

## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 9 Day South Western Turkey Tour

Welcome to Turkey! Takes you from the moonscapes and cave civilizations of central Anatolia down to the Mediterranean Coast onto the Aegean. The great ancient cities of Perge, Aspendos and Ephesus are visited along with the natural wonder of the calcium terraces to Pamukkale.

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**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€0 €0

**DURATION**

9 days

**TOUR ID**

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## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Cappadocia - Arrival Day

Welcome to Cappadocia! Today is your arrival day. Transfers are available from Airport or Bus Station. Transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

### Day 2 : Cappadocia

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After the breakfast, we will visit Goreme Valley where we will examine the process of the rock formations of Cappadocia. Later, we drive a bit further and visit the cave dwellings in conical rock formations around Uchisar. Tea and coffee break in a cave house before we go to Goreme Open-Air Museum, where the best preserved frescoed rock cut churches and monasteries are located. After the lunch, we visit the Family Fairy Chimneys of Urgup. Wine taste in a local winery and visiting the wishing hill in Urgup.

A short walk in Devrent Valley where the rock formations look like different figures. The Monk's Valley will be our next stop where we see monk's cells in multi-capped Fairy Chimneys. Avanos, the pottery town of Cappadocia is visited, and after a short walk in Rose valley Cavetownwill take you to a remote place for sunset. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

### Day 3 : Cappadocia

Breakfast and Dinner Included

We will pick you up from your hotel and depart at 09.00 to drive to Ihlara Valley after breakfast. There, we will walk nearly 4 km and visit the frescoed churches before it gets hot.

Lunch is in Ihlara Valley, at bank of Melendiz River that flows through the valley. After lunch, we will visit Selime Cathedral and return back to Derinkuyu Underground City. On the way, we will visit the Nar Crater Lake. Whilst all other tour groups are at Ihlara Valley, we will be in an underground city where temperature is 12-13 C afternoon.

After we visit the biggest underground city of Cappadocis, we will drive to the Pigeons Valley to see pigeon houses which were made to collect guano in. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

### Day 4 : Cappadocia - Konya - Antalya

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Following the breakfast, today is along driving day but is broken up with a lunch break in Konya. This morning, we drive to Konya and see the imposing green-tiled Mausoleum of Mevlana, the mystic founder of the Islamic Sufi sect (Sufism is less an Islamic sect than a mystical way of approaching the Islamic faith. It has been defined as mystical Islamic belief and practice in which Muslims seek to find the truth of divine love and knowledge through direct personal experience of God. Whirling Dervishes). After the Konya Tour, departure for Antalya. Check in to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to discover Antalya. Dinner and overnight in Antalya.

## **Day 5 : Antalya City Tour - Aspendos & Perge**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast departure for Perge.

Perge: According to the geographer Strabon, Perge has been founded by Akhas who came down here after the Trojan wars. Perge was first mentioned in 334 BC when Alexander the Great passed through here. In the following years, Perge went under the control of Pergamon when the Kingdom of Pergamon became a part of the Roman city. Especially in the first and the second centuries BC, Perge became one of the richest towns in Pamphylia. Therefore it is not a surprising that St. Paul started his campaign in Anatolia from Perge in 46 AD. The people of Perge loved and respected their Artemis to such an extent that Christianity had to wait for another 400 years to enter here. In the Byzantine period, Perge was the seat of the bishop. Eventhough Arabs raided Perge in the 7th century AD, when Seljuk Turks settled the area, records show the existence of an older race living here. After the tour, departure for Aspendos. Lunch break on the way.

Aspendos: The eastern land of Antalya was called Pamphylia in ancient times. The Toros Daglari (Taurus Mountains) forms a beautiful back drop to the fertile coast, rich with fields of cotton and vegetables.

Aspendos (Belkis) lies 47 km east of Antalya in the Pamphylian plain. In 486 BC, Greeks and Persians had a great battle here (Greeks won they didn't stay for long). During the reign of he Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius (161-80 AD) Aspendos got its theatre, which is the best preserved of all. It was built by Romans and maintained by Byzantines and Seljuks. The ruins of the ancient city are extensive and include a stadium, an agora, and a basilica. After Aspendos Tour, we return to hotel for dinner. Overnight in Antalya.

## **Day 6 : Antalya - Pamukkale**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we depart for Pamukkale. We shall visit the calcium terraces of Pamukkale (cotton castle) and the ruins of Hierapolis, walking around this natural phenomenon gives you the option of lying in the waters of the natural springs that flow down the calcium terraces. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

## **Day 7 : Pamukkale - Kusadasi**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

You don't have to wake up early, enjoy the thermal poll in Hotel and sunshine and and explore the city, shop in the local markets. After lunch, we depart for Kusadasi. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to enjoy party and explore Kusadasi. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

## **Day 8 : Ephesus - Kusadasi**

### **Breakfast and Dinner Included**

At 08.30, we depart for Ephesus (20 minutes drive) - once the commercial centre of the ancient world - is a highlight of any visit to Turkey. The city, whose wealth and patronage supported its splendid architectural program was dedicated to the goddess Artemis. Her enormous temple, once considered one of the seven wonders of the Ancient World and rebuilt several times, dates in its latest form from the third century B.C. The tour of the ruins also includes a theatre, gymnasium, agora and baths, as well as the Library of Celsus. After lunch, we will make a shopping tour in which you will become aware of the ancient arts of Turkey like leather manufacturing and jewellery. As this will be a guided tour, you will avoid the constant nagging and sometimes bullying that is well known in the markets of Turkey. Enabling you to enjoy the shopping experience whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

## **Day 9 : Kusadasi - End of Tour**

### **Breakfast Included**

Today your tour is over. Please make your own arrangements for departure remembering that your hotel will need you to check out before midday. We hope you had a memorable tour 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**

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Guided Ephesus tour
- Guided Pamukkale tour
- 2 nights hotel in Kusadasi
- 1 nights hotel in Pamukkale
- Return airport transfer
- 2 nights hotel in Antalya
- Guided Konya tour
- 8 open buffet breakfasts
- 3 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- Guided Kusadasi tour
- Guided Antalya Aspendos & Perge
- Guided tour in Cappadocia
- 7 dinners
- Hotel room taxes (%8)

## **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 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.
- Domestic flight ticket from Izmir to Istanbul
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Cappadocia

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

16 October, 2019 - 31 March, 2022    Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

Silver Tour Package Hotel List Antique Cave House Hotel & Suhan Hotel 4 Star Best Western Khan Hotel 5 Star Pam Thermal Hotel 4 Star Comfort Ada Class Hotel & Palmin Hotel Gold Tour Package Hotel List Luxury Cappadocia Cave Resort and Spa & Wyndham Grand Kayseri Hotel 5 star Porto Bello Hotel ( All Inclusive) 5 Star Pam Thermal Hotel 5 Star Suhan 360 Hotel