

 5 continents

Turkish Delight Tour

9 Days / 8 Nights

Guaranteed departure every Monday - April 6th through October 26th, 2020

STARTING FROM

\$1310

per person, based on double occupancy



DAY1: Arrival in Istanbul

Arrive at Istanbul Airport and transfer to the hotel. Overnight.

DAY 2 : ISTANBUL

Rendez-vous at "Milion" which used to indicate the center of the city when it was called Nova Roma. Taste "simit" with white cheese and sip the black tea like do many turkish people in the morning. Walk to the Underground Cistern dating back to 6th century, which also served as stage for James Bond's "From Russia with love" in early 60's. Walk down to Hicapasa to try one skewer of "djaa kebab", a specialty of eastern Turkey. Stop at the train station which used to be the terminus of Orient Express. Take the public transportation to cross the Bosphorus from under water. As you put your feed on the asian bank, take a lovely walk in the picturesque marketplace with vegetables, fruits and fish sellers; you can taste the real turkish coffee prepared on wood coal, then the famous stuffed meatballs.

Cross back to the European side by “vaporetto”, the traditional white public boats offering a stunning panorama of the Old City during the trip. In Karakoy, you can try a slice of “lahmacun”, Turkish style thin pizza or fish in bread sold in small boats.

Climb up the hill by funicular built in 1875 and walk along the pedestrian Istiklal Street to experience the sparkling daily life. In a special type of typical restaurant called “ocakbasi” taste lamb kebab on skewer. Photo stop at Pera Palace Hotel which hosted many celebrities including Agatha Christie, Greta Garbo, Mata Hari... Admire the authentic architecture of Cicek Pasaji and have a small bit of several specialties: tripes, stuffed mussels, condiments and many more...

DAY 3 : ISTANBUL

Stroll through Sogukcesme Street with typical wooden house which are now landmark buildings of ottoman architecture. Arrive to Topkapi Palace, the largest and oldest of the remaining palaces where Ottoman Sultans used to live; admire the gardens, kitchens, the treasury section as well as terraces overlooking the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. Photo stop at the Fountain of Sultan Ahmet the 3rd and explore Saint Sophia, the masterpiece of Byzantine architecture dating back to the VIth century. After lunch, visit the Blue Mosque covered by more than 20.000 Iznik tiles and continue with the Roman Hippodrome where the char races used to take place. Discover the handcrafts of Anatolia and shop in the labyrinth tunnels of the Grand Bazaar. Overnight.

DAY 4 : ISTANBUL / ANKARA

In the morning, explore the Spice Market to feel the exotism of the Orient. Enjoy a langourous boat trip along the European and Asian coasts of the Bosphorus. Enjoy a fish lunch under the Galata Bridge with stunning views over the silhouette of the Old City. In the afternoon, drive to Ankara and overnight.

DAY 5 : ANKARA / CAPPADOCIA

Visit the world-renowned Museum of Anatolian Civilizations with its priceless collection of Paleolithic, Neolithic, Hatti, Hittite, Phrygian, and Urartian and Roman artifacts. Drive along the Salt Lake to Cappadocia. Upon arrival, descend to the underground city of Saratli where the early Christians lived for months undetected. Overnight.

DAY 6 : CAPPADOCIA

Entire day to enjoy the natural beauty and the cultural depth of this unique region : explore the frescoed interiors of Goreme's cave churches, which date from the 8th century, a brief photo stop at Uchisar, take a walk in Avcilar, and the red valley of Derwent where you will admire the chimney like volcanic formations. Discover the Monks Valley, the best place to see three-headed fairy chimneys. Pasabag, is surrounded by incredible natural rock formations; a spectacular scene. Overnight.

DAY 7 : CAPPADOCIA / KONYA / PAMUKKALE

Drive to Konya and visit the Whirling Dervishes Convent which is now the Mevlana Museum. After lunch, continue to Pamukkale, known as the 'cotton castle'. Here, immense tiers of white limestone cascade down a barren hillside you will enjoy the beauty of the terraces and visit the nearby Roman theater and necropolis. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 8 : PAMUKKALE / EPHESUS / IZMIR

Proceed to Ephesus and explore the antique city by wandering along its 2,000 year old marble streets to such famous sites as the theatre and the Celsus Library. In the afternoon, visit the home of the Virgin Mary and a photo stop nearby the Temple of Artemis where only a column remains to indicate where one of the Seven Wonders of the World was. Overnight in Izmir, the third biggest city of Turkey.

DAY 9 : DEPARTURE

Transfer to Izmir Airport

PRICES IN CANADIAN DOLLAR :

Retail Price per Person	Single Supplement	Double Occupancy
	\$570	\$1310 (each)

Suggested Upgrades:

3 Nights Istanbul Sirkeci Mansion Boutique Hotel	+ \$625	+ \$205 (each)
2 Nights Cappadocia Yunak Evleri Cave Hotel	+ \$279	+ \$170 (each)

Included :

- All transfers
- 8 nights accommodation at hotels stated below
 - Istanbul 3 nights BB Eresin Topkapi 5*
 - Ankara 1-night HB Warwick 5*
 - Cappadocia 2 nights HB Dinler Urgup 5*
 - Pamukkale 1 night HB Doga Thermal 5*
 - Izmir 1 night HB Renaissance 5*
- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 5 hotel dinners
- English speaking guide throughout
- Transportation in air conditioned vehicle
- Entrance fees to museums
- Domestic flight Izmir – Istanbul

Not included :

- International flight
- Tips
- Insurance
- Personal expenses