

Full Itinerary & Trip Details

15 Day Discover Turkey and Bulgaria Tour

Welcome to Turkey! First class service and guided transportation through the historical and picturesque sites of Istanbul and historical sites to visit in Sofia, Bulgaria that gloriously depict the country's past.

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PRICE STARTING FROM

DURATION

TOUR ID

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15 days

285

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day

Welcome to Turkey Istanbul Airport. Meet with our 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 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 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 - Denizli to Nevsehir / Kayseri airport and Cappadocia

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we depart for Denizli airport for our domestic flight to Cappadocia. Transfer from Kayseri airport to your Cave hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight in Cave Hotel in Cappadocia.

Day 7 : 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 8 : Cappadocia to Istanbul and Sofia

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. Overnight in Sofia.

Day 9 : Sofia City Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, visit to the National History Museum and the mediaeval Boyana Church included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. 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. Overnight in Sofia.

Day 10 : Rila Monastery

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, drive to Rila Monastery - the largest and the most famous Eastern Orthodox monastery in Bulgaria, built in the 10th century. Visit to the monastery Church Nativity of the Virgin. One of its greatest treasures is the wooden iconostasis, some 14th and 15th century icons, wall paintings, made by the famous artist Zahari Zograph. Walk around the monastery - Hrelyo's Tower, the old kitchen, the history museum. Drive back to Sofia. Upon request - evening panoramic tour "Sofia by night" and dinner at traditional restaurant with folklore music and dances. Overnight in Sofia.

Day 11 : Veliko Tarnovo

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, drive to Veliko Tarnovo. 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. In the evening (upon request) - audio-visual show "Tsarevets in Sounds and Lights". Overnight in Veliko Tarnovo.

Day 12 : Plovdiv

Breakfast Included

After breakfast departure for Plovdiv. On the way, visit to the ethnographic open-air museum Etar, representing the 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. Walk around the museum complex. Drive to the town of Kazanlak via Shipka Pass. 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. Visit to the Rose Museum or the Ethnographic complex. Drive to Plovdiv. Overnight in Plovdiv.

Day 13 : Sightseeing Tour of Plovdiv

Breakfast Included

Sightseeing tour of Plovdiv after breakfast including visit to the Old town - Ethnographic Museum, Roman Stadium, St. Constantine and Helena Church, etc. Visit to the Roman 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. 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. Drive back to Plovdiv. Overnight in Plovdiv.

Day 14 : Koprivshtitsa

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, drive to Koprivshtitsa for a guided tour of the town. Koprivshtitsa is a world famous folk festival center, representing the typical atmosphere and architectural style of the Bulgarian National Revival period of the 19th century. The town was one of the centers of the April Uprising in 1876 and it was here that the first shot against the Ottoman occupation was fired. Visit to some of the most beautiful museum-houses in Koprivshtitsa: Oslekov's House, which is nowadays an ethnographic museum; Dormition of the Virgin Church, built in 1817, Kableshekov's House, etc. Free time for a walk through the cozy cobbled streets of Koprivshtitsa and shopping. In the afternoon, drive to Sofia. Overnight in Sofia.

Day 15 : Shopping Tour / Transfer –End of the Tour

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

- 2 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 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 Cappadocia to 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
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 5 dinners
- 14 open buffet breakfasts
- Guided tour in Cappadocia
- Airport transfer to Denizli airport
- Domestic flight ticket from Denizli to Cappadocia
- Guided Visit of Rila Monastery
- Guided Sightseeing tour of Koprivshtitsa
- Guided Sightseeing tour of Sofia
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Veliko Tarnovo
- Guided City Tour in Veliko Tarnovo
- 3 lunch
- Guided Sightseeing Tour in the Old town of Plovdiv
- 4 nights' hotel accommodation in Sofia
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation in Plovdiv

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
- Tips and Personal expenses

Routes

Available On Dates

10 March, 2020 - 15 March, 2021

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday