

Turkey Discovered 14 Days



Discover Turkish treasures on a trip that packs in Ottoman Istanbul, ancient ruins, Gallipoli and the Aegean, fine Mediterranean beaches, whirling dervishes, stunning Cappadocia and UNESCO Listed Safranbolu. This is ultimate Turkey, in two amazing weeks!

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Istanbul / Ends in: Istanbul
- Departs: Saturdays - May to October
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 13, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 8
- Hotel Rating: 4 star and special class
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

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

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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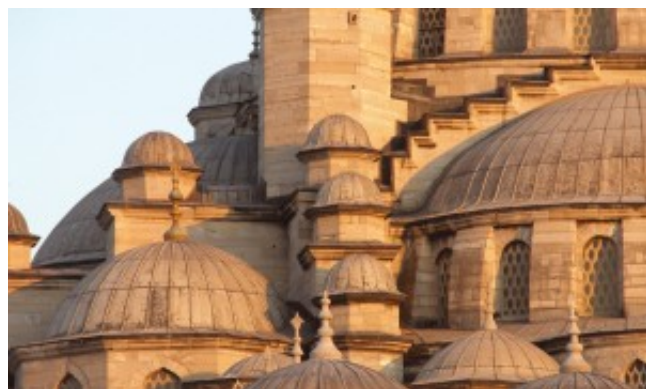
Day 1: Istanbul

Saturday. Welcome to Turkey! Arrive Istanbul airport and included transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the afternoon offers free time for you to relax or explore. This evening our tip filled welcome meeting takes place. A great opportunity to meet your tour guide and travelling companions before our exciting 14 day adventure gets under way. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)

Day 2: The Blue Mosque & Topkapi Palace

Istanbul is the only city in the world to span two continents resting on the shores of the Bosphorus - the strait of water that divides the continents of Europe and Asia. Its illustrious past leaves a rich legacy of churches, mosques, palaces and museums, complemented by the behemoth Grand Bazaar and colourful street life.

Today we embark on a classic guided tour of the city's highlights. Our first stop is Sultanahmet, the compact old city filled with parks, gardens and stunning sights. The Blue Mosque is famed for its blue Iznik tiles and unique 6 minarets. The Hagia Sofia, constructed in the 6th century, reigned as the grandest and biggest church in Christendom until the conquest of Constantinople in 1453, when it became a mosque. Just around the corner is the stunning Topkapi Palace where we spend time exploring the grounds and various museums contained within the Palace walls. Evening at leisure. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)



Day 3:

Istanbul – Gallipoli. Early this morning we travel to the WW1 battlefields of Gallipoli. Here, we'll embark upon a guided tour of the region, once the site of fierce fighting and today almost hauntingly beautiful, with its wooded landscape dotted with understated memorials to the war dead.

Our guided tour of the region will take in sights such as ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine Australian War Memorial and cemetery, Chunuk Bair New Zealand War Memorial and cemetery, the Nek, Johnston's Jolly and the many fortified trenches still clearly visible amongst the scrub after all these years. Roughly 3 feet deep, the

system of trenches provided much needed safe cover for troops as they desperately fought the enemy. We'll also visit the ANZAC Museum - a museum of modest proportions which exhibits period uniforms, weapons, copies of letters from servicemen and other poignant personal possessions.

Crossing the Dardenelles by ferry (offering panoramic views of the entire Gallipoli Peninsula) we proceed to our hotel for a little rest and relaxation, waterside. Overnight - [Canakkale](#)



Day 4:

Gallipoli – Kusadasi. At Troy (the inspiration for Homer's Iliad and much more recently the movie Troy) we visit the Trojan Horse and ruins. We enjoy a guided tour of the ancient city that dates back to 3000BC! En route to Kusadasi, we explore the ruins of Pergamum with its impressive temples, library and medical facilities which made it a famous cultural and political centre of its time. Overnight - [Kusadasi](#)



Day 5: Ancient Ephesus

Kusadasi - Sirince. Today, we enjoy a guided tour of the legendary Roman ruins of Ephesus. Positively the best preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, Ephesus, under the Romans, was a vast city with a population nearing 250,000 and became the Roman Capital of Asia Minor. It revelled in its prosperity from commerce and visiting pilgrims who came to see the great Temple

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of Artemis - one of the Seven Ancient Wonders. Exemplifying the finesse of Roman urban life, Ephesus boasts carefully restored elements including a Great Theatre, Curetes Way, the Temple of Serapis and the Library of Celsus. Stop by the ancient public toilets and public brothel!

Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and afterward we stop to watch a demonstration of how they are made before visiting the quaint Greek village of Sirince peached mountainside within a valley of vineyards and orchards. Overnight - [Kusadasi](#)



Day 6: Cotton Castles of Pamukkale

Kusadasi – Pamukkale – Marmaris. Meandering through the sweeping plains and endless cotton farms we arrive at the ruins of Roman Hieropolis and the hot springs of Pamakkule. Admire this surreal landscape created by frequent earthquakes in the fault depression of the Menderes river basin. Marvel at the crystalline marble, quartzites and stalagmites, which shimmer in the sunlight. There will be time to paddle our feet as you walk the terraces or opt for a dip in the thermal baths. Later we stop at a leather manufacturing house. Overnight - [Marmaris](#)



Day 7:

Marmaris - Greek Kayakoy - Fethiye. Arriving at the lakeside town of Koycegiz, we embark upon a boat cruise to turtle beach and smother ourselves in mud at the local mud bath. A stop is made en

route to explore the quaint Greek village of Kayakoy. Overnight - [Fethiye](#)

Day 8: Discover the Med

Today offers free time for your to independently explore the stunning Mediterranean coastline. Spend the day by the beach or shopping the markets of Fethiye or alternatively cruise the Med on a 12 island boat cruise. Overnight - [Fethiye](#)



Day 9: Saklikent Gorge

Fethiye - Antalya. Today we visit the stunningly beautiful Saklikent Gorge, Turkey's longest and deepest canyon, take a walk through nature, or just relax and watch the world go by from the fig tree-shaded wooden platforms that overlook the river. Weaving our way through the Taurus Mountains we arrive to Antalya visiting the Duden Waterfalls en route. Overnight - [Antalya](#)

Day 10: Whirling Dervishes

Antalya – Cappadocia. Early morning departure for Konya, en route we visit the ancient theatre of Aspendos and naturally beautiful Tinaztepe sink hole and cave. Arriving at Konya, we tour the monastery of the Mevlana whirling dervishes and the mausoleum of Mevlana Celeleddin Rumi. A further stop is made along the Silk Road at the Seljuk - a fine example of an ancient Silk Road caravanserai. Overnight - [Cappadocia](#)



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Day 11:

Today we tour the stunning Cappadocia region - an extraordinary national treasure. The utter improbability of the seemingly surreal landscapes have 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 Goreme 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 12: Safranbolu - Ottoman Royalty

Cappadocia – Ankara - Safranbolu. Opt for an early morning hot air balloon flight over lunar landscape. Via Ankara and the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk we arrive at the World Heritage Listed town of Safranbolu. The town boasts many graceful Ottoman homes, once the residences of royalty and artisan work shops crafting traditional Turkish wares. Tonight we stay in an Ottoman mansion home. Overnight - [Safranbolu](#)

Day 13: The Grand Bazaar

Safranbolu - Istanbul. This morning we embark on a walking tour of the old town before returning to Istanbul with an afternoon visit to the Grand Bazaar. The remainder of the afternoon and evening offers free time. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)



Day 14: Istanbul

Friday. We say goodbye to our new friends, our tour concludes 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 - old City, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia, Topkapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar
- Gallipoli Peninsular - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair memorials, Galipolli Museum, trenches and battlefields
- Troy - Trojan horse and ancient ruins
- Aegean coast and islands
- Roman ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum
- Pamukkale thermal pools and Roman Hierapolis
- Carpet weaving demonstration and leather showroom
- Fethiye and Koycegiz - lake, turtle beach & mud baths
- Greek villages of Sirince and Kayakoy
- Marmaris, Saklikent Gorge, Antalya and the ancient theatre of Aspendos
- Konya - Silk Road, ancient caravanserais and Mevlana Whirling Dervish Museum
- Ankara - Ataturk's Mausoleum
- Cappadocia - Uchisar Castle, fairy chimneys and underground city
- Safranbolu - UNESCO World Heritage Listed town, Ottoman architecture and artisans

What's Included

- 13 breakfasts and 8 dinners
- 12 nights 4 star hotels and special class hotels, 1 night Otoman Mansion home - Safranbolu

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- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 14
- Guided sightseeing - Istanbul, Gallipoli, Troy, Ruins of Ephesus, Pergamum, Sirince, Pamukkale, Hierapolis, Koycegiz, Kayakoy, Marmaris, Antalya, Konya, Cappadocia and Safranbolu
- Koycegiz lake cruise and mud baths
- Wine tasting in Sirince
- Saklikent Gorge - canyon walk and tubing (optional)
- Ferry crossing of the Dardenelles
- Escorted by an English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private, modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tip for your tour guide and driver. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller as a tip for your guide and \$2 USD per day for your driver. Tipping your guide and driver is an entirely personal gesture.
- International flights and visa
- Entrance Fees: \$160 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$40 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.

Oil Wrestling Championships - July 2012 - USD \$249

Every year since 1640 Turkey's best wrestlers, men and boys, gather and lather up for the oldest wrestling contest in the world. Competitors pair off, grappling and struggling to gain a grip on their opponent. Tactical moves include a hand down the side of the pants trick and the common schoolboy 'wedgie' (grab, lift, flip and throw) to pin ones opponent to the ground! The winner goes on to fight another winner, and so on, until there is only one wrestler left standing.

Join us at the Kirkpinar Oil Wrestling Championships on Saturday 07 July 2012, perfectly timed with the commencement of our Aegean Explorer, Istanbul to the Med, Turkey Unplugged, Turkey & Tutankhamen and Turkey Discovered tours starting on this date.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,899

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, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
26 MAY - 08 JUN	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
02 JUN - 15 JUN	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
09 JUN - 22 JUN	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
16 JUN - 29 JUN	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
23 JUN - 06 JUL	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
30 JUN - 13 JUL	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
07 JUL - 20 JUL	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
14 JUL - 27 JUL	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
21 JUL - 03 AUG	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
28 JUL - 10 AUG	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
04 AUG - 17 AUG	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
11 AUG - 24 AUG	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
18 AUG - 31 AUG	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
25 AUG - 07 SEP	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
01 SEP - 14 SEP	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
08 SEP - 21 SEP	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
15 SEP - 28 SEP	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
22 SEP - 05 OCT	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
29 SEP - 12 OCT	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
06 OCT - 19 OCT	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
13 OCT - 26 OCT	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
20 OCT - 02 NOV	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
27 OCT - 09 NOV	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
10 NOV - 23 NOV	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
08 DEC - 21 DEC	USD \$1,899	USD \$979

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
12 JAN - 25 JAN	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
16 FEB - 01 MAR	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
16 MAR - 29 MAR	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
06 APR - 19 APR	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
27 APR - 10 MAY	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
04 MAY - 17 MAY	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
11 MAY - 24 MAY	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
18 MAY - 31 MAY	USD \$1,899	USD \$979

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25 MAY - 07 JUN	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
01 JUN - 14 JUN	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
08 JUN - 21 JUN	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
15 JUN - 28 JUN	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
22 JUN - 05 JUL	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
29 JUN - 12 JUL	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
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13 JUL - 26 JUL	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
20 JUL - 02 AUG	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
27 JUL - 09 AUG	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
03 AUG - 16 AUG	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
10 AUG - 23 AUG	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
17 AUG - 30 AUG	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
24 AUG - 06 SEP	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
31 AUG - 13 SEP	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
07 SEP - 20 SEP	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
14 SEP - 27 SEP	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
21 SEP - 04 OCT	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
28 SEP - 11 OCT	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
05 OCT - 18 OCT	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
12 OCT - 25 OCT	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
19 OCT - 01 NOV	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
26 OCT - 08 NOV	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
09 NOV - 22 NOV	USD \$1,899	USD \$979
07 DEC - 20 DEC	USD \$1,899	USD \$979

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
4 star Pre-Tour Accommodation	USD \$109	USD \$50
4 star Post-Tour Accommodation	USD \$109	USD \$50

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

It was another great trip and once again we were kept 'On the Go' the whole time! The tour guide Fahre was fantastic and very helpful and professional. He always went the extra mile for us. Regards

[Geoff Worsdell and Family, Oct 2011](#)

Dear On The Go Team, First of all, I would like to thank you for the amazing experience that Turkey Discovered was. Thanks to you, I could see many beautiful places at an affordable price. The trip was an unforgettable experience due to the fact that you managed to combine a varied array of must-see places. I also met some lovely people in the group. The guide and driver (Koray and Vedat) were two nice and helpful persons without whom this adventure would not have been the same. Both did a great job with a sense of humour. I admired the region of Cappadocia with its original tuff formations and all the other places that were included in the tour. I loved the fact that you managed to combine cities with so many naturally beautiful places like lakes, rivers, caves and the abovementioned Fairy Chimneys (I only wish I had seen the ones with 'caps', and my boyfriend wishes the free day had been in Marmaris or Antalya as there was an aquapark there - you can't satisfy everyone;D). The hotels that were booked for the trip were top-notch, and the food was nice. I loved the Tourist Hotel that we stayed in in Cappadocia; I think this choice was ideal considering the lovely views of Cappadocia it offered. Overall, I totally enjoyed the tour and do not regret anything. I took over 2000 pictures and I am still left with over 1700 after careful deletion of the unwanted ones - this is testimony in itself. Last but not least, I have compared my itinerary with the one of my sister's who went on a similar tour with another company a couple of months before me. I must say that the selection of places was way more interesting with On The Go, and the hotels were of better quality at the same tour price. You win! Anna

[Miss Anna Zygmunt, Sep 2011](#)

Hi Kelly I had a fantastic time, Turkey is truly an amazing destination & I'd recommend On the Go to go there with. Metin, our tour guide was fantastic & our driver was great too. Thanks for a smooth trip, I would do it again in a flash.

[Jeanette Scott, Aug 2011](#)

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[Geoff Worsdell , Aug 2011](#)

We had a fantastic holiday. The Turkey Discovered tour was excellent. Our highlight was ballooning over Cappadocia, Saklikent Gorge and Ephesus. We saw so much. Our tour guide was very organised, friendly and had an amazing knowledge of Turkey's history, an absolute asset to On The Go tours. Even the guy who drove us to and from the airport was friendly and so welcoming. We would definitely go back. Thanks again.

[Alison Pernek, Aug 2011](#)



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Very informative tour. My questions were always answered - and I asked a lot of them! I learned so much about Turkey, looking forward to coming back.

Penny Frederiksen , Jul 2011

Thanks to 'On the Go' for a fabulous tour in Turkey. Turkey was such a wonderful surprise, with so much history and amazing sites. Our guide provided us with excellent commentary throughout the tour, and flying over majestic Cappadocia in a hot air balloon was a highlight!

Ms Elizabeth Kerr, Jun 2011

We had a phenomenal guide. Very friendly, kind and always helpful. He answered endless questions with patience and took us to fabulous local places for lunch (a big highlight!) and local tea houses. Thanks for a wonderful trip and making our time in Turkey so memorable!

Belinda , Jul 2010
