

12d9n Amazing Turkey

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ISTANBUL / CANAKKALE / TROY /
PERGAMON / SELCUK / KUSADASI /
PAMUKKALE / KONYA / CAPPADOCIA
/ ANKARA / SAFRANBOLU



27 PLANNED MEALS

09 BREAKFASTS
09 LUNCHESES
09 DINNERS



START/END



NIGHT STAY



BY FLIGHT



BY COACH



DAY 1 SINGAPORE ✈️ ISTANBUL

Welcome to a unique experience!

- Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport for your flight to **Istanbul**.

DAY 2 ISTANBUL 🚌 CANAKKALE

- Arrival in Istanbul.
- Embark on a tour of **Sultanahmet district** (old historic Istanbul).
- Visit **Hippodrome**, the sporting and social centre of Byzantine life for over 1000 years; where chariot races, court ceremonies, coronations and parades took place. Tour the remains of Egyptian Obelisk, Serpentine Column, the Column of Constantine Porphyrogenitus and the Kaiser Wilhelm II Fountain.
- Visit **Basilica Cistern** (Yerebatan Sarayı), also known as the “Sunken Palace” which was constructed in 532AD. It is one of the hundreds of ancient cisterns hidden underneath the streets and houses of Istanbul. It has appeared in many movies like that of James Bond,

Jacky Chan and many more.

- **The Sultanahmet Mosque**, one of the largest religious complex and icon of Istanbul. It is also known as Blue Mosque because of the blue Iznik tiles used to decorate the walls of the interior.
- **St. Sophia Church Museum**, constructed by Emperor Justinian as a church in the 6th century, which was converted to a mosque in 1453 and subsequently into a museum by Ataturk. This architectural marvel is considered the 8th Wonder of the World.
- After lunch, cross the **Dardanelles** to **Canakkale** for the night.

🍽️ Local Lunch | Buffet Dinner

DAY 3 CANAKKALE 🚌 TROY 🚌 PERGAMON 🚌 KUSADASI

- Visit the ruins of ancient **Troy** (dated since 3000 BC). Before its discovery in 1863, people assumed that Homer’s Iliad was fiction, and that Troy never existed.
- Picture taking with the iconic **Trojan Horse**.



Ankara



Evil Eye

DAY 5 PAMUKKALE 🚗 KONYA 🚗 CAPPADOCIA

- Tour the **travertine** and enjoy dipping your feet in the thermal pools
- Visit the ancient Roman “spa city” – **Hierapolis**.
- Depart for Konya, the famous old capital city of the Seljuk Turks.
- Visit the **Mausoleum of Mevlana**, a great philosopher, poet and the father of the Mevlevi Order (Whirling Dervishes).
- Visit **Sultanhani**, a prime example of the Seljuk Turkish caravanserai.
- Continue to **Cappadocia** - “The Land of Beautiful Horses”, a region covered with volcanic lava that eroded over millions of years, sculpting it into one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world.

🍽️ Breakfast | Fish Lunch | Buffet Dinner

DAY 6 CAPPADOCIA

- Enjoy a full day’s tour of **Cappadocia**.
- **Goreme Valley**, a region created from erosion of volcanic rocks with the iconic “Fairy Chimney”.
- Visit **Goreme Open Air Museum**, a compound of rock cut churches since 6th century.
- Visit **Uchisar** (an old village) consisting small dwellings carved into huge rock.
- Picture stop and viewing of the **Uchisar Castle**.
- Picture stop at **Monks Valley** (Pasabag) and Honey Valley, one of the most picturesque spots of Cappadocia.
- Picture stop at **Imaginary Valley** (Devrent) to view more lunar landscape and rock formations.
- Visit **Avanos ceramic & pottery showroom**, a chance to learn the making of handmade ceramic arts.
- Enjoy a local specialty lunch – pottery kebab.
- Visit **Turkish carpet showroom**, a chance to witness the making of the famous Turkish carpets.

- Approximately 2 hours’ drive to **Bergama**.
- Ascend by **cable-car** to the site of **ancient Pergamum**, renowned in Hellenic and Roman times for its great library and as the medical centre where Galen laid the foundation for medical practice.
- Walking tour of the ruins of the **Acropolis**.
- Approximately 3 hours’ drive to the Aegean coastal town of **Kusadasi**.

🍽️ Breakfast | Local Lunch | Buffet Dinner

DAY 4 KUSADASI 🚗 SELCUK 🚗 PAMUKKALE

- This morning, visit a famous **leather showroom** where you have a chance to purchase some of Turkey’s finest leather products.
- Next, go on a walking tour of the marble city of **Ancient Ephesus**, one of largest and most outstanding archaeological site in existence.
- Visit the **House of Virgin Mary**, the final resting place of Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ.
- After lunch, continue our tour to **Pamukkale**, another major attraction of Turkey, well known for “**Cotton Castle**”, a cliff of travertine and pools formed by hot calcium laden waters that spring from the earth and cascade over the cliff.

🍽️ Breakfast | Local Lunch | Buffet Dinner

- Visit Cappadocia’s famous Turkish jeweller where you can admire the fine work of Turkish craftsmen.
- **Underground Cities** – these are amusing and mysterious underground settlements which have existed since the Bronze Age.
- After dinner, proceed to a cave restaurant for an exotic night of **Belly dancing and folklore**.

🍽️ Breakfast | Pottery Kebab Lunch | Chinese Dinner

DAY 7 CAPPADOCIA

- Free day at leisure to explore Cappadocia. There are a lot more to offer in Cappadocia than just beautiful landscape. You may wish to pick up some exciting and adventurous optional activities like the hot air balloon, jeep safari or quad biking off the beaten track?

Recommended Optional Tour: 1. Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Tour over Cappadocia
2. Off Road Jeep Safari Adventure

🍽️ Breakfast | Afternoon High Tea

DAY 8 CAPPADOCIA 🚗 ANKARA 🚗 SAFRANBOLU

- Approximately 4 hours’ drive to **Ankara**, the capital of Turkey.
- Picture stop at **Lake Tuz** – the second largest lake in Turkey.
- Visit **Ataturk Mausoleum** – the final resting place of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk “Father of modern Turkey”.
- Continue to another Turkey’s UNESCO Heritage town - **Safranbolu**. There are about 1008 monuments of historic interest rooted in this beautiful old town filled with “Ottoman” atmosphere.

🍽️ Breakfast | Chinese Lunch | Buffet Dinner

DAY 9 SAFRANBOLU 🚗 ISTANBUL

- Embark on a city tour of **Safranbolu**, take a walk up **Hidirlik Tepesi (Hill)**, where you can enjoy a panoramic view of the old town. Continue with walking tour through the old town; see Cinci Inn, Cinci Bath, Arasta Bazaar, Koprulu Mosque and The Sundial Clock, Old Government Building and Clock Tower.



Safranbolu

- Approximately 5 hours’ drive back to **Istanbul** where you will spend the next 2 nights.

- Enjoy dinner at the famous **Kumkapi Fish Market**.

🍽️ Breakfast | Local Lunch | Fish Dinner

DAY 10 ISTANBUL

- Enjoy a leisure cruise on the famous **Bosphorus River** that separates Asia and Europe continent.
- Visit **Topkapi Palace**, which was the main residence and administrative headquarters of the Ottoman Empire between the 15th and 19th centuries, until they built Dolmabahce Palace
- Shopping time at the 500 years old **Grand Bazaar**, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world, with 61 covered streets and over 4,000 shops. (Closed on Sunday and religious holidays)
- Some free time at **Taksim** area, the city’s most popular strolling, shopping and snacking street. You may explore the historic Beyoglu district or try catching a ride on the sleepy vintage tram

🍽️ Breakfast | Local Lunch | Chinese Dinner

DAY 11 ISTANBUL ✈️ SINGAPORE

- Morning free at your own leisure before transferring to airport for our onwards flight back home.

🍽️ Breakfast

DAY 12 ARRIVE SINGAPORE

We hope that you have had an enjoyable vacation with Dynasty Travel and look forward to bring you to your next holiday destination.

Note:

The sequence of the itinerary is subject to change without prior notice. During major conferences, fairs and festivals accommodation may be located outside the city or in an alternate city without prior notice.