

Itinerary

Route: 7-Day Tour in Turkey

Countries: Türkiye

Departure:

📍 D1 Istanbul Departure: 08:30 Meeting Point: Extra night hotel before the tour (please refer to the notice for specific hotel information)

End:

📍 D7 Istanbul Estimated Arrival: 20:00 Drop Off: Istanbul Airport IST

Accommodation: Local five-star hotel or special cave hotel

Guide: Chinese tour guide

Itinerary: Istanbul - Bursa - Cesme - Izmir - Ephesus - Pamukkale - Sultanhana - Cappadocia - Ankara - Istanbul



Day 1 Istanbul 🚌 Bursa



Tour Overview

Gather at 8:30 in the morning, and the tour guide will lead a tour of [Hagia Sophia Mosque]/[Blue Mosque] (from now on, until the mosque is reopened for visits)/[Groundwater Palace], then drive to Bursa, a city in northwestern Turkey, here is The birthplace of many famous Turkish foods and a stop on the famous Silk Road. [Cumalikizik Town] (Cumalikizik) is a well-preserved Ottoman-style town in Bursa. It was named a world cultural heritage in 2014 and still continues the Ottoman-style architectural features of more than 700 years ago. After the tour, check in to the hotel in Bursa.



Meeting Point

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Note: Guests who arrive one day in advance can choose to stay before the tour and pick up at the airport for a fee. Guests who stay in the room can directly board the tour at the hotel the next morning.



Hagia Sophia



Blue mosque

[Hagia Sophia]

Hagia Sophia is a mosque and former church serving as a major cultural and historical site in Istanbul, Turkey. The last of three church buildings to be successively erected on the site by the Eastern Roman Empire, it was completed in AD 537, becoming the world's largest interior space and among the first to employ a fully pendentive dome. It is considered the epitome of Byzantine architecture and is said to have "changed the history of architecture".

[Blue mosque]

The Blue Mosque was built between 1609 and 1616. It is dubbed the Blue Mosque because of over 20,000 handmade ceramic Iznik tiles that decorate the interior, featuring many different tulips, rose, carnation, and lily designs. One of the most distinctive elements of this Istanbul mosque is that it has six minarets, as opposed to the usual two or four of most of the city's mosques. Legend has it that this is because of a misunderstanding – when the Sultan decreed there should be altın minaret (gold minarets), the architect heard altı minaret (six minarets) – an easy mistake to make! This caused some controversy, as the only other mosque with six minarets at that time was the Prophet's mosque in Mecca – a problem the sultan overcame by ordering a seventh to be added in Mecca.



Meal: Breakfast: None Lunch: Self-care Dinner: In the hotel



Accommodation: Bursa Five Star Hotel



Day 2 Bursa  Cesme  Izmir



Tour Overview

After breakfast, depart for the Aegean-style seaside town [Cesme Town] and visit [Cesme Castle]. The castle is an iconic attraction in the town and a commanding height. There is a museum in the castle, displaying cultural relics from various periods of Cesme. The highest point of the castle is the best place to watch the sunset over the Aegean Sea. Then transfer to Izmir hotel for overnight stay.

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Cesme



Cesme

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[Cesme]



Meal: Breakfast: in the hotel Lunch: at your own expense Dinner: in the hotel



Accommodation: Five Star Hotels in Izmir



Day 3 Izmir Ephesus Pamukkale



Tour Overview

After breakfast, proceed to visit [Ephesus Ancient City Ruins], which was once ruled by the ancient Romans, and the ruins have not been fully developed, but the prosperity of the time can still be glimpsed from the existing parts. Then we went to [Pamukkale], and then visited [Hirapolis Ancient City Ruins]. The Turks call Pamukkale the eighth wonder of the world. There are not only thousands of years of natural hot springs here, but also this weird cotton-like hill. After the tour, go to the hot spring hotel in Pamukkale to rest.



Ephesus



Hierapolis



Pamukkale

[Ephesus]

It was one of the oldest Greek settlements on the Aegean Sea, and later the provincial seat of Roman government in Asia. The city came under the control of the Roman Republic in 129 BC. The city was famous in its day for the nearby Temple of Artemis (completed around 550 BC), which has been designated one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. And later, from the beginning of the Christian era, became a key city in the expansion of Christianity, from which St Paul launched many of his missions. Today, the ruins of Ephesus are a favourite international and local tourist attraction. In 2015, the ruins were designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

[Hierapolis]

Hierapolis was a Hellenistic Greek city built on the site of a Phrygian cult center of the Anatolian mother goddess Cybele, in Phrygia in southwestern Anatolia. It was famous for its hot springs, its high quality wool fabrics and dyes, and as the birthplace of the Stoic philosopher Epictetus. Its extensive remains are adjacent to modern Pamukkale in Turkey. Hierapolis was added as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988.

[Pamukkale]

Pamukkale, meaning "cotton castle" in Turkish, is famous for a carbonate mineral left by the flowing of thermal spring water. This area has been drawing visitors to its thermal springs since the time of classical antiquity. The Turkish name refers to the surface of the shimmering, snow-white limestone, shaped over millennia by calcite-rich springs. Dripping slowly down the mountainside, mineral-rich waters collect in and cascade down the mineral terraces, into pools below. It was added as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988 along with Hierapolis.



Meal: Breakfast: in the hotel Lunch: at your own expense Dinner: in the hotel



Accommodation: Pamukkale five-star hotel



Day 4 Pamukkale  Sultanhana  Cappadocia



Tour Overview

After breakfast, drive to Cappadocia, and arrive at the most magnificent post station in Turkey- 【Sultan Hana】 on the way. After a short rest, go to Cappadocia and stay at the cave hotel. (Note: The journey will be longer on the day, so you can prepare meals and spare charging treasures in advance, etc.)

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Cappadocia

[Cappadocia]

Lying in south central Turkey, the moonscaped region of Cappadocia, southeast of Ankara, is most famous for unique geological features called fairy chimneys. The large, cone-like formations were created over time by erosion of the relatively soft volcanic ash around them. Past cultures have dug into them to create dwellings, castles (like Uchisar) and even entire underground cities like Kaymakli and Derinkuyu, used as hiding places by early Christians.



Meal: Breakfast: in the hotel Lunch: at your own expense Dinner: at your own expense



Accommodation: Cappadocia Cave Hotels



Day 5 cappadocia



Tour Overview

Today's itinerary is a soothing one-day tour of Cappadocia: [Goreme Open Air Museum] (Goreme Open Air Museum) / [Goreme Town] / [Fairy Chimney], strolling in the town of Goreme, in a comparable Feel the exotic scenery in the landforms on the surface of the moon. Visit a fine Turkish rug shop (or a specialty leather shop in Kusadasi). In the afternoon, you can also choose to take four-wheel drive ATV, horseback riding, hiking and other activities at your own expense. After dinner, you can stay at the hotel for a rest.

Today's VIPs can take a hot air balloon (at their own expense): the hot air balloon flies to the valley of Cappadocia with the wind, and has a magical aerial journey. Another world, hovering over the "lunar surface" dotted with villages, vineyards, orchards for about 45 minutes to 1 hour. After landing, a certificate will be issued to each person locally, and a glass of champagne will be presented to celebrate this successful air adventure.



Cappadocia



**Goreme Open Air
Museum**



Fairy Chimney

[Cappadocia]

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[Goreme Open Air Museum]

Goreme and Goreme Open Air Museum has a great historical and archaeological importance. The valleys of Gorme in Cappadocia are quite famous for its Caves, monasteries and churches. The amazing landscape of Goreme valleys were made up by volcanic tuff, owes its existence to the activity of Mt. Erciyes, an extinct volcano whose lava formations dominate the area. Wind and rain have worn the tuff formations into free-standing outcrops and rock-towers – "fairy chimneys". There are many such outcrops in the region between Nevşehir, Ürgüp and Avanos, where rock-cut dwellings, churches and monasteries have long attracted the attention of travellers and scholars.

[Fairy Chimney]

Fairy Chimneys are chimney-shaped houses in which fairies live...No of course not, but it is a great name for a geographical formation. A geological process that started millions of years ago gave rise to the rock formations that have made Cappadocia one of the most well-known tourist sites in the world. The area was covered in a thick layer of ash from ancient volcanic eruptions, which later hardened into a soft rock known as tuff. The fairy chimneys that are visible today, reaching up to 130 feet into the sky, were formed when the natural forces of wind and water erosion finished their work.



Meal: Breakfast: in the hotel Lunch: at your own expense Dinner: at your own expense



Accommodation: Cappadocia Cave Hotels



Day 6 Cappadocia 🚗 Ankara



Tour Overview

After breakfast today, visit Goreme' s unique [Pigeon Valley] and [Uchisar Castle], and then drive through [Tuz Salt Lake] to Ankara, the capital of Turkey and the second largest city in Turkey. After arriving, visit 【Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall】 , and then go to the hotel to rest.

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Lake Tuz



Pigeon Valley



Anıtkabir

[Lake Tuz]

Lake Tuz is the second largest lake in Turkey and one of the largest hypersaline lakes in the world. The lake is compared to a mirror of the sky, since, during the summer months, its whiteness is so bright over its entire length that it can be clearly observed from the cosmos, so it is used to calibrate the remote sensing equipment of the space shuttles. In another season, due to another natural process – the blooming of *Dunaliella Salina* – the waters of Lake Tuz turn a beautiful pink color.

[Pigeon Valley]

Guvercinlik Vadisi (Pigeon Valley) earned its name from the countless man-made dovecotes (Pigeon Houses) that have been carved into the soft volcanic tuff. Since ancient times Pigeons have been used in the Cappadocia region for food and fertiliser for the infertile soil. While pigeons no longer play such an important role in the area, their rocky homes have still been maintained by locals and can be found atop rock pillars and inside excavated cave houses and churches throughout the region, however, they are particularly numerous in this valley.

[Anıtkabir]

Anıtkabir (literally, "memorial tomb") is the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the leader of the Turkish War of Independence and the founder and first President of the Republic of Turkey. There are four main parts to Anıtkabir: the Road of Lions, the Ceremonial Plaza, the Hall of Honor (location of Atatürk's tomb) and the Peace Park that surrounds the monument.



Meal: Breakfast: in the hotel Lunch: at your own expense Dinner: in the hotel



Accommodation: Ankara Five Star Hotel



Day 7 Ankara 🚗 Istanbul



Tour Overview

After breakfast, drive to Istanbul. Upon arrival, visit [Topkapi Palace], go to the fudge shop to search for special souvenirs. After the end, you can choose to experience the local folk customs - Grand Bazaar [Spice Market] or choose to take a [Bosphorus Strait Cruise] (Optional item) Take a look at the beautiful scenery on both sides of the Eurasian Road, and draw a perfect end to this trip. After the end of the trip, 19:00 will be sent to IST airport. You can also choose to leave the group directly to the airport at 14:00 after arriving in Istanbul (at your own expense).



Drop Off *For reference only, the actual arrangement is subject to the tour guide

📍 D7 Istanbul Estimated Arrival: 20:00 Drop Off: Istanbul Airport IST

the whole day

The above itinerary tour guide can be adjusted according to the actual situation. The departure time marked on this website is a reference time. The actual arrival time may be delayed due to various force majeure reasons such as weather, traffic jams, traffic accidents, festivals, riots and strikes. Please forgive me. If you have a follow-up itinerary and need to take other means of transportation to other cities, we strongly recommend that you reserve at least 3 hours of free time to avoid inconvenience caused by delays in the itinerary. Our company is not responsible for the loss of self-arranged itinerary due to your failure to reserve enough free time, please understand.



Spice Bazaar



Bosphorus

[Spice Bazaar]

The Spice Bazaar in Istanbul, Turkey, is one of the largest bazaars in the city. The market was constructed in the 1660s as part of the New Mosque. The market's Turkish name, the Mısır Çarşısı (Egyptian Market), references the fact that the building was initially endowed with taxes levied on goods imported from Egypt. In its heyday, the bazaar was the last stop for the camel caravans that travelled the Silk Road from China, India and Persia.

[Bosphorus]

The Bosphorus or Bosphorus Strait is a natural strait and an internationally significant waterway located in Istanbul, Turkey. The Bosphorus connects the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara and forms one of the continental boundaries between Asia and Europe. It also divides Turkey by separating Asia minor from Thrace. It is the world's narrowest strait used for international navigation.



Meal: Breakfast: in the hotel Lunch: at your own expense Dinner: at your own expense



Accommodation: none

Price Explanation

cost includes

1. 4 nights of local five-star hotel accommodation + 2 nights of Kapa cave hotel accommodation
2. Chinese tour guide service
3. Including 6 hotel breakfasts; 4 hotel dinners (local meals do not include alcohol, beverages, etc.)
4. One bottle of mineral water per person per day
5. The first ticket for each scenic spot listed in the itinerary (Bobrus Strait Cruise at your own expense)
6. Comfortable car with air conditioning
7. Special instructions for children's price: 2 adults and a child under 6 years old live in a double room, and the child can enjoy a 30% discount if they do not occupy a bed. Children occupying a bed are charged the same price as adults. An adult brings a child, and the price of the child is the same as that of the adult.

self-pay

1. Kappa hot air balloon, ATV, horseback riding, hiking and other items at their own expense
2. Visa fees
3. Tips for the driver and guide (less than 7 people: 10 USD/person/day, more than 7 people: 5 USD/person/day)
4. Domestic invoices and air tickets (international and inland air tickets)
5. Overtime pay for the driver
6. Arrangement of official activities, invitation letter of official delegation, translation and other expenses (charged according to the situation)
7. All personal consumption not involved in the itinerary
8. Stay in Istanbul
9. IST airport/SAW airport pick-up and drop-off (minimum booking for 2 people)
10. Single room difference

Travel Special Instructions

1. Print and bring the electronic visa paper and passport.
2. A scanned copy of the first page of the passport (it only needs to be stored in the email address), in case it is lost abroad.
3. Local internet card (can be purchased on Taobao).
4. Buy and carry a conversion plug. The local conversion plug style is: European standard two-hole round

plug.

5. You need to bring a scarf (the mosque needs to wear a scarf to cover your head, if you don't have one, you can also borrow a free headscarf outside the scenic spot); sunglasses, umbrellas, bath towels, and sunscreen should be brought according to the actual departure season and individual.

6. The official currency of Turkey is the lira. Euros and U.S. dollars can be used for consumption in most places, but only lira can be used to buy tickets for attractions.

7. There is a handling fee for ATM withdrawals in Turkey, and the exchange rate is uncontrollable. It is recommended to bring Euros or US dollars and exchange them for lira locally.

8. The temperature difference between day and night in Turkey is large, so pay attention to bring enough clothes to wear, it is easy to catch cold.

9. Most hotels in Turkey need to bring their own toothbrush, toothpaste and razor, remember to prepare it yourself.

Explanation of self-funded items

Self-funded items for the itinerary (customers who have registered in advance do not necessarily mean successful registration, and we will reserve a seat in advance to increase the chance of success.)
[Some items are not suitable for those under 1.1 meters/fear of heights/asthma/high blood pressure/low blood pressure/panic disorder or other cardiovascular disease guests]

project name	Project Description	price
Istanbul Bobrus Cruise	Take a cruise to experience the different scenery on both sides of Eurasia, which lasts 90 minutes	\$60/person (non-charter price)
Istanbul Day Tour (Boat Ticket, Lunch, One Way Cable Car)	Attractions include: take a boat tour on the Bosphorus Strait to enjoy the scenery of Asia and Europe, taste a delicious Turkish barbecue lunch, visit Taksim Square, walk on Ortakoy Street, and take pictures outside the Doma Bahce New Palace. Afterwards, visit the beautiful Golden Horn, take the cable car up Loti Hill to overlook the entire city of Istanbul, and taste authentic Turkish coffee at the cafe on the hill at your own expense. (Minimum 2 people form a group)	160 Euros/person (need to book in advance)
Istanbul Turkish Bath (approximately 1 hour)	Local characteristic bathing methods, generally separate for men and women	\$70/person
Cappadocia Turkish Night (without meal)	Song and dance performances, such as characteristic belly dance performances, etc.	\$80/person
Cappadocia - hot air balloon	Duration 45 minutes - 1 hour, including certificates and champagne celebrations. (can be booked in advance)	USD 280/person

Cappadocia Zelve Canyon Light Show	A visual feast in the canyons of Cappadocia, the first choice for history lovers! (irregularly)	\$55/person
Cappadocia Jeep Off Road JEEP SAFARI	Experience the speed and passion of off-road vehicles (minimum order of 4 people)	USD 320/car
Cappadocia ATV Off Road ATV SAFARI	The joy and speed of driving alone (minimum booking for 2 people)	\$70/car
Cappadocia sunset camel	Riding a camel SAFARI for one person (minimum order for 2 people)	\$60/person
Cappadocia Twirling Dance	The Turkish dervishes dance continuously, which is more like a ritual than a dance, but it is also like a pious penance, and the dancers are intoxicated by it.	\$60/person
Pamukkale - Paragliding	The flight time is 10-15 minutes, the specific time is determined by the wind speed, and the altitude is about 450 meters according to the weather conditions	\$125/person
Pamukkale - hot air balloon	Duration 45 minutes - 1 hour, including certificates and champagne celebrations. (can be booked in advance)	USD 280/person
Tips for driver and tour guide		
Tips for the driver and tour guide (collected by the tour guide) The tip amount depends on the number of participants in the final group!		Less than 7 people: USD 10/person/day, more than 7 people: USD 5/person/day
<p>The above prices are for reference only, and any price adjustments will be subject to the announcement at that time.</p> <p>Self-funded projects are voluntary, and tour guides are not allowed to force guests to participate.</p>		

Recommended activity reference (at your own expense)

Attraction tickets	
Hagia Sophia	Audio guide included: 25 EUR Headphones: 100 TRY Scarf: 30 TRY
Basilica Cistern	35 EUR (1300 TRY)
Ephesus Ancient City Ruins	40 EUR
Pamukkale & Hierapolis Ancient City Ruins	30 EUR

Sultanhan	3 EUR (100 TRY)
Goreme Open Air Museum	20 EUR
Uchisar Castle	9 EUR (320 TRY)
Topkapi Palace	53 EUR (2000 TRY)
Additional optional items	
Bosphorus Cruise	<p>60 USD/person</p> <p>Non-private boat, enjoy a 90-minute cruise to experience the distinct landscapes on both sides of the Eurasian continent.</p>
Istanbul Day Tour (includes cruise ticket, lunch, and one-way cable car ride)	<p>170 EUR/person(advance booking required) (There is a 2-person minimum passenger requirement)</p> <p>It is recommended to book: arrive at the airport before 10:00 and take off after 19:00! Otherwise, it cannot be arranged, please be advised.</p> <p>The tour includes:</p> <p>A Bosphorus cruise tour to enjoy the stunning views of both the Asian and European shores.</p> <p>A delicious Turkish kebab lunch.</p> <p>A visit to Taksim Square, a walk along Ortakoy Street, and a photo stop at the Dolmabahce Palace(Exterior visit only).</p> <p>A visit to the picturesque Golden Horn. Take in the views of the city and the Golden horn from Pierre Loti Hill with a cable car ride. Enjoy a cup of Turkish coffee on the mountain (optional).</p>
Traditional Turkish Bath	<p>70 USD/person</p> <p>Approximately 1 hour, a local traditional bathing experience, typically with separate facilities for men and women.</p>
Cappadocia Turkish Night	<p>80 USD/person</p> <p>Excludes meals and cultural performances, such as traditional belly dance shows.</p>

Cappadocia Hot Air Balloon	<p>300 EUR/person</p> <p>Lasts 45 minutes - 1 hour, includes certificate and champagne celebration. (Advance booking is recommended as on-tour reservations cannot guarantee availability or pricing.)</p>
Zelve Canyon Light Show in Cappadocia	<p>55 USD/person</p> <p>A visual feast in the canyons of Cappadocia, a top choice for history lovers! (Irregular)</p>
Cappadocia JEEP SAFARI	<p>320 USD/car</p> <p>Experience the speed and thrill of off-roading with a jeep (minimum 4 people).</p>
Cappadocia ATV SAFARI	<p>70 USD/car</p> <p>The joy and speed of solo driving (minimum 2 people).</p>
Cappadocia Sunset Camel Ride	<p>60 USD/person</p> <p>Solo Camel Safari (minimum 2 people)</p>
Cappadocia Whirling Dervish Show	<p>60 USD/person</p> <p>Whirling dervishes are followers of a mystical artistic practice that combines Sufi dance and meditation. Their twirling dance is much more than just an artistic performance. It is a true journey to the center of oneself, a fascinating exploration of inner workings.</p>
Pamukkale Paragliding	<p>125 USD/person</p> <p>Flight time: 10-15 minutes, with the exact duration depending on wind speed. Glide at an altitude of approximately 450 meters, subject to weather conditions.</p>
Pamukkale Hot Air Balloon	<p>300 EUR/person</p> <p>Lasts 45 minutes - 1 hour, includes certificate and champagne celebration.(Can be booked in advance)</p>

Lunch and dinner fee

The standard of a typical meal in Türkiye is about	15 €/person/meal (≈630 TRY)
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