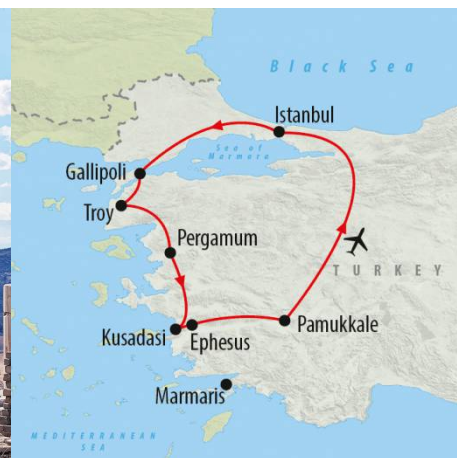


Aegean Explorer

7 Days | Starts/Ends: Istanbul



Kicking off in the powerhouse of the Ottoman empire - Istanbul, pay your respects at Gallipoli, get lost in the impressive Roman ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum, witness the beautiful Aegean Coast and dip your toes in Pamukkale's beautiful cascading mineral pools.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - old city, Istanbul, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia, Basilica Underground Cistern and Topkapi Palace
- Gallipoli Peninsular - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair memorials, trenches and battlefields
- Troy - ancient ruins, 9 cities, one on top of the other, dating back to 3000 BC & replica Trojan horse
- Aegean Coast
- Roman ruins of Pergamum and Ephesus
- Pamukkale thermal pools and Roman Hierapolis
- Turkish carpet weaving and leather manufacturing houses

What's Included

- 5 breakfasts
- 6 nights 4 star hotels
- Flight from Denizli (Pamukkale) to Istanbul

- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Guided sightseeing - Istanbul, Gallipoli, Troy, Ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum, Pamukkale terraces and Hierapolis
- Escorted by an English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide
- All relevant transfers and transportation (excl overnight bus) in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$40pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$85-95pp, paid in local currency
- Tip for your tour guide and driver. We recommend you allow USD\$5 - 7 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

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Istanbul

Saturday. Welcome to Turkey! Arrive Istanbul and included transfer to our hotel. Spend the afternoon at leisure or head out to explore the city. This evening our tip filled welcome meeting takes place. **Overnight - Istanbul**

Day 2 : Istanbul



Istanbul. This morning we enjoy a guided tour of Istanbul's old city. Our tour includes visits to the stunning Blue Mosque famed for its blue Iznik tiles and unique 6 minarets, the ruinous Hippodrome – now a small park of sorts and once scene of chariot races and political activities in Byzantine times, Hagia Sofia Museum - constructed as a Basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian, Topkapi Palace and the Underground Cistern – an ancient underground water tank - replete with carved and fluted Corinthian columns and a puzzling head of Medusa. Visitors walk on walkways suspended above the shallow water. It's very cool and peaceful. **Overnight - Istanbul (B)**

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Day 3 : Gallipoli



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 Blair 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.

Crossing the Dardenelles by ferry (offering panoramic views of the entire Gallipoli Peninsular) we proceed to our hotel for a little rest and relaxation. **Overnight - Canakkale (B)**

Day 4 : Troy & Kusadasi

Gallipoli – Kusadasi. Heading south, we enjoy a guided tour of Homer's Troy, famed for the Trojan wooden horse and fabled Helen. Continuing to ancient Pergamum - the cultural and political capital of its time, before continuing onto coastal Kusadasi. Make the most of the hotel facilities this evening. **Overnight - Kusadasi (B)**

Day 5 : Ancient Ephesus



Today, we enjoy a guided tour at the legendary Roman ruins of Ephesus. Positively

the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, and among the best places in the world to get a feel for what Roman life must have been like. Ephesus, under the Romans was a vast city with a population nearing 250,000. It became the Roman capital of Asia Minor. We'll have plenty of time to tour the marble ruins of Ephesus. Be sure to see the famous Library of Celsus, the gymnasium of Vedius and Stadium, the great theatre and stroll the streets in the ruins of this large Roman ruined city. It's completely fascinating. We'll see public toilets, a brothel, fountains and various temples. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and afterward we stop to watch a demonstration of how they are made.

Overnight - Kusadasi (B)

Day 6 : Pamukkale

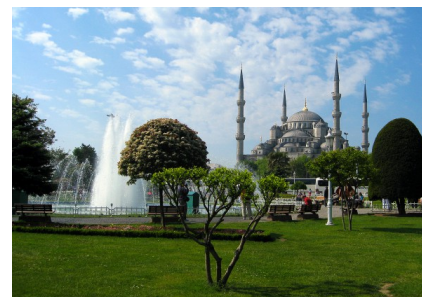


Kusadasi - Pamukkale. Today, after breakfast, we drive to Pamukkale visiting the region's famed calcium rich terraced pools. Known locally as the Cotton Castles, they are a natural phenomena and gift of Mother Nature.

Pamukkale was formed when warm, calcium rich mineral water cascaded over the cliff edge, cooling and depositing in the process. The calcium built natural shelves and pools on the cliffs, known as travertines. Today, some of the pools are closed. However, areas of the travertines can be walked upon, albeit in bare feet. We can however opt to enjoy a unique and very pleasant dip in the warm waters at the Pamukkale Thermal, with its submerged fragments of fluted marble columns in the centre of the ruined spa town of Hierapolis, which was a was a cure centre founded around 190 BC by the Romans. This evening we have some free time to relax and unwind.

Overnight - Pamukkale (B)

Day 7 : Istanbul



Friday. This morning we make our way to Denizli airport for our flight to Istanbul. On arrival to Istanbul Airport we bid farewell to our group and representative and catch our onward flights.

Note: Please note your internal flight is currently arriving into the new Istanbul Airport airport at approx. 08:50am. Please ensure you book an international flight departing Istanbul after 1pm, allowing for flight delays. If you are departing via Sabiha airport you will need to make arrangements between airports and we recommend booking flights after 2:30pm. Alternatively, you could choose to extend your stay by purchasing an additional night's hotel accommodation.

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Ramada Old City

A member of the reputable Ramada chain, the Istanbul Old Town property is modern and comfortable with excellent amenities. Guestrooms are bright and spacious with contemporary amenities. Two restaurants are on offer and our personal favourite is the wonderful roof top restaurant, serving delicious local cuisine coupled with a magnificent view of the City and Sea. The perfect way to end the day. Located very close to the Historical part of the city with major Monuments are all walking distance.

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Tusan Hotel

The family run Tusan Hotel offers modern facilities in a tranquil setting. Rooms are comfortable and well equipped and offer guests beautiful forest or sea views. The hotel benefits from a private beach and an indoor and outdoor restaurant. A refreshing pint of beer in the English Pub whilst challenging the bar staff to a game of pool is a great way to spend the evening. This accommodation sits within a beautiful pine forest looking across the Dardanelles with a private beach exclusively for guests.



Marina Hotel

Marina hotel is a modern hotel with a sea view and balcony from nearly every spacious room. It has recently been renovated and features an indoor and outdoor pool and you may also use the facilities and beach of 5-Star Pine Bay.



Own arrangements

PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. 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.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
15 Jun	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
29 Jun	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
13 Jul	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
27 Jul	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
10 Aug	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
17 Aug	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
24 Aug	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
07 Sep	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
21 Sep	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
05 Oct	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
12 Oct	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
19 Oct	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
02 Nov	GBP 895	GBP 1,175
30 Nov	GBP 895	GBP 1,175
28 Dec	GBP 995	GBP 1,275

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
11 Jan	GBP 745	GBP 745
15 Feb	GBP 745	GBP 745
29 Feb	GBP 745	GBP 745
14 Mar	GBP 895	GBP 895
28 Mar	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
04 Apr	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
11 Apr	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
02 May	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
23 May	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
13 Jun	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
27 Jun	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
11 Jul	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
18 Jul	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
25 Jul	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
01 Aug	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
08 Aug	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
15 Aug	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
22 Aug	GBP 995	GBP 1,275

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Date	Twin Share	Single
05 Sep	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
19 Sep	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
26 Sep	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
03 Oct	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
10 Oct	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
17 Oct	GBP 995	GBP 1,275
31 Oct	GBP 995	GBP 995
21 Nov	GBP 895	GBP 1,175
05 Dec	GBP 895	GBP 895
26 Dec	GBP 995	GBP 1,275

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
09 Jan	GBP 745	GBP 1,025
13 Feb	GBP 745	GBP 1,025
27 Feb	GBP 745	GBP 1,025

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