

Full Itinerary & Trip Details

10 Day Turkey and Bulgaria Favorite Tour

Welcome to Turkey! First class service and guided transportation through the historical and picturesque sites of Istanbul including Sultanahmet Imperial Mosque, Istanbul's famous Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace and the Bosphorus then visit to Greece. There are hundreds of archaeological and historical sites to visit in Greece that gloriously depict the country's past. Its landscape is mainly mountainous and the terrain is not very fertile, except for some valleys scattered along the Greek mainland. Come and join us to enjoy your unforgettable holiday in Turkey and Bulgaria

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PRICE STARTING FROM

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DURATION

10 days

TOUR ID

282

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day

Welcome to Turkey Istanbul Airport. Meet with TravelShop Turkey staff. Transfer from Airport & check in to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour

Breakfast Included

We pick you up at 08.30 from your hotel for the daily tour of old Istanbul City, upon breakfast.

Visit to ST. SOPHIA This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time.

TOPKAPI PALACE The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed.

SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the **BLUE MOSQUE** because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles.

HIPPODROME Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine.

We will then take you to 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. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Free Evening and optional Istanbul Evening Shows or Bosphorus Dinner Cruise including traditional Turkish entertainment and dinner. Overnight in Istanbul.

Please Note: Hagia Sophia is closed on Mondays, Topkapi Palace closed on Tuesdays. If your tour is on one of these days, we would offer you to visit Underground Cistern instead of Hagia Sophia and Topkapi palace museum.

Day 3 : Istanbul to Gallipoli Tour

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After an early breakfast, at 06.30, we depart for Gallipoli to visit the battle fields. Two hours later, we will give you 20 minutes for relax in a restaurant area. We arrive Gallipoli around 12.00 and we have lunch break, relax a little bit and then depart for the battle fields. Visit Gabatepe Museum. Start visiting the fields with Ariburnu Cemetery and Anzac Cove because these are the places where the war had started. Then Beach Cemetery, Shrapnel Valley and Plugges Plateau. After the tour drive to your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Canakkale.

Day 4 : Troy Tour - Pergamon - Kusadasi

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we depart at 08.30 and drive 30 minutes to Troy. Visit the famous archeological and mythological site of Troy, home of the Trojan Horse and Helen of Troy. After Troy tour, 3 hour drive to Pergamon. Lunch break around 13.00 and after the lunch, we depart for tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamon. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political center at that times. Pergamon is a famous city for its jewelry, stones and silver. So on the way, we will visit a jewelry center for 30 minutes. Arrival to Kusadasi around 18.00. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

Day 5 : Kusadasi - Ephesus Tour - Turkish Village Sirince

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast at 08.30, we depart from hotel for fully guided tour of Ephesus, one of the best preserved ancient sites in the world en-route, visiting the Temple of Artemis, Curetes street, famous Roman baths, Celsus Library, Grand theatre and House of the Virgin Mary. Lunch break around 13.00. After the lunch, we will visit a place which continues to perform one of the oldest arts of Turkey; a carpet weaving center. After lunch we will have a Turkish Village Tour. Sirince's construction style today belongs to Anatolian Greeks. The houses on the slope are all original with their white paints. Sirince Village also has a fantastic reputation for making some of the best wines in Turkey - especially fruit wines. We will visit the vineyards and it is time to learn how to make fruit wine with Turkish wine makers. In the evening, you will be tested about your knowledge of making fruit wine. On the way, we will visit one of the famous leather production centers of the region, where you will have the opportunity to get a good factory rate. On this 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 6 : Kusadasi - Pamukkale Tour

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

At 08.30, after breakfast, we depart for Pamukkale. We will check at the hotel around 12.00 and we have a lunch break until 13.30. Afterwards, we shall visit the calcium terraces of Pamukkale (cotton castle) and the ruins of Hierapolis, then walk around this natural phenomenon and have the option of lying in the waters of the natural springs. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

Day 7 : Pamukkale - Denizli to Istanbul and Sofia

Breakfast Included

Today, after the breakfast, we depart for Denizli Airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul and then to Sofia. Upon arrival in Sofia, you will meet with our local representative at the airport and be transferred to your hotel. Once you settle in, you are free to stroll in the old Plaka district. Overnight in Sofia.

Day 8 : Rila Monastery - Virgin Church Tour

Breakfast Included

Departure for Rila Monastery - the most exquisite example of the monastery art and architecture in Bulgaria. Guided tour of the monastery complex. Visit to Nativity of the Virgin Church with its miracle icon of the Virgin and splendid gilded iconostasis, the old kitchen, the monastery museum where you can learn about the long and heroic history of the monastery, the woodcarved cross made for a period of twelve years by a monk called Rafael, Hrelyo's Tower and many spectacular views from the mountain and the surrounding nature. Tour duration - approx. 8 hours. Arrival in Plovdiv. Overnight in Plovdiv.

Day 9 : Old Town, Roman Ancient Theatre Tour and Hissarya Sightseeing Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, sightseeing tour in the Old Town including a visit to the Roman Ancient Theatre which was built in the 2nd century AD under the rule of the Roman Emperor Trajan and is nowadays considered to be

the largest surviving Roman construction in Bulgaria, visit to the Ethnographic Museum, Roman Stadium, St. Constantine and Helena Church, etc. Departure for Hissarya. Sightseeing tour including the Roman Fortress, the Tomb, etc.

The archaeological reserve Hissar Fortress is an excellent example of early fortification art and perhaps the best monument of this kind in Bulgaria. Visit of Starosel and walk around the latest excavations of the Thracian tombs at Starosel. The village is known for its abundance of ancient Thracian sites, with finds dating back to the 5-6 millennium BC. Drive to Sofia. Overnight in Sofia.

Day 10 : Boyana Church and National History Museum Tour

Breakfast Included

If the time permits, optional half day tour to Boyana Church and the National History Museum. Visit to the National History Museum. Most interesting are the collections of Thracian and Old Bulgarian gold and silver treasures, rich collection of icons, church plates and cloths, numismatics, manuscripts and early printed books, ethnographic exhibits. Visit to Boyana Church (included in the list of UNESCO), located at the foot of Vitosha Mountain in the suburb of Boyana. Tour duration - approx. 3 hours. Transfer to the airport for departure.

Includes

- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- 2 nights hotel in Istanbul
- Domestic flight from Denizli to Istanbul
- Guided Ephesus tour
- Guided Sirince village tour and wine tasting
- Guided Pamukkale tour
- 2 nights hotel in Kusadasi
- 1 nights hotel in Pamukkale
- Return airport transfer
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 1 night hotel in Canakkale
- Guided Gallipoli tour
- 4 local dinners
- Guided Acropolis of Pergamon tour
- Guided Troy tour
- 9 breakfasts
- Airport transfer to Denizli airport
- 4 lunches
- 2 Nights' accommodation in Sofia
- 1 Night accommodation in Plovdiv
- Guided Visit of Rila Monastery
- Guided Sightseeing tour of Sofia
- Departure transfer to Bulgarian Borders

- Guided Sightseeing Tour in the Old town of Plovdiv
- Guided Sightseeing Tour of Hissarya and Starosel

Excludes

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Country entry Visa
- Evening panoramic tour “Sofia by night” and dinner at a traditional restaurant with folklore music and dances
- Visit to Boyana Church and the National History Museum

Routes

Available On Dates

9 March, 2020 - 15 March, 2021 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday