

## itinerary

**Tour code: MTT- 13**

**Visited places: Istanbul, Cappadocia, Mt. Nemrut, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Pergamum**

**Duration: 16 days – 15 nights**

**Departures: Everyday Tuesday and Friday**

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### **DAY - 1 ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL**

Arrival and transfer from the airport to hotel, free afternoon and overnight in Istanbul.

### **DAY - 2 BYZANTINE & OTTOMAN RELICS TOUR (B-L)**

08:30 am, pick up from the hotel and departing Byzantine & Ottoman Relics Tour. Visiting: Haghia Sophia Museum, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Grand Bazaar, Topkapi Palace and Suleymanie Mosque. Return back to the hotel after the tour. Overnight.

### **DAY 3 - BOSPHORUS & 2 CONTINENTS TOUR (B-L)**

08:30 am, pick up from the hotel and departing for Bosphorus & 2 Continents Tour. Visiting: Spice Bazaar, Bosphorus on the Boat, Rumeli Fortress, Dolmabahce Palace, Bosphorus Bridge and Camlica Hill. Return back to the hotel after the tour. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **DAY 4 - HALF DAY TAKSIM SQUARE (B)**

08:30 am, pick up from the hotel and departing for half day Taksim Square tour. Visiting Taksim Square, famous Istiklal Street, Galata Tower (vision). Return back to the hotel after the tour. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **DAY - 5 FLIGHT TO CAPPADOCIA & TOUR 1 (B- L)**

Today around 05:00 am we will transfer you to Istanbul airport for flight to Kayseri airport (Cappadocia). 07:30 am flight from Istanbul to Kayseri. 08:50 am arrive in Kayseri, pick up and depart for Cappadocia Tour 1. Starting the tour to visit Devrent Valley, Zelve Open-Air Museum, Monk's valley (Pasabagi) where you will find the world known fairy chimneys. Break for lunch in Avanos and then continue on to the Goreme Open-Air Museum where you will visit the numerous rock carved churches and monasteries. Depart for a panoramic view of Esentepe and then on to Uchisar, a natural rock castle at the end of the tour back to the hotel. Back to hotel around 5:00 pm and overnight stay in Cappadocia.

### **DAY - 6 CAPPADOCIA TOUR 2 (B-L)**

08:30 am, depart from your hotel to visit Red valley, and explore the famous rock- cut churches and hike 5 km through the Güllüdere valley. Then visit Çavuşin village. This village is famous for the houses and churches of the Christian clergymen. After lunch drive to the Pigeon valley . In the afternoon visit Kaymaklı underground city where early Christians lived in fear and faith. On the way back visit the natural castles at Ortahisar. After the tour return back to the hotel and overnight in Cappadocia.

### **Day - 7 DEPARTING TO MT. NEMRUT (B-L-D)**

Departure in the morning from Cappadocia. After passed Kayseri we will stop to visit the 13 th century Seljukian Caravanserai "Karatayhan". The next stop will be in Pinarbasi for a short tea break then drive to Tekir for lunch. After lunch drive to Kahramanmaras. We will stop there and have the worldwide famous ice-cream in a local cafe then drive to KAHTA. Arrival, check in to hotel, relaxing for a while then we will drive to Atatürk Dam's lake for dinner. After dinner drive back to the hotel and overnight in 3 star hotel. Overnight in Adiyaman.

**Day - 8 MT. NEMRUT - SANLIURFA (B-L-D)**

Very early departure to drive up to Mt.Nemrut. After get off the minibuses 25 minutes climbing on foot to the top where we will watch the beautiful sunrise between the colossal size statues and heads of the Kings and Gods. After sunrized visit the ruins of Nemrut and free time to walk around then drive back to Kahta using different road to see the ruins of ARSEMIA, Roman bridge of CENDERE and tümülüs tomb of KARAKUS. Arrival in Kahta, breakfast and relaxing then drive to Sanliurfa and on the way we will stop to see ATATÜRK DAM which is the biggest Dam in MiddleEast. Arrival in Sanliurfa, check in to hotel and have lunch in a local restaurants which is famous with its Kababs. After lunch visit the oriental old covered bazaar,Abraham's Cave and the pools of holy carp surrounding it then drive to HARRAN a village of spellbinding mud-brick beehive houses mentioned in the book of Genesis where Abraham spend last years of his life. Visit the ruins of Harran including city walls ,oldest Islamic university and the castle dated to 8th century.Then free time to walk around in Harran village and drive back to the hotel, dinner and overnight in Sanliurfa.

**Day - 9 BACK TO CAPPADOCIA (B-L)**

Departure from Sanliurfa after breakfast, next stop will be Birecik which is famous with its Bald-Ibis (Kelaynak) birds. We will visit the breeding farm then drive back to Cappadocia. Arrive in Cappadocia late afternoon,and check-into same cave hotel to rest. Overnight in Cappadocia.

**DAY -10 FLIGHT TO IZMIR & TRANSFER TO KUSADASI (B)**

Today after the breakfast you will be transferred to Kayseri airport and flight to Izmir (flight will pass by Istanbul) Arrival in Izmir late afternoon and transfer to the hotel in Kusadasi. Overnight in Kusadasi.

**DAY - 11 EPHEBUS TOUR (B-L)**

08:30 am pick up andl depart for full day guided Ephesus Tour. Visiting: Temple of Artemis, Ephesus Ruins (Theatre, Celsius Library, Agora, Odeon, Domitianus Temple, Trajan Fountain, Roman Latrine), St. John, Museum or House of Virgin Mary. Overnight in Kusadasi after the tour.

**DAY - 12 PAMUKKALE TOUR (B-L)**

08:30 am meet at your hotel in Kusadasi; proceed to PAMUKKALE "Cotton Castle", once known as HIERAPOLIS, famous for healing thermal/ mineral baths and beautiful snow-white "petrified waterfalls". After lunch, visit HIERAPOLIS, including the magnificently preserved Necropolis, the Main Street and Gates, the Thermal Baths, the Devil's Hole, and the Masterpiece Theater. Transfer back to the hotel after the tour and overnight in Kusadasi.

**DAY - 13 PERGAMUM TOUR (B-L)**

08:30 am pick up from the hotel and departing for fully guided Pergamum tour. Visiting to Aesculapium, ancient medical center built in the name of Aesculapis, "God of Medicine". Lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch continue to Pergamum Acropolis. Visit Athena and Trojan Temples, Temple of Zeus, Temple of Dionysos, Gymnasium of Youth, Odeon, Library, Agora, Great Theatre and Roman Bath. Tour ends around 05:30pm and back to hotel.

**DAY - 14 FLIGHT BACK TO ISTANBUL (B)**

Today after breakfast (07:00am) we will transfer you to Izmir airport. 08:55 am flight back to Istanbul. 09:55 am arrive in Istanbul and transfer back to hotel. Free day. Overnight in Istanbul.

**DAY - 15 FREE DAY - ISTANBUL (B)**

After breakfast, you will have your entire day to discover lovely Istanbul on your own. Overnight in Istanbul.

**DAY - 16 GOODBYE (B)**

According your flight schedule you will be transferred to the Istanbul International Airport. Goodbye!

**Legend:** B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

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**PACKAGE TOUR IS INCLUDED:**

- 15 nights accommodation.
- All transfers in between airports and hotels.
- Fully guided tours mentioned in the itinerary, all regular.
- All internal flight tickets mentioned in the itinerary.
- Professionally licensed English speaking guides on local tours.
- All museum tickets, entrance fees where necessary.
- All meals mentioned in the itinerary.
- All taxes and handling.
- The price is net. No hidden or extra costs.

**PACKAGE TOUR IS NOT INCLUDED:**

- Personal expenses. (drinks, etc)
- Tips to guides and drivers.
- Turkey Visa Fees.
- International airfare.
- Travel insurance.

**HOTELS:**

- **In Istanbul:** Megara Hotel
- **In Kusadasi:** Polat Beach Hotel
- **In Cappadocia:** Hisar Evi Cave Hotel
- **In Nemrut:** 3 and 4 Star Hotels