

## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 14 Day Seven Wonders Of Turkey and Bulgaria Tour

Welcome to Turkey! If you are looking for something special and extraordinary then look no further. The best tour in Turkey including Istanbul, Kusadasi, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Antalya, Cappadocia and onto Bulgaria with Sofia, Plovdiv, Stara Zagora, Kazanlak, Etara, Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi. This an exquisite tour for you with all the bells and whistles. There are no long bus rides just domestic flights getting you to your destination comfortably and relaxed.



**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€0 €0

**DURATION**

14 days

**TOUR ID**

284

## 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 Izmir and Kusadasi**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we depart for Bosphorus Cruise Tour. Enjoy a magical Istanbul Bosphorus Boat Cruise starting at 08.30.

BOSPHORUS BY BOAT a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. Lunch break at the Turkish restaurant. After the lunch depart for Istanbul Ataturk airport for domestic flight to Izmir. Transfer from airport and check in to your hotel in Kusadasi. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

## **Day 4 : 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 5 : 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 6 : Pamukkale to Antalya**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we head for Antalya. It takes around 4 hours. Upon arrival, meet with our representative and proceed to hotel for check in. Rest of the day is yours. Dinner and overnight in Antalya

### **Day 7 : Antalya Aspendos and Perge Tour**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we will depart for Perge and Aspendos.

**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. In the first and the second centuries BC, Perge became one of the richest towns in Pamphylia. Therefore it is not a surprise that St. Paul started his campaign in Anatolia from Perge in 46 AD. After Perge, we will depart for Aspendos. Lunch break on the way.

**ASPENDOS:** The eastern land of Antalya was called Pamphylia in ancient times. 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 the 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. Dinner and overnight in Antalya.

### **Day 8 : Antalya to Cappadocia by Flight**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast, by 12.00 hours check out and free time until departure. Then, we depart for Antalya Airport for our domestic flight to Cappadocia. Transfer from Kayseri airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

### **Day 9 : Cappadocia Tour**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today, after breakfast, we will get to know the Cappadocia region, a volcanic area in which the geological formation started 10 million years ago. As a result of these formations phallic like pillars have come to life. The beautiful horse country Katpatuka, (as the Persians called her) is an unbelievable strip of land, enchanting and mysterious. Cappadocia region is also famous for its arts, including ceramic and carpets.

You will be picked up approximately 09.30 from your hotel to join our regular tour. Tour starts with Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses.

After Cavusin, you go to the restaurant in Avanos to have lunch. After lunch, you visit a pottery work shop, to see how to make potteries. Then, you go Pasabagi where you can see three - headed fairy chimneys. After Pasabagi, you visit another workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims.

Next stop is Devrent Valley which is also called Imagination Valley where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Then, you head to a wineshop in Urgup for wine tasting. Last stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy chimneys with their hats which are the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately 18.00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

## **Day 10 : Cappadocia to Istanbul and Sofia - Guided Sightseeing Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast you will have free time shopping in Cappadocia. Today, we depart for Kayseri airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul and then fly to Bulgaria Sofia. Arrive Sofia Airport and meet and greet with our office's English speaking representative who will transfer you to your Hotel. Guided sightseeing tour of Sofia including a visit to Alexander Nevski Cathedral - one of the largest Eastern Orthodox cathedrals in Europe, as well as one of Sofia's symbols and a primary tourist attraction; St. George Rotunda, St. Sophia Church, built by the Roman emperor Justinian in the 6th century, National Theatre, former Royal Palace, the Presidency, etc. Free time in the city center and main shopping area around Vitosha Boulevard. Optional evening panoramic tour "Sofia by night" and dinner at a traditional restaurant with folklore music and dances. Overnight in Sofia.

## **Day 11 : Plovdiv - Sightseeing Tour**

Breakfast Included

Departure for Plovdiv after breakfast. Sightseeing Tour of Plovdiv, including visit to the Old town - Ethnographic Museum, Roman Stadium, St. Constantine and Helena Church, etc. Visit to the Roman Theatre, which was build 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. Drive to the village of Bachkovo. Visit to Bachkovo Monastery which dates back to the 11th century and is one of the most important and well preserved Bulgarian monasteries.

The monastery is known and appreciated for the unique combination of Byzantine, Georgian and Bulgarian culture, united by the common faith. Upon request visit of Todoroff wine cellar in the village of Brestovitsa for a tour and wine-tasting. Drive back to Plovdiv. Overnight in Plovdiv.

## **Day 12 : Stara Zagora - Sightseeing Tour**

Breakfast Included

Departure for Stara Zagora upon breakfast. Sightseeing Tour in Stara Zagora – the Ancient Forum Augusta Trayana and the History Museum. Drive to Kazanlak. Visit to Kazanlak Thracian Tomb, which dates back to the 4th century BC and is included in the UNESCO World Heritage list. Its murals and paintings are Bulgaria's best preserved artistic masterpieces from the Hellenistic period. Departure for Veliko Tarnovo via Shipka Pass.

On the way stop for a visit of Etera open-air museum near the town of Gabrovo. The museum represents Bulgarian customs, culture and craftsmanship. The park features typical Bulgarian Revival houses and tourists are able to see how locals use original old instruments in crafts such as wood carving, pottery, coppersmith, needlework, etc. Arrival in Veliko Tarnovo in the evening. Overnight in Veliko Tarnovo.

## **Day 13 : Veliko Tarnovo - Sightseeing Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, Sightseeing Tour of Veliko Tarnovo - visit to the historical Tsarevets Hill, which served as a primary fortress of the capital town during the Second Bulgarian Kingdom. Drive to the village of Arbanassi, famous for its well preserved 17th and 18th century churches and the typical Revival architecture of its houses. Drive back to Veliko Tarnovo. Departure for Sofia. Overnight in Sofia.

## **Day 14 : Sofia Shopping Tour and Transfer**

Breakfast Included

If time permits - shopping tour in the city center. Transfer to the Airport and departure home . We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- Domestic flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul
- 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 Istanbul to Izmir
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus cruise
- 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
- 2 nights hotel in Antalya

- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 13 open buffet breakfasts
- Domestic flight from Antalya to Cappadocia
- Guided tour in Cappadocia
- 7 dinners
- Airport transfer to Denizli airport
- 4 lunches
- Guided Aspendos and Perge Tour Antalya
- 2 Nights' accommodation in Sofia
- 1 Night accommodation in Plovdiv
- Guided Sightseeing tour of Sofia
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Veliko Tarnovo
- Guided City Tour in Veliko Tarnovo
- Departure transfer to Bulgarian Borders
- Guided Sightseeing Tour in the Old town of Plovdiv
- Guided Sightseeing Tour of Stara Zagora
- Guided Visit of Bachkovo Monastery and Etara open-air museum

## **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 of Todoroff wine cellar in the village of Brestovitsa for a tour and wine-tasting.
- Optinal land excursion

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

10 March, 2020 - 15 March, 2021

Wednesday, Saturday