




## Turkey Detailed Itinerary

**Trip Highlights:** Explore Cappadocia's Fairy Chimneys by Balloon or Motorcycle. Cultural Immersion in Istanbul. Diving Into the Turkish Riviera: A Coastal Dream. Greek Island Dream: Hidden Harbors & the Blue Cave of Wonder.

Welcome to your vibrant adventure through Turkey and the Greek Isles.

**Airport Information:** Need assistance booking your flight? We are here to help.

 **Arrive:** Istanbul Airport (IST) - Istanbul, Turkey

 **Depart:** Antalya Airport (AYT) - Antalya, Turkey. Should you prefer to fly out of Istanbul Airport, we can organize alternate flights—please reach out for details.

### **Day 1: Welcome to Turkey!**

Plan to arrive at **Istanbul Airport (IST) by 5 PM**, to make our welcome meeting and dinner, which typically starts at 7pm. If you are unable to arrive by 5pm, please contact us to arrange alternative transportation and dinner options. After dinner, adjust to the time difference and rest up for our adventure packed itinerary.

**Airport transfer and hotel details will be provided after booking.**

If you are arriving ahead of our scheduled itinerary, we will help coordinate transportation and hotel accommodations.

### **Transportation:**


 Air-conditioned shuttle vehicle

Airport transfer  Hotel

Approximate travel time: approximately 45 minutes – an hour

### **Meals included:**

 Welcome dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation in Istanbul

## **Day 2: The Heart of Istanbul**

Wake up refreshed from first night in Istanbul. On our guided tour, we step into Istanbul's magnificent past and dynamic present. With a knowledgeable local guide, we uncover the city's most treasured landmarks and history. Highlights typically include: Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque Grand Bazaar, & Topkapi Palace.

Our adventure continues with a hands-on Turkish cooking class.

To wrap up the day, we experience the hypnotic Whirling Dervish dance with dinner included.

### **Transportation:**



Walking Time

Tour

Approximate travel time: about two - four hours walking on a combination of city streets and potentially uneven streets.



### **Meals included:**



Breakfast, lunch & dinner



**Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation in Istanbul

## **Day 3: Istanbul & Beyond**

We rise early to wander the kaleidoscope streets of Balat—one of Istanbul's most colorful and soulful neighborhoods. As the morning light hits the pastel facades and cobbled alleys, we'll sip Turkish coffee from cozy cafés, snap photos of rainbow-hued houses, and soak in the charm of a district where history, art, and everyday life collide.

After soaking up Balat's colors and charm, we return to the vibrant pulse of central Istanbul for a free afternoon of exploration. Dive deeper into the city's iconic sites, wander through bustling neighborhoods at your own pace, or roll up your sleeves for a hands-on class—Turkish tile painting, anyone? Whether you're chasing history, flavors, or creative sparks, the city is yours to explore. And if you'd like some inspiration or direction, your guide is always nearby to help you craft the perfect experience. And if exploring solo feels a bit daunting, don't worry—your guide is nearby and happy to accompany you or lend support, so you feel comfortable and confident wherever the city calls you.

### **Transportation:**

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### Walking Time

Approximate travel time: about one– two hours walking on a combination of city streets and potentially uneven streets.


### Public Transportation

Hotel  Balat

Approximately 15-30 minutes each direction

### Meals included:

✓ Breakfast & dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation in Istanbul

## **Day 4: Cappadocia – A Land of Otherworldly Wonders**

We rise & shine for our short flight to Cappadocia.

We will join our experienced local guide to dive into Cappadocia. Typical tours include: Uchisar Castle, Underground City, Fairy Chimneys (Monks Valley), Zelve Open Air Museum, Devrent Valley, and Love Valley.

Get some rest tonight—tomorrow, we rise before the sun to witness a view that will take your breath away.

### **Transportation:**

 Flight included. In air time approximately an hour

Istanbul  Cappadocia


 Private Airport Shuttle

Airport  Cappadocia

Approximately 30-45 minutes

### Walking Time

Approximate travel time: about four - six hours walking on a combination of paved streets, potentially dirt paths and uneven surfaces.


 Shuttle

Tour  Accommodations

Approximately 30-45 minutes

### Meals included:

✓ Breakfast, lunch & dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation near Cappadocia

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## **Day 5: Cappadocia – Adventure Style**

If you're joining the bicycle or hot air balloon ride, be ready for an early start—meeting times can range from as early as 3:30 AM to 5:00 AM. It's a dawn departure, but trust us: the views that await are worth every yawn.

For those watching the sunrise from our accommodations or a nearby location, get a few more zz's before you wake to your slow morning.

Each tour lasts approximately 2–3 hours, includes transportation, and all prices are estimates that may vary slightly at time of booking.

### **Sunrise Excursions**

Experience	Duration	Price (USD)	Inclusions
Mountain Bike Tour Through the Valley	2–3 hrs	\$200	Guide, mountain bike, equipment
Hot Air Balloon Ride Over the Valley	2–3 hrs	Start at \$120	Balloon ride only

### Choose Your Own Adventure: Midday Free Time Ideas

- **Horseback Riding Through the Valleys** - Saddle up for a scenic ride through Cappadocia's surreal landscapes. Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned rider, local stables offer guided treks that wind past fairy chimneys and hidden trails.
- **Fortune Telling with a Local Twist** - Step into a cozy café or shop where a local reader might offer a glimpse into your future—Turkish coffee grounds, tarot cards, or palm readings are all part of the magic.
- **Café Hopping & People Watching** - Find a shady terrace, order a strong Turkish coffee or a frothy ayran, and soak in the rhythm of the town. Bonus points for trying a pistachio baklava or a simit with cheese.
- **Local Markets & Artisan Finds** - Wander through stalls filled with handwoven textiles, ceramics, and spices. It's the perfect time to pick up a keepsake or chat with a vendor about their craft.
- **Slow Moments & Scenic Corners** - Prefer to recharge? Find a quiet rooftop or garden nook to journal, sketch, or simply breathe in the view.

As the sun begins its descent, we come together at one of Cappadocia's most breathtaking vantage points as we settle in for a sunset picnic to remember.


### Transportation:

 Shuttle per tour

Accommodations  Tour


Approximately 10-30 minutes each way


 Car Transfer

Accommodations  Picnic

Approximately 10-30 minutes each way

### Meals included:

 Breakfast & dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation near Cappadocia

**\*Please note:** While most activities on this tour are included, some of our optional sunrise tours—such as the hot air balloon ride or bike tours—come at an additional cost and are not covered in the base trip price since you decide your excursion based on your preferences. These special experiences are entirely optional, and you'll find estimated prices and details listed above for easy planning. Final costs may vary slightly at time of booking. If you'd like assistance booking any excursions, just let us know in advance and we'll be happy to help coordinate the details.


## Day 6: Coastal Dreams

We're off to explore the coast—where every step forward brings us closer to the sea. After landing, we'll head straight into coastal bliss with lunch overlooking an endless horizon of blue. Once we've savored fresh seafood and the salty breeze, we'll dive into the ancient ruins of Myra, where Lycian rock tombs cling dramatically to the cliffsides.

But the day's not done yet—our first night on the coast ends just as it should: aboard a sunset cruise, sails catching the breeze and golden light dancing on the water.

### Transportation:

 Flight included. In air time approximately an hour


Cappadocia  Antalya Airport

 Private Shuttle

Airport  Kas

Approximately 3 hours with stops

### Meals included:

 Breakfast, lunch & dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation near Kas

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### **Day 7: Coastal Dreams**

Greek Island Escape: We catch a quick ferry to a postcard-perfect harbor town of Kastellorizo, Greece. We will wander the quiet lanes and soak in the charm before our boat excursion to the Blue Grotto. We will cap it all off with a seaside meal, with the freshest catch on your plate and an even better view wrap up the day just right.

The evening is yours to explore the town of Kas or relax in our accommodations overlooking the sea.

#### **Transportation:**



Walking Time

Hotel  Kas

Approximately 15 minutes (each way)



Private Ferry

Kas  Kastellorizo

Ferry: less than 10 minutes from the harbor (each way)



Boat Ride

Kastellorizo  Blue Grotto

Around an hour total



**Meals included:**  Breakfast, lunch & dinner




**Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation near Kas

### **Day 8: Turkish Riviera Free Day – Adventure or Relaxation**

Today is all about *your* pace. Craving thrills? Dive into water sports, soar above the coastline or explore hidden coves by kayak. Prefer to slow it down? Lounge seaside, enjoy a leisurely Turkish breakfast, or wander local markets for handmade treasures. Whether you chase adrenaline or savor stillness, the coast is yours to enjoy. Your coastal adventure is up to you and how you want to spend your time there. There's something for everyone on the coastline.

**\*Please note:** While most experiences on this tour are included, some free-time activities—like paragliding over the coast or diving into turquoise waters—are entirely optional and left up to your sense of adventure. We keep this time flexible so you can choose what excites you most. If you'd like assistance booking any excursions, just let us know in advance and we'll be happy to help coordinate the details and provide estimated costs.

We'll savor our final evening together with a farewell dinner by the sea—good food, warm laughs, and a toast to the unforgettable journey we've shared. As the sun sets we'll prepare for our return to Antalya.


 Shuttle

Hotel  Antalya

Approximate Travel Time: 3 and half hours

 **Meals included:**


✓ Breakfast & dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Single occupancy accommodation near Antalya

### **Day 9: Departure Day**

Departure day – Depart from Antalya Airport (AYT) - Antalya, Turkey. Your flight can depart at any time, but if you're not ready to end your **adventure**, your guide can arrange **additional tours** to explore more of the region's **stunning landscapes and thrilling experiences**—think the travertines of Pamukkale. Which are dazzling white terraces formed over millennia by mineral-rich hot springs, creating cascading pools that resemble a frozen waterfall—earning it the name “Cotton Castle. The same town also hosts ruins like Necropolis of Hierapolis and the famous Cleopatra's pool where you can soak in warm, mineral-rich waters surrounded by submerged Roman columns.

### **Transportation:**

 Shuttle

Hotel  Antalya Airport

Approximate Travel Time: 10-20 minutes

 **Meals included:**

✓ Breakfast