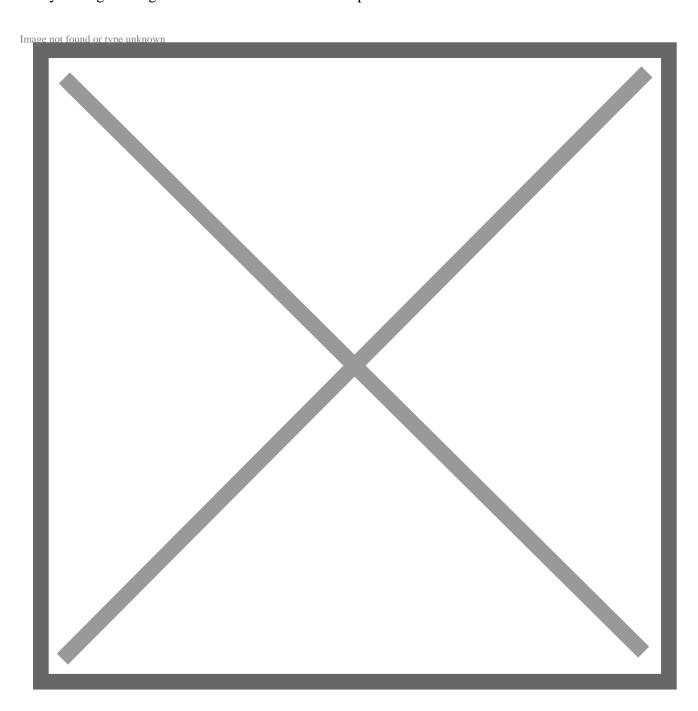


**Full Itinerary & Trip Details** 

# 13 Day Jewish Heritage Tour Turkey

Welcome to Turkeyl! This tour is designed perfectly for those who are true Jews in heart or for whom with great interest for Judaism and the temples/destinations from Istanbul to Cappadocia, Konya and Pamukkale, all the way to Aegean Region for a true Jewish themed experience.



### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: Istanbul - Arrival Day

Dinner Included Arrival in Istanbul and transfer from airport to the hotel. Check in to the hotel. After a break, welcome drink with a briefing about Turkey. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 2: Istanbul Synagogues Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included Morning visit to a Jewish neighborhood, Galata. You will see the Galata tower built by the Genoese in 1303. Visit the local synagogues, Neve Shalom and the Askenazy Synagogue. After lunch, visit the Hippodrome, a 3rd century site, where chariots raced during the Roman period. Visit the Blue Mosque, famous for its blue tiles and six minarets. Visit St. Sophia, a world heritage site built in the 6th century. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 3: Istanbul City Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included Visit the Topkapi Palace, its priceless collection of jewels and the Grand Spice Bazaar which is a unique atmosphere with reasonable prices for your shopping on many Exotic Spices and Herbs, Turkish Baklava, Turkish Delights, Turkish Coffee, nuts and fruits, small souvenirs such as Ceramic Handicrafts, Evil Eyes totems, all naturel olive oil, soaps and many other goods in Souvenir Shops and stores. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 4: Istanbul Jewish Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included Visit of the Balat neighborhood where you will see the star of David appearing on building facades. Visit the 15th Ahrida and the Yanbol synagogues. Visit the Jewish home for the elderly along the Golden Horn. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 5: Istanbul Jewish Shabbat Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included You may walk to the synagogue to attend morning Shabbat services and the rest of the day is at your disposal for leisure. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 6: Istanbul - Cappadocia

Breakfast and Dinner Included Transfer from Hotel to Istanbul airport. Morning flight to Kayseri and drive to Cappadocia to see the rock-cut churches and monasteries. Drive also to Pasabag and Zelve where you will enjoy the most unusual types of Fairy Chimneys and rock formations. After lunch visit the spectacular Cappadocian valleys and villages such as Uchisar, Goreme and Ortahisar. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

#### Day 7: Cappadocia Underground City Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included Drive to the underground city of Kaymakli. Visit this amazing complex with its fascinating tunnels, dwellings and storage rooms. After Kaymakli, drive to old Sinassos (Mustafapasa) which is famous for its unrivaled houses with painted facades. After lunch at Sinassos, drive to Avanos to see the pottery makers at work. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

#### Day 8: Konya - Pamukkale

Breakfast and Dinner Included Drive to Konya, ancient Seljuk capital, with its huge monastery complex and shrine of the mystic Mevlana, inspiration of the rite of whirling dervishes. After lunch, Drive to Pamukkale, with its strangely formed natural thermal baths and hot springs. Relax this afternoon in this natural spa. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

#### Day 9: Ephesus Ancient City Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included Spend a full Day exploring the jewel of Turkey 's ancient past, the ruins of Ephesus. Archaeological excavations begun in 1869 have uncovered well-preserved main streets, squares, temples, theaters and houses. Visit the Great Amphitheater, and stroll down the Marble Way to the magnificent Library of Celcus. Dinner and overnight in Izmir.

#### Day 10: Izmir Jewish Heritage Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included This morning visit the Senora Synagogue (when possible) and Havra Street in Izmir where Jewish immigrants settled in 1492. You'll continue on to Sardes, where you'll visit one of the important historical cities of western Anatolia, the capital of the Lydian State. Sardes has rich architectural works reflecting its magnificent past. You'll see the Temple of Artemis, the mint house where coins were made, the gold purifying center, shops, gymnasium and the synagogue which was once one of the largest in history, built first in the 4th century BC and rebuilt in the 3rd century AC to its present Day size after being destroyed by an earthquake. Dinner and overnight in Izmir.

#### Day 11: Izmir to Istanbul by Domestic Flight

Breakfast and Dinner Included Flight to Istanbul. Arrival in Istanbul and transfer to the hotel and dinner & overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 12: Istanbul Free Day

Breakfast and Dinner Included Free Day in Istanbul. The city is yours to stroll around. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 13: Istanbul - End of Tour

#### Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for your trip back home. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another TravelShop Turkey Tour. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- All Airport transfer mention in site the Itinerary
- 2 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- Guided Istanbul city tour
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Guided Pamukkale tour
- 5 dinners
- Guided Istanbul Jewish Tour
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation in Istanbul
- 12 breakfasts
- 1 nights hotel accommodation in Pamukkale
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking coach
- Professional English-speaking tour guides
- Guided Cappadocia Underground City Tour
- Hotel room taxes
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation in Izmir
- Guided Istanbul Synagogues Tour
- Guided Istanbul Jewish Shabbat Tour
- Guided Konya Mevlana Tour
- Guided Ephesus Ancient City Tour
- Izmir Jewish Heritage Tour

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Cappadocia
- City tax
- Tipping: Tips for guides and drivers
- Domestic flight from Izmir to Istanbul
- Please Note: Domestic flight price for adult travelers is approximately Euros: 50,00 for one way and for under 2 years old, approximately Euros: 20,00 as an insurance policy.

#### **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

7 May, 2020 - 31 March, 2022 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

SILVER TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS Pullman Hotel or Ramada Hotel Golden Horn Antique Cave House Hotel or 5 Star Suhan Hotel Pam Thermal Hotel Karaca Hotel GOLD TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS The Marmara Pera Hotel Cappadocia Cave Resort & Spa or Wyndham Hotel Kayseri or Gamirasu Cave Hotel Pam Thermal Hotel Wyndham Grand ?zmir Ozdilek Hotel