



West Turkey and Cappadocia Tour (Izmir, Ephesus, Pergamon and Cappadocia Tours)

Tour Days : 6

Tour Departure From : Izmir

Tour Departure End : Kayseri

Tour Departure : Departure days are every Thursdays around the year

Tour Overview : 3 nights Izmir, 2 nights Cappadocia accomodation with full day tours. Drive to Pergamon. Visit the Acropolis, the Temple Of Athena, the famous Library, the Royal Palaces, the Temple Of Trojan, the steepest Theatre of the world, the Temple Of Dionysos, the Altar Of Zeus (Seat of Satan), and the view of the Red Basilica (St. John's church). Lunch in town. Visit the ruins of Asclepion (Medical Center of the ancient world). Finally, enjoy a display on Turkish handicrafts. Overnight in Izmir.

Tour Highlights

- Acropolis, Asclepion
- Virgin Mary`s House, Ephesus, Temple of Artemis
- 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 : Izmir Arrival

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Day 2 : Pergamon

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Day 3 : Ephesus

Leave for Ephesus, the veritable cradle of early Christianity. Visit the Shrine of The Virgin Mary where she supposedly spent her later days. Proceed to Ephesus and see the spectacular ruins from the period of St. Paul, some of which have only recently been excavated. See the Odeon, the Bouleterion, Fountains, the Temples, the Brothel, the Library, the Agoras, the Great Theatre, the Roman Baths, the Gymnasiums. After lunch visit the Temple Of Artemis (one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world). Finally, enjoy a display on Turkish handicrafts. Overnight in Izmir. (B, L)

Day 4 : Izmir - Ankara - Cappadocia

Transfer to Izmir airport for your flight to Ankara. Ankara arrival. Meet and morning visit to the Anatolian Civilizations Museum at which numerous remnants from Stone Age, Neolithic Age, Hittites, Urartians, Phrygians and many others are on display; Mausoleum of Ataturk, the burial place of the national hero who founded modern Republic of Turkey. Then continue on to Cappadocia. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Cappadocia

Optional balloon tour. Meet at the hotel lobby in the morning and visit to Devrent Valley to see the unique fairy-

chimneys. Drive to Pasabagi (Monks Valley) to see the most interesting mushroom shaped pinnacles. 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. In the afternoon, visit Goreme Open Air Museum (Dark Church is excluded; entrance requires additional admission fee) to visit the churches) where the remains of rock cut churches and Christian settlements date back hundreds of years. Various panoramic viewpoints of castles and fairy chimneys such as Esentepe for Goreme valley, Uchisar and its castle, Pigeon Valley. Then to Kaymakli (or Ozkonak) Underground City, the place where early Christians hid from persecutors. Returning to the hotel. 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

Tour Map :

