleochristian and Byzantine Monuments and the foreshore lined with cafes, cocktail lounges, bars and restaurants. We will stop off for a break in Bitola, maybe grab a bite to eat at one of the cafes Sirok Sokak Street or Magnolia Square. An optional tour of Bitola is also available.

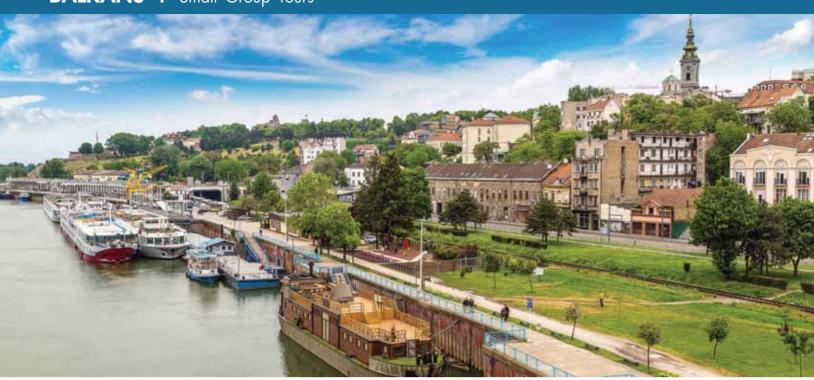
Overnight Thessaloniki (B)

#### Day 15 Monday Thessaloniki - Athens

Today we head for Athens. Along the way we'll stop for a break at Volos, a hidden gem in Eastern Greece on the Pagasetic Gulf, overlooked by Mt. Pelion, home to the Centaurs of Greek mythology. Hire a bike or stroll along the foreshore where there are numerous cafes and restaraunts to be found. Overnight Athens (B)

#### **Day 16 Tuesday Athens**

After breakfast, our tour concludes with a transfer to Athens airport. (B)





# ATHENS TO SPLIT EXCURSION

7 DAYS from **NZD 2355** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

May 04, 18; Jun 01, 15, 29; Jul 13, 27; Aug 10, 24; Sep 07, 21; Oct 05 2021

May 03, 17, 31; Jun 14, 28 Jul 12, 26; Aug 09, 23 Sep 06, 20; Oct 04

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Athens airport transfer
- Outbound Split airport transfer
- English speaking tour leader throughout the tour
- Professional English-speaking local tour guides at each site
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- 6 nights accommodation
- 6 breakfast

### Day 1 Monday Athens

Welcome to Athens, upon your arrival, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of your day is free to explore. Overnight Athens.

#### **Day 2 Tuesday Athens**

Today is a free day to explore Athens or take one of our optional tours: Half Day Acropolis Tour or Corinth Canal Tour. Overnight Athens.

#### 3 Wednesday Athens - Meteora

Today we head to Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a unique and enchanting place where monasteries are elevated by otherworldly sandstone pillars. We spend an evening in the nearby traditional Greek village of Kalambaka. Overnight Kalambaka.

#### Day 4 Thursday Meteora - Drilon Springs (Albania) - Tirana

Today we leave Greece behind and head towards Tirana, the capital of Albania. We will have a break along the way at the Drilon Springs. A national park, a wooded area with a lake with an island in the middle, a bridge to access the many restaraunts. Maybe hire a row boat to explore the area. Overnight Tirana.

#### Day 5 Friday Tirana - Budva (Montenegro) - Kotor

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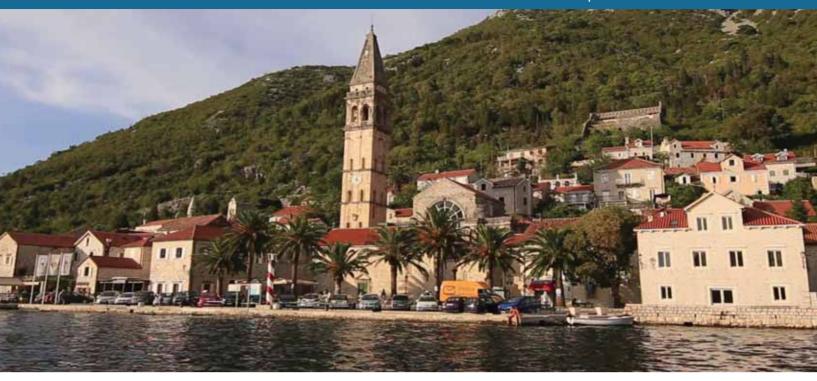
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In the afternoon, we will drive along the Adriatic coast line towards to Trogir. Overnight Trogir (B)

#### **Day 7 Sunday Trogir**

After breakfast we will travel a short distance to Split and have walking tour of the city visiting, Diocletian Palace, a Roman imperial palace and UNESCO World Heritage site. We will walk the southern part of palace, the Bronze Gates, through the Vestibul of the Emperor's Palace, The Mausoleum, St. Dujam's Cathedral, Cathedral Treasury, Temple of Jupiter, St. Martin's Church (Golden Gate) and conclude the tour at the fruit square and visit the Venetian castle, Milesi Palace and the Monument of Marko Marulic.Here our tour concludes. (B)







### **SPLIT TO** ATHENS EXPLORER

11 DAYS from **NZD 2839** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

May 09, 23; Jun 06, 20; Jul 04, 18; Aug 01, 15, 29; Sep 12, 26; Oct 10 2021

May 08, 22; Jun 05, 19; Jul 03, 17, 31; Aug 14, 28; Sep 11, 25; Oct 09

Tour includes

- Inbound Split airport transfer
- Outbound Athens airport transfer
- · Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- 10 nights accommodation
- 10 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 11 Dinners

#### Day 1 Saturday Trogir (Split)

Welcome to Crotia! On arrival to Split Airport, you will be met and transfered to your hotel at the lovely seaside town of Trogir. In the evening and meet with your tour leader and other travel companions. Overnight Trogir

## Day 2 Sunday Trogir - Split - Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

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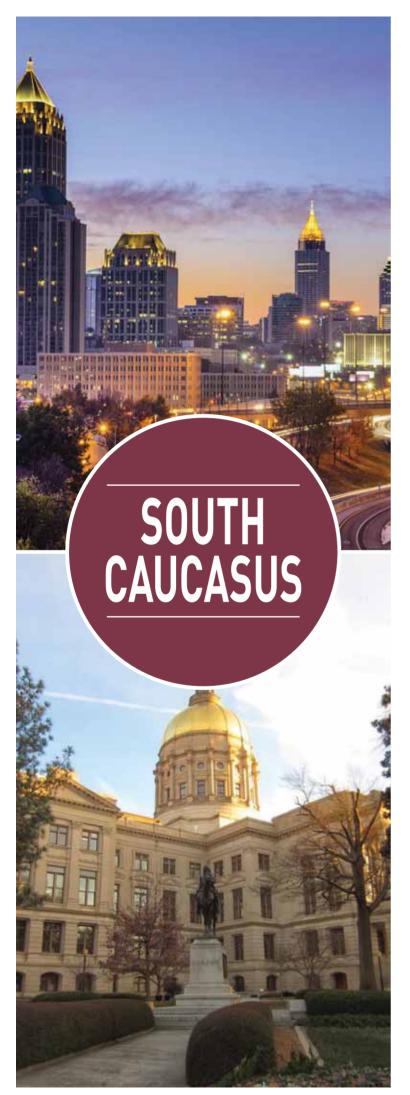
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Day 9 Sunday Ohrid - Thessaloniki (Greece)
Today we set off towards Thessaloniki, famous for its UNESCO listed Paleochristian and Byzantine Monuments and the foreshore lined with cafes, cocktail lounges, bars and restaurants.
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#### Day 11 Tuesday Athens

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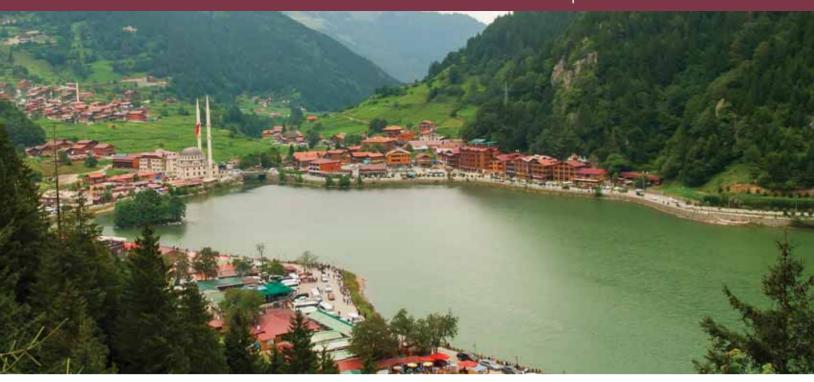
Located next to Russia, Iran, and Turkey, between the Black and Caspian Seas, the region of the South Caucasus is Europe's forgotten frontier. The small countries of Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan might sound exotic and daunting, perhaps even conjuring up images of austere, ex-Soviet states plagued by conflict. It's understandable that only the most adventurous travelers make it over to the Caucasus. The reality; however, is that the region is rich in ancient and fascinating cultures, incredible landscapes encompassing the Caucasus Mountains, from subtropical coastlines to dry deserts and grasslands, not to mention great food and wine, and above all, some of the friendliest and warmest people you'll ever meet. While traveling the Caucasus, the best thing is to expect the unexpected. You'll feel like you're trapped in a surrealist novel at times.

### Things Not to Miss in Caucasus

- The Caucasus Mountains with rugged peaks, green forests, white water rivers, and medieval fortresses, the Caucasus Mountains look like something out of a Tolkien novel.
- Svaneti is one of Georgia's most beautiful regions, with alpine scenery and small towns dotted with historic defensive towers. I would take a few days to do this, since it's far from Tbilisi, and it's worth it to go up to the unspoiled village of Ushguli, the highest permanently inhabited village in Europe.
- Cave Cities Georgia's three main cave cities: Vardzia, Davit Gareji, andUplistsikhe all have something different, but spectacular to offer.
- Signaghi located in the heart of the Kakheti wine region, the hill town of Signaghi is set on a hilly outcrop overlooking the flat plains all the way to Caucasus Mountains.
- Gori Joseph Stalin's hometown can be done as a day trip from Tbilisi. The Stalin Museum is one of the most surreal places, since it feels like a shrine to the dictator, with his childhood home preserved on the grounds, along with his private train carriage.
- Mtskheta there are two UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the town: the Svetitskhovloba Cathedral and the Jvari Monastery, with views over the city and the Mtkvari River. Do note that if you visit any Georgian churches or monasteries as a woman you should bring a headscarf, and perhaps even a skirt or a shawl to wrap around your waist.

#### When to Go to Caucasus

The ideal time to visit the Caucasus is in the spring and autumn, when it's neither too hot nor too cold. If you're looking to explore the remote part of the Caucasus Mountains, then



## **BAKU to YEREVAN** 9 DAYS from **NZD 3589**

Departure Dates

2020 May 24; Jun 14; Jul 05, 26; Aug 16; Sep 06

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Baku airport transfer
- Outbound Yerevan airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- 7 breakfast

Day 1 Sunday Baku (Azerbaijan)
Welcome to Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan! Today is arrival day, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Today we will see Maiden's Tower, then we will visit Shirvanshah Palace and pass through the Shemakha gate.Overnight Baku

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After breakfast, we will set off for Gobustan a UNESCO World Heritage site. We will continue to Absheron Peninsula and we will visit the Temple of Fire a temple of fire worshippers located in Suraxani village. Overnight Baku (B)

Day 3 Tuesday Baku to Sheki

This morning we drive to Sheki which will captivate you with its magnificent views. Here we will visit the Juma (Friday) mosque, Sheki Khan's Palace and delicious sugar factories. We then drive to Ganja for the train to Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia. Overnight Between Ganja and Tbilisi - Georgia, Mtskheta

Drive to the historical city of Mtskheta, which is the former capital of the Georgian Kingdom. We will also visit the Cathedral of Svetitskoveli. Overnight Tbilisi

Day 5 Thursday Tbilisi

We will see Sameba Cathedral, Narikala Castle, Mother of Georgia Monument, Juma Mosque, Sulfur baths, Metekhi Church, Synagogue of Tbillisi, Peace Bridge, Rezo Gobriadze Marionette Theatre, Liberty Square and Rustavelli street. Overnight Tbilisi (B)

Day 6 Friday Tbilisi

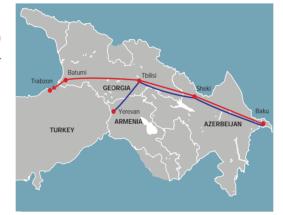
Today is a free day to explore Tbilisi at your leisure. This evening we transfer to the train station for our train to Yerevan. Overnight Between Yerevan and Tbilisi - Sleeper Train(B)

Day 7 Saturday Yerevan

Our tour starts with Echmiadzin Cathedral then Gumru Black Castle. Overnight Yerevan

Day 8 Sunday Yerevan

After breakfast we have a city tour with Garni Temple, Geghard Monastry, Khor Virap Monastry and Tsitsernakaberd. Overnight Yerevan (B)





# CASPIAN SEA TO BLACK SEA

9 DAYS from **NZD 3589** 

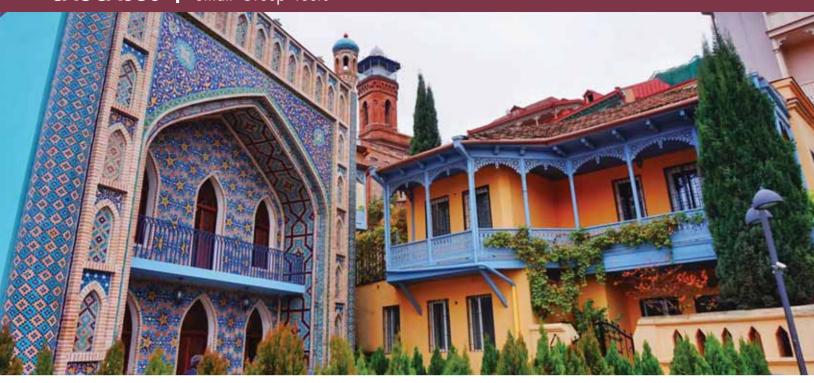
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2020 May 24; Jun 14; Jul 05, 26; Aug 16; Sep 06;

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- Inbound Baku airport transfer
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- · Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- 8 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfast

Day 1 Sunday Baku (Azerbaijan)
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Day 2 Monday Gobustan
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Day 3 Tuesday Baku to Sheki
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Day 4 Wednesday Tbilisi (Georgia), Mtskheta
Drive to the historical city of Mtskheta, which is the former capital of the Georgian Kingdom. We will also visit the Cathedral of Svetitskoveli.
Overnight Tbilisi
Day 5 Thursday Tbilisi
We will see Sameba Cathedral, Narikala Castle, Mother of Georgia Monument, Juma Mosque, Sulfur baths, Metekhi Church, Synagogue of Tbilisi, Peace Bridge, Rezo Gabriadze Marionette Theatre, Liberty Square and Rustavelli street. Overnight Tbilisi(B)
Day 6 Friday Tbilisi to Batumi
Today our destination is Batumi. On the way we visit Kutaisi and Sataplia to see 120 million year old dinosour footprints. We will have the opportunity to see the Statue of Ali and Nino about the love story of Azeri boy and Georgian girl kept alive in the languages. Overnight Batumi
Explore the largest Batumi Botanical Garden, which is the second largest Batumi Hosque, Statue of Medea, Astrological clock in Europe Square and Neptune Monument at Theotre Square. Overnight Batumi (B)
Day 8 Sunday Batu is unique with its rare trescoes. Before we drive towards to Trabzon Airport, we will have a quick stop at Boztepe where the panoramic views of the city can be seen. Overnight Trabzon (B) Day 9 Monday Trabzon After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



### **CONSTANTINOPLE TO YEREVAN**

16 DAYS from **NZD 6379** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

May 22; Jun 12; Jul 03, 24; Aug 14; Sep 04

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Outbound Yerevan airport transfer Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees in Turkey
- 15 nights accommodation
- 14 breakfast

#### Day 1 Friday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 3 Sunday Akcakoca, Safranbolu

This morning we drive to the coastal town of Akçakoca. Its old town area, situated on a gentle hill is a well preserved neighbourhood of traditional houses of wood and firebricks, lining square-shaped blocks. We then drive to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Safranbolu. Overnight Safranbolu (B)

#### Day 4 Monday Safranbolu, Amasra

After breakfast, we start our tour from Hidirlik Hill to get a city view then discover Safranbolu's well-preserved wooden houses, Cinci Inn and Bath, old government building, the clock tower and the Arasta Bazaar where we will learn about the traditional handicraft shops. In the afternoon we drive to Amasra and visit the Roman castle and walls, wood-carving handicraft bazaar and the outer and inner piers of the city. Overnight Safranbolu (B)

#### Day 5 Tuesday Kastamonu

After breakfast we will drive to Kastamonu, which is one of the rare cities where you can find great examples of traditional Turkish houses. Along the way we'll stop at the crystal terrace, an unbreakable glass platform attached to a cliff edge 80 meters above the Incekaya Canyon. Overnight Kastamonu (B)

#### Day 6 Wednesday Inebolu, Sinop

This morning we head for Inebolu with its wooden houses reflecting Rum (Byzantine or Ottoman Greek) architecture, dark green nature and excellent coastline which amazes visitors. Overnight Sinop (B)

#### Day 7 Thursday Akliman, Hamsilos, **Erfelek Waterfall**

We depart from our hotel and visit Akliman Cove, Hamsilos Bay which offers rich natural beauty with green forests, colourful flowers and small inland bays where military ships took strategic advantage of the bays' hidden location during the First World War. Lastly we visit Erfelek Waterfall where you will be able to trek through the park and find many cascading waterfalls and other beautiful natural scenes. Overnight Sinop (B)

#### Day 8 Friday Ordu, Trabzon

Today we will drive towards the Black Sea coast to Trabzon, stopping on the way for a short visit to Yason Church which stands along one of the most picturesque locations on the Black Sea coast. Then you will have great photo opportunity at Boztepe before heading to Trabzon. Overnight Trabzon (B)

#### Day 9 Saturday Trabzon

Today we tour Trabzon and surrounds, visiting the breathtaking Byzantine Sumela Monastery and Uzungol, a picturesque lake surrounded by thick woods before returning back to the hotel. Overnight Trabzon (B)

#### Day 10 Sunday Trabzon - Batumi (Georgia)

After a border crossing into Georgia we head for Batumi. Batumi city tour starts starts with Orta Mosque ,Old Batumi, Piazza Square, Europe Square and Medea, Theatre Square and Neptune Fountain which took its origin from Greek mythology, Boulvard of Batumi, Statue of Ali and Nino about the love story of Azeri boy and Georgian girl, Alphabet Tower and transfer to the hotel. Overnight Batumi (B)

#### Day 11 Monday Batumi - Kutaisi

Today our destination is Kutaisi. On the way we visit the famous Prometeus Cave and Sataplia to see 120 million year old dinosour footprints. Once in Kutaisi we will visit Gelati Monastry and Bagrati Cathedral. Overnight Kutaisi (B)

#### Day 12 Tuesday Kutaisi - Tbilisi

After breakfast our destination is Gori, where the Stalin was born and Caucasian Mountain Kazbeki. Visit the UNESCO Site of Gergeti Monastry by 4x4 WD offroad vehicles. Overnight Tbilisi (B)

#### Day 13 Wednesday Mtskheta -Tbilisi - Yerevan

After breakfast we visit Mtskheta, ancient capital of Georgia. Svetitshoveli Cathedral, a UNESCO Site and Jvari Monastry also UNESCO Site and the oldest church in Georgia. We continue on to the current capital, Tbilisi. Here we will have a city tour visiting Sameba Cathedral, Europe Square, Cable car, Kartlis Deda, Narikala Castle, Juma Mosque, Sulfur Baths, Meydani, Metekhi Church, Peace Bridge, Rezo Gabriadze Marionette Theatre, Liberty Square and Rustavelli Street. Transfer to the train station for our train to Yerevan Overnight Between Yerevan and Tbilisi Sleeper Train (B)

### **Day 14 Thursday Yerevan**

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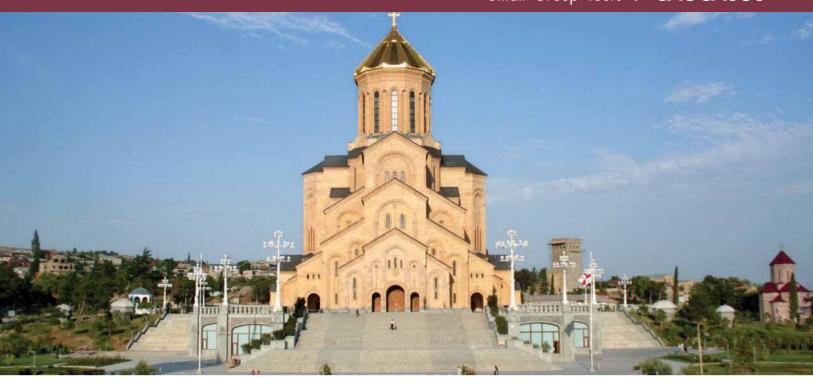
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After breakfast we have a city tour with Garni Temple, Geghard Monastry (UNESCO Site), Khor Virap Monastry and Tsitsernakaberd (Monument of Armenian genocide). Overnight Yerevan (B)

#### Day 16 Saturday Yerevan

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)





### **CONSTANTINOPLE TO TBILISI**

14 DAYS from **NZD 5585** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

May 22; Jun 12; Jul 03, 24; Aug 14; Sep 04

Tour includes

- Inbound Istanbul airport transfer
- Outbound Tbilisi airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Tips except driver and guide
- Entrance fees in Turkey
- 13 nights accommodation
- 13 breakfast

#### Day 1 Friday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore. Overnight Istanbul

#### Day 2 Saturday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Overnight Istanbul (B)

#### Day 3 Sunday Akcakoca, Safranbolu

This morning we drive to the coastal town of Akçakoca. Its old town area, situated on a gentle hill is a well preserved neighbourhood of traditional houses of wood and firebricks, lining square-shaped blocks. We then drive to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Safranbolu. Overnight Safranbolu (B)

#### Day 4 Monday Safranbolu, Amasra

After breakfast, we start our tour from Hidirlik Hill to get a city view then discover Safranbolu's well-preserved wooden houses, Cinci Inn and Bath, old government building, the clock tower and the Arasta Bazaar where we will learn about the traditional handicraft shops. In the afternoon we drive to Amasra and visit the Roman castle and walls, wood-carving handicraft bazaar and the outer and inner piers of the city. Overnight Safranbolu (B)



### Day 5 Tuesday Kastamonu

After breakfast we will drive to Kastamonu, which is one of the rare cities where you can find great examples of traditional Turkish houses. Along the way we'll stop at the crystal terrace, an unbreakable glass platform attached to a cliff edge 80 meters above the Incekaya Canyon. Overnight Kastamonu (B)

#### Day 6 Wednesday Inebolu, Sinop

This morning we head for Inebolu with its wooden houses reflecting Rum (Byzantine or Ottoman Greek) architecture, dark green nature and excellent coastline which amazes visitors. Overnight Sinop (B)

#### Day 7 Thursday Akliman, Hamsilos, Erfelek Waterfall

We depart from our hotel and visit Akliman Cove, Hamsilos Bay which offers rich natural beauty with green forests, colourful flowers and small inland bays where military ships took strategic advantage of the bays' hidden location during the First World War. Lastly we visit Erfelek Waterfall where you will be able to trek through the park and find many cascading waterfalls and other beautiful natural scenes. Overnight Sinop (B)

#### Day 8 Friday Ordu, Trabzon

Today we will drive towards the Black Sea coast to Trabzon, stopping on the way for a short visit to Yason Church which stands along one of the most picturesque locations on the Black Sea coast. Then you will have great photo opportunity at Boztepe before heading to Trabzon.

Overnight Trabzon (B)

#### **Day 9 Saturday Trabzon**

Today we tour Trabzon and surrounds, visiting the breathtaking Byzantine Sumela Monastery and Uzungol, a picturesque lake surrounded by thick woods before returning back to the hotel. Overnight Trabzon (B)

#### Day 10 Sunday Trabzon - Batumi (Georgia)

After a border crossing into Georgia we head for Batumi. Batumi city tour starts starts with Orta Mosque ,Old Batumi, Piazza Square, Europe Square and Medea, Theatre Square and Neptune Fountain which took its origin from Greek mythology, Boulvard of Batumi, Statue of Ali and Nino about the love story of Azeri boy and Georgian girl, Alphabet Tower and transfer to the hotel. Overnight Batumi (B)

#### Day 11 Monday Batumi - Kutaisi

Today our destination is Kutaisi. On the way we visit the famous Prometeus Cave and Sataplia to see 120 million year old dinosour footprints. Once in Kutaisi we will visit Gelati Monastry and Bagrati Cathedral. Overnight Kutaisi (B)

#### Day 12 Tuesday Kutaisi - Tbilisi

After breakfast our destination is Gori, where the Stalin was born and Caucasian Mountain Kazbeki. Visit the UNESCO Site of Gergeti Monastry by 4x4 WD offroad vehicles. Overnight Tbilisi (B)

### Day 13 Wednesday Mtskheta - Tbilisi

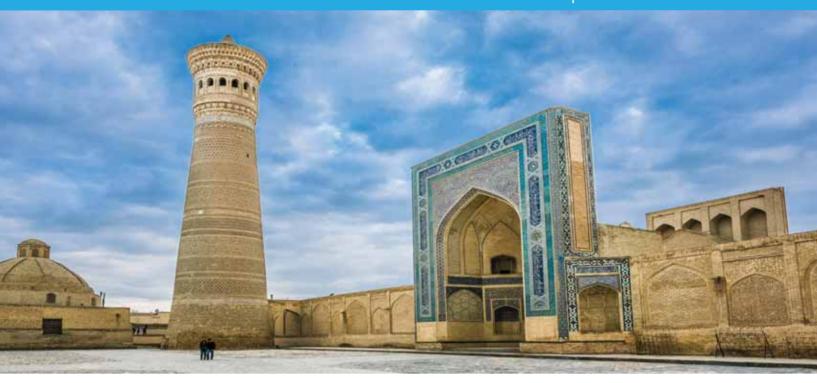
After breakfast we visit Mtskheta, ancient capital of Georgia. Svetitshoveli Cathedral, a UNESCO Site and Jvari Monastry also UNESCO Site and the oldest church in Georgia. We continue on to the current capital, Tbilisi. Here we will have a city tour visiting Sameba Cathedral, Europe Square, Cable car, Kartlis Deda, Narikala Castle, Juma Mosque, Sulfur Baths, Meydani, Metekhi Church, Peace Bridge, Rezo Gabriadze Marionette Theatre, Liberty Square and Rustavelli Street. Overnight Tbilisi (B)

#### Day 14 Thursday Tbilisi

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight.(B)







### **UZBEKISTAN CLASSIC** NZD 2905 9 DAYS from

Departure Dates 2020

Apr 04, 18; May 02, 16, 30; Jun 13; Jul 11; Aug 22; Sep 05, 19; Oct 03, 17

Apr 03, 17; May 01, 15, 29; Jun 12; Jul 10; Aug 21; Sep 04, 18; Oct 02, 16

Tour includes

- Inbound Tashkent airport transfer Outbound Tashkent airport transfer Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
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   Professional English-speaking local tour guides at each site
   Domestic flight between Tashkent and Urgench and transfers
   Domestic flight between Urgench and Bukhara and transfers

- Entrance fees
   Tips except drivers and guides
   Visa support letter for Uzbekistan visa
   Domestic train between Samarkand and
- Tashkent and transfers
- 8 nights accommodation

Tashkent and transfers

8 nights accommodation

Day 1 Saturday Arrival in Tashkent
Welcome to Tashkent! You will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight Tashkent
Visit Khast-Imam Complex, where the world famous Quran, holy book that belonged to Caliph Uthman, has been preserved. The complex consists of Barak-Khan Madrasah, Tillya Sheykh Mosque, Saint Abu Bakr Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum. Continue to Chorsu Bazaar. Then take a ride on Tashkent Metro to the city center to walk through Amir Timur Square, Independence Square and visit Applied Arts Museum. Overnight Tashkent (B)
Day 3 Monday Tashkent - Khiva
We transfer to the domestic airport for a morning flight to Urgench and upon arrival, transfer to the hotel in Khiva. We will start a sightseeing tour in Ichan Kala Fortress. There we will visit the Madrasahs of Arab Muhammad Khan, Hodjan Berdi-Biya, Shergazi Khan, Abdullah Khan and Allakuli Khan, the Kunya-Ark Citadel, Sayid Allauddin Mausoleum, Oq Masjid Mosque, Juma Mosque, Tash Hauli Palace, Pahlavon Mahmud Mausoleum and the Islam Khoja Minaret. Overnight Khiva (B)
Day 4 Tuesday Bukhara
Today is a free day to explore. Early evening we will transfer to Urgench airport for our flight to Bukhara. Overnight Bukhara (B)
Day 5 Wednesday Bukhara
Start with a walking sightseeing tour of the Historic Centre of Bukhara. We will visit Lyabi Hauz Ensemble, Magoki-Attari Mosque, the Bukhara Trading Domes, Kalyan Minaret, Kalyan Mosque, Miri-Arab, Chor Minor, Ulugbek, Abdullaziz Khan Madrasahs, Ark Fortress, Bolo Hauz Complex, Ismail Samani and Chashma-Ayub Mausoleums. Overnight Bukhara (B)

Day 6 Thursday Bukhara - Samarkand
Today we start the second day by driving out of the city to
Sitorai Mohi Xosa Palace. Then we head to the Mausoleum
of Bakhouddin Naqshbandi and Chor-Bakr Necropolis. In the afternoon depart for Samarkand via the high-speed Afrosiyob train. Overnight Samarkand (B) Day 7 Friday Samarkand

Visiting the spectacular Registan Square, Gur Emir Mausoleum - the mausoleum of Amir Timur, remains of Bibi Khanum Mosque, Siab Bazaar, Ulugbeg Observatory.

Khanum Mosque, Siab Bazaar, Ulugbeg Observatory.
Overnight Samarkand (B)

Day 8 Saturday Samarkand, Tashkent
Today we visit Afrasiab Museum and
the Tomb of St. Daniel. Then drive to Konigil Village to
explore traditional way of making Samarkand paper. After
the tour we will head to the railway station and take the
high-speed Afrosiyob train. Overnight Tashkent (B)

Day 9 Sunday Tashkent
Our tour concludes and your time is free until you are
transferred to the airport (B)

## UZBEKISTAN AND TAJIKISTAN

12 DAYS from **NZD 3875** 

Departure Dates 2020

Apr 04, 18; May 02, 16, 30; Jun 13; Jul 11; Aug 22; Sep 05, 19; Oct 03, 17

Apr 03, 17; May 01, 15, 29; Jun 12; Jul 10; Aug 21; Sep 04, 18; Oct 02, 16

- Tour includes

  Inbound Tashkent airport transfer

  Outbound Dushanbe airport transfer

  Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle

  Professional English-speaking local tour guides at
- Domestic flight between Tashkent and Urgench and transfers

  • Domestic flight between Urgench and Bukhara and
- transfers
- High speed train "Afrosiyob" between Bukhara Samarkand
- Tips except drivers and guides Entrance fees

- Unlimited mineral water
   11 nights accommodation
   11 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners

Day 1 Friday Arrival in Tashkent
Welcome to Tashkent! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours free to explore at your own pace. Overnight Tashkent
Day 2 Saturday Tashkent - Urgench - Khiva
After meeting with your tour guide and rest of your group members, you will start the sightseeing tour of Tashkent. Visit the old city part of Tashkent with the Khazret-Imam Mosque. We will also visit the Chorsu bazaar, continue to the center of Tashkent with Amir Temur Square, Independence Square, Kukeldash Madrassah, Amir Timur Museum and Applied Arts Museum. In the afternoon we transfer to Tashkent domestic airport for our flight to Urgench airport.Overnight Khiva (B) Urgench airport.Overnight Khiva' (B)

Day 3 Sunday Khiva - Urgench - Bukhara
After breakfast we will explore Khiva and our first stop is Itchan
Kala fortress. In Itchan Kala fortress visit Kunya-Ark Citadel,
Sayid Allauddin Mausoleum, Oq Masjid Mosque, Shergazi Khan
Madrasah, Djuma Mosque, Allakuli Khan Madrasah, Tash Hauli
Palace, Mausoleum of Makhmud Pakhlavan, Islam Khoja
Minaret, Muhammad Amin Khan Madrasa and Kalta Minor
Minaret, Free time in the afternoon. Early evening we will
transfer to Urgench airport for our flight to Bukhara.
Overnight Bukhara (B)
Day 4 Monday Bukhara
Visit the Bukhara Trading Domes, Poi-Kalyan Ensemble, Miri-Arab
Madrasah, Ulugbek Madrasah, Lyabi-Hauz Ensemble, Abdullaziz
Khan Madrasah, Ark Fortress, Bolo Hauz Complex,
Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum and the Chor Minor Madrasah.
Overnight Bukhara (B)

Overnight Bukhara (B)

Day 5 Tuesday Bukhara - Samarkand

Today we drive out of the city to Sitorai Mohi Xosa Palace,
Bakhautdin Naqsband Mausoleum, Chor-Bakr Necropolis, Ismail
Samani Mausoleums. We arrive at Samarkand late in the
afternoon. Overnight Samarkand (B)

afternoon. Overnight Samarkand (B) **Day 6 Wednesday Samarkand**Visits to remains of Bibi-Khanym Mosque, Ulugh Beg Observatory, Shakhi-Zinda Necropolis, the Siab Bazaar and Gur-Emir Mausoleum the authentic shrine of Tamerlane.

Overnight Samarkand (B) **Day 7 Friday Samarkand**After breakfast we take a Samarkand sightseeing tour, visiting the spectacular Registan Square, Gur Emir Mausoleum - the mausoleum of Amir Timur, remains of Bibi Khanum Mosque, Siab Razaar Uluabea Observatorv. Overnight Samarkand (B) Bazaar, Ulugbeg Observatory. Overnight Samarkand (B)

Bazaar, Ulugbeg Observatory. Overnight Samarkand (B)

Day 8 Saturday Samarkand

We start the day with an easy morning and check-out from the hotel and continue your sightseeing of Samarkand. Visit Afrasiab Museum and the Tomb of St. Daniel. Overnight Samarkand (B)

Day 9 Sunday Samarkand, Seven Lakes, Panjakent

Early morning transfer to Uzbekistan-Tajikistan border. After customs and passport control, continue on to Seven Lakes (Haf Kul), seven lakes of different colors in mountains of Tajikistan. After lunch drive to Panjakent. Sightseeing in Panjakent: Rudaki Museum, as Panjakent is the birthplace of Abu Abdallah Rudaki, considered by many to be the father of Persian Poetry. Visit the ancient Panjakent ruins of old Sogdian town founded in the 5th century and abandoned in the 8th century by Arabs.

Overnight Panjakent (B, L, D)

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Overnight Panjakent (B, L, D)

Day 10 Monday Panjakent, Iskandarkul Lake, Dushanbe

Drive to Dushanbe via Iskanderkul Lake. Lunch at the traditional
homestay "Dilovar". After, you will stroll around the lake,
explore five springs and Zmeinoe (Snake) Lake, walk to 38 m
high waterfall that local people compare to Niagara and call
Fanskaya Niagara (Fann Niagara). Drive to Dushanbe.

Overnight Dushanbe (B, L, D)

Day 11 Tuesday Dushanbe

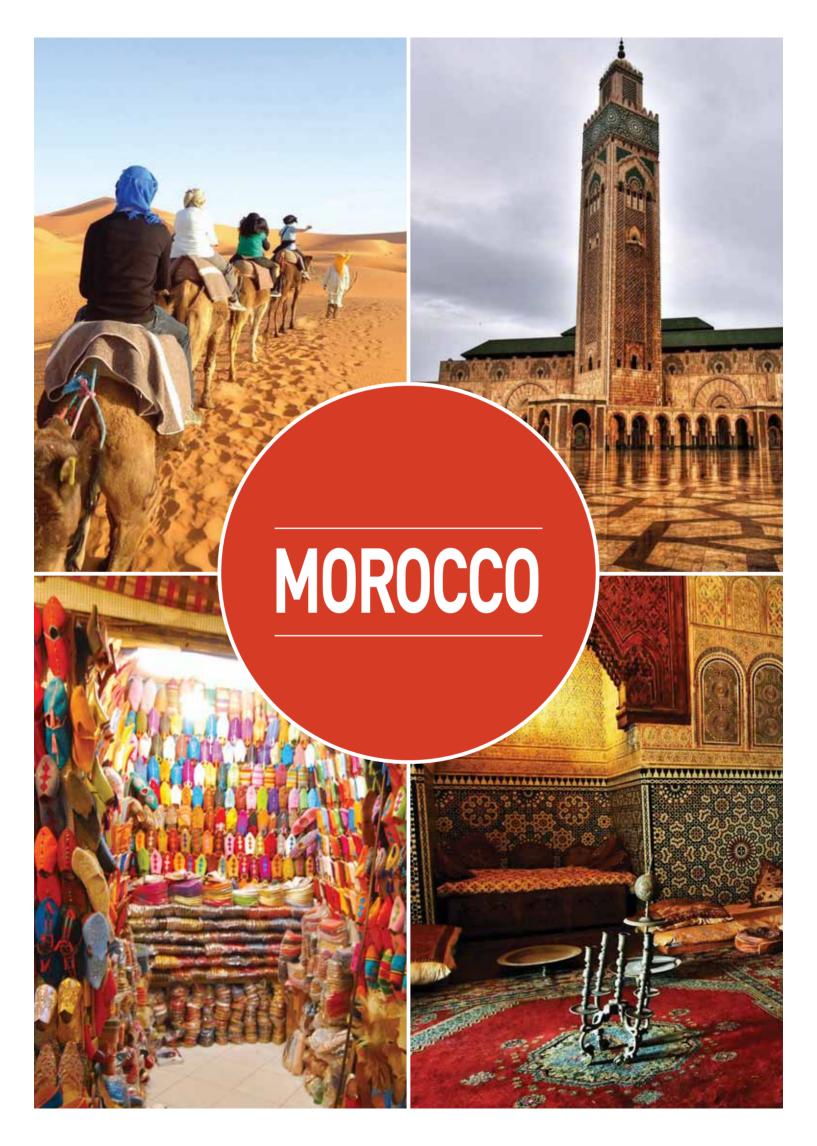
Start sightseeing in the capital of Tajikistan, Dushanbe. Visit the
Botanical garden, a very beautiful garden with many old trees,
and a favorite place of Tajik people, National Museum of
Antiquitites of Tajikistan that includes exhibits on history, natural
history and art (Buddha in Nirvana is one of the most valuable

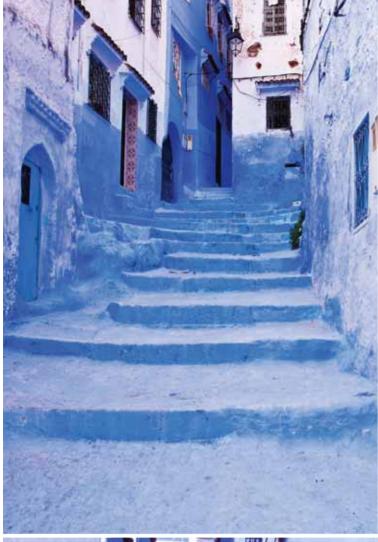
history and art (Buddha in Nirvana is one of the most valuable exhibits of the museum), Ismail Somoni Monument, the Building of National Spirit, Rudaki Prospect and the Main Mosque of

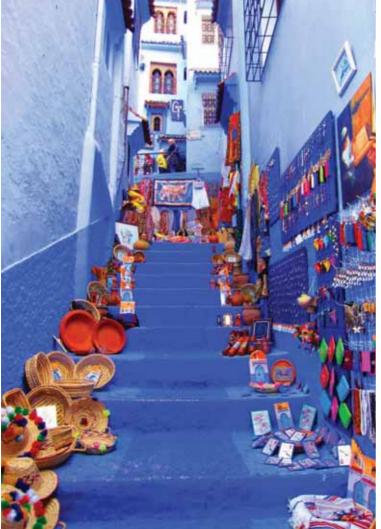
Dushanbe. Overnight Dushanbe (B, L, D)

Day 12 Wednesday Dushanbe

Our tour concludes and your time is free until you are transferred to the airport (B)







Few countries hold as much dreamy fascination for travellers as the beautiful country of Morocco. Desert fortresses rise out of the sands of the Sahara. Sapphire oceans caress white sandy beaches. The purple peaks of the Atlas Mountains glitter with snow. Visit Morocco to see all of these sights and more. Behind every city wall is an adventure in art, architecture and cuisine. The winding alleyways of the Medina give way to the bustling souks, tent after tent filled with brightly colored silks and baskets of spices. At the hammam, you can indulge in massages perfumed with scented oils and salt scrubs. Geographically, Morocco is made up of four different areas: the Sahara desert, full of Berber towns and oases; the Atlas and Rif Mountains, perfect for hikers: the plains which are home to the imperial cities of Marrakech and Fez; and finally the sandy coastlines of the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, graced by small beach towns and the cities of Rabat and Casablanca. Endless possibilities await the adventurous traveler.

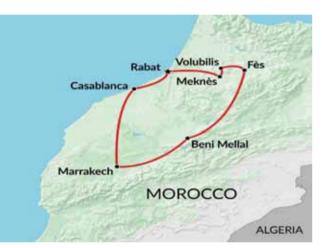
### Things Not to Miss in Morocco

- Sun tanning and windsurfing in Essaouira
- Shopping the souk in the medieval city of Fez
- Visiting a hamam in Marrakech
- Ride a camel on the golden sand dunes of Erg Chebbi
- Stroll along the blue walls of Chefchaouen

#### When to Go to Morocco

Due to the varied geography, the best time to travel Morocco depends greatly on where you are going. In general, spring (April and May) is the best weather across Morocco. In the Saharan region and to a lesser extent the plains cities-midsummer should be avoided. However, the hottest months are lovely for a visit to the coastal cities, like Essaouira and Rabat. Winter months are very cold in the mountains, which can be hard since many hotels don't have heating. Desert days are warm and clear during the summer, but temperatures at night can plummet. It is also important to consider Islamic holidays when you travel to Morocco. The month of Ramadan involves strict fasting during the day, which can be "at present" an issue for transportation, but the parties at night can make up for the subdued days.





### **MOROCCO** ON A BUDGET

8 DAYS from

NZD 989

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 04, 11, 18, 25; Feb 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Mar 07, 14, 21, 28; Apr 04, 11, 18, 25 May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jun 06, 13, 20, 27 Jul 04, 11, 18, 25; Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Sep 05, 12, 19, 26; Oct 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 Nov 07, 14, 21, 28; Dec 05, 12, 19

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Casablanca airport transfer
- Outbound Casablanca airport transfer
- Professional English speaking tour leader throughout the journey
- Professional English-speaking local tour guides at each site
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Entrance fees
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

#### Day 1 Saturday Casablanca

Welcome to Morocco! Upon arrival our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel in Casablanca for the start of your trip. They'll help you settle in and introduce you to the local area. Overnight Casablanca (D)

Day 2 Sunday Casablanca, Rabat

We start today with a tour of Casablanca, Morocco's economic capital. We'll visit the central market, the Royal Palace, the Habous disctrict, Mohamed V Square, the Anfa residential area and the exterior of the impressive Hassan II Mosque on the seafront. After lunch we'll head to Rabat, Morocco's administrative capital and tour the old town, including the Royal Palace (Mechouar), the Oudaya Kasbah, Hassan Tower, and Mohamed V Mausoleum. Overnight Rabat (B, D)

#### Day 3 Monday Fez, Meknes, Volubolis

We leave Rabat this morning and drive to the Berber town of Meknes. Formerly the capital of Morocco during the reign of Moulay Ismail, he transformed the town, constructing intricate gateways, beautiful gardens and at 40m the largest ramparts in the country. Next is ancient Roman city of Volubilis. Recently listed as a UNESCO world heritage site and dating back as far as AD40, Volubilis is home to some of the most impressive Roman ruins in North Africa. We finish the day with a short drive to the mediaeval city of Fez. Overnight Fez (B, D)

#### Day 4 Tuesday Fez city tour

Over 1,200 years old, the city of Fez is a labyrinth of souks, mosques and spice filled streets. We delve into the fascinating history of the city with a full tour encompassing the Moulay Idrss mausoleum, Nejjarine fountain and the Bou Anania Medersa. We also spend time confusing our senses in the

cacophony of noise surrounding the heady alleyways of Medieval Medina, home to tanneries, carpet shops and local restaurants before heading to Fez to explore the cities many varied souks. Overnight Fez (B, D)

#### Day 5 Wednesday Marrakech, Beni Mellal

We reluctantly leave Fez behind this morning and begin our journey back to Marrakech. Along the way we'll make a short stop in beautiful Beni Mellal which dates back to 1688. You'll arrive back into Marrakech this evening and the remainder of the day is free for some last minute exploration or shopping. Overnight Marrakech (B, D)

### Day 6 Thursday Marrakech city tour

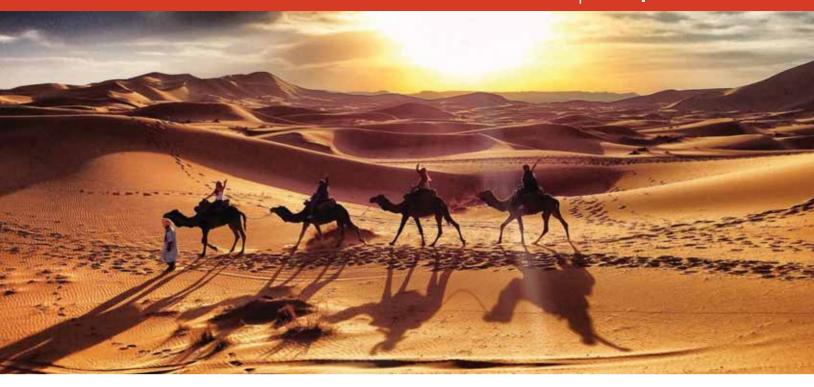
Today's tour of Marrakech begins with a trip to the iconic Koutoubia Mosque, home to the minaret which has become a symbol of the city. We then visit the Bahia Palace which hosts intricate and beautiful Arabic craftsmanship. In the afternoon we head to the lively souks around Jemaa El Fna square. Home to many different types of traders these bustling and aromatic streets are uniquely Moroccan. Today's tour ends at the lively Djemaa El Fna Square. Overnight Marrakech (B)

### Day 7 Friday Marrakech, Casablanca

This morning we visit Majorelle Gardens (Jardin Majorelle). The result of 40 years of work by the French artist Jacques Majorelle, an oasis within Marrakech. After lunch we drive back to Casablanca for our final evening (if you wish, you can stay on in Marrakech and finish the tour here). Overnight Casablanca (B)

### **Day 8 Saturday Casablanca**

You have some free time in Casablanca today until you are transferred to the Mohamed V Airport airport for departure.





### **MOROCCAN DESERT SAFARI**

8 DAYS from

**NZD 989** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 04, 11, 18, 25; Feb 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Mar 07, 14, 21, 28; Apr 04, 11, 18, 25 May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jun 06, 13, 20, 27 Jul 04, 11, 18, 25; Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Sep 05, 12, 19, 26; Oct 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 Nov 07, 14, 21, 28; Dec 05, 12, 19

Tour includes

- Inbound Marrakech airport transfer
- Outbound Marrakech airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking local tour guides
- English speaking tour leader throughout the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, 4 x 4 Landcruisers
- Entrance fees
- Tips except driver and guide
- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners

#### Day 1 Saturday Marrakech

Welcome to Morocco! Upon arrival our staff will meet you at Marrakech airport (RAK) and transfer you to your hotel in Marrakech for the start of your trip. They'll help you settle in and introduce you to the local area.

Overnight Marrakech (D)

Day 2 Sunday Free day
This morning we visit Majorelle Gardens (Jardin Majorelle). The result of 40 years of work by the French artist Jacques Majorelle, an oasis within Marrakech. The afternoon is free time, perhaps you can spend the afternoon exploring the Medina independently or visit the Menara Gardens. Overnight Marrakech (B, D)

**Day 3 Monday Marrakech city tour** Today's tour of Marrakech includes the Menara gardens, and a trip to the iconic Koutoubia
Mosque, home to the minaret which has become a symbol of the city. We also visit the Bahia Palace which hosts intricate and beautiful Arabic craftsmanship. In the afternoon we head to the lively souks and handicraft centres around the famous Djemaa El Fna square. Home to many different types of traders these bustling and aromatic streets are uniquely Moroccan. Overnight Marrakech (B, L)

## Day 4 Tuesday Atlas mountains, Ait Benhaddou, Ouarzazate

After breakfast this morning we take to our 4WD vehicles and bid farewell to Marrakech for a few vehicles and bid tarewell to Marrakech tor a tew days. Our destination today is Ouarzazate which we'll reach via the scenic mountains of the high Atlas, passing through the Tich'n'Tichka pass. Along the way we'll stop at, Telouet Kasbah, the most well-known kasbah in Morocco - Ait Benhaddou, a UNESCO site and Taourirt Kasbah before reaching our accommodation in Ouarzazate. This evening you'll have dinner at the hotel. Overnight Ouarzazate (B, D)

Day 5 Wednesday Dades Canyon, Tinghir,

Todra Gorge, Merzouga Berber desert camp After breakfast in Ouarzazate we'll travel along the road of a thousand Kasbahs towards the Moroccan deserts. Along the way we'll pass by the Amerhidel Kasbah and visit the spectacular Dades Canyon before arriving in Tinghir, which is famous for the Todra Gorge. Later this afternoon we'll pass through Erfoud before finally arriving into Merzouga where you'll spend the night in a Berber desert camp, at the foot of some of North Africas most impressive sand dunes. Overnight Merzouga (B, D)

### Day 6 Thursday Erg Chebbi sand dunes,

Rissani, Zagora
We'll rise early this morning to witness the Me'll rise early this morning to williess the amazing surrise over the Erg Chebbi sand dunes. After returning to the camp for breakfast we'll start our departure to Zagora, via the important village of Rissani which is famous for being the birthplace of kissani which is famous for being the birthplace of the current Alaouites Dynasty. Continuing on our way we'll make a stop in the small berber village of Alnif where we will have time to get some lunch. The final leg of our journey today takes us to Zagora where we'll spend the night.

Overnight Zagora (B, D)

Day 7 Friday Tizi N'tichka pass, Marrakech

After breakfast today we'll join the road for the long drive back to Marrakech, passing through numerous villages and palm groves before making another crossing of the Atlas Mountains and the Tizi N'tichka pass. We'll arrive back into Marrakech late this afternoon where you'll have the evening free for some last minute shopping and a final taste of Moroccan life in the square. Overnight Marrakech (B, D)

Day 8 Saturday Marrakech
Our exciting week in Morocco comes to an end
today. You'll have free time until you are transferred to the airport for your departure flight. Subject to your flight departure time, additional options such as spectacular hot air balloon flight, or a fun quad biking trip, are available this morning. (B)





A complicated but fascinating country with some of the most enduring historical monuments on Earth, Egypt stands as an unforgettable travel destination. It's had to deal with its fair share of turmoil in recent times, but this North African nation remains proud, welcoming and accessible. And with treasures as timeless as the temples and pyramids of the Nile to shout about, it's not somewhere that's going to slip from public consciousness any time soon. A trip here still very much has the potential to thrill.

Things Not to Miss in Egypt

- Discover the Valley of the Kings the Valley of the Kings, in the Theban Hills, is where the mummified remains of many Egyptian pharaohs were interred. Although stripped of their contents centuries ago, the tombs still display fantastic wall paintings depicting the lives of the pharaohs. The most famous tomb is that of Tutankhamun, discovered in pristine condition by Howard Carter in 1922
- Dive the Red Sea justly deserves its worldwide reputation for underwater adventure. Teeming with colourful marine life, the crystalline waters are landscaped with coral and dramatic
- Experience Islamic Cairo It's bustling and busy in ancient Islamic Cairo, but the crowds thin out along the serene street of Al-Muezz Al-Din, with spot lit mosques and mausoleums lining the pedestrianised cobbled street. A local will, doubtless, offer to take you up a minaret; ascend the one at Al - Azhar Mosque home to the world's oldest university - for panoramic views.
- Explore the temples at Luxor straddling the Nile, Luxor is the site of the ancient city of Thebes. On the east bank lies the spectacular Temple of Karnak featuring epic statues, obelisks and lotus-columned halls. In the city centre is Luxor Temple, spectacular when lit up at night. Make the most of the experience by taking a gods-eye view in a hot-air balloon.
- Get lost in Khan-el Khalili bazaar take a trip to Cairo's famous labyrinthine, medieval Khan-el Khalili bazaar, where haggling for spices, copper, perfume and trinkets has been refined into an art form. Don't miss Fishawi's teahouse; in business for over 200 years, it is the ultimate place to people watch.
- Go on pilgrimage to Mount Sinai for centuries, Christian pilgrims have made the journey to Mount Sinai to witness the sunrise over the desert landscape. The three-hour trek is breathtaking, but if it sounds too ambitious, stay overnight at the UNESCO-listed 6th-century Saint Catherine's Monastery, hire a camel and walk down in leisure.
- Kick back in Aswan the former frontier town of Aswan is a popular stopping-point for cruise liners, and the feluccas drifting along the Nile at sunset is one of Egypt's enduring sights. Attractions include Elephantine Island and Elnabatat's Island (the 'island of plants'), upon which Lord Kitchener built a beautiful botanical garden in the 1890s that's still open to visitors today.
- Marvel at the Pyramids of Giza Egypt's main tourist attraction has long been the Giza Necropolis on the edge of Cairo. One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid dates back to around 2500BC. Wander the site to truly understand the enormity of the building task, or take in the sights by horse or camel, not forgetting to visit the Great Sphinx nearby.
- Take to the Nile ply the river between Luxor and Aswan for that quintessential Nile experience. Egrets flock to the water's edge and Egypt's ancient archaeological wonders, including the temple of Kom Ombo, unfold like a storybook along the bank. Lasting between three and five days, take a traditional white-sailed felucca, or splash out on a dahabiya, a luxury furnished wooden barge.

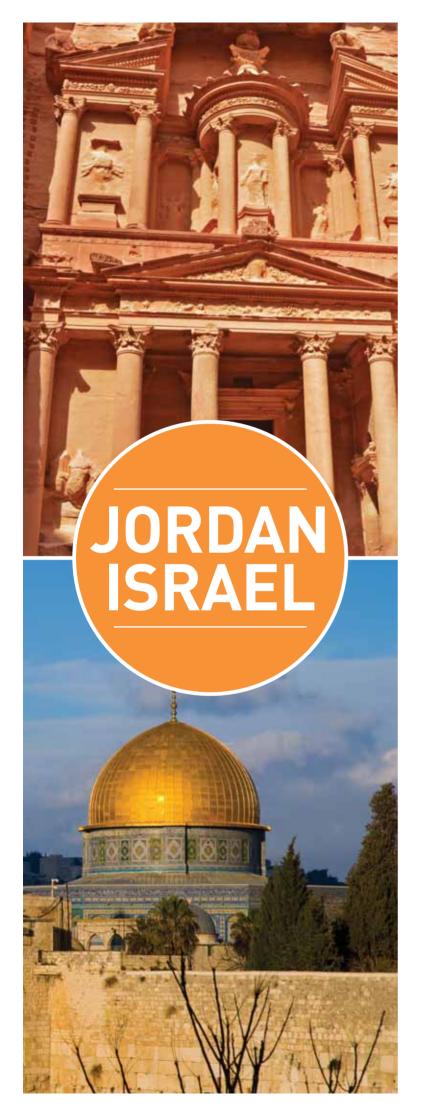
When To Visit Egypt

Egypt is a huge country with plenty of variety in its climate; when it's chilly and wet in Alexandria, it can be ravishingly hot in Aswan. The best time to visit most sights, including the pyramids and the Valley of the Kings, or diving in the Red Sea, is from February to April and October to November. During these months the heat reminds you that it's the 'Land of the Sun', but not too hot to be enjoyable. At this time, the skies and sea are a perfect blue. The downside is that these are the most popular times of the year for

In April, the hot, dusty khamsin wind blows from the Sahara, making touring of sights potentially troublesome; during an intense sand storm, vision may be reduced to a few meters. During the hot, dry summers (June-August) there's always the risk of dehydration and heat exhaustion, which might confine visitors indoors during the early afternoon.

Winters (November-February) are usually mild and often overcast, leaving the desert and its ancient monuments looking lacklustre.

Rainfall is negligible except on the coast.



#### **JORDAN**

Jordan is a country of mountains, beaches, castles and ancient churches, with an urbane people and a rich culture. It is safe, comfortable and welcoming – and by far the region's most rewarding destination. Jordan covers a multitude of scenes, from the dramatic red sands and towering cliffs of the far south to the vast stony plains of volcanic basalt in the east. The northern hills, rich with olive trees, teeter over the rift of the Jordan Valley, which in turn runs down to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. The centre of the country is carpeted with tranquil fields of wheat, cut through by expansive canyons and bordered by arid, craggy mountains. At Jordan's southernmost tip, beaches fringe the warm waters of the Red Sea, which harbours some of the most spectacular coral reefs in the world.

#### Things Not to Miss in Jordan

- Witness Petra by Night lit only by candles and a shower of stars overhead, Petra's passageway to the Treasury hides its main attraction beneath a reverential darkness. The curves and ripples of raspberry-rust rock that mesmerize by day disappear at night, lost in the inky silence. Petra by night wasn't beautiful and it didn't move me. Amid the half-light in Jordan, it overwhelmed me. PS Petra by day isn't bad either.
- Take flight over Wadi Rum from the ground, the desert wilderness of Wadi Rum mesmerises. From the skies above looking down, it provides the kind of views that make you feel lucky to be alive.
- Taste Knafeh in Amman Knafeh, like the stone and sand of the city of Amman itself, has a deliciously rich history (and taste). Delirious with calories, this butter-soaked streetside snack presses cheese between syrup-soaked angel hair and then sprinkles it with rosewater and pistachios.
- Float about in the Dead Sea let's face it, the Dead Sea has a depressing name. However, it does make adults act like children as they flip about like penguins on an oil-slicked underwater escalator and slather themselves in black mud to create a slick human wetsuit. And who wants to miss that?
- Go canyoning in Wadi Mujib if wading through the Dead Sea seems too tranquil, a short trip to Wadi Mujib will soon get your pulse racing again with a spot of canyoning. Don't be fooled into thinking canyoning is only for those insanely fit folk; it's an inclusive sport .
- Mount Nebo there's an incredible mosaic in production. It depicts The King's Way, a route that runs from Aqaba and the Red Sea north to Bosra Sham. When complete, it will run for more than 30 metres involving more than 3.5 million pieces and expects to earn the record of being the largest mosaic in the world

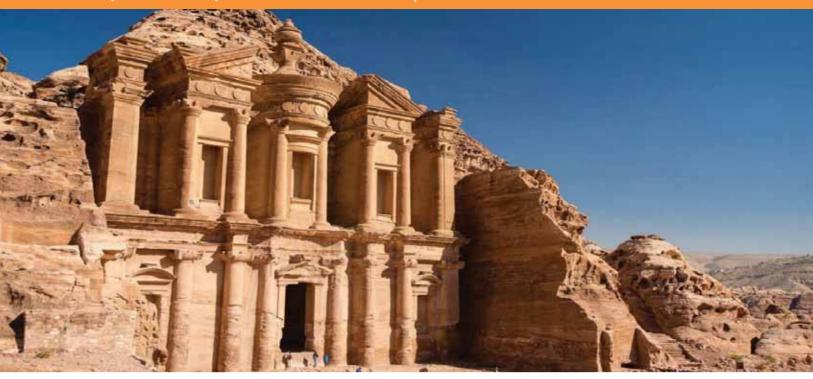
#### **ISRAEL**

Israel offers an experience of Biblical proportions - literally. As the prime destination for religious pilgrimages, the Holy Land offers, among many sacred splendors, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock and that's just inside the walls of Jerusalem's Old City. Israel offers diverse experiences, both religious and secular, from the home of the Baha'i faith in Haifa to the glittering high rises and beaches in Tel Aviv.

#### Things Not to Miss in Israel

Among the many historic and cultural experiences to pack into your Israel travel plans, some of the most popular tourist activities include:

- Seeing the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City
- The Coenaculum of the Last Supper on Mt. Zion, which is also home to King David's tomb
- Floating in the Dead Sea
- Strolling through Mea Shearim, Jerusalem's Hassidic Jewish quarter
- Exploring Haifa for sea views and the Baha'i Gardens
- Admiring the 1930s Bauhaus architecture of Tel Aviv



## **EGYPTIAN HIGHLIGHTS**

8 DAYS from

NZD 2095

Departure Dates

2020

Jan 04, 18; Feb 01, 15, 29; Mar 14, 28 Apr 11, 18; May 02, 16, 30; Jun 13, 27 Jul 11, 25; Aug 08, 22; Sep 05, 19 Oct 03, 17, 31; Nov 14, 28; Dec 19

Tour includes

- Inbound Cairo airport transfer Outbound Cairo airport transfer
- Outbound Catro airport transfer
   Professional English-speaking tour
   guide/Egyptologist for all sightseeing tours
   Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
   Domestic flight between Cairo and Luxor and
- Domestic flight between Aswan and Cairo and
- transfers

  7 Nights accommodation

  7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners

Day 1 Saturday Cairo

Welcome to Egypt! Upon arrival our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Overnight Cairo Day 2 Sunday Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis
Our tour of Egypt starts with a visit to the Giza Plateau, home of Egypt's world famous Great Pyramids and their guardian Sphinx, Memphis-first capital of the ancient kingdom to see the statue of Ramses II, then to Sakkara to see the Step pyramid. Overnight Cairo (B)
Day 3 Monday Fly to Luxor, West Bank tour, Luxor Temple
This morning we transfer to Cairo airport for an early

Luxor Temple

This morning we transfer to Cairo airport for an early flight to Luxor. We begin our tour of the West bank of the Nile starting at the Colossi of Memnon we then get to explore the dusty Pharaonic tombs. We also visit the Temple of Queen Hatchepsut, Valley of the Artisans (Deir El-Medina) before crossing back into Luxor. In the evening we take a walking tour of the beautiful Luxor Temple. Overnight Luxor Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 4 Tuesday Luxor, Karnak Temple, sail to Edfu After breakfast, our tour of Luxor today is to the huge temple complex of Karnak which features towering columns and numerous temples and structures - rightly justifying Luxor's reputation as the largest open air museum in the world! In the afternoon the boat starts sailing up the Nile, through the lock at Esna and on to Edfu where we overnight. Overnight Edfu - Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 5 Wednesday Edfu, cruise to Kom Ombo & Aswan

Aswan
After breakfast we visit the nearby Edfu Temple which is dedicated to the god Horus. We then continue upriver towards Kom Ombo, watching traditional rural Egyptian life pass us by on the banks of the Nile. You may want to enjoy a relaxing soak in the plunge pool on the boat's sun deck. The cruise then continues onwards to Aswan. Overnight Aswan - Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 6 Thursday Aswan & Philae Temple We start our tour of Aswan with a trip to the island temple complex of Philae, passing the impressive Aswan High Dam en-route. The rest of

Overnight Aswan - Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 7 Friday Fly to Cairo, Egyptian Museum

& optional tours

This morning we transfer to Aswan airport for a flight back to Cairo. We start our tour of Cairo with a visit to the Egyptian Museum, the world-renowned Museum of Egyptian Antiquities.

Vour time is free today until we transfer you to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

## EGYPTIAN EXPLORER 10 DAYS from **NZD** 2769

Departure Dates

2020

Jun 25; Feb 08, 29; Mar 14, 28; Apr 04, 11, 25; May 09, 23; Jun 06, 20; Jul 04, 18; Aug 01, 15, 29; Sep 12, 26; Oct 10, 24; Nov 07, 21; Dec 05, 19

- Tour includes

  Inbound Cairo airport transfer

  Outbound Cairo airport transfer

  Outbound Cairo airport transfer

  Professional English-speaking tour
  guide/Egyptologist for all sightseeing tours

  Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle

  Domestic flight between Cairo and Aswan
- 9 nights accommodation9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners

Day 1 Saturday Cairo Upon arrival at Cairo airport, we will meet you and assist you with visa formalities and luggage

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Overnight Cairo

Day 2 Sunday Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum

Our tour of Egypt begins with a drive to Giza.

The Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops), an The Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops), an awesome man-made structure constructed of giant stone blocks, together with the smaller pyramids of Khafre (Chephern) and Menkaure (Mycerinus). Following on from the Pyramids we then head to the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo. In the evening we transfer to the airport for a domestic flight to Aswan, where we are met and transferred to our hotel overlooking the Nile. Overnight Aswan (B) Overnight Aswan (B)

Day 3 Monday Nile cruise, Aswan

You have some free time this morning to explore, walk along the Corniche on the banks of the river. We transfer to our Nile Cruise boat for lunch before our tour to the beautiful island temple, the Temple of Philae.

Overnight Aswan - Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 4 Tuesday Kom Ombo, Edfu
We spend the day today sailing down the Nile.
Our first stop is at the beautifully situated riverside dual-temple at Kom Ombo, the home of Sobek, the crocodile god, and Horus, falcon-headed Sky God. We then continue sailing on to Temple of Horus at Edfu also dedicated to the falcon god,

Horus. Overnight Edfu - Harbour (B, L, D) **Day 5 Wednesday Edfu, Luxor** 

This morning we explore the Temple of Horus, the best preserved temple in the whole of Egypt. We then sail onwards to Luxor, passing through the Esna lock. In the evening we'll take a walking tour of the smaller Luxor Temple, which is in the centre of town. Overnight Luxor Harbour (B, L, D)

Day 6 Thursday Luxor, West bank tour, Karnak temple

Today we cross the River Nile for an early morning tour of Luxor's West Bank. We first visit the Valley of the Kings, whose ancient tombs are one of the most important archaeological sites in one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. We will visit several Pharaonic tombs, and then explore the Temple of Queen Hatchepsut, Valley of the Artisans (Deir El-Medina), and the huge Colossi of Memnon. After lunch we'll visit the massive temple of Karnak.

Overnight Luxor (B)

Day 7 Friday Luxor, Red Sea at Hurghada After a lazy morning we leave the Nile Valley and drive to the Red Sea resort of Hurghada.

Overnight Hurghada (B, D)

Day 8 Saturday Red Sea at Hurghada,

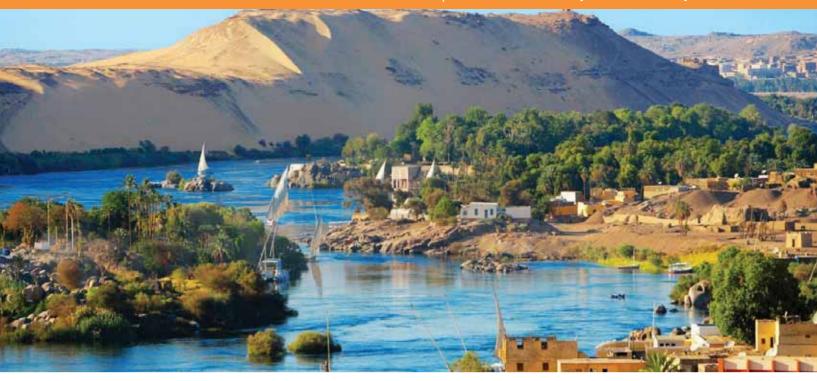
free day
Your day is free today to relax and enjoy your
time by the Red Sea. Overnight Hurghada (B, L, D)
Day 9 Sunday Fly to Cairo, Khan-el-Khalili bazaar

We drive back to Cairo this morning and check into our city centre hotel. In the late afternoon we take a guided walk through the back streets and bazaars in Old Cairo. We'll walk through the huge Bab al-Futuh gateway and explore streets dedicated to metalwork, spices, pottery, fabric, jewelery and anything else you can imagine as we gradually enter the more touristy Khan-el-Khalili

bazaar. Overnight Cairo (B)

Day 10 Monday Cairo, free day

Your time is free today for some last minute sightseeing or shopping until we transfer you to the airport. (B)



### **NUBIAN DISCOVERY**

9 DAYS from **NZD** 1669

Departure Dates

2020

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Jan 04, 11, 18, 25; Feb 01, 08, 18, 22, 29
Mar 07, 14, 21, 28; Apr 04, 11, 18, 25
May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jun 13, 27 Jul 11, 25;
Aug 08, 22; Sep 05, 12, 19, 26;
Oct 03, 10, 17, 24, 31
Nov 07, 14, 21, 28; Dec 05, 12, 19, 28

Tour includes

Inbound - Cairo airport transfer
 Outbound - Cairo airport transfer
 Professional English-speaking tour guide/
Egyptologist for all sightseeing tours
 Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle

Overnight sleeper train - Cairo to Aswan
 Overnight sleeper train - Luxor to Cairo
 Tips except driver, guide and felucca crew
 8 nights accommodation
 8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

Day 1 Cairo

Welcome to Egypt! Upon arrival our staff will meet you at the airport, transfer you to your hotel. Overnight Cairo Day 2 Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum
Our tour of Egypt begins with a trip to the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo. Following on from the museum we then head to Giza on the outskirts of Cairo to visit the Sphinx and the three great pyramids of Egypt. The Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops), an awesome man-made structure constructed of giant stone blocks, together with the smaller pyramids of Khafre (Chephern) and Menkaure (Mycerinus). This evening we transfer to the station for the overnight sleeper train to Aswan (approx. 12 hours). Overnight Between Cairo - Aswan Sleeper Train (B, D) Day 3 Aswan, Nubian Village & Philae Temple This morning we arrive in Aswan and transfer to our hotel overlooking the Nile. We'll visit a local Nubian village to see their colourful houses, simple way of life and to enjoy a traditional lunch. Our tour in Aswan continues this afternoon with a visit the Temple of Philae, a beautiful island complex dedicated to Isis and reclaimed from the visit and vertex of Leich Narray Conscient Aswan (R. 1) rising waters of Lake Nasser. Overnight Aswan (B, L) **Day 4 Abu Simbel option. Nile Felucca Cruise**We board our traditional Nile felucca at lunchtime to enjoy an afternoon sailing down the Nile. Our Nubian crew will sail the boat and entertain you on the way, as

crew will sail the boat and entertain you on me way, as well as preparing meals for you.

Overnight On the Nile Felucca (B, L, D)

Day 5 Edfu temple & Luxor temple

Visit the nearby temple of Edfu before continuing on north to Luxor. To the west of the Nile lies the City of the Dead, with its mortuary temples and rock-hewn tombs, whilst to the east lie the Temples of Luxor and Karnak. Later this evening we'll take a walking tour of the smaller Luxor

Temple which is right in the middle of town and beautifully Temple which is right in the middle of town and beautifully lit up at night. Overnight Luxor (B)

Day 6 Luxor, West Bank tour, free time We cross the Nile early this morning to begin our tour of Luxor's West Bank. Our tour includes

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Overnight Luxor (B)

Day 7 Luxor, Karnak temple

After lunch we'll tour the huge temple complex at Karnak, once the religious centre of Thebes and Upper Egypt. Later this evening we transfer to the station for the overnight sleeper train back to Cairo. Overnight Between Luxor-Cairo Sleeper Train (B. D)

Train (B, D)

Day 8 Cairo, Khan-el-Khalili bazaar

We arrive back into Cairo this morning and transfer to our hotel. Most of the day is then free to explore Cairo. In the late afternoon we take a guided walk through the back streets and bazaars in central Cairo. Overnight Cairo (B) Day 9 Cairo

Your time is free today for some last minute sightseeing or shopping until we transfer you to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

### **CLASSIC EGYPT**

10 DAYS from **NZD** 1979

Departure Dates

Jan 04, 11, 18, 25; Feb 01, 08, 18, 22, 29 Mar 07, 14, 21, 28; Apr 04, 11, 18, 25 May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jun 13, 27 Jul 11, 25; Aug 08, 22; Sep 05, 12, 19, 26; Oct 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 Nov 07, 14, 21, 28; Dec 05, 12, 19, 28

Tour includes

- Inbound Cairo airport transfer
- Outbound Cairo airport transfer
- Professional English-speaking tour
- guide/Egyptologist for all sightseeing tours
   Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Domestic flight between Hurghada and Cairo and transfers
- Overnight Felucca cruise with support boat
- Overnight sleeper train Cairo to Aswan 9 nights accommodation
- 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 4 Dinners

Day 1 Cairo

Welcome to Egypt! Upon arrival our staff will meet you at the airport, transfer you to your hotel. Overnight Cairo

Day 2 Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum
Our tour of Egypt begins with a drive to Giza on the outskirts of Cairo to visit the three great pyramids of Egypt and the Sphinx. The Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops), an awesome man-made structure constructed of giant stone block. Following on from the Pyramids we then head to the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo. Home to the fantastic Tutankhamun exhibit and many of the New Kingdom royal mummies. This many of the New Kingdom royal mummies. This evening we transfer to the station for the overnight sleeper train to Aswan (approx. 12 hours).

Overnight Between Cairo - Aswan Sleeper Train (B, D)

Day 3 Aswan, Nubian Village & Philae Temple

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and to enjoy a traditional lunch. Our tour in Aswan
continues this afternoon with a visit the Temple of
Philae, a beautiful island complex dedicated to Isis and
reclaimed from the rising waters of Lake Nasser.
Overnight Aswan (B, L)
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Overnight On the Nile Felucca (B, L, D)

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to relax. Later this evening we'll take a walking tour
of the smaller Luxor Temple which is right in the
middle of town and beautifully lit up at night.
Overnight Luxor (B)
Day 6 Luxor, West bank tour, Karnak temple
We cross the Nile early this morning to begin our tour
of Luxor's West Bank.. Our tour includes several of
these Pharaonic tombs, as well as the Temple of
Queen Hatchepsut, Valley of the Artisans (Deir
El-Medina), and the huge Colossi of Memnon. In the
afternoon we'll tour the huge temple complex at
Karnak. Overnight Luxor (B)
Day 7 Luxor to the Red Sea at Hurghada
After a lazy morning we leave the Nile Valley and
drive to the Red Sea resort of Hurghada..
Overnight Hurghada (B, D)

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Day 8 Red Sea at Hurghada, free day

Your day is free today to relax and enjoy your time by the Red Sea. Overnight Hurghada (B, L, D)

Day 9 Cairo, Old Cairo, Khan-el-Khalili bazzar tour

We drive back to Cairo this morning and check into our city centre hotel. In the late afternoon we take a

guided walk through the back streets and bazaars in Old Cairo. We'll walk through the huge Bab al-Futuh gateway and explore streets as we gradually enter the more touristy Khan-el-Khalili bazaar Overnight Cairo (B)

Pay 10 Cairo, free day
Your time is free today for some last minute sightseeing or shopping until we transfer you to the airport for your departure flight (B)

### EGYPT, JORDAN, ISRAEL | Small Group Tours



### **CLASSIC JORDAN**

8 DAYS from

NZD 1829

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 25; Feb 22; Mar 21; Apr 11 May 09; Jun 06; Jul 04; Aug 01, 29 Sep 26; Oct 24; Nov 21; Dec 19, 26 2021

Jan 09; Feb 06; Mar 06; Apr 03 May 01, 29; Jun 26; Jul 24; Aug 21 Sep 18; Oct 16; Nov 13; Dec 11, 23

#### Tour includes

- Inbound Amman airport transfer
- Outbound Amman airport transfer
- Professional English speaking local tour guides Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- 4 x 4 Desert Jeep Safari
- All camping equipment at Wadi Rum
- Tips except drivers and guides
- nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners

#### Day 1 Saturday Amman

Welcome to Jordan! Upon arrival our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

Overnight Amman

Day 2 Sunday Desert Castles and Amman city tour

Your first full day of our Jordan tour starts after breakfast, as we make our way to Jordan's famous 'desert castles'. We'll explore the desert castles of Qasr al-Kharrana, Qasr Azraq and Qasr Amra. After lunch, we'll explore downtown Amman on foot, visiting the impressive Roman Amphitheatre, the Jordan Folklore Museum as well as the Citadel. Overnight Amman (B, L) **Day 3 Monday Jerash, Ajloun Castle and Rasoun** homestay

Leaving Amman this morning, we head north to the ancient city of Jerash. Here we'll visit the Forum, explore its Roman colonnaded streets, the Nymphaeum and the Temple of Artemis.

From Jerash, we'll make our way to Ajloun Castle. Then we head to the village of Rasoun to meet our homestay hosts for the night. Overnight Rasoun Village (B, D) Day 4 Tuesday Madaba, Mt. Nebo and the Dead Sea

After breakfast we head south to Madaba, where we'll marvel at the Byzantine mosaics and the 'Madaba Map'. From Madaba, we'll make our way to Mount Nebo for a great views towards Jericho and beyond. Overnight Dead Sea (B)

# Day 5 Wednesday Dana Biosphere Reserve, Shobak Castle and Petra Today, we'll make our way down the Dead Sea

coastline, after we pass some salt flats at the southern end of the Dead Sea, we head up through the mountains towards Petra. Overnight Petra (B)

Day 6 Thursday Petra, Wadi Rum and

Bedouin camp

We start our exploration of the Rose Red city of Petra. Our guide will explain the fascinating history of the site and the Nabatean people who built it, and we'll explore several caves and tombs. Late in the we'll explore several caves and tombs. Late in the afternoon, we head into the spectacular desert scenery of Wadi Rum.Overnight Wadi Rum (B, D)

Day 7 Friday Jeep Safari, Bedouin experence at Wadi Rum and back to Amman

After breakfast in the camp, we take a jeep safari through the sands and beneath the towering jebels'

of Wadi Rum. After really getting a feel for nomadic Bedouin life, we return by jeep to our camp and then drive north back to Amman. Overnight Amman (B, L)

Day 8 Saturday Amman
Your time is free in Amman today until we pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the airport for your departure. (B)

### JORDAN DISCOVERY

8 DAYS from **NZD** 1425

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 12, 26; Feb 09, 23; Mar 08, 22; Apr 05, 12, 26; May 10, 24 Jun 07, 28; Jul 19; Aug 09, 30 Sep 13, 27; Oct 11, 25; Nov 08, 22 Dec 06, 20, 27

#### Tour includes

Inbound - Amman - Queen Alia
International Airport (AMM)
 Outbound - Amman - Queen Alia

- Outbound Amman Queen Alia International Airport (AMM)
   Professional English-speaking guide in Jordan
   Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle 4 x 4 Desert Jeep Safari
   Tips except drivers and guides
   Entrance to Dead Sea beach with

- towel & showers

  7 nights accommodation
  7 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 1 Saturday Amman
Welcome to Jordan! Upon arrival our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Overnight Amman

Day 2 Monday As-Salt, Baptism Site at Bethany
Our first visit today is to the hilltop town of As-Salt, we take a walking tour on its self-designed 'Harmony Trail' to learn more about the town and local life in Jordan. After lunch we descend out of the hills to the Baptism Site at Bethany where John baptised Jesus Christ. Several churches, caves and pools dating from Roman and Byzantine periods have been discovered here. Overnight Amman (B)

Day 3 Tuesday Amman, Jerash
We'll make our way to the Citadel the former home of the ancient Temple of Hercules, The Umayyad Palace, the Byzantine Church before we make our way to the 6000-seater Roman theatre, which was built during the Roman Period. Afterwards, we drive north for a visit of Jerash, one of the largest and best preserved Roman sites outside of Italy. Overnight Amman (B)

### Day 4 Wednesday Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Kerak

We depart Amman for a scenic drive along the King's Highway to Petra, crossing deep Wadis. Enroute we see the Roman mosaics at the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George in Madaba, enjoy great views of Israel from Mt. Nebo, and visit Kerak Castle. Overnight Petra (B) Castle. Overnight Petra (B)

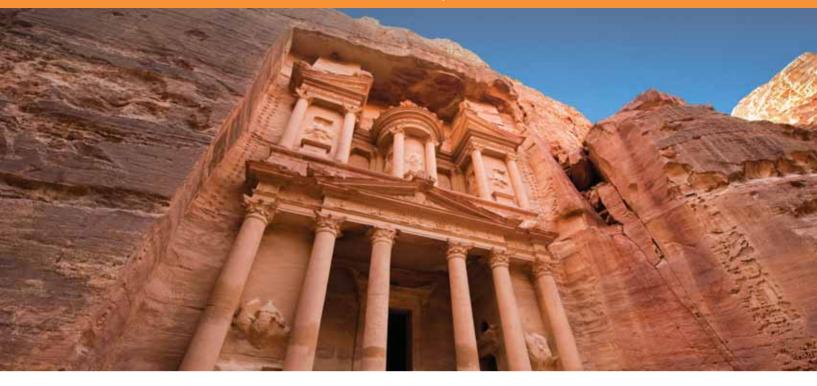
Day 5 Thursday Petra, Wadi Rum Bedouin

We enjoy a full day today inside the world famous site of Petra. We start by walking through the Siq and one of Petra's most impressive monuments, the Khazneh (Treasury) comes into view. Later today, we leave Petra and drive into the spectacular desert scenery of Wadi Rum where friendly Bedouin hosts are ready to greet us. Overnight Wadi Rum (B, D) Day 6 Friday Wadi Rum jeep safari, Dead Sea swim

We'll take a jeep safari through the beautiful desert scenery, seeing more of the sheer cliffs and bizarre rock formations. Later today and head north towards the Dead Sea. We'll stop along the way to enjoy a 'swim', though the intensely sally waters lead to a 'swim', mough the intensety salty waters lead to a very strange swimming experience. We finish the day back at our hotel in Amman. Overnight Amman(B) Day 7 Saturday Desert Castles, Aqraq Wetland Reserve, Shaumari Wildlife Reserve

After breakfast we leave Amman and head east to visit several of Jordan's Desert Castles. We'll explore

the desert castles of Qasr al-Kharrana, Qasr Amra (UNESCO Heritage site) and Qasr al-Azraq Back in Amman, for your last evening, Overnight Amman(B) Day 8 Sunday Amman
Your time is free today until we transfer you to Amman airport for your departure flight. (B)



## **ANCIENT DISCOVERY** 17 DAYS from **NZD 4059**

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 12, 26; Feb 09, 23; Mar 08, 22; Apr 05, 12, 26; May 10, 24 Jun 07, 28; Jul 19; Aug 09, 30 Sep 13, 27; Oct 11, 25; Nov 08, 22 Dec 06, 20, 27

Tour includes

 Inbound-Amman-Queen Alia International Airport (AMM)

 Outbound-Cairo-Cairo International Airport (CAI) Professional English-speaking tour guide /
Egyptologist for all sightseeing tours in Egypt
 Professional English-speaking tour leader and
 I stide in Lordon local guides in Jordan

Transportation in a fully air-conditioned,

Overnight Felucca cruise with support boat
 Overnight sleeper train - Cairo to Aswan
 X 4 Desert Jeep Safari

All camping equipment at Wadi Rum

16 nights accommodation 16 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 6 Dinners

Day 1 Saturday Amman

Welcome to Jordan! Upon arrival our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Overnight Amman

Day 2 Sunday Desert Castles and Amman

city tour

Your first full day of our Jordan tour starts after breakfast, as we make our way to Jordan's famous 'desert castles'. s. We'll explore the desert castles of Qasr al-Kharrana, Qasr Azraq and Qasr Amra. After lunch, we'll explore downtown Amman on foot, visiting the impressive Roman Amphitheatre, the Jordan Folklore Museum as well as the Citadel. Overnight Amman (B, L)

Day 3 Monday Jerash, Ajloun Castle and

Rasoun homestay

Leaving Amman this morning, we head north to the ancient city of Jerash. Here we'll visit the Forum, explore its Roman colonnaded streets, the Nymphaeum and the Temple of Artemis. Nymphaeum and the lemple of Artemis.
From Jerash, we'll make our way to Ajloun Castle.
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Overnight Rasoun Village (B, D)
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Overnight Petra (B)
Day 6 Thursday Petra, Wadi Rum and
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After breakfast in the camp, we take a jeep safari of Wadi Rum. After really getting a feel for nomadic Bedouin life, we return by jeep to our camp and then drive north back to Amman.

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Overnight Amman (B, L)

Day 8 Saturday Fly Cairo, free time

We transfer you to Amman airport today to board your flight to Egypt's busy capital of Cairo (not included). Once you arrive in Cairo, one of our staff will be there to meet you before taking you to your back. You have the rest of the day to explore

statt will be there to meet you before taking you to your hotel. You have the rest of the day to explore Cairo independently. Overnight Cairo (B) Day 9 Sunday Pyramids, Sphinx & Museum Our tour of Egypt begins with a drive to Giza on the outskirts of Cairo to visit the three great pyramids of Egypt and the Sphinx. Following on from the Pyramids we then head to the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo. Home to the fantastic Tutankhamun exhibit and many of the New

fantastic Tutankhamun exhibit and many of the New Kingdom royal mummies. This evening we transfer Aswan. Overnight Between Cairo - Aswan Sleeper Train (B, D)

Day 10 Monday Aswan, Nubian Village & Philae Temple

This morning we arrive in Aswan and transfer to our hotel overlooking the Nile. Our tour in Aswan continues this afternoon with a visit the Temple of Philae, a beautiful island complex dedicated to Isis and reclaimed from the rising waters of Lake
Nasser, which we reach by a scenic boot ride. The
rest of the day is free. Overnight Aswan (B, L)

Day 11 Tuesday Abu Simbel option.

Nile Felucca Cruise

We board our traditional Nile felucca at lunchtime to enjoy an afternoon sailing down the Nile. Floating down the Nile on a felucca is one of Egypt's most enjoyable activities and you'll be able to watch local rural Egyptian life pass you by on the banks of the river as you drift past. Our Nubian crew will sail the boat and entertain you on the way, as well as preparing meals for you. Overnight On the Nile (B, L, D)

Day 12 Wednesday Edfu temple and Luxor Temple at night After breakfast on-board we bid farewell to our felucca

crew and visit the nearby temple of Edfu before crew and visit the nearby temple of Edru before continuing on north to Luxor. The town of Luxor is built on and around the ancient site of Thebes, and boasts the largest concentration of ancient ruins in the Nile Valley, if not the world. To the west of the Nile lies the City of the Dead, with its mortuary temples and rock-hewn tombs, whilst to the east lie the Temples of Luxor and Karnak. Overnight Luxor (B)

Day 13 Thursday Luxor, West bank tour,

Karnak temple

Karnak temple

Covernight Hurghada (B, D)

Day 15 Saturday Red Sea at Hurghada.

Overnight Hurghada (B, D)

Day 16 Sunday Fly to Cairo, Khan-el-Khalili bazaar

We drive back to Cairo this morning to begin our tour of Luxor's West Bank. Our tour includes several of these Pharaonic tombs, as well as the Temple of Queen Hatchepsut, Valley of the Artisans (Deir El-Medina), and the huge Colossi of Memnon. In the afternoon we'll tour the huge temple complex at Karnak, once the religious centre of Thebes and Upper Egypt. Overnight Luxor (B)

Day 14 Friday Luxor to the Red Sea at Hurghada
After a lazy morning we leave the Nile Valley and drive to the Red Sea resort of Hurghada. Overnight Hurghada (B, D)

Day 15 Saturday Red Sea at Hurghada, free day
Your day is free today to relax and enjoy your time by the Red Sea. Overnight Hurghada (B, L, D)

Day 16 Sunday Fly to Cairo, Khan-el-Khalili bazaar
We drive back to Cairo this morning and check into our city centre hotel. In the late afternoon we take a guided walk through the back streets and bazaars in Old Cairo. We'll walk through the huge Bab al-Futuh gateway and explore streets dedicated to metalwork. gateway and explore streets dedicated to metalwork, spices, pottery, fabric, jewelery and anything else you can imagine as we gradually enter the more touristy Khan-el-Khalili bazaar. Overnight Cairo (B)

Day 17 Monday Cairo, free day

Your time is free today for some last minute sightseeing

or shopping until we transfer you to the airport for your departure flight.(B)



## EGYPT, JORDAN, ISRAEL | Small Group Tours



### **FANTASTIC ISRAEL** NZD 2709 8 DAYS from

Departure Dates

Jan 05, 12, 19, 26; Feb 02, 09 Mar 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Apr 05, 12 May 03, 10, 24, 31; Jun 07, 14, 21, 28 Jul 05, 12, 19, 26; Aug 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Sep 06, 13; Oct 25; Nov 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Dec 06, 13, 20, 27

- Tour includes

  Inbound Tel Aviv airport transfer

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- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, vehicle
- Entrance fees7 nights accommodation7 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

Day 1 Sunday Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Upon arrival our staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel for the start of your trip. Overnight Tel Aviv

Day 2 Monday Caesarea, Megiddo, Haifa, Acre Drive north along the coastal plain to Caesarea (Acts 9.30 Acts 10 24-48), capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the excavations of this ancient city, the Roman theatre and aqueduct. Continue to Megiddo (1 Kings 4.28, 9,15, 2 Kings 23,29 & Revel. 16.16), identified as the site of Armageddon. Visit the archaeological excavations at Megiddo, including the well-preserved water supply system.

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Day 3 Tuesday Capernaum, Banias

We take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum (Matt. 4.13 13.54, 17.24, Luke 7, Mark 1.2, John 4.46-54). Visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue. Proceed to Tabgha (Matt. 13, Mark .33-45, & John 21), the site of the miracle of fish and loaves, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue to the Mount of the Beatitudes (Matt. 5,6,7,8), where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive to the Banias Spring and Waterfall (Matt. 16.13 and Mark 8.27), where Jesus was recognized as The Messiah by His Disciples. Tour the Golan Heights, with its valleys, grazing land and snow capped mountains. Overnight Tiberias (B, D)

Day 4 Wednesday Nazareth, Beit Shean
Begin the day with a drive to Nazareth (Luke 1.26, 4.16-29, Matthew 2.23) via Cana of Galilee (John 2.1-11). In Nazareth, we shall visit the Church of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's Workshop and Mary's Well. We continue to Beit Shean, one of the ancient Decapolis cities (Mark 5.20, 7.31), and visit the Roman theatre. Continue south along the shores of the River of Jordan. Passing Jericho, we proceed westward and climb to the Golden City of Jerusalem.

Overnight Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 5 Thursday Jerusalem - Old City
Today we visit the Old City of Jerusalem. Our appreciation of this Golden City begins with a panoramic view from the Mount of Olives, overlooking the walls of the old city and the ancient Jewish cemetery. Enter the Old City to begin exploring the wonders of Jerusalem. Walk through the Cardo, the main street of Jerusalem. Walk through the Cardo, the main street of Jerusalem 2000 years ago. View the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, where Jesus carried His Cross. Continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Matt. 27. 33-57, 28.10). Visit the Garden Tomb. Overnight Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 6 Friday Jerusalem - new city and Bethlehem Today's program is dedicated first to the new city of Jerusalem. Visit the model of ancient Jerusalem. Continue to Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Enter the site by walking along the Street of the Righteous Gentiles, dedicated to the non-Jews that risked their lives in order to save their Jewish neighbours. Continue to Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist (Luke 1.39-80). Overnight Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 7 Saturday Qumran, Masada, the Dead Sea Drive through the Judean Desert to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls where found in 1947 by a Bedouin boy. Visit the ancient city of Qumran and drive along the shore of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, to Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. Ascend Masada by cable car and vi

Day 8 Sunday Jerusalem

After breakfast, your time is free until we pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the airport. (B)

### **CLASSIC ISRAEL**

8 DAYS from **NZD 2809** 

Departure Dates

2020 2020 Jan 04, 11, 18, 25; Feb 01, 08, 29 Mar 07, 14, 21, 28; Apr 04, 11 May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Jun 06, 13, 20, 27; Jul 04, 11, 18, 25 Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Oct 24, 31 Nov 07, 14, 21, 28; Dec 05, 12, 19, 26

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- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned vehicle
- Tips except driver and tour leader
- Entrance fees
- nights accommodation
- 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

Day 1 Saturday Tel Aviv Welcome to Israel! After arrival at Ben Gurion airport, you will be met by our transfer representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Tel Aviv Day 2 Sunday Caesarea, Megiddo, Druze Village, Haifa

Druze Village, Haifa
Drive along the coastal plain to Caesarea, capital of Judea under the Romans. See the excavations of the Crusader city and the Roman port, aqueduct and the amphitheater that has been restored to its former glory as a concert venue. Proceed to Megiddo, identified as the site of Armageddon; visit the archaeological excavations including the well preserved water supply system. Continue to Daliyat al-Karmel, a Druze village and enjoy a late lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed via Mount Carmel to Haifa for a panoramic view of the Haifa bay and the Golden domed Bahai Shrine and gardens. Overnight Kibbutz Lavi (B, L, D)
Day 3 Monday Sated, Golan Heights winery
Drive to Safed, the center of Jewish mysticism, where you will visit the ancient synagogues and the artists' colony. Continue to the Golan Heights to see the former Syrian bunkers, Quneitra and the new Israeli town of Katzrin. Stop at the Golan winery for a tour and wine tasting. Overnight Kibbutz Lavi (B, D)
Day 4 Tuesday Sea of Galilee, Nazareth
Start the day with a visit to Nazareth and visit the church of Annunciation and continue to Tiberias. Visit Capernaum to see the ruins of the synagogue and cortagonal church of St. Peter Visit Mount of Begtitudes

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Day 6 Thursday Jerusalem, the new city
Visit the Shrine of the book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the second temple period

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Overnight Jerusalem (B, D)



Day 7 Friday Qumran, Masada, the Dead Sea Drive through the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, almost 1300 feet (400 meters) below sea level. Stop at Qumran to visit the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada. Ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans before committing mass suicide in 73 AD. Descend by cable car. Continue to the Dead Sea. Cover yourself with the mineral rich mud and experience a swim in the Dead Sea. Overnight Jerusalem (B)

Day 8 Saturday Jerusalem

After breakfast, your time is free until we pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to Ben Gurion airport for your departure. (B)

## **BEST OF ISRAEL AND JORDAN**

11 DAYS from **NZD 4015** 

Departure Dates

#### 2020

Jan 05,12,19,26; Feb 02, 09, 23; Mar 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Apr 05, 12; May 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; Jun 07, 14, 21, 28; Jul 05, 12, 19, 26; Aug 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; Sep 06, 13; Oct 25; Nov 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; Dec 06, 13, 20, 27

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Overnight Jerusalem(B, D)

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Drive through the Judean Desert to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls where found in 1947 by a Bedouin boy. Visit the ancient city of Qumran and drive along the shore of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, to Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. Ascend Masada by cable car and visit the food storeroom, water irrigation system and Herod's Palace.Return to Jerusalem. Overnight Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 8 Sunday Jordan, Jerash, Amman After breakfast in Israel we head to the border and cross into Jordan where our first visit will be to nearby Jerash, 'the Jewel of the North'. Leaving Jerash behind, we'll head to the capital city Amman where we'll have time for a short city tour. Overnight Amman (B, D)

Day 9 Monday Petra

After an early breakfast in Amman today, we'll drive to Petra, the ancient capital of the Nabataean commercial empire until the Romans finally took over in 106AD. Petra is situated on the edge of Wadi Aruba, whose canyon walls and surrounding hills make it almost impossble to approach except through a narrow, winding cleft

in the rock, called the Siq. T
This afternoon we take a guided tour, then free time to explore. Overnight Petra (B, D)

Day 10 Tuesday Madaba, Mt. Nebo,

Tel Aviv

This morning we'll leave Petra behind and start our journey back into Israel. En-route we stop in Madaba and see the town's main attraction, the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George where we'll see its famous 6th Century Byzantine mosaic map of the Holy Land and other biblical sites. We'll also enjoy great views of the Holy Land from Mt. Nebo, known as the burial place of the propher Moses. In the afternoon we'll cross the Jordan/Israel border and return to Tel Aviv where we'll be spending our final night. Overnight Tel Aviv (B, D)

Day 11 Wednesday Tel Aviv

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