



## OPTIONAL CRUISE

This tour expands on the Wonders of Turkey, (page 122) with the addition of Bursa, Perge the resort of Antalya and the fine Roman Theater at Aspendos.



Wander through the magnificent St. Sophia in Istanbul

# Treasures of Turkey

## TOUR PACE

A well paced tour with restful two-night stays punctuating the itinerary where necessary. Day 9 in Antalya is completely at leisure to relax or hit the beach and shops. In towns and cities with one-night stays, the driving days are not too long and have frequent stops for sightseeing.

## HOTELS

The Conrad in Istanbul hails from the "luxury brand of the Hilton family". Away from Istanbul, hotels may vary from the well known Sheratons and Hiltons to the Korumar in Kusadasi, and the Colossae Thermal in Pamukkale which specializes in health, beauty and fitness.

## FELLOW PASSENGERS

This tour is suitable for first-time travelers as well as those who want to experience a slightly more exotic tour. Many Australians and New Zealanders book this tour for the emotive visit to Gallipoli. It also appeals to those with an interest in early Christian history and a sense of adventure.

## INSIGHT FACT

Turkish Delight: Lokum has been produced in Turkey since the 15th century and was introduced to the West in the 19th century. An unknown Briton reputedly became very fond of the delicacy during his travels to Istanbul, and purchased cases of lokum, to be shipped back to Britain under the name Turkish Delight. It became a major delicacy not only in Britain, but throughout the world.

**DAY 1 – DEPART CANADA.** Board your overnight flight.

**DAY 2 – ISTANBUL AT LEISURE.** Welcome to Turkey! You are met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Settle in and relax, or start exploring the wonders of this glorious city, uniquely located on two continents! At 6:00pm this evening join your Tour Director for a *Welcome Drink*. Hotel: Conrad

**DAY 3 – ISTANBUL – BURSA.** Embark on a superb Highlight cruise along the Bosphorus past Ottoman palaces, old mansions and fortresses. Leaving Istanbul, take a short ferry trip and drive to Iznik. Visit the ruins of St Sophia and see the city walls before continuing to Bursa. In the afternoon there is time to haggle in the bazaar and silk markets. Hotel: Kervansaray Thermal (BB,D)

**DAY 4 – BURSA – ANKARA.** Visit the glorious Green Mosque and Mausoleum complex and Grand Mosque in Bursa before driving to the charming Cumalikizik Village with its traditional wooden houses and narrow cobblestone streets. Visit Gordion, where Alexander the Great cut the famous Gordion Knot, en route to Turkey's modern capital, Ankara. Hotel: Hilton (BB,D)

**DAY 5 – ANKARA – CAPPADOCIA.** Sightseeing includes a visit to the Hittite Museum, portraying the fascinating history of Asia Minor from earliest times. You also visit Anit Kabir, the mausoleum of Atatürk, Turkey's greatest leader in modern times. Visit the mausoleum of Sufi philosopher Haci Bektas before heading to Nevsehir in the Cappadocia region. Hotel: Dedeman (BB,D)

**DAY 6 – CAPPADOCIA – GÖREME EXCURSION.** In this unique region of volcanic landscapes and 'fairy-chimneys', visit Göreme's rock-carved churches, see ancient frescoes in the open-air museum and see the Zelve valleys, where the scenery is dotted with caves and troglodyte dwellings. Visit the underground city of Kaymakli and see the cone of Uchisar. Enjoy dinner at the hotel followed by a colorful folklore show in an underground cave, featuring dances from the different regions. (BB,HD)

**DAY 7 – CAPPADOCIA – KONYA.** Visit the Caravanserai of Sultanhani before driving to Turkey's most religious city, Konya, which was once the home of the mystic sect of Whirling Dervishes and the old capital of the Anatolian Seljuk Empire. Visit the Mevlana Museum, with its beautiful fluted turquoise dome, and see the Karatay Medrese and Ince Minaret. Hotel: Dedeman (BB,D)

**DAY 8 – KONYA – ANTALYA.** Descend the Taurus mountains and drive to Aspendos to visit what is considered the best preserved Roman Theater anywhere in the world. Drive to the Hellenistic or Roman city of Perge to visit the extensive ruins, including the great Theater, the Stadium, and the gate-towers leading into a street where ancient chariot ruts can still be seen. As night falls, enjoy a walking tour of Antalya's Old Town. Hotel: Sheraton Voyager. (BB,D)

**DAY 9 – ANTALYA AT LEISURE.** The day is set aside for you to relax and enjoy the leisure facilities of the hotel. Alternatively, you can explore Antalya at your own pace Other suggestions include a stroll around the harbor area or taking a boat trip off the coast. (BB D)

**DAY 10 – ANTALYA – PAMUKKALE.** Pass pine forests and cross the Taurus mountains on your way to Pamukkale. On arrival, visit the ruins of Hierapolis and the beautiful 'Cotton Castle' – an apt description of its dazzling white limestone terraces. Hotel: Colossae Thermal. (BB,D)

**DAY 11 – PAMUKKALE – KUSADASI.** Visit the Temple of Aphrodite at amazing Aphrodisias before following the Maeander River valley, (so full of twists and turns gives us the word 'meander') to your beautiful beach-front hotel in the lively coastal town of Kusadasi. Hotel: Korumar/Charisma (BB,D)

**DAY 12 – KUSADASI – IZMIR.** Tour one of the world's finest archeological sites, Ephesus. Visit the Amphitheater and walk along the Arcadian Way to view

the splendid facade of the Library of Celsus. Visit the House of the Virgin Mary, situated above the ruins, before continuing to the Selçuk archeological museum, where many artifacts from Ephesus are displayed. Stay overnight in the Aegean port of Izmir. Hotel: Hilton (BB,D)

**DAY 13 – IZMIR – ÇANAKKALE.** Stop in Pergamon, the impressive site of an ancient kingdom, to visit the Acropolis, the Temple of Athena and library, before viewing the Red Courtyard and the ruins of the Asklepion. Drive to Homer's Troy to see the ruins of nine cities built on top of each other, and an enormous reconstruction of the famous wooden horse. The evening is spent in Çanakkale. Hotel: Kolin (BB, D)

**DAY 14 – ÇANAKKALE – ISTANBUL.** Cross the Dardanelle Straits by ferry and continue to the Gallipoli Peninsula, scene of fierce fighting in World War One. Pay your respects at Anzac Cove and visit the emotive Lone Pine Cemetery before returning to Istanbul. Hotel: Conrad (BB)

**DAY 15 – ISTANBUL SIGHTSEEING.** Visit the Blue Mosque and the Hippodrome, where Roman chariot races were held. Also visit St Sophia, a former cathedral and a mosque which is now a magnificent museum. The afternoon is dedicated to the Topkapi Palace, a walled city perched above the Bosphorous and the Golden Horn. Test your haggling skills now as you visit the glittering Grand Bazaar. Don't worry, your guide will give you a full explanation of the time-honored ritual of bargaining! Consider an evening of dinner and belly-dancing. (BB)

**DAY 16 – RETURN TO CANADA.** The tour ends after breakfast with transfers to the airport. (BB)

## OPTIONAL 6 NIGHT PACKAGE WITH GREECE & TURKEY POST TOUR CRUISE

**DAY 16 – ISTANBUL.** Transfer to your ship and set sail on the Sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 17 – MYKONOS.** Cruise to Mykonos town with its whitewashed windmills and maze of walkways with shops and tavernas. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 18 – PATMOS & KUSADASI.** Visit the island of Patmos where St John wrote the book of Revelation and later call in at the Turkish port of Kusadasi. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 19 – RHODES.** Enjoy a full day on the island of Rhodes, considered the most beautiful of the Greek Isles. Enjoy its golden beaches or wander around the medieval old city. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 20 – CRETE & SANTORINI.** Dock at the beautiful port of Agios Nikolaos on the island of Crete before cruising on to spectacular Santorini. (BB,L,D)

**DAY 21 – PIRAEUS (ATHENS).** Disembark and transfer to your Athens hotel. (BB)

**DAY 22 – RETURN TO CANADA.** After breakfast, transfer to the airport. Hotel: Ledra Marriott (BB)



Konya - home of the whirling Dervish

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# 16 DAYS ~ TURKEY

## 6 Night Cruise Package Option 'Greece and Turkey Cruise'



### Includes

- 5 nights aboard your mid-size cruise ship featuring outdoor pool, fitness center, beauty salon, casino, bars, restaurants & spacious public areas
- Air conditioned cabins with private facilities
- All meals on board
- Exciting onboard entertainment
- Services of a Cruise Director while cruising
- 1 night post cruise in an Athens hotel with buffet breakfast
- All transfers
- Port taxes and crew gratuities

### Prices

	Twin Cabin P.P.	Single Cabin P.P.	Triple Cabin P.P.
<b>A Grade:</b> ● Low	\$1335	\$1545	\$1155
▼ High	\$1615	\$1880	\$1390
<b>B Grade:</b> ● Low	\$1175	\$1390	\$1040
▼ High	\$1399	\$1665	\$1215
<b>C Grade:</b> ● Low	\$1015	\$1230	\$880
▼ High	\$1190	\$1445	\$950

Port taxes (compulsory) add \$365 p.p.

Post tour accommodation  
Per person, per night Twin Sgle Triple  
Ledra Marriott Athens \$164 \$269 \$148

**Notes:** Insight's Roommate matching service is not available on the cruise. Vessels and/or ports of call may be re-scheduled at short notice.

**A Grade:** superior outside with porthole  
**B Grade:** standard outside with porthole  
**C Grade:** standard inside without porthole.

**Key**

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- PERSONAL INSIGHTS
- HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
- WELCOME DRINK
- LOCALLY GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
- ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS

See hotel details on pages 168-172



### Included Premium Highlights

- In Istanbul embark on a superb Highlight cruise along the Bosphorus past Ottoman palaces
- Explore the amazing underground houses and rock carved churches of Göreme
- Visit Aspendos, the best preserved Roman Theater in the world
- Visit the ruins of Hierapolis and the beautiful 'Cotton Castle' in Pamukkale
- Tour one of the world's finest archeological sites, Ephesus
- Pay your respects at Anzac Cove and visit the emotive Lone Pine Cemetery in Gallipoli
- Visit the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul, a walled city perched above the Golden Horn

### Included Personal Insights

- A complete guide on how to haggle in the Grand Bazaar; the technique, the pitfalls and how much to pay! Beat the shop-keepers at their own game!

### Included Additional Excursions & Sights

- Visit the ruins of St. Sophia and see the city walls in Iznik
- Visit the Grand Mosque and Bursa's greatest monument, the Green Mosque and Tomb
- Visit Ataturk's Mausoleum and Hittite Museum in Ankara
- Visit the mausoleum of Haci Bektaş ● Visit Sultanhani Caravanserai
- Tour Kaymakli's underground city ● Visit Konya's Mevlana Museum
- Visit Perge's ancient ruins ● Visit the ruins in Hierapolis and Pamukkale's white terraces
- Visit the Temple of Aphrodite at Aphrodisias
- Visit the House of the Virgin Mary and Selçuk Archeological Museum
- Visit Pergamon's Acropolis, Temple of Athena, library and Asklepiion
- View the Trojan Horse in Troy ● Visit the Blue Mosque and Basilica of St. Sophia in Istanbul

### Included First Class Services

- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portage
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with reclining seats and onboard restroom
- Insight's professional multilingual Tour Director to escort and guide you
- Insight Traveler document wallet, map book journal and information pack
- Arrival & departure transfers between the airport and your Insight tour hotel

### Included Quality Dining

- A spectacular highlight folklore show in an underground cave in Cappadocia (HD)
- 14 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 10 special-menu Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

## Save up to \$180 p.p. – see reductions below

Starts - Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp. Option	Starts - Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp. Option	Starts - Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp. Option
Mar 13 - Mar 28	\$1799	\$785	Jun 05 - Jun 20	\$1799	\$785	Aug 28 - Sep 12	\$1799	\$785
* Mar 17 - Apr 01	\$1799	\$785	* Jun 09 - Jun 24	\$1799	\$785	* Sep 01 - Sep 16	\$1799	\$785
● Mar 20 - Apr 04	\$1799	\$785	▼ Jun 12 - Jun 27	\$1799	\$785	▼ Sep 04 - Sep 19	\$1799	\$785
* Mar 24 - Apr 08	\$1799	\$785	* Jun 16 - Jul 01	\$1799	\$785	* Sep 08 - Sep 23	\$1799	\$785
Mar 27 - Apr 11	\$1799	\$785	Jun 19 - Jul 04	\$1799	\$785	Sep 11 - Sep 26	\$1799	\$785
* Mar 31 - Apr 15	\$1799	\$785	* Jun 23 - Jul 08	\$1799	\$785	* Sep 15 - Sep 30	\$1799	\$785
● Apr 03 - Apr 18	\$1799	\$785	▼ Jun 26 - Jul 11	\$1799	\$785	▼ Sep 18 - Oct 03	\$1799	\$785
* Apr 07 - Apr 22	\$1799	\$785	* Jun 30 - Jul 15	\$1799	\$785	* Sep 22 - Oct 07	\$1799	\$785
† Apr 12 - Apr 27	\$1799	\$785	Jul 03 - Jul 18	\$1799	\$785	Sep 25 - Oct 10	\$1799	\$785
* Apr 14 - Apr 29	\$1799	\$785	* Jul 07 - Jul 22	\$1799	\$785	* Sep 29 - Oct 14	\$1799	\$785
▼ Apr 17 - May 02	\$1799	\$785	▼ Jul 10 - Jul 25	\$1799	\$785	▼ Oct 02 - Oct 17	\$1799	\$785
* Apr 21 - May 06	\$1799	\$785	* Jul 14 - Jul 29	\$1799	\$785	* Oct 06 - Oct 21	\$1799	\$785
Apr 24 - May 09	\$1799	\$785	Jul 17 - Aug 01	\$1799	\$785	Oct 09 - Oct 24	\$1799	\$785
* Apr 28 - May 13	\$1799	\$785	* Jul 21 - Aug 05	\$1799	\$785	* Oct 13 - Oct 28	\$1799	\$785
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May 08 - May 23	\$1799	\$785	Jul 31 - Aug 15	\$1799	\$785	Oct 30 - Nov 14	\$1799	\$785
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▼ May 15 - May 30	\$1799	\$785	▼ Aug 07 - Aug 22	\$1799	\$785	Nov 13 - Nov 28	\$1799	\$785
* May 19 - Jun 03	\$1799	\$785	* Aug 11 - Aug 26	\$1799	\$785	Nov 27 - Dec 12	\$1799	\$785
May 22 - Jun 06	\$1799	\$785	Aug 14 - Aug 29	\$1799	\$785	Dec 25 - Jan 09	\$1799	\$785
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▼ May 29 - Jun 13	\$1799	\$785	▼ Aug 21 - Sep 05	\$1799	\$785	Jan 29 - Feb 13	\$1799	\$785
* Jun 02 - Jun 17	\$1799	\$785	* Aug 25 - Sep 09	\$1799	\$785			

### Supplements

● Optional 6 night package with Greece & Turkey cruise. Offered with these departures. See above panel.

Pre & post tour accommodation

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
Conrad Istanbul	\$186	\$339	\$172

### Reductions

- SAVE \$70 per person with Triple room reduction
- Insight's Great Savings & Discounts
- SAVE \$180 per person with Young Traveler Discount
- SAVE up to \$90 per person with 2nd Tour Discount
- SAVE up to \$90 per person with Frequent Traveler Discount

### Notes

REF: 1949. Prices are per person sharing a twin.  
 † This departure starts on Monday and ends on a Tuesday.  
 \* These departures start Wednesdays and end on Thursdays. All other departures start on Saturdays and end on Sundays.  
**Insight's Low Airfare Promise:** Insight promises we will provide the best airfare available to us at the time you make your reservation. Please see page 174 for full details. Airfares are not included in the prices listed above.

Included 🏰 🗺️ 🍷 🍷 are worth approximately \$414