



YOUR ITINERARY - Wonders of Turkey
1 COUNTRY(IES) | 11 DAYS



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DAY 1: 09 March 2023

Welcome to Istanbul

Welcome to Turkey. You'll start in vibrant Istanbul, where a representative will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Located in the heart of the city, you'll be close to Taksim Square, which is famous for its Republic Monument, dining and shopping options. Join your Travel Director at 18:30 for a Welcome Dinner, where you'll get to know your fellow travellers.

Meal(s): Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

DAY 2: 10 March 2023

Gallipoli and Anzac Cove

Marvel at breathtaking coastal views as you make your way along the shores of the Sea of Marmara to historic Gallipoli. Located in the southern part of East Thrace, it was here that for nine months during the Great War, Anzac troops fought in an attempt to gain control of the Dardanelles Strait. Learn more about these events as you visit Anzac Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery. Later, join your group as you head from Eceabat across the sea to Çanakkale. Home to famous archaeological site, Troy, this historic destination will be your home for the night.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Kolin Hotel, Canakkale.

DAY 3: 11 March 2023

Troy, Pergamon and Izmir

Begin your day of legends with a trip to Homer's city of Troy, the focal point of the Trojan War and the backdrop to one of history's most famous love stories, that of Paris and Helen of Troy, the face that launched 1000 ships. A replica of the mighty Trojan horse, which helped the Greeks capture the city in 1200 B.C., can be seen beside the city's walls. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Copmadam, a women's co-op turning recycled materials into unique items, and addressing women's employment issues. Continue on to Pergamon, once a powerful ancient Greek city, you'll find the Asklepion temple here. A famous shrine and healing centre, it was built in honour of Asklepios, the god of medicine. After some time exploring, continue your journey to the coastal city of Izmir.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Swissotel Büyük Efes, Izmir.

DAY 4: 12 March 2023

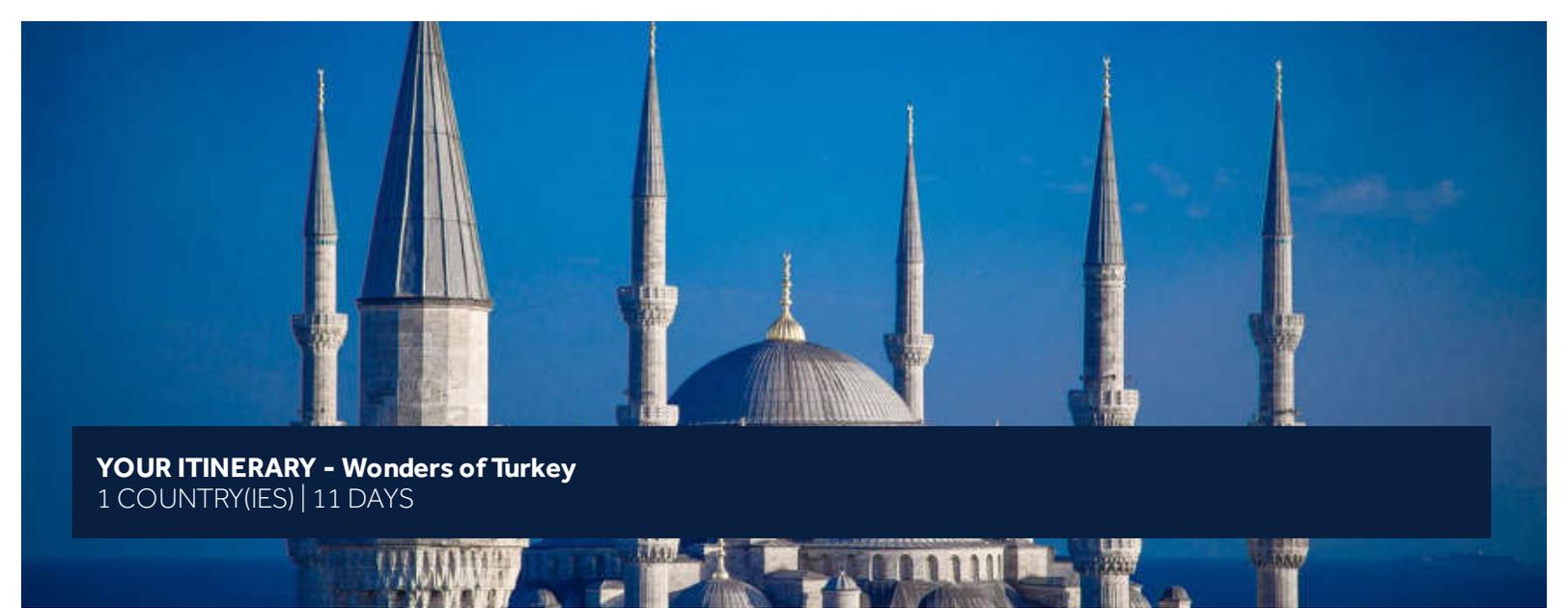
**Ancient Ephesus and Kusadasi
Relaxed Start**

Start your morning with a trip to the nearby town of Selçuk. Home to the House of the Virgin Mary and the Temple of Artemis, you'll begin with an educational visit to the Archaeological Museum. Once here, delve into the area's history as you explore the museum's exhibits, many of which have been retrieved from the nearby Ephesus excavation site. Later, explore the famous site itself. Walk through the colonnaded Arcadian Way, see the

Library of Celsus and the huge Amphitheatre, before visiting the House of the Virgin Mary, situated above the Ephesus ruins.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Charisma De Luxe Hotel, Kusadasi.



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DAY 5: 13 March 2023

The Pools of Pamukkale

This morning, following the winding Maender River Valley, with its twists and turns, head to a local organic farm. Once here, you'll meet the agricultural director who will take you on a walking tour of the eco-friendly lands. You'll have the satisfying task of picking fruits and vegetables from his fields. Delight in a mouth-watering Farm-to-Table lunch, prepared with fresh produce from the farm. Continue to Pamukkale.

Famous for its mineral-rich thermal waters and chalk-white limestone terraces, explore the area with your Travel Director. See the ruins of the ancient Roman spa city of Hierapolis, founded in 190 B.C. You'll see the city's well-preserved theatre and its turquoise travertine pools. Later, head back to your hotel, the esteemed Doğa Thermal Health & Spa. Take full advantage of its indoor and outdoor thermal pools, steam room and its Turkish bath complex.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale.

DAY 6: 14 March 2023

Konya, the Whirling Dervishes and Cappadocia

Today, you'll travel to Konya. The home of the Whirling Dervish, this city offers tradition in abundance. Noteworthy buildings line its streets, with beautiful mosques and modern buildings providing a delightful contrast. Visit the Mevlana Tekke museum, with its recognisable turquoise dome. See the Karatay Madrasa, built in 1251, before

moving on to the Ince Minaret, a 13th century madrasa. Continue your journey to Urgup, an historic town in the heart of Cappadocia. You will recognise this famous area from the bright balloons that decorate its sky and the striking golden, volcanic landscapes that surround it. Your abode for the night is the unique Alfina Cave Hotel Cappadocia, built in old cave dwellings. Get some rest here before your travels continue in the morning.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Alfina Cave Hotel Cappadocia.

DAY 7: 15 March 2023

The Underground Cities of Cappadocia Experience

Move on to Göreme, a striking town in the Cappadocia region of Turkey. Explore its rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings before moving on to the Pasabag Valley. Located on the road to Zelve, you'll find otherworldly earth pillars here, 'fairy chimneys' and troglodyte dwellings. Later, visit the underground city of Özkonak, where you'll have time to explore its tunnels and caves with your Travel Director before joining a Cappadocian local who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house. You'll learn more about their unique way of living, local traditions and family life. Complementing the day's events, dinner tonight will be accompanied by a performance of Whirling Dervishes.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Alfina Cave Hotel Cappadocia.

DAY 8: 16 March 2023

Ankara

One for art lovers, this morning, you'll learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos. A town based in Cappadocia, it is famous for its earthenware pottery. On your way, stop off at one of the best-preserved Seljuk Caravanserais in Anatolia. Continue your journey to Ankara, where you'll visit the Hittite Museum and Anit Kabir, the Mausoleum of Atatürk—Turkey's greatest modern leader and the first President of the Republic of Turkey. Perhaps relax in the spa and wellness centre at your hotel this evening.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Ankara HiltonSA, Ankara.

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DAY 9: 17 March 2023

To Istanbul

It's time to head to Istanbul. A glorious fusion of east and west, this popular city offers something for everyone, with history, culture, modernity, delicious cuisine and of course, the friendliest of faces. Board a cruise along the Bosphorus. As you make your way from Eminönü to the Black Sea, witness the area's beautiful Ottoman palaces and fortresses lining the waterfront. Your evening is at leisure, why not ask your Travel Director for suggestions on places to dine.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

DAY 10: 18 March 2023

Istanbul & the Ottoman Empire

Today you'll take in the sites of Istanbul. In the morning, visit the historic Blue Mosque with its tiled interiors. See the Hippodrome, where Roman chariot races were held, before exploring Hagia Sophia. Built in A.D. 537, it is famous for its domed roof. Visit the Topkapi Palace, perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn, the primary inlet of the waterway. Enjoy the excitement of bargaining in the bustling Grand Bazaar. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

DAY 11: 19 March 2023

Farewell Istanbul

It's time to say goodbye to your new friends, as your trip comes to an end. A transfer will take you to the airport for your onward flights, or for those extending their stay in Istanbul, speak to your Travel Director for tips and tricks on where to head.

Meal(s): Breakfast.



Pricing

Wonders of Turkey - March 9, 2023
March 9 - 19, 2023

Land Only, Per Person Prices (based on twin-share accommodations)*

Airfare & Travel insurance will be additional, Please contact your travel advisor for details

Per Person Rate based on Double occupancy	\$2195.00
Single Room Supplement (subject to availability)	\$495.00
Triple Room Reduction (subject to availability)	\$20.00
Deposit	\$250 per person
Final payment date	75 Days prior to travel dates
Travel Protection Plan	Varies

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Our highly-skilled Travel Director will ensure your journey is seamless, serving as your expert guide, consummate organizer, and friend overseas.
- On departures with 8 or more guests, personal radio headsets give you the freedom to wander during visits to famous highlights, without missing any of your Local Expert's fascinating commentary.
- We carry your bags for you and promptly deliver them to your hotel door.
- Hotel and restaurant tips are included - you'll never have to worry about how much to give, nor search for foreign currency. We also include all taxes and portage charges at hotels.
- Stay connected with friends and family with our complimentary coach and hotel Wi-Fi (where available).
- From time to time, your Travel Director will delight you with an Insight Flourish, which is a local specialty representing the destination.
- Complimentary transfers from/to Istanbul Airport are available on arrival and departure days, or with additional accommodation booked through Insight Vacations.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- No early check in/late checkout included.
- International, domestic and internal airfares.
- Travel insurance, visas and items of a personal nature.
- Gratuities to Travel Director, Coach Drivers and local Experts.
- A Wellbeing Director.
- Expense of any required PCR or Antigen tests.

BOOKING CONDITIONS:

Deposit: A Non-Refundable deposit of \$250 per person is required within 7 days of the booking

Final Payment: Final payment is required 75 days prior to the travel dates

Price Guarantee: Once individual deposits are received at Insight no surcharges in respect of cost or currency fluctuations will be made once payment for the deposit of your land trip is received. This guarantee excludes government taxes, internal flights surcharges (e.g. Eastern Mediterranean products and pre-paid Abu Simbel excursions), cruise company surcharges (e.g. Aegean, River or North American cruises), and international airline fuel surcharges or fare increases (affecting all international airlines). Surcharges within these exceptions are outside our control and may be applied, regardless of payment status, fully paid or not, at any time during the booking process (or may occasionally be required to be paid while on trip).

Single & Triple Rooms: Single & triple rooms are limited. Should you require more than 3, please request and we will advise what is available. Triple rooms can also not be guaranteed at all hotels. If triple rooms are not available for pre or post trip accommodation the applicable supplement for a twin and single room will apply. Triple rooms are not available on Nile Cruises or European River Cruises.

Coach Use: In most cases individual guests will travel with your group on trip. Sole use of the coach while on trip can only be given if paying guest numbers reach 36 for First Class Trips. Should numbers drop below this, Insight Vacations reserve the right to add individual guests to the trip.

Transfers: Arrival and departure transfers are offered, please ask your travel advisor

Travel Protection Plan – Travel insurance must be purchased within 14 days of deposit for full coverage and can only be purchased up until final payment. C

Cancellations for all non-covered reasons will be compensated in the form of an Insight Vacations travel voucher for use on a future vacation, less the cost of insurance. Cancellations for all covered reasons will receive a cash refund which is paid by the insurance company. Detailed Insurance coverage & policy can be found at www.insightvacations.com/insurance or contact Aon Affinity at 866.580.4869. Please read your insurance policy carefully.

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For Trips only: Before 60 days prior to departure \$200 per person per trip Between 59 and 16 days prior to departure 30% of total trip cost Between 15 and 8 days prior to departure 50% of total trip cost Between 7 and 1 day prior to departure 90% of total trip cost Cancellation on day of departure 100% of total trip cost

Names Changes: A fee of \$50 per person will be charged for name changes or name corrections together with any airline

penalties and other cost or charges incurred.

Refunds: No refund is available if cancellations occur after the trip has commenced or in respect of any trips, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilized.

Itinerary Changes & Trip Cancellation: Insight Vacations reserves the right to vary itineraries should circumstances dictate, as well as cancel or reschedule any trip departure in accordance with operating requirements, or circumstances beyond its control. The advertised trips require minimum numbers to depart. Should these not be met Insight Vacations reserves the right to cancel arrangements.

Documentation: Insight will provide: Insight voucher valid for all contracted services by email approximately 45 days prior to departure. Final day by day itinerary Hotel list with addresses and contact numbers Optional Experiences list International air tickets (if applicable)

Booking Terms and Conditions: All terms and conditions are as per the "Booking Conditions and other Important Information" pages in the Insight Vacations Europe & Britain brochure and apply to your Scheduled Group. These conditions incorporate the basis upon which bookings are accepted by Insight Vacations as agreed by you, the guest. These conditions must be carefully studied prior to making the commitment of paying the deposit and they must be referred to if printing a brochure. Additional terms and conditions may be applicable to group bookings and will be advised as they become known.