

In ancient times, Turkey was a major player in the Mediterranean. It's in vogue once again, but now it's the historic sites, natural wonders and value for money that are drawing the crowds.



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Tour the remains of ancient Ephesus, a great trading and religious centre founded in the second millennium BC.

Treasures of Turkey

TOUR PACE

A well paced tour with restful two-night stays punctuating the itinerary where necessary. In Antalya, for example you have a free day to relax or hit the shops. In towns and cities with one-night stays, the driving days are not too long and have frequent stops for sightseeing.

HOTELS

The Istanbul Conrad hails from the "luxury brand of the Hilton family" while the Swissôtel Grand Efes is a member of "The Leading Hotels of the World". The Kolin occupies a commanding position overlooking the Dardanelles and the Colossae Thermal in Pamukkale specialises in health, beauty and fitness.

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! This evening join your Tour Director for a *Welcome Drink*. Hotel: Conrad/Mövenpick

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: Thermal Kervansaray (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 Ataturk, 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, and see ancient frescoes in the open-air museum. Visit the underground city of Kaymakli and see the cone of Uchisar. Dinner at the hotel is followed by a folklore show in an underground cave, featuring dances from different regions. (BB,HD)

DAY 7 – CAPPADOCIA – KONYA. Visit the Caravanserai of Sultanhanı 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 Theatre anywhere in the world. Drive to the Hellenistic or Roman city of Perge to visit the extensive ruins, including the great Theatre, 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: Marmara Antalya/Dedeman Antalya/Antalya (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, explore Antalya at your own pace, suggestions include a stroll around the harbour 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: Thermal Colossae (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: Charisma/Korumar (BB,D)

DAY 12 – KUSADASI – IZMIR. Tour one of the world's finest archeological sites, Ephesus. Visit the Amphitheatre 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 artefacts from Ephesus are displayed. Stay overnight in the Aegean port of Izmir. Hotel: Swissôtel Grand Efes (BB,D)

DAY 13 – IZMIR – ÇANAKKALE. Stop in Pergamon, the impressive site of an ancient kingdom, to visit the Asklepion, one of the most famous shrines and therapeutic centres in the ancient world. 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/Mövenpick (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 Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. Test your haggling skills in the Grand Bazaar. Don't worry, your guide will give you a full explanation of the time-honoured ritual of bargaining! Consider an evening of dinner and belly-dancing. (BB)

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

GREECE & TURKEY CRUISE PACKAGE OPTION - 7 DAYS

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. Hotel: Ledra Marriott. (BB)

DAY 22 – RETURN TO CANADA. After breakfast, transfer to the airport. (BB)



Whirling Dervish

Post Tour Greece & Turkey Cruise Package Option - 7 days



Includes

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

Prices

| Cabin Grades | Twin Cabin P.P. | Single Cabin P.P. | Triple Cabin P.P. |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| A Grade: ● Low | \$1305 | \$1520 | \$1125 |
| ★ Mid | \$1595 | \$1860 | \$1365 |
| B Grade: ● Low | \$1140 | \$1355 | \$1000 |
| ★ Mid | \$1365 | \$1635 | \$1190 |
| C Grade: ● Low | \$975 | \$1190 | \$845 |
| ★ Mid | \$1160 | \$1415 | \$980 |

Port Taxes (compulsory) add \$345
Post tour accommodation
 Athens
 Ledra Marriott \$149 \$243 \$136
 prices are per person, per night

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
- 🗺️ GUIDED NIGHTSIGHTING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
- 🏨 CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- 🌄 SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS
- 🚢 CRUISE + NIGHTS

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👑 **Visit the amazing Topkapi Palace**
 🚢 **Cruise along the Bosphorus**
 🗺️ **Learn how to haggle in the Grand Bazaar; the technique, the pitfalls and how much to pay!**

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TOUR CODE: I949A

Save up to \$270 p.p. - see reductions below

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Reductions

SAVE \$20 p.p. with Triple room reduction;
Insight's Great Savings & Discounts
 SAVE \$270 per person with Young Traveller Discount
 SAVE up to \$106 per person with 2nd Tour Discount
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 For additional information regarding Insight's great Savings & Discounts, please see page 18.

Extra Accommodation

| Per person, per night | Twin | Single | Triple |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Conrad, Istanbul | \$193 | \$352 | \$177 |
| Mövenpick, Istanbul | \$175 | \$282 | \$148 |

DEF Definite Departures (DEF)

are tour dates guaranteed to operate.
 These are regularly updated and listed on our website www.insightvacations.com (see page 19 for details).

Notes

● **Optional Greece & Turkey cruise package** offered on these departures. See the above panel for details.
 † Tour starts Tuesday and ends on Wednesday and the hotel on Day 13 will be either the, Kolin (Canakkale); Eden Gardens (Assos) or Kervansaray (Assos).
 All other tours start Saturdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays and end Sundays/Thursdays/Fridays.
 * These tours operate as per our 2010/2011 Winter Europe & Eastern Mediterranean brochure
 ! These prices are subject to confirmation and the Peace of Mind Guarantee does not apply to these departures
 ♦ Xmas/New Year's Eve celebration dinner included.
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 190 for full details.
 Airfares are not included in the prices listed above.

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 Theatre in the world
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Included Personal Insights

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Included First Class Services

- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portage
- Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom
- Insight's professional multilingual Tour Director to escort and guide you
- Insight Traveller 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)

Included 🍷 🗺️ 🏨 are worth approximately C\$422



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