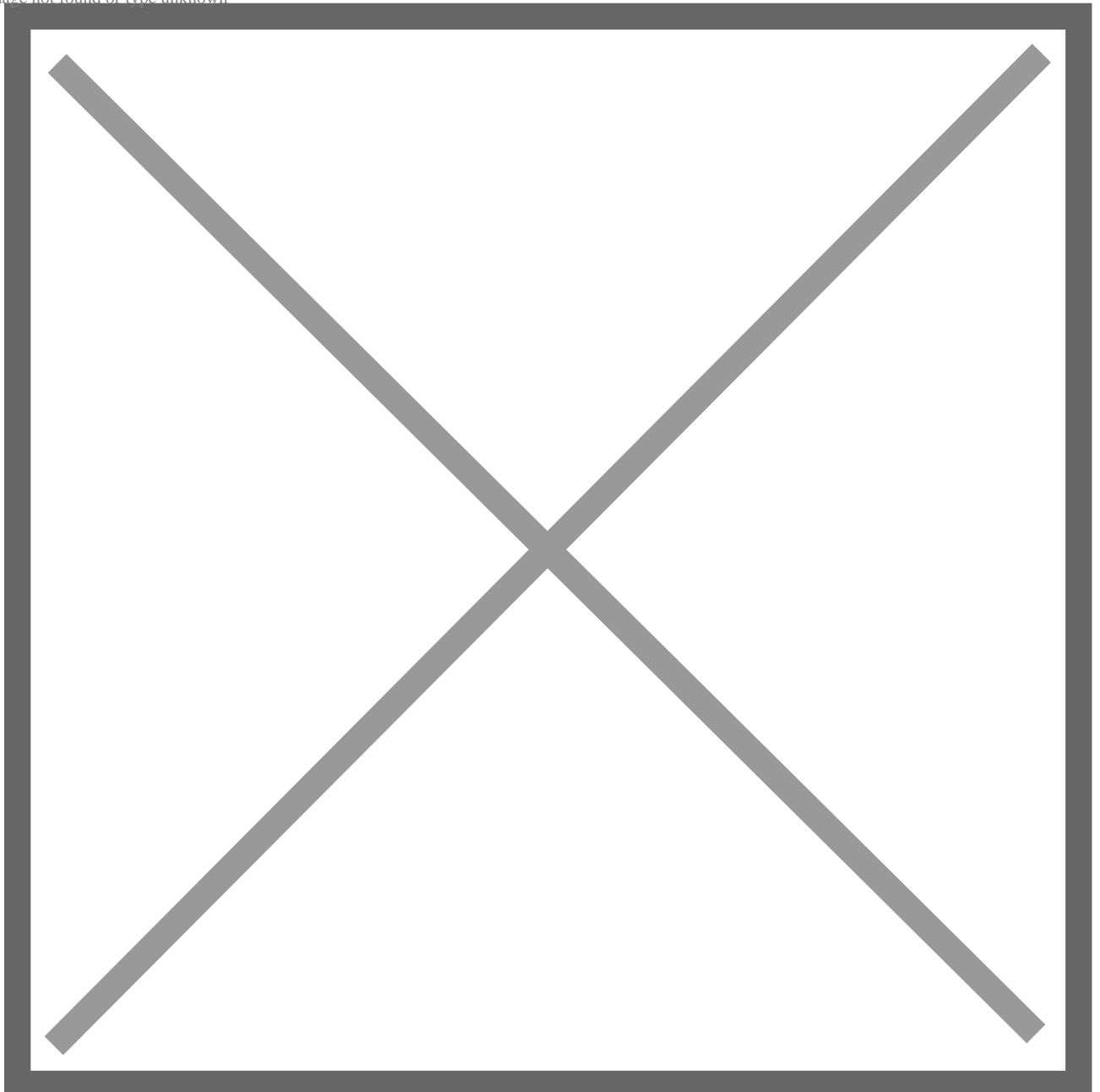


Full Itinerary & Trip Details

21 Day Ecotourism Tour

Welcome to Turkey! Experience the 4 corners of Turkey and the different cultures and peoples that make up this great and vast country, from the agricultural farmers in the north to the arid regions of the east, the historical sites of the south give depth and age to the local environment and the varied people that will entertain and accommodate you through this wonderful journey.

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PRICE STARTING FROM

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DURATION

21 days

TOUR ID

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ITINERARY

Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day

Dinner Included

Welcome to Turkey, arrival into Istanbul. Transfer from airport & check in to your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included

We depart at 09.00 for the Istanbul City Tour. We will begin with the ancient Hippodrome, which was 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 continue with Sultanahmet Mosque across from the St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet. It is also known as the Blue Mosque because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. We will then arrive at our last stop, which is the famous Hagia Sophia. This ancient basilica was built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, it is one of the architectural marvels of all time. After the tour you have the option to experience The Bosphorus Cruise. You will have the chance to enjoy magnificent views of Bosphorus, which connects Asia to Europe. The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy Istanbul. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul

Day 3 : Seven Lakes and Abant Lake Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Visiting 7 lakes which are found to be different height points from each other and at the same time connected with each other on foot. You find seven small lakes in a valley formed as the result of a landslide: Buyukgol (Big Lake), Seringol (Cool Lake), Deringol (Deep Lake), Nazligol (Elegant Lake), Kucukgol (Small Lake), Incegol (Thin Lake) and Sazligol (Reedy Lake). The lakes are on an area of 550 hectares, while the National Park they are located in is 2019 hectares. The area is among the best-known trekking places. There are only small bungalows belonging to the Forestry Ministry where visitors who want to linger can stay. Deer and trout production farms are also in the area. An entrance fee is paid according to the type of vehicle and the number of visitors. Tables, firepits and fountains are available for picnickers. Fishing is available in Yedigoller between April 1st and September 1st. We will then have some lunch and depart for Abant Lake. Abant is most probably the most famous lake in Turkey. It is 30 kilometers away from Bolu, and you can reach it from the crossing on the Ankara-Istanbul highway. The lake is at the end of a 22-kilometer drive. The seven-kilometer walk around the lake offers a great opportunity to enjoy the area. Those who don't wish to walk can ride horseback or complete the tour on a horse cart. Abant lake is surrounded with pine trees. The manner in which the lake was formed is a topic of discussion. Its deepest point is 45 meters. The countryside

is pleasantly different in each season. Water lilies embellish the surface in summer. It is also famous for its trout. Later, we will have free time for shopping at the bazaar in the village. Dinner and overnight near Abant in traditional village house.

Day 4 : Safranbolu

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast, We have a walk to the historical Safranbolu Bazaar. We then visit Cinci Hodja Caravanserai, Cici Hodja Bath, Kaymakamlar House (Museum), Izzet Mehmet Pashamosque and more. Continue to Kastamonu, we visit government house, Kaya tomb, Seyh Saban-i Veli Mausoleum, Nasrullah Seyh Mosque and more historical sites. Dinner and overnight in authentic wooden houses in Safranbolu.

Day 5 : Ilgarini Cave Pinarbasi

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Today we will depart for Ilgarini Cave, which is in the region of Pinarbasi (northwest of Kastamonu), it is one of the largest caves in Turkey. It is a wonderful place for trekking and exploration off the beaten path. The cave had been composed by two sections. The cave is an active one and the stalactite and stalagmite activity still continues. A chapel and a burial ground was found in this cave. Ilgarini Cave was chosen as the 4th biggest cave in the world. There is no roads to Ilgarini Cave so we will be trekking to the Cave so make sure you bring suitable footwear. Dinner and overnight in Pinarbasi.

Day 6 : Ilisu Waterfall & Varla Canyon

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast we will visit Ilisu Waterfall which is at Kure national Park, near Pinarbasi, which is in the town and district of the Kastamonu Province in the Black Sea region of Turkey. After lunch you can either relax in the surroundings of this beautiful natural Turkish village or you can take a walk to the Varla Canyon. The walk to the Canyon is about 4km. Dinner and overnight in Pinarbasi.

Day 7 : Comlekçiler Village Horse Riding

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast depart for Comlekçiler Koyu this village has fantastic horse riding facilities which you can do as an optional activity. Horse riding is not only for the advanced riders they have lessons and treks for beginners also. This village is rich in natural beauty. All meals are home made the farm produce all their own vegetables, butter and milk. If you are interested in doing a week's horse riding adventure then this can also be arranged. Dinner and overnight in Comlekçiler Village.

Day 8 : Halacoglu Valley Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast we depart for Halacoglu Valley. We will visit this valley by different methods of transport such as horses or tractors and a little bit of walking. This is one of the best valleys in this area. You can smell and breathe in the fresh mountain air. We will have a fantastic bbq lunch set in lush green surroundings. On the way you will get to see many farms and shepherds who still work in this area. You will see how friendly everyone is in this area. Dinner and overnight in Comlekçiler Village.

Day 9 : Kastamonu

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast we depart for Kastamonu. Kastamonu is a lovely city hidden in the midst of forests in Anatolia. The beauty of the 12th century Byzantine castle at the foot of the hill welcomes you. The 13th century Atabey Mosque and the Ibni Neccar Mosque are worth visiting. In the village of Kasaba you will have the opportunity to see one of the most elegant wood carvings of Turkey, on the Mahmut Bey Mosque. Have lunch in City and after lunch depart for Hattusa. Hattusas(Hattusa) was the capital of Hitites. Hititians were indo-german semi european people they arrived via black sea to north Anatolia at the beginning of 18th century BC. They met here with local people of Hatti. They had a big civilisation in Anatolia. They were also here during the bronze age. They ruled between 18th and 12th century BC. Also they used horse carts as their war vehicle which they used during the attack of Ramses the 2nd and they had a big war with the Egyptians and then they made a peace treaty which they wrote on the clay and had 2 women sign it. This was the first peace treaty in which women participated in. Dinner and overnight in Hattusa.

Day 10 : Hattusa Tour - Cappadocia

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After Breakfast at 08:30 am Visiting Yazilikaya which is the ruins of open air temple of Hitites where there are rock carving of Hitites god and Goddesses. And then we go to Hattusas, big temple and the city ruins including Gates of Lion and king. Visiting summer palace of Hitites. And driving to Alacahoyuk that was first capital of Hitites and Hatti civilisation. After Hattusa Tour depart for Cappadocia. The strange but beautiful formation of Cappadocia has had this appearance for millions of years. When the volcanoes in the region were active, the lava which poured out covered all previously formed hills and valleys forming a high plateau. It is estimated that there are more than 600 rock-cut churches in Cappadocia. Walls were covered with beautiful frescoes and they were also influenced by the Iconoclast period in the 8th and 9th Century. The underground cities in Cappadocia are unique too. No one knows when the underground cities of Cappadocia were built, perhaps in Hittite times or as late as the 6th Century. Another region worth visiting in the area is the famous Ihlara Valley. Ihlara Valley (Canyon) is a deep, narrow river gorge cut through the tuffa by the Melendiz River. The canyon runs for 20 km / 12 miles offering one of the most enjoyable trekking routes to those people who can spare the minimum of half a day. In the canyon there are about 60 churches, monasteries and cells of anchorites. There are also loads of activities available in Cappadocia: hot-air ballooning, horse and camel riding, trekking, the list goes on. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 11 : Cappadocia Tour by off-road Safari

Breakfast and Dinner Included

The full day Cappadocian Jeep Safari begins in the deeply set valley town of Urgup and will then drive through to the Uzengi River. The drive will take you through scenery that includes pigeon houses, the grape growing district and the near by wineries of Ortahisar. The jeep tour will then take passengers off the beaten track with a visit to the picturesque caves of the Red Valley. The jeep safari provides the perfect opportunity to take a rest and soak up the natural beauty of the Cappadocian scenery. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 12 : Cappadocia

Breakfast and Dinner Included

We'll pick you up in your hotel and depart at 09.00 o'clock to drive to Ihlara Valley. There, we'll walk nearly 4 km and visit the frescoed churches before it gets hot. Lunch is in Ihlara Valley, at bank of Melendiz River, which is flowing in the valley. After lunch, we'll visit Selime Cathedral and return back to Derinkuyu Underground City. On the way, we'll 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 Cappadocia, we'll drive to the Pigeons Valley to see pigeon houses, which were made to collect guano in. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 13 : Cappadocia - Konya Egirdir

Breakfast and Dinner Included

This morning we drive to Konya and see the imposing green-tiled Mausoleum of Mevlana & museum, the mystic founder of the Sufi sect (Whirling Dervishes). Stop in Egirdir on the southern tip of the most beautiful of the Pisidian lakes. Egirdir is a fine place to stop in the midst of your journey for two days of quiet rest and contemplation. Dinner and overnight in Egirdir.

Day 14 : Egirdir Free Day

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Egirdir is beautiful and shows another side of Turkey all together. Swimming, boating and hiking can fill a few days if you want to be active. You can also swim in the beautiful natural lake that lies at Egirdir. There are famous fish to be caught here that seem to have no bones The fish is extremely delicious dont miss out on the traditional meal of Balik "Fish " and the famous Turkish drink Raki. There are a number of small farms located in this area where you can see the workers using traditional methods of farming. You will be welcomed by all people in this region. Dinner and overnight in Egirdir.

Day 15 : Egirdir to Pamukkale

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast, at 08.30, 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 16 : Pamukkale - Ephesus

Breakfast and Dinner Included

At 0830 we depart for Ephesus (2. 5 Hour drive) - once the commercial centre of the ancient world - it 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 Sirince.

Day 17 : Tour of Village Sirince

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After breakfast at 08:30 we will depart for Sirince Village. Visit the beautiful village of Sirince and the ruins of 42 churches, the suggested birth place of the Virgin Mary. Sirince Village also has a fantastic reputation for making some of the best wines in Turkey - especially fruit wines. Sirince's construction style today belongs to Anatolian Greeks. The houses on the slope are all original with their white paint. There is a good view at the slope all buildings are still original with their white paint. There is also a good view at the entrance of the village and its streets are also so authentic and wonderful. Sirince is very popular for its building style, house, streets and apple wine made by the villagers. In 1922 the Anatolian Greeks immigrated back to Greece and Turks coming from Greece settled there. After the Sirince tour, we will visit Mount Ida, Turkish Kazdagi, with a meaning of Goose Mountain it is a mountain in northwestern Turkey, and lies southeast of the ruins of Troy, along the north coast of the Gulf of Edremit. The name, Mount Ida, is an ancient one. Dinner and overnight in Kazdagi Village houses.

Day 18 : Kazdaglari (Mount Ida)

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Situated in the West of the province of Balikesir, the Mount Ida of classical mythology retains something of its ancient magic in its delightful trails and waterfalls, its rural charm and scenic views. This mountain has the second best natural Oxygen levels in the world. Today it is a haven for climbers and trekkers. The mountain's healthy climate is also home to a range of arts and crafts, including some which date back to nomadic Turkish tribes. The steep and level tracks, asphalted lanes and gardens of Zeytinli afford the walker a constant permutation of surface and vista. In the Village of the Wooden Birds (Tahtakuslar Koyu), just a few kilometres from Akcay, stands Turkey's first private ethnographical museum and first village art gallery. The legends of the Kaz mountains are told here and the medicinal plants which grow on them can be purchased along with local handicrafts. A kilometre to the Southeast is Sarlak, with its commanding view of Camlibel and the Gulf. Its picnic area and tea garden, containing a pool in the shape of the Sea of Marmara, are an ideal place to gather breath. Mount Ida defined with various names in the Iliada Legend of Homeros have comprised many legends throughout the history with its natural-cultural assets and unique beauties. Besides it's an important attraction center considering the recreation and tourism activities. Dinner and overnight in Kazdagi Village houses.

Day 19 : Assos & Troy Tour

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Assos lies within the village of Behremkale. It is believed that Assos was founded by the people of Methymna in the 7th century B. C. a town on the island of Lesbos. Walls surround the Acropolis, built on a hill dominating both sea and land, about 3 km. in length. These walls were distinctively built at the time expressing different style and workmanship. Try the restaurants and the cafes in the village and also at the harbour. Enjoy the small cobbled beach next to the harbour, swim over the huge remnants of ancient harbour ruins, lying just under the surface of the gentle sea. or walk down the cobbled road to the harbour (iskele) and admire the mosaics of a partly excavated byzantine church, as well as the marvellous view on the Greek island of Lesbos and the gulf of Edremit. After lunch depart for Troy where you can explore the site of the legendary town, made famous by Homer and visit the Temple of Athena. Dinner and overnight in Eceabat.

Day 20 : Gallipoli Tour - Istanbul

Breakfast and Dinner Included

After the breakfast visit the sites that have made Gallipoli a landmark and the memorial for all those that fell during the Battle of Gallipoli during World War 1. Gallipoli also stands as the birth place for the foundation of Turkey as we know it today. The rise of Turkey's founder Ataturk as well as the friendships formed between several nations during the battle for the Dardanelles. After the Tour, we depart for Istanbul. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

Day 21 : Istanbul - End of Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast check out from the hotel. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. We make your return airport transfer services. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

Includes

- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Guided Abant Lake tour
- Guided Hattusa tour
- Guided Cappadocia Goreme Open Air Museum Tour
- 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 Sirince village tour and wine tasting

- Guided Pamukkale tour
- 1 nights hotel in Pamukkale
- Return airport transfer
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- Guided Gallipoli tour
- Guided Troy tour
- 3 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- 3 nights hotel in Istanbul
- Accommodation in 4 Star hotels, village houses, bungalows and boutique hotels
- 1 night hotel in Abant
- 1 night hotel in Safranbolu
- 2 nights hotel in Pinarpasi
- 2 nights hotel in Comlekçiler
- 1 night hotel in Hattusa
- 2 nights hotel in Egirdir
- 1 nights hotel in Sirince
- 2 nights hotel in Kazdaglari (Mount Ida)
- 1 night hotel in Eceabat
- 20 breakfasts
- 20 dinners
- Guided tour at Seven Lakes
- Guided tour in Safranbolu
- Guided tour in Ilgarini Cave
- Guided tour in Ilisu Waterfall
- Guided tour in Varla Canyon
- Guided tour in Pinarbasi
- Guided tour in Comlekçiler Village
- Guided tour in Halacoglu Valley
- Guided tour in Kastamonu
- Guided tour in Egirdir
- Guided tour in Kazdaglari (Mount Ida)
- Hotel room taxes

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
- Tipping: Tips for guides and drivers
- 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

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

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