

About Explore Tour

A fascinating mix of modern and ancient, where East meets West, Turkey is one of the most incredible countries in the world. As such it has plenty of European and Asian influences from all sides. With close proximity to Africa too, it is a cultural melting pot where people of all beliefs and faiths can feel at home. Turkey is one of the most popular holiday destinations for Indian travelers, and it truly has something to offer everyone's tastes: white sandy beaches, ruins of ancient civilizations, world-class sights, delicious food, cosmopolitan feels, and holiday spirits. Turkey is truly a country that leaves you breathless.

Day 1

| Istanbul



Arrive in Istanbul. Located in the Marmara region of Turkey, Istanbul is the world's most gorgeous and mysterious city. Check out the beauty, the great culture, the colorful lifestyle, the harmony of opposites and everything this amazing city has to offer. Upon arrival in Istanbul, you will be welcomed by our local representative and transferred to your hotel located in Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch.

Day 2

| Istanbul



This Full Day Tour of Istanbul provides the perfect introduction to the fabled city that spans Asia and Europe. On this one day sightseeing tour you will see how old meets new when you visit Istanbul's four "must-see" historic sites. We will pick you up from the hotel. Then you will meet with your guide at the meeting point. We will visit Hagia Sophia Museum, Blue Mosque, Grand Covered Bazaar & Hippodrome, Topkapi Palace.

Overnight Istanbul.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch.

Day 3

| Istanbul



We will drive to the city of **Bursa**, holding great importance for Ottoman Empire's history for being the first capital and having a rich Islamic Cultural Heritage for centuries. We will visit the **Uludag (Mt. Olympus)**: rises to the south of the city. It is for hiking or just some fresh, cool air in summer, and for skiing in winter. **Green Tomb**: The symbol of Bursa and one of the most beautiful samples of Ottoman tomb architecture. It is the mausoleum of the fifth Ottoman Sultan, Mehmed

I. The exterior is covered with turquoise tiles. The **Green Mosque**: it was built in 1424 by Sultan Mehmet I. It is set on a promontory overlooking the valley. It takes its name from the greenblue tiles of the interior. **Silk Market (Koza Han)**: built in 1491 by Sultan Bayezit II. It was both used as a caravanserai and a silk market. The han has remained the center of the silk industry and trade. It is composed of an inner courtyard surrounded by two stories of shops. Grand Mosque (Ulu Cami): built in 1400 by Sultan Yildirim Bayezit. This mosque is an excellent example of classical Ottoman architecture, it has no central dome but 20 equal-sized domes instead, that are supported by 30 pillars. Overnight Bursa. Meal Breakfast & Lunch.

Day 4

| Bursa



Bursa – Selcuk – Ephesus – Pamukkale

Transfer from bursa to Selcuk, afternoon visit:

Phesus: Tour starts from the upper entrance gate, the Baths of Varius, Odeon, Pratanion, Fountain of Polio, The gate of Heracles, State Agora, Temple of Hadrian, Temple of Domitian, Library of Celsus, Great Theater and Harbor Street with the Necropolis will be visited. Overnight Pamukkale

Meals. Breakfast & Lunch.

Day 5

| Pamukkale



Transfer from Pamukkaletto-Konya-Cappadocia.

Konya Mevlana Museum – The Ruling Monastery of the Mevlevi religious Order which is based on human love and tolerance. We see Mevlana tomb, the founder of Mawlawi Religious Order and mystic, The dervishes rooms, The kitchen, Belonging of Mevlana and dervishes belonging.

Overnight Cappadocia

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch.

Day 6

| Cappadocia



Full day Cappadocia tour:

Cappadocia optional early morning activity:

Balloon flight tour in Cappadocia – Viewing the rocky landscape of Cappadocia from the air in the morning by sun rise.

Departure from Hotel at 0900 am and visit:

Goreme Open air Museum – The best rock-cut churches & monasteries of Cappadocia with frescoes. These churches were designed by some professional artists of Constantinapolis in Byzantine era.

Uchisar Cave Houses & Pigeon Houses – We enter to one of the cave houses which is used as a cafeteria today and have an apple tea while relaxing and feeling the cave life of the earlier times.

The Pigeon Valley – The valley which is housing thousands of dove-cotes dug out into the cliff of the valley by the farmers of Cappadocia to collect the guano and fertilize the farms in the past.

Pashabagi fairy-chimneys Valley - Known as Monks Valley as well. We see the natural rock formations resemble the mushrooms with some monks caves in them.

Avanos – Historic Pottery Town of Cappadocia which is located on the banks of Red River. Its inhabitants produced pottery since it was established till today.

Dervent valley – Also called as Pink or Imagination valley with its famous pink rock formations. Here depends on your imagination power you may see many rock formations look like different figures.

Urgup fairy-chimneys – They are symbol of Cappadocia with their caps on top. There are 5 mushroom like rock formations just like a family.

Rose Valley – One of the best places to watch the sun set in Cappadocia. The color of the valley turns to pink even red in the end of the day.

Overnight Cappadocia.

Meal: Breakfast & Lunch.

Day 7

Cappadocia to Istanbul Transfer all day.

Overnight Istanbul.

Meal: Breakfast & Lunch.

Day 8

| India



Istanbul Halid Ebu Eyyub El-Ensari Transfer to Airport.

Eyyub el-Ensari: In the complex of Eyup Sultan Mosque the tomb of Halid Bin Zeyd Ebu Eyyub El-Ensari is located Zeyd Ebu Eyyub El-Ensari, an important figure for the Islamic world, was the bearer of HZ. Muhammad.

Minia Turk A Small Model of all Turkey.

Transfer to Airport fly back to India.