

# TRAVELSHOP TURKEY

## 12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA COMBINED TOUR

**Tour Start Date:** Available on every day from 05 April 2020 to 31 March 2022

**Tour Start Date:** Every Day from January 1st 2020 to December 4th

### 12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA COMBINED TOUR SUMMARY:

Istanbul Tour, Bosphorus and Two Continents Yerevan, Garni - Geghard, Khor Virap - Noravank - Areni - Selim – Sevan - Dilijan - Haghatsin – Alaverdi - Haghpas - Sanahin - Sadakhlo border – Tbilisi - Mtskheta – Gudauri – Kutaisi - Kutaisi and Gori

### 12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA COMBINED TOUR ITINERARY:

#### Day 1 - Istanbul - Arrival Day

Meet at the Istanbul International Airport and transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 2 – Istanbul Tour

*(Breakfast included)*

Guided Istanbul old city tour on foot, visiting Topkapi Palace (closed on Tuesdays) Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Aya Sophia Museum (closed on Mondays), Covered Grand Bazaar (closed on Sundays). Overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 3 - Bosphorus and Shopping Tour

*(Breakfast included)*

Pick up at 08:30 from the hotel for the tour of Bosphorus and Shopping Tour. During the tour, we will enjoy a Bosphorus Cruise and visit of Grand Spice Bazaar. Overnight in Istanbul

#### Day 4 - Istanbul - Yerevan - Armenia

*(Breakfast included)*

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and depart for Istanbul International Airport. Arrive to Yerevan and you will be transferred from Airport to your hotel by one of official guides with Murti's Tours. Check into the hotel where your accommodation has been reserved for the night. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to enjoy and explore Yerevan. Overnight in Yerevan

#### Day 5 - Garni - Geghard

*(Breakfast included)*

After breakfast, you will depart for a guided City tour of Garni and Geghard. During this excursion, first we visit to museum of Erebuni and Genocide Memorial for the victims of 1915. Drive to the Pagan Temple of Garni, which is the only non - Christian temple currently standing in Armenia and cave monastery in Geghard. The structures of the fortress of Garni are in perfect harmony with the surrounding nature. Lunch at a local house in Garni where you will have opportunity to watch Armenian national bread lavash baking and barbeque making process in the underground stove called tonir. Northeast of Garni, higher up the gorge of the Azat River, there is a magnificent monument of medieval Armenian architecture - Geghard monastery inscribed in UNESCO World Heritage list (inscribed in UNESCO World Heritage list). Geghard is another incredible ancient Armenian monastery, partly carved out of a mountain. Dinner at the National Restaurant Our Village where you can taste Armenian National food and listen Folk music. Overnight in Yerevan.

#### Day 6 - Yerevan - Khor Virap - Noravank - Areni - Selim - Sevan

*(Breakfast included)*

You will be picked up from your hotel after breakfast, we visit to Khor Virap Monastery, from here one can enjoy the majestic view of Mount Ararat not too far from the Arax river. Khor Virap is the closest point to Mount Ararat from the territory of Armenia, the most convenient place for observing and taking pictures of the biblical mountain. Noravank set in a canyon rich with rare flora. It is a 13th century Armenian Apostolic Church monastery, located 122 km from Yerevan in a narrow gorge made by the Amaghu River, nearby the city of Yeghegnadzor, Armenia. We will have our lunch in the cave of Noravank. Afterwards, we can continue our tour to Areni wine factory. We will have an opportunity to taste Armenia's finest wine in a village. Then our tour continues by Selim pass to Sevan Lake. Lake Sevan is the largest lake in Armenia and one of the largest high - altitude lakes in the world. Lake Sevan is situated in the central part of the Republic of Armenia, inside the Gegharkunik Province, at the altitude of 1, 900 m above sea level. Visit to Sevanavank. Sevanavank is a monastic complex located on a peninsula at the North-western shore of Lake Sevan in the Gegharkunik Province of Armenia. Overnight in Sevan.

#### **Day 7 - Sevan - Dilijan - Haghatsin - Alaverdi**

*(Breakfast included)*

You will be picked up from your hotel, after breakfast. First we visit to Dilijan town. Dilijan is a lush, green city located in the northern Armenian province of Tavush. It is one of the most important resorts of Armenia, situated in Dilijan National Park. Hiking, mountain biking, and picnicking are popular recreational activities. Walking tour to the Haghartsin Monastery. In the upper reaches of the Aghstev River, there is Haghartzin monastery ensemble of the Tavush district. Lunch in a family house. After lunch, driving to Alaverdi Alaverdi Monastery is a Georgian Orthodox monastery located 20 km from Telavi, in the Kakheti region of Eastern Georgia. Parts of the monastery date back to 6th century. Overnight in Dilijan.

#### **Day 8 - Haghpata - Sanahin - Sadakhlo border - Tbilisi**

*(Breakfast included)*

You will be picked up from your hotel after breakfast for a visit to Sanahin Monastery that is an Armenian monastery founded in the 10th century in the Lori Province of Armenia. The name Sanahin literally translates from Armenian as this one is older than that one, presumably representing a claim to having an older monastery than the neighbouring Haghpata Monastery. We visit Haghpata Monastery (10 - 13cc). The construction of this monastery is associated with the glory of the Bagratuni Royal Family. The oldest structure of the monastery, the holy Cross Church was built in 977 - 911. We will have our lunch in this area. We drive to Sadakhlo border. 15:00 Meet at the border, coach and guide change and drive to Tbilisi. Tbilisi is the capital and the largest city of Georgia, lying on the banks of the Mtkvari (Kura) River. Overnight in Tbilisi.

#### **Day 9 - Tbilisi - Mtskheta - Gudauri**

*(Breakfast included)*

After breakfast, we depart from Tbilisi Pass through Mtskheta one of the oldest cities of the country of Georgia, is located approximately 20 kilometers North of Tbilisi at the confluence of the Aragvi and Kura rivers. On the way, visit two UNESCO world heritage sites: Jvari Monastery is a Georgian Orthodox monastery of the 6th century near Mtskheta (World Heritage site), Mtskheta - Mtianeti region, eastern Georgia. The name is translated as the Monastery of the Cross. For another, Jerusalem - located Georgian monastery with the same name, see Monastery of the Cross. and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral Svetitskhoveli Cathedral is a Georgian Orthodox cathedral located in the historical town of Mtskheta, Georgia, 20 km (12. 5 miles) Northwest of the nation's capital of Tbilisi. Then, continue to Gudauri which is a ski resort located on the southern slopes of The Greater Caucasus Mountain Range in Georgia. The resort offers high quality skiing opportunities. The ski season lasts from December to April. Heli-skiing is also available throughout the season. Overnight in Gudauri.

#### **Day 10 - Gudauri - Kutaisi**

*(Breakfast included)*

After breakfast, drive to second largest city of Georgia, founded about 40 centuries ago, former capital of the west Georgian Kingdom Colchids to which is related the myth of Golden Fleece and Argonauts.

Visiting to Bagrati Temple Bagrati Cathedral is an 11th century cathedral church perched atop the Ukimerioni Hill. The cathedral is now in ruins, but is still considered a masterpiece of Georgian medieval architecture. The Bagrati Cathedral, combined with the Gelati Monastery are recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. After here visiting to Gelati Monastery is a monastic complex near Kutaisi, Imereti and western Georgia. It contains the Church of the Virgin founded by the King of Georgia David the Builder in 1106, and the 13th - century churches of St George and St Nicholas. Overnight in Kutaisi.

#### **Day 11 - Kutaisi - Gori - Tbilissi**

*(Breakfast included)*

After breakfast you will be picked up and drive to Gori. Visiting Joseph Stalins House Museum. The Joseph Stalin Museum is a museum in Gori, Georgia dedicated to the life of Joseph Stalin, the leader of the Soviet Union, who was born in Gori. The museum has three sections, all located in the town's central square. It was officially dedicated to Stalin in 1957. With the downfall of the Soviet Union and independence movement of Georgia, the museum closed in 1989, but has since been reopened, and is a popular tourist attraction. Return to Tbilisi. Overnight in Tbilisi.

#### **Day 12 - Tbilisi - End of Tour**

*(Breakfast included)*

Check out from your hotel before 11:00 am. We hope you had a memorable tour and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another TravelShop Turkey tour. We provide your return Airport transfer service. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing TravelShop Turkey.

#### **12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA COMBINED TOUR INCLUDES:**

- Arrival Airport transfer from Istanbul Airport
- Arrival Airport transfer from Yerevan Airport
- 3 nights' hotel accommodation in Istanbul
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation in Yerevan
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Sevan
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Dilijan
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Tbilisi
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation in Gudauri
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Kutaisi
- 11 breakfasts
- Guided Istanbul City Tour
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour
- Guided Yerevan Tour
- Guided Tbilisi tour
- Guided Gudauri Tour
- Guided Kutaisi Tour
- All entrance fees mentioned within the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking coach
- Professional English-speaking tour guides
- Return transfer to Istanbul Airport
- Return transfer to Tbilisi airport

#### **EXCLUDES:**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- City Tax
- Armenia entry visa
- Georgia entry visa
- Turkey entry visa
- Optinal land excursion
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry

- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section.
- Hotel room taxes
- Tipping

#### TOUR PRICE OPTIONS:

We would like to offer you our prices with two different hotel categories such as Silver and Gold on private basis. Please check the chart above for pricing on the hotel categories. These prices are available for bookings before **15 September, 2020**. The prices below are applicable until **31 March 2022** so you are able to book these tours during this period.

#### REGULAR / SIC 12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA COMBINED TOUR PRICES NOTE:

**12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA COMBINED TOUR** regular package price is very profitable for FIT clients because they do not have to pay more money for the same itinerary. They will join with our other guests on tour day. If you have more than 5 Pax we will suggest our private tour price option. Our **12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA COMBINED TOUR** available mentioned from Istanbul as you can see at below. SIC or Regular Tours with TravelShop Turkey stand for Seat-in- Luxury Coach Basis Tours, which means you will share a luxury air-conditioned coach or luxury van with other tourists as well as regular airport transfer services and you will have an English-speaking tour guide to take you to all the scenic spots for sightseeing, listed in the itinerary that day. You have two different choices as Silver and Gold categories. Silver Category is for 4-5 star Hotels to choose from Gold Category is for premium 5 star and luxury cave hotel. One of them will suit you very well.

12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA REGULAR TOUR PRICES IN EUROS						
PACKAGES	SILVER PACKAGE			GOLD PACKAGE		
Room Type – Per Person In	Shared Triple	Shared Double	Single	Shared Triple	Shared Double	Single
PERIOD 1 - 05.04.2020 - 31.03.2021	€ 2.115	€ 2.175	€ 2.669	€ 2.139	€ 2.205	€ 2.729
PERIOD 2 - 01.04.2021 - 15.10.2021	€ 2.289	€ 2.369	€ 3.035	€ 2.319	€ 2.405	€ 3.115
PERIOD 3 - 16.10.2021 - 31.03.2022	€ 2.215	€ 2.289	€ 2.879	€ 2.239	€ 2.319	€ 2.949

#### PRIVATE 12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA COMBINED TOUR PRICES NOTE:

The term "Private Turkey Tour" is widely used and interpreted differently by different Turkey destination management companies. Murti's Tours' definition of Private **12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA COMBINED TOUR** means your tour, where your very own personal guide, with a private vehicle and chauffeur, provides all ground services exclusively for your party – nobody else. Private tour you will get more flexibility, better comfort and personalized service so you can experience the Orient the way you have always dreamt of it to be. Our private tour rates available from 1 pax to 40 pax. You have two different choices as Silver and Gold categories. Silver Category is for 4-5 star Hotels to choose from Gold Category is for premium 5 star and luxury cave hotel. One of them will suit you very well. You will get best personal services that you will enjoy to the fullest. When you book your private Turkey tours with our company, you will sit back and enjoy your vacation. Our experienced and friendly team will treat as you have never have been before.

12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA PRIVATE TOUR PRICES IN EUROS						
Destination	SILVER PACKAGE			GOLD PACKAGE		
Room Type – Per Person In	Shared Triple	Shared Double	Single	Shared Triple	Shared Double	Single
1 Pax	€ 5.449,00	€ 5.515,00	€ 6.005,00	€ 5.475,00	€ 5.539,00	€ 6.065,00
2 Pax	€ 2.925,00	€ 2.985,00	€ 3.479,00	€ 2.945,00	€ 3.009,00	€ 3.535,00
3 - 4 Pax	€ 2.115,00	€ 2.175,00	€ 2.669,00	€ 2.139,00	€ 2.205,00	€ 2.729,00
5 - 7 Pax	€ 1.519,00	€ 1.585,00	€ 2.075,00	€ 1.545,00	€ 1.605,00	€ 2.135,00
8 - 10 Pax	€ 1.185,00	€ 1.245,00	€ 1.739,00	€ 1.205,00	€ 1.269,00	€ 1.795,00
11 - 14 Pax	€ 1.119,00	€ 1.179,00	€ 1.675,00	€ 1.139,00	€ 1.205,00	€ 1.729,00

15 - 19 Pax	€ 985,00	€ 1.045,00	€ 1.539,00	€ 1.005,00	€ 1.069,00	€ 1.595,00
20 - 24 Pax	€ 895,00	€ 955,00	€ 1.445,00	€ 915,00	€ 979,00	€ 1.505,00
25 - 29 Pax	€ 879,00	€ 939,00	€ 1.435,00	€ 899,00	€ 965,00	€ 1.489,00
30 - 34 Pax	€ 839,00	€ 899,00	€ 1.395,00	€ 859,00	€ 925,00	€ 1.455,00
35 - 40 Pax	€ 775,00	€ 835,00	€ 1.329,00	€ 795,00	€ 859,00	€ 1.385,00
Tour period	From 05.04.2020 to 31.03.2021			From 05.04.2020 to 31.03.2021		

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Destination	SILVER PACKAGE			GOLD PACKAGE		
Room Type – Per Person In	Shared Triple	Shared Double	Single	Shared Triple	Shared Double	Single
1 Pax	€ 5.625,00	€ 5.705,00	€ 6.375,00	€ 5.655,00	€ 5.739,00	€ 6.449,00
2 Pax	€ 3.095,00	€ 3.179,00	€ 3.845,00	€ 3.125,00	€ 3.215,00	€ 3.925,00
3 - 4 Pax	€ 2.289,00	€ 2.369,00	€ 3.035,00	€ 2.319,00	€ 2.405,00	€ 3.115,00
5 - 7 Pax	€ 1.695,00	€ 1.775,00	€ 2.445,00	€ 1.725,00	€ 1.809,00	€ 2.519,00
8 - 10 Pax	€ 1.355,00	€ 1.439,00	€ 2.105,00	€ 1.385,00	€ 1.475,00	€ 2.185,00
11 - 14 Pax	€ 1.289,00	€ 1.375,00	€ 2.039,00	€ 1.319,00	€ 1.405,00	€ 2.115,00
15 - 19 Pax	€ 1.155,00	€ 1.239,00	€ 1.905,00	€ 1.185,00	€ 1.275,00	€ 1.985,00
20 - 24 Pax	€ 1.065,00	€ 1.145,00	€ 1.815,00	€ 1.095,00	€ 1.179,00	€ 1.889,00
25 - 29 Pax	€ 1.055,00	€ 1.135,00	€ 1.799,00	€ 1.079,00	€ 1.169,00	€ 1.879,00
30 - 34 Pax	€ 1.015,00	€ 1.095,00	€ 1.759,00	€ 1.045,00	€ 1.129,00	€ 1.839,00
35 - 40 Pax	€ 949,00	€ 1.029,00	€ 1.695,00	€ 975,00	€ 1.065,00	€ 1.775,00
Tour period	From 01.04.2021 to 15.10.2021			From 01.04.2021 to 15.10.2021		

12 DAY EXPLORE TURKEY - ARMENIA - GEORGIA PRIVATE TOUR PRICES IN EUROS						
Destination	SILVER PACKAGE			GOLD PACKAGE		
Room Type – Per Person In	Shared Triple	Shared Double	Single	Shared Triple	Shared Double	Single
1 Pax	€ 5.549,00	€ 5.625,00	€ 6.215,00	€ 5.575,00	€ 5.655,00	€ 6.285,00
2 Pax	€ 3.025,00	€ 3.095,00	€ 3.685,00	€ 3.049,00	€ 3.125,00	€ 3.755,00
3 - 4 Pax	€ 2.215,00	€ 2.289,00	€ 2.879,00	€ 2.239,00	€ 2.319,00	€ 2.949,00
5 - 7 Pax	€ 1.619,00	€ 1.695,00	€ 2.285,00	€ 1.645,00	€ 1.725,00	€ 2.355,00
8 - 10 Pax	€ 1.285,00	€ 1.355,00	€ 1.949,00	€ 1.309,00	€ 1.385,00	€ 2.015,00
11 - 14 Pax	€ 1.215,00	€ 1.289,00	€ 1.885,00	€ 1.245,00	€ 1.319,00	€ 1.949,00
15 - 19 Pax	€ 1.085,00	€ 1.155,00	€ 1.749,00	€ 1.109,00	€ 1.185,00	€ 1.815,00
20 - 24 Pax	€ 989,00	€ 1.065,00	€ 1.655,00	€ 1.015,00	€ 1.095,00	€ 1.725,00
25 - 29 Pax	€ 979,00	€ 1.049,00	€ 1.645,00	€ 1.005,00	€ 1.085,00	€ 1.715,00
30 - 34 Pax	€ 939,00	€ 1.015,00	€ 1.605,00	€ 965,00	€ 1.045,00	€ 1.675,00
35 - 40 Pax	€ 875,00	€ 945,00	€ 1.539,00	€ 899,00	€ 975,00	€ 1.609,00
Tour period	From 16.10.2021 to 31.03.2022			From 16.10.2021 to 31.03.2022		

HOTEL LIST		
Destination	SILVER TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS or Similar Category	GOLDTOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS or Similar Category
Istanbul	Pullman Hotel or Ramada Golden Horn Hotel	The Marmara Pera Hotel
Yerevan	Grand Hotel Yerevan	Grand Hotel Yerevan

Sevan	Orsetto Hotel	Orsetto Hotel
Dilijan	Hotel Dilijan Resort	Hotel Dilijan Resort
Tbilisi	Wyndham Grand Hotel	Wyndham Grand Hotel
Gudauri	Gudauri Inn Hotel	Gudauri Inn Hotel
Kutaisi	Best Western Kutaisi Hotel	Best Western Kutaisi Hotel

**PS:** If This hotel list not available at the time of your booking then we will arrange similar other hotel for your group. If you prefer a Different category hotel, there might be an additional cost

#### **What are the discounts for children?**

Under 2 years of age, your child will travel free of charge by land. Flight ticket insurance cost will be 20 Euro only.

Children under 6 years of age charged at 50% of a full priced adult tour

Children 7-11 years of age charged at 75% of a full priced adult

Children above 11 years are full priced adult fare

#### **TRAVELSHOP TURKEY NEW TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

We would like to offer you our updated cancellation policies due to Corona Virus issue.

TravelShop Turkey and Murti's Tour; cares for the well-being of its guests and its partners very much.

As a company, we keep guests' satisfaction, health & wealth as our priority.

In order to pre-book your tours and benefit from your bookings until the last day, we have made some alterations to ease the process. Because of this process, you will save time, money, and no risk taken when you book to travel with us.

#### **BOOKING PAYMENT CONDITIONS:**

TravelShop Turkey and Murti's Tour; makes it easy to book the tours with an advanced payment of only 25% with the rest of 75% payable on arrival. You can cancel your new bookings anytime until **15 September, 2020** up to 2 working days prior to your departure. If you will prefer to make bank transfer for the remaining balance of 75%, you need to make sure that our side receives it by the tour start date. If through a credit card, you can always make the payment our online service only to be withdrawn by the tours start date.

#### **CANCELLATION PROCEDURES:**

TravelShop Turkey and Murti's Tour; will not apply any penalties to you if you cancel before 2 working days of tour departure date until **15 September 2020**, your deposit of 25% to be refunded. This way, our guests will be on the safe side and will not worry about penalties. In case that you have informed us of your arrival/departure flight details and received related confirmations for accommodation and tour programs, yet haven't showed up for the tour, 25% deposit to be non-refundable. With the exception of ready-made packages, if you require different accommodation venues like any international brand name hotels, your tours would fall under "customized/tailor-made tours" category and hotels' regulations to be applicable and announced within the itinerary. Our aim is not to charge guests' for a penalty and care for the benefit of the guests that we will comply from here on end.

#### **DOMESTIC FLIGHT PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS:**

As we strive to refund our guests fully, we have not included our domestic flights. Each domestic flight has its own set of regulations applicable. Therefore, to cover you and keep from no-show penalties, we will provide our tours without the calculation of domestic flights. Domestic flight price for adult travelers is approximately 50 Euro for 1 way and for under 2 years old, approximately 20 Euro per child as an insurance policy. When your booking ascertained, we will require flight ticket price in full. If cancelled, we will comply by Airline Company's cancellation policy. This way, we would be able to ease the process and provide a comfortable and worry-free travel.

#### **WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION**

We would like to underline one more time that our purpose is to cover you from any harm due to this

virus issue and help as best we can. You may direct this information to your guests with a comfort and the fact that no loss on their part that, this may help you to travel to Turkey as a popular destination that TravelShop Turkey caters for. TravelShop Turkey has over 1.000 tours in 30 different categories that you can book and purchase with a comfort and confidence as no cancellation fees deducted from you.

Please let us know in case of any further assistance required by yourselves that we are willing to help in every way that we can.

P.S. Besides from the Updated Terms & Conditions, Cancellation Procedures and Domestic Flights Regulations as listed above, all current terms and conditions on these itineraries still valid and applicable respectively.

## **TRAVEL SHOP TURKEY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

We would like to provide some valuable information for you to have a hassle-free holiday and enjoy your time with us to the fullest. Please check below our FAQ information that you may need during your travel.

### **DOMESTIC FLIGHTS:**

Many of our Tours include domestic flights. These flights have a limitation of 15 to 20 kg of luggage with 8 kg of in-cabin weight depending on the Airlines. Please abide by these in-flight regulations. You should be present at the Airport an hour prior to flight times. We reserve and book your flight Tickets a week before the travel dates with the names provided by yourselves. If there is a typo or a lettering mistake on the names, our company holds no responsibility of any inconvenience that may be experienced so it is best to have a copy of the passport provided to your representative.

### **COACH TRANSFER:**

Our vehicles differ in line with group sizes. Until 8 pax, we have Van, until 14 pax, we provide Sprinter, until 29 pax, we have midi buses and finally until to 45 pax, we have coaches available. Taking into consideration of guests luggages we make an arrangement as below:

Until 8-pax we will use Van: Maximum 5 persons.

Until 14-pax we will use Sprinter: Maximum 10 persons.

Until 29-pax we will use midi bus: Maximum 24 persons.

Until 45-pax we will use coach: Maximum 40 persons.

Our vehicles are fully equipped with A/C, refrigeration, clean, comfortable and brand new or latest models. For long bus rides, we will have regular breaks in rest points on highways for a quick coffee and food, rest room breaks and such necessities.

### **TOUR GUIDE:**

All of our Tours include professional and knowledgeable Tour Guides. Our guides have all the information that requested by yourself whether historically, culturally or locally with very good English spoken. Although Regular Tours will have an English Speaking guide, for private Tour Options, we will have multi-lingual Professional Tour guides available as you may need.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

We use mostly 4 star, 5 star or boutique hotels for your convenience and comfort. For example, in Istanbul and other regions we have 4-5 star hotel where for Cappadocia and such areas, we use classy cave resorts. On guaranteed tours, we declare the accommodation venues but it may differ for private ones within the same category, with good reviews.

### **MEALS:**

Dinners usually served in the hotels on half board category. Lunches will be served in restaurants on the destination route. Meals are mostly served as Set Menu or Open Buffet Style. If you have meal preferences or special diet requirements, please inform us beforehand for necessary arrangements during your tour confirmation.

## **MUSEUM:**

On our Tour Routes, we include all the “must see” museums and sightseeing venues in our itinerary. This service is included within the Tour price. Some museums have different operation days and times but we will have similar sites to fill in for them.

## **SHOPPING:**

Turkey is a great destination for shopping opportunities especially Turkish rugs/carpets, jewelry, leather, textile, ceramics and many other hand made artifacts. During the tours, we recommend some of the reliable and reasonable shopping venues to be visited. Our shopping stops are consisted of trustworthy, guaranteed vendors. Our guide will direct you to such stores during the tours. Our guide in regards to shopping matters while on the tour may inform you. Some of our shopping venues may apply group discount that you may want to take advantage.

## **TIPPING:**

It is not a -must- to tip on our tours. However, if you are satisfied with the services provided by driver and the guide, you may consider tipping them accordingly as 2 EUROS for the guide and 1 EURO for the driver. It is customary in Tourism industry in line with customer expectations and we inform our personnel to provide the best of our services whether or not tip is given.

## **OPTIONAL TOURS:**

Most of major sightseeing, museums included within the tour prices. However, some of the activities and excursions that are not favored everyone, are not included. Such as Hot-Air Ballooning, Paragliding, Dinner Cruise, Turkish Night Shows, Whirling Dervishes Ceremony and Turkish bath visits may be extra upon requests.

The prices for such exclusions are available on our website. We recommend that you book before the booking of your tour to make sure the availability. You may not find space for some of these activities on the last minute or once you have arrived.

## **AIRPORT TRANSFER SERVICES:**

We provide your airport transfers for arrival and returns. Please, provide us the flight details when purchasing the tour for proper arrangements with flight code, destination, date and arrival timing. Our airport officer will be present to welcome you after you pass the customs, luggage claim and greet you with a name board outside the gates.

## **SEASONS OF TURKEY**

**Winter Season:** Between the months of December, January, February as the weather is around 10 degrees Celsius.

**Spring:** Between the months of March, April and May as the weather is around 22 degrees Celsius.

**Summer:** June, July and August are summer time with approx. 30 degrees Celsius.

**Autumn:** September through November considered autumn with a national average of 20 degrees Celsius.

Have your attire accordingly and dress with proper clothing as per the guidance above.

## **THINGS TO BE CARED FOR AND BROUGHT ON YOU**

Turkey is a very modern Islamic country. You may just have fun and go around as in any European country when you are in Turkey. Only a few things to pay attention for such as entering into a Mosque with an alcoholic beverage in hand. Women should be carefully head-covered when in a holy environment. Rest is pretty much the same as in any western city. Bars, cafes and restaurants are open until late nights and people get entertained safely. We suggest for you have the items listed below.

- 1- Travel Insurance that covers health as well.
- 2- Globally recognized credit cards



- 3- Cash needed for small purchases where cards are not accepted. It is best to use an official exchange office for Turkish currency transactions.
- 4- Clothing in line with seasonal standards as indicated above.
- 5- Camera
- 6- Universal adaptor and charger equipment for electronical devices.
- 7- Comfortable trekking shoes for walking around as the tours most likely to have walking distances
- 8- International Telephone Communication checked
- 9- Have a copy of your flight ticket with you
- 10- Have a personal identification on you at all times

#### **THINGS TO BE CHECKED PRIOR THE TOUR;**

Please check the information below before your departure

- 1- International Flight Tickets
- 2- Tour itinerary
- 3- Confirmation received from us to include hotel reservations etc.
- 4- Domestic Flight Tickets if any (Please check your title/name spelling printed correctly)
- 5- Passport Validation Terms
- 6- Visa if needed (check before your trip for the dates on your visa)
- 7- If visa needed, please ask us for invitation letter to ease the visa application process
- 8- Flight details for on time Airport transfer services
- 9- Observe the luggage limitation by Airlines for domestic flights if any
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