



# Türkiye Istanbul+ Ankara+ Cappadocia+ Konya+ Antalya+ Pamukkale+ Sirince 12 days 10 nights tour

Tour introduction

## Day 1 Home - Airplane - Istanbul, Türkiye

All day

With a relaxed and happy mood, you will be taking a flight to Istanbul, Türkiye!  
Overnight on the plane, three meals at your own expense.

## Day 2 Istanbul, Türkiye

All day

Welcome to Istanbul, the largest city in Türkiye! Shortly upon your arrival, your tour guide will be waiting for you at the airport. He or she will arrange for you to check in at the hotel.

Free airport pick-up services on the first day of your tour: Istanbul Airport (IST). Free airport pick-up time: 12:00 at noon, 15:00, 18:00 and 22:00. Please make sure to meet with our staff at the listed time slots with your claimed baggage. Please make sure to be at the meeting point on time. No meals will be provided on the day of your arrival.

No meals on the arrival day.

Hotel : Wanda Vista Istanbul Or similar

## Day 3 Istanbul (B, L, D)

All day

Istanbul, formerly known as Constantinople, is the largest city in Türkiye. It serves as the country's economic, cultural, and historic hub. The city straddles the Bosphorus strait, lying in both Europe and Asia.

Itinerary:

Hotel → Hagia Sophia (45 mins, Tickets are included however you need to rent the headphones in order to enter the cathedral. A pair of headphones is \$2USD.) → Topkapi Palace (60 mins, include ticket) → Blue Mosque & Sultanahmet Square & Obelisk of Theodosius (30 mins) → Istanbul Grand Bazaar (60 mins) → Bosphorus Strait Cruise (60 mins, The cruise ticket is included) → Hotel

Hagia Sophia

The Hagia Sophia is a religious sacred place. It is one of the eight wonders of the world and is full of extraordinary beauty. The Hagia Sophia is easily one of the most memorable places to visit in Türkiye and a bucket list for many. Explore the beauty of it today with us!

Topkapi Palace

Set on top of the most visible hill of Istanbul, Topkapi Palace. This location is the symbol of the city. The rich history of this place offers visitors a chance to get to know the Sultans of the Ottoman Empire. It is made up of four different courtyards and various exhibitions such as the treasury, weapons, watch collection, kaftans, portraits, and sacred relics of prophets.

Blue Mosque

Explore the Blue Mosque and its spectacular beauty! It has five main domes, six minarets and eight secondary domes. It is a one-of-a-kind unique place to discover and something you must visit at least once in your life.

### Sultanahmet Square

The Sultanahmet Square is the old historic quarter of Istanbul and here you will find some of the most significant historic monuments of Istanbul. Facing the Blue Mosque at the opposite end of the square is the magnificent Hagia Sophia. There's not much left of this stadium, but significant monuments here include the Obelisk of Theodosius, the Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. There's also a pretty domed fountain commemorating the visit of Kaiser Wilhelm II to Istanbul in 1898.

### Obelisk of Theodosius (Dikilitaş)

In 1500 BC, it was built under Pharaoh Thutmose III as a memorial stone for the victory in Mesopotamia and placed in front of the temple of Karnak in Luxor. In 390, the Byzantine Emperor Theodosius I brought the granite obelisk from Luxor into the city and had it stationed at Hippodrome Square. It is supported by four bronze cubes and in the lower area is a pedestal made of marble. The bas-relief shows, among other things, images of Emperor Theodosius, the traditional chariot races and the construction of the obelisk. Latin and ancient Greek inscriptions can be found on all sides.

### Bosporus Strait

Bosporus Strait is an internationally well-known water strait! It is a significant waterway located in Northwestern Türkiye. It is truly unique because it separates Anatolia from Thrace.

Hotel : Wanda Vista Istanbul Or similar

## Day 4 Istanbul - Vehicle - City of Safranbolu - Vehicle - Ankara(B, L ,D)

### All day

Journey with us today as we travel to Lake Abant Nature Park! It is filled with lush forests and beautiful lakes in the Black Sea region of Türkiye. Following, we will head to the World Cultural Heritage City of Safranbolu and stroll the streets, alleys or even take a break in the café! Enjoy the wonderful journey leisurely before we drive to Ankara, the capital of Türkiye.

### Itinerary:

Istanbul → Lake Abant Nature Park (60 mins) → City of Safranbolu (60 mins) → Ankara

### Kindly Reminder:

From November to March of the following year, due to time constraints, it is not possible to visit the City of Safranbolu. After the Lake Abant Nature Park trip, we will go to the hotel in Ankara directly.

### Afternoon

#### Lake Abant Nature Park

Lake Abant Nature Park is a magnificent location to discover and looks even better in person. It is the perfect place to take a nature walk and feel the instant sense of tranquility. The stunning natural beauty of the lake is the best place to relax and cherish the moment.

#### City of Safranbolu

The city of Safranbolu receives its name from the saffron which is native in Safranbolu. Safranbolu has hosted many civilizations including the Roman, Byzantine, Seljuk and Ottoman Empires throughout its history. Safranbolu displays its extremely rich historical and cultural heritage through over one thousand architectural structures displaying a good example of Turkish architecture. It is all preserved in their original environment and in 1994 Safranbolu was placed in the world Cultural Heritage list by UNESCO in appreciation of the successful efforts in the preservation of its heritage as a whole.

Hotel : New Park Hotel Or similar

## Day 5                      Ankara - Vehicle - Cappadocia(B, L ,D)

All day

Explore Ataturk Mausoleum, Which is the leader of the Turkish War of Independence and the founder and the first President of Republic of Türkiye and then explore rich history at the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, which was built in 1493 as an indoor market and warehouse. Here, you can learn all about the rich history of the Anatolian region. Following, we will head to the inland saltwater lake in central Türkiye, Lake Tuz, known as Türkiye's "land of the sky." Then, we will continue by car to the most spectacular "weathered area" in the world at Cappadocia.

Itinerary:

Ataturk Mausoleum (30mins) → Museum of Anatolian Civilizations (60 mins, include ticket) → Tuz Lake (30 mins) → Cappadocia (120 mins) → Belly dance show (optional, 1.5 hours)

Morning

Ataturk Mausoleum

Anıtkabir is the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the leader of the Turkish War of Independence and the founder and the first President of Republic of Türkiye. The site is also the final resting place of İsmet İnönü, the second President of Türkiye. The mausoleum was depicted on various Turkish banknotes during 1966–1987 and 1997–2009 and was included in the Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers list of the fifty civil engineering feats in Türkiye.

Museum of Anatolian Civilizations

The best place in the country to get a better understanding of the complex weave of Türkiye's history, is at the significant archaeological site in Anatolia. The central hall houses reliefs and statuary, while the surrounding halls take you on a journey of staggering history from Neolithic and Chalcolithic, through the Bronze Age Assyrian and Hittite eras, to the Iron Age's Phrygian and Urartian periods.

Lake Tuz

Lake Tuz is an incredible salt lake near Aksaray! It is just over an hour drive away from Cappadocia. This lake is remarkably known due to its vibrant pink color.

Afternoon

Cappadocia

In the middle of the arid plains is Cappadocia! It looks like the perfect fairytale kingdom. It has rock chimneys, winding valleys, hidden churches, and underground cities along with luxurious cave hotels. The nearby tourist town of Goreme is small and beautiful with sophisticated infrastructure. The surrounding area around is filled with a magical scenery and offers beautiful long walks through enchanting places.

Night

Hotel : Ramada by Wyndham Cappadocia Or similar

## Day 6                      Cappadocia(B, L ,D)

All day

Today we will continue to visit Cappadocia, which has been selected as one of the top ten most beautiful places on earth by the American "National Geographic" magazine. It is one of the three most suitable places on earth for hot air ballooning. You will also have the chance to taste Turkish special pistachio ice cream and

Turkish black tea. In the afternoon, you will have plenty of free time to explore and enjoy the scenery of the Anatolian hinterland.

Itinerary:

Hot air balloon flight (optional, 30 mins) → Goreme Open Air Museum (60 mins, include ticket) → Cappadocia Pigeon Forge (30 mins) → Özkonak Underground City (45 mins, include ticket) → Fairy Chimneys (20 mins, include ticket) → Free time

All day

Goreme Open Air Museum

The Göreme Open Air Museum is a crown jewel in Cappadocia's rich history! This small area contains the best churches in Cappadocia and several monastic complexes. In 1985, the Göreme Open Air Museum was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site to conserve and properly display Cappadocia's best cave churches.

Cappadocia, Pigeon Valley

Pigeon Valley earned its name from the countless man-made dovecotes (Pigeon Houses) that have been carved into the soft volcanic tuff. While pigeons no longer play such an important role in the area, their rocky homes have still been maintained by locals.

Özkonak Underground City

Cappadocia is filled with surprises by mother nature! Underground cities are by far the most jaw-dropping. They are hidden beneath the moonscape topography of this magical region and there are 36 total underground cities. For centuries, these magnificent structures have hosted Cappadocians and provided them with a haven from those who sought their destruction.

Fairy Chimneys

Fairy Chimneys are the world-famous formations of Cappadocia. The outstanding landscape, natural beauties, rock-cut houses, caves, picturesque valleys, and many more popular spots of Cappadocia are full of these unusual and amazing formations.

Night

Hotel : Ramada by Wyndham Cappadocia Or similar

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**Day 7                      Cappadocia - Vehicle - Konya - Vehicle - Antalya(B, L ,D)**

All day

Today, we will drive to Konya, the capital of ancient Türkiye in the 13th century. Konya is located in central Türkiye and is one of the oldest urban centers in the world. It was the birthplace of whirling dance. Then, we will go to Antalya and pass through the Tena sub-mountains. Following, we will be going along the mountain road until we arrive at the inn at the foot of the mountain to rest, and take pictures.

Itinerary:

Cappadocia → Konya → Kültür Park Alaeddin Tepesi (45 mins) → Antalya → Antalya Archaeological Museum (30 mins, include ticket, go to Upper Duden Waterfalls after Monday closed) → Antalya Old Town : Kaleici (60 mins)

All day

Kültür Park Alaeddin Tepesi

Kültür Park Alaeddin Tepesi is another amazing site to discover! It is a park that overlooks the city's center. It is truly the place to feel an instant sense of relaxation and observe the surrounding panoramic views.

## Antalya Archeological Museum

The museums treasure of artifacts ranges from the Old Stone Age through the Chalcolithic, Classical (ancient Greece and Rome), Byzantine, Seljuk Turkish, and Ottoman!

Kaleici, Antalya

Kaleici is now one of the popular centers in Antalya. Locals and tourists alike come here to hang out and explore its beauty. There are old houses, diverse restaurants, quaint souvenir shops and lively bars with tables that spill into the cobblestone streets. These streets look as if they've come from a movie! You'll definitely want to stop and take pictures at every corner!

Hotel : DoubleTree by Hilton Antalya City Centre Or similar

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## Day 8                      Antalya - Vehicle - Pamukkale(B, L ,D)

All day

After breakfast, we will drive to Pamukkale and enjoy a local lunch upon our arrival! After lunch, we will visit Pamukkale, the famous resort area of Türkiye's natural wonders! Following, we will visit the ruins of the ancient city of Hierapolis, and then we will go to the cotton spinning shop. After dinner, we will stay at the hotel to rest. Here, you can also enjoy the local famous "Red Spring" hot spring bath for free!

Itinerary:

Pamukkale (3 hours) → Hierapolis Ancient Ruins (60 mins, include ticket)

Afternoon

Pamukkale

Pamukkale, meaning "cotton castle" in Turkish, is a natural site in Denizli Province in southwestern Türkiye. The area is famous for a carbonate mineral that was left by the flowing of thermal spring water. It was added as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988 with Hierapolis.

Hierapolis

The sacred Hierapolis of Phrygia is one of the antique cities of the Aegean! It was placed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1988. One of the most important sights of Hierapolis Türkiye is an ancient theater that is located on the hillside. The building is constructed of solid rock and the overall height of its steps is about one hundred meters. Fifty rows separated by walkways on seven sectors are seats for spectators. After the completion of the constructions works, the theater could accommodate about ten thousand people. Here you can also see the Hierapolis ruins of the Temple of Apollo.

Hotel : Pam Thermal Hotel Clinic & Spa Or similar

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## Day 9                      Pamukkale - Vehicle - Kusadasi(B, L ,D)

All day

Today, we will go to Kusadasi (Bird Island), a resort on the Aegean Sea at the western end of Türkiye. After lunch, we will visit the ancient city of Ephesus, which is still very well preserved. After dinner, you can stroll along the Aegean Sea and enjoy the sunset.

Itinerary:

Ephesus (120 mins) → Hotel check-in → Kusadasi free time

Hotel : Ramada Hotel & Suites by Wyndham Kuşadası Or similar

## Day 10 Kusadasi - Vehicle - Sirince - Vehicle - Canakkale(B, L ,D)

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All day

After enjoying the hotel's buffet breakfast in the morning, we will drive to the small mountain town of Sirince! It is located 9 kilometers away from the eastern outskirts of Seljuk Province.

Itinerary :

Sirince (120 mins)

Sirince

Şirince is a special little village filled with a fun history! It offers beautiful views, wonderful food, hospitality, and so much more. It's perhaps the perfect synthesis of a traditional Turkish village and traditional Greek village.

Hotel : Kolin Hotel Spa & Convention Center Or similar

## Day 11 Canakkale - Vehicle - Istanbul(B, L ,D)

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All day

Today, we will drive to the ancient port by the Dardanelles - Canakra (the ancient city of Troy). Here, we will visit the magnificent Big Trojan Horse and the historical relics of the ancient city of Troy! This city was based on a piece of historical relic that has been passed down through the ages. It is best described by the blind poet Homer - the Trojan Horse Massacre. Afterwards, we will return to Istanbul, you are free to explore Taksim Square in the city center, or follow our guide to visit the Dolmabahce Palace at your own expense.

Itinerary:

Hotel → Ancient city of Troy (60 mins) → Istanbul → Taksim square (3.5 hours, optional for Dolmabahce Palace) → Hotel

Ancient city of Troy

The ancient city of Troy is known by many as a historical and architectural masterpiece of Türkiye. It is also known as the setting of the Greek myth at the trojan war.

Afternoon

Taksim square

Taksim Square is the largest square in Istanbul. It is located in the center of the new urban area of Istanbul. In addition to its high altitude, it is also an important transportation hub in the new urban area and a bustling commercial street in Istanbul. In the south of the square, there stands a circular independent monument to commemorate the founder of the 20th century Republic of Turkey, Kemal.

Dolmabahce Palace

The Dolmabahce Palace, built during the decline of the Ottoman Empire, is the largest palace building in Turkey and the final glory of the Ottoman Empire. The palace architecture combines the architectural styles of Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassicism and the Ottoman Empire. It has been meticulously carved from the inside to the outside, demonstrating the majesty and luxury of the royal family. Therefore, it has become one of the most famous royal palaces in the world.

Hotel : Wanda Vista Istanbul Or similar

## Day 12 Istanbul - Airplane - Home(B)

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All day

Today we will be the end of our unforgettable and pleasant journey of Türkiye! You can book a suitable flight to leave Istanbul Airport (IST) according to your needs. Our staff only provides one drop-off service from the hotel at 7:00 in the morning. If the guest has an early flight and needs to leave the hotel before 7 o'clock to the airport, the guide can help the guest take a taxi.

#### Cost Description

##### Cost includes

1. Ten nights in a 5-star hotel.
2. Hotel includes ABF buffet breakfasts.
3. Total of 18 meals.
4. 1 bottled water per day.
5. English-speaking tour guide.
6. Vehicle using for the itinerary. (The type of vehicle used is determined based on the actual number of guests.).
7. Admission tickets list on the itinerary and service fees.

##### Cost excludes

1. Flight tickets, taxes, visa fees and passport processing fees.
2. Person fees such as laundry, haircut, telephone, fax, pay TV, drinks, tips and any additional expenses inside the hotel.
3. Any personal expenses that are not listed in the Fees Included.

##### Extra expense

Item name	Days	Price description	Description
Hot air balloon ride	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Everyone : \$280.00 ;	1. The hot air balloon project is relatively popular. It is recommended to book together when booking the tour. Once booked, it cannot be cancelled. 2. If the hot air balloon cannot take off due to the weather in Cappadocia, we will arrange it in Pamukkale. If Pamukkale cannot take off due to weather, a full refund will be arranged.
Belly dance show	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Everyone : \$80.00 ;	
Dolmabahce Palace	Tour guide arranges	Everyone : \$55.00 ;	Including round-trip transportation +

	according itinerary		Admission tickets + tour guide's introduction.
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