



Ottoman Treasures and Cappadocia (Istanbul and Cappadocia Tours)

Tour Days : 6

Tour Departure From : Istanbul

Tour Departure End : Kayseri

Tour Departure : All year round (Everyday)

Tour Overview : 3 nights Istanbul with full day tours include lunch and 2 nights Cappadocia with tours

** Our group tours can be operated with minimum 2 people.

** On Mondays, when St. Sophia is closed, we visit the Chora Church, famed for its mosaics.

** On Tuesdays, when Topkapi Palace is closed, this tour is not offered.

** On Mondays and Thursdays, Palace of Beylerbeyi is closed and replaced with Kariye Museum.

Tour Highlights

- St. Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome Square, Grand Bazaar
- Egyptian Spice Market, Bosphorus Boat Tour, Palace of Beylerbeyi
- Ankara Anatolian Civilization Museum, Mausoleum of Ataturk, Kaymakli Underground City,
- Optional Balloon Tour, Devrent Valley, Pasabagi (Monk`s Valley), Avanos, Goreme Open Air Museum

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Istanbul Arrival

Arrival in Istanbul, the only city in the world built on two continents. Transfer to your hotel. Free afternoon and overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 : Istanbul

Full day Historical Istanbul Tour; visit the St. Sophia Museum (built in 6th century, once was the largest Christian Church in the world), the Topkapi Palace (Imperial Residence of Ottoman Sultans, with displays of priceless World-class collections of artifacts, jewelry and rare porcelain), the Blue Mosque (unique with its 6 minarets, and famous for its blue Iznik tiles), the Hippodrome Square where ancient chariot races were held, and then visit the world famous Grand Covered Bazaar. Finally, enjoy a display on Turkish handicrafts. Overnight in Istanbul. (B, L)

Day 3 : Istanbul

Full day Bosphorus and Asia Tour. Visit the Egyptian Spice Market, and then embark on a Bosphorus Boat Tour viewing the beauty of the European and Asian shorelines on either side. After lunch, visit the Palace of Beylerbeyi on the shore of the Bosphorus which is the most elegant of the late Ottoman places. Finally, enjoy a display on Turkish handicrafts. Overnight in Istanbul. (B, L)

Day 4 : Istanbul - Cappadocia

Transfer to Istanbul airport for your flight to Kayseri. Kayseri arrival. Visit to Devrent Valley where various types of fairy chimneys are abundant. We will walk through this amazing valley. Thereafter visit Pasabagi (Monks Valley) with multiple stems and caps, peculiar to this area. After visiting Pasabagi, drive to Avanos which is known for the pottery, a craft dating back to the Hittite period. The red clay which is worked by local craftsmen comes from the residue in the Kizilirmak river, the longest river of Turkey. Further to the time for lunch proceed to Goreme Open Air Museum (Dark Church is excluded;

entrance requires additional admission fee) to visit the churches, chapels and monasteries carved into the fairy chimneys from the 10th to the 13th centuries with frescos painted on the walls. Thereafter time to take photos in the neighboring valleys before going back to the hotels. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Cappadocia

Optional balloon tour. Meet at the hotel lobby in the morning and visit to Rose Valley, one of the most beautiful trekking valleys in Cappadocia, and explore the famous rock cut churches by hiking through the valley. Rest in Cavusin, an old Greek village, known for its Christian houses and churches. After having time for lunch visit Ortahisar Castle, similar to Uchisar Castle in style, where storage caves can also be observed. In the afternoon visit Kaymakli (or Ozkonak) Underground City where early Christians lived in fear and faith. On the way back visit to panoramic Pigeon Valley where pigeons contributed to the lives of locals with their manure to fertilize the vineyards. You may also like to taste Cappadocia wine in a local winery. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, L, D)

Optional: Balloon Tour

Pick up from the hotel roughly one hour before the sunrise (App. 05:00 o'clock) and transfer to the base. After serving tea, coffee and cookies while waiting for the other participants proceed to the take-off field designated for that day. After a safety briefing delivered by the pilot, climb in to the baskets and take off. Rise to the altitudes of several hundred meters to have a good view of the area and drift through the valleys and canyons for some 60 minutes. On landing, have a traditional celebration party with champagne and cakes. Thereafter transfer back to the hotel.

Per Person Group Rate : 150.-Euro

Day 6 : Cappadocia - Kayseri End

After breakfast transfer to the airport in Kayseri or Nevsehir. (B)

Tour Inclusions

- 5 nights hotel accommodation at the above mentioned hotels
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All escorted transfers
- 5 breakfast, 4 lunch, 2 dinner
- Transportation by A/C vehicle
- English speaking government licensed professional tour guide
- All entry fees to the sites & museums
- Service charges & local taxes

Tour Excludes

- All flights
- All drinks and any other meals which are not mentioned in the itinerary
- All personal expenses
- Turkish Visa Fee
- Tips to the tour guide and driver
- Everything which is not particularly mentioned in "Including" section

Tour Map :

