

Cappadocia to the Cove 11 days



From Istanbul, head east to surreal Cappadocia, before visiting Roman ruins, thermal pools and trojan horses en route to ANZAC Cove. At Gallipoli pay your respects to the fallen ANZACs during the centenary year, and explore trenches, battlefields and memorials on an in-depth tour, plus enjoy a boat trip along the coast.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Istanbul / Ends in: Istanbul
- Departs: May to November
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:10, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 6
- Hotel Rating: 4 star & special Class
- Tour Guide: Yes, escorted by a tour guide

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



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Day 1:

Friday. Hos geldiniz and welcome to Turkey! Arrive Istanbul and airport arrival transfer to our hotel. Spend the remainder of the afternoon exploring this great Ottoman city on foot or simply relax and enjoy the hotel facilities. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)

Day 2:

Istanbul - breakfast. Officially founded by Emperor Constantine in AD326, Istanbul, formally known as Constantinople, remained capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires up until 1923. Its illustrious past leaves a rich legacy of churches, mosques, palaces and museums, complemented by the behemoth Grand Bazaar and colourful street life. Sultanahmet, the compact old city of Istanbul, is full of parks, gardens and stunning sights.

Today we enjoy a guided tour of the old city, with highlights including the Blue Mosque, famed for its stunning blue Iznik tiles and unique six minarets; the nearby ruinous Hippodrome which was once the scene of chariot races and political activities in Byzantine and later Ottoman times, and Hagia Sofia, constructed as a grand basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian, reigned as the grandest and biggest church in Christendom until the conquest of Constantinople in 1453 We also visit Topkapi Palace - residence of the sultans for almost four centuries and have time to shop in the Grand Bazaar. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)

Day 3:

Istanbul - Ankara - Cappadocia - breakfast. Today we make the long journey to Cappadocia, stopping en route in Ankara, the nation's capital to visit the Mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. This is the burial place of the national hero who founded the modern Republic of Turkey. After a picturesque trip along the Salt Lake, we arrive at the UNESCO-listed Cappadocia. Overnight - [Cappadocia](#)



Day 4:

Cappadocia - breakfast. There is an option to take an early morning hot air balloon flight over the lunar landscape today

before we tour the stunning Cappadocia region - an extraordinary national treasure. The utter improbability of the surreal landscapes has to be seen to be believed, where whole troglodyte villages, subterranean churches and fortresses have been hewn from the soft, porous, eerily eroded rock of Cappadocia. The crumbling legacy of persecuted Christians, trying to escape the Muslim onslaught in 1st -10th centuries AD by effectively heading underground, is one of Turkey's finest attractions.

A guided tour of the region includes the World Heritage listed site of the Göreme Valley to see stunning examples of rock-cut Byzantine churches and chapels, Kaymaki Underground City and Uchisar Castle. An optional Turkish dinner and folklore evening is available tonight. Overnight - [Cappadocia](#)

Day 5:

Cappadocia - Pamukkale - breakfast. Early morning departure for Pamukkale. En route we visit the a 13th century Seljukian Sultanhan Caravanserai and Konya, where we tour the monastery of the Mevlana whirling dervishes and the mausoleum of Mevlana Celeleddin Rumi. Overnight - [Pamukkale](#)



Day 6:

Pamukkale - Izmir - breakfast. After breakfast we tour the ancient town of Hierapolis with its magnificent Necropolis and paddle through the white calcium terraces of Pammukale. Travelling on to Selcuk we visit the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World before continuing on to Izmir on Turkey's Aegean Coast. Overnight - [Izmir](#)

Day 7:

Izmir - Ephesus - Sirince - Izmir - breakfast. Today we enjoy a guided tour of the legendary Roman ruins of Ephesus. Positively the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. Exemplifying the finesse of Roman urban life, we'll see the Great Theatre, Curetes Way, the Temple of Serapis, ancient public toilets and a public brothel.

From Ephesus we travel to the beautiful village of Sirince, where

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there's the opportunity to enjoy a spot of shopping at the markets and taste the delicious wines that the village is renowned for before returning to Izmir. Overnight - [Izmir](#)



Day 8:

Izmir - Pergamum - Cannakale - breakfast. Early this morning we visit the Roman ruins of Pergamum. Its impressive temples, library and medical facilities made it a renowned cultural and political centre of its time. We travel on to Troy where we enjoy a tour of the ruins and see a replica of the Trojan wooden horse. The legend of the lost city of Troy was brought alive by its rediscovery in 1863. Subsequent excavations revealed nine ancient cities, one on top of the other, dating back to 3000BC! Continuing our journey, we reach Cannakale, our base for the next two nights. Overnight - [Canakkale](#)

Day 9:

Istanbul – Gallipoli - breakfast. Crossing the Dardenelles today we visit the WWI battlefields and memorials of the Gallipoli Region, where we can pay our respects to the fallen ANZACs during this important centenary year. Once the site of fierce fighting, today Gallipoli is very picturesque, with its wooded landscape dotted with understated, yet beautifully maintained memorials to the war dead.

Our guided tour of the region includes the WWI open air museum, ANZAC Cove, where the soldiers first landed, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, Lone Pine Australian War Memorial and cemetery, and Chunuk Blair New Zealand War Memorial and cemetery. We'll also explore many of the fortified trenches amongst the scrub which are still clearly visible today. Later we enjoy a boat trip to the landing beaches with the opportunity for swimming and snorkelling. Overnight - [Canakkale](#)



Day 10:

Cannakale - Istanbul - breakfast. This morning we return to the peninsula to explore the Helles Region of Gallipoli, visiting S-Beach, V-Beach and W-Beach, as well as various monuments including the Turkish Monument, Helles (British) Monument, The Lancashire Landing Monument and Alcotepe Village. After our guided tour we travel back to Istanbul, arriving late afternoon. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)

Day 11:

Monday. Istanbul - breakfast. Our tour ends after breakfast and onward departure transfer to the airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - Sultanahmet/old city, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia, Topkapi Palace & Grand Bazaar
- Ankara - Ataturk's Mausoleum
- Cappadocia - Uchisar Castle, fairy chimneys and underground city
- Gallipoli Peninsula - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair, trenches, battlefields, boat trip of ANZAC Cove
- Pamukkale thermal pools and Roman Hierapolis
- Konya - Silk Road, Mevlana Whirling Dervish Museum
- Roman ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum
- Picturesque Greek village of Sirince
- Troy - Trojan horse & ruins
- Helles Region - British landing sites and memorials, S-beach, W-beach, V-Beach & Cemetery
- The WWI open air museum

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What's Included

- 10 breakfasts, 7 hotel dinners
- 10 nights 4 star and special class hotels
- Airport arrival and departure transfer - day 1 and departure transfer to Ataturk airport on day 11
- Guided sightseeing - Istanbul, Ankara, Konya, Cappadocia, Sirince, Pamukkale and Hierapolis, ruins of Ephesus, Pergamum, Gallipoli, Troy
- Boat trip to landing beaches at Gallipoli
- Wine tasting in Sirince
- Dardenelle ferry crossing
- Escorted by an English-speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

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Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
22 MAY - 01 JUN	USD \$2,599	USD \$999
19 JUN - 29 JUN	USD \$2,599	USD \$999
10 JUL - 20 JUL	USD \$2,599	USD \$999
14 AUG - 24 AUG	USD \$2,599	USD \$999
11 SEP - 21 SEP	USD \$2,599	USD \$999
09 OCT - 19 OCT	USD \$2,599	USD \$999
06 NOV - 16 NOV	USD \$2,599	USD \$999

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas.
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Entrance Fees: \$130-150 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$35-45 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Princes Islands - 1 day - USD \$179

Located in the Sea of Marmara off the coast of Istanbul, the Princes' Islands are a chain of nine islands offering a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of Turkey's largest city. There are no cars on the islands and the main mode of transportation is horse and cart or bicycle, giving the islands a wonderful nostalgic vibe. Buyukada is the largest island of the nine and one of the most attractive with two peaks and gingerbread-style villas lining the slopes.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,599

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.