

Golden Triangle of Turkey
8 days – 7 nights
Istanbul, Bosphorus, Cappadocia, Kusadasi, Izmir
Discovery, Culture, History

Day 1: Istanbul

Arrival to Istanbul Ataturk International Airport. Meet our driver or guide according to your arrival time and private transfer to your hotel. Meet with your guide at the hotel around 8 PM and go out for a dinner and night out to get the feeling of magic Istanbul city. Overnight in Istanbul. [D]

Day 2: Istanbul (Old City)

You will first visit the Hippodrome, the social center of this Byzantine city, which was used as a horse racing track. Next you will visit the Blue Mosque, the Grand Mosque of the Ottomans for 3 centuries, followed by the Hagia Sophia. This extraordinary building served as an Eastern Orthodox cathedral and seat of the Patriarchate of Constantinople more than 7 centuries. After visiting the Underground Cistern of Yerebatan, you will have lunch nearby and rest with a Turkish coffee, enjoying the view of Hagia Sophia. After lunch, you will visit the Topkapi Palace, imperial palace of the Ottomans which reflects the splendor of the Ottoman Empire. Your tour will finish with a Turkish coffee on the terraces of the Palace, before you return to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul. [B/L]

Day 3: Istanbul (Bosphorus Cruise)

Your day will start with a stroll from the old city of Istanbul to the Golden Horn to catch a regular Bosphorus cruise in between the Asian and European continents. For an hour and more, you will be floating through the real history channel. Big mansions located by the water will take you to the 19th Century of Istanbul and your return will give amazing opportunities to take pictures of the Old City of Istanbul, once capital to Byzantium and Ottoman empires. You will embark by the Spice market and stroll in and around the bazaar where the Spices from India were sold to the Ottoman merchants before they sailed to Europe. Spice market is now hosting several Turkish delight shops giving you the opportunity to taste various kinds of them and Turkish Viagra as well. Nearby the market, a hidden gem, Rustem pasha mosque is located housing the best examples of Ottoman tiles, making the Blue mosque jealous. Suleymaniye Mosque, which is built by the Grand Architect of the Ottomans to the most powerful Sultan; Soliman the Magnificent, will be visited before returning to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul. [B/L]

Day 4: Istanbul, Cappadocia

Pick up from your Istanbul hotel in the early morning for your flight to Cappadocia. Our guide and driver will be ready at the domestic arrival gate of Nevsehir airport to pick you up for your 2 days of Cappadocia escape. After a 30-minute drive from Nevsehir airport, you will arrive to the poetic land of Cappadocia; land of beautiful horses. First stop will be the Pigeon Valley view point to see the surreal landscape of the region and take amazing pictures of the Uchisar citadel. This citadel is the highest point of Cappadocia region and after climbing on top of it, you will feel like the rulers of Cappadocia once resided in Uchisar town in the ancient ages. After lunch or coffee, you will check in to your hotel for a good rest for the next day... Overnight in Cappadocia. [B/L]

Day 5: Cappadocia

Your first stop will be the Imagination Valley, locally called as 'Devrent' to see the most interesting geological formations of the region. Next stop is the Monks Valley that we call Pasabag... amazing formations of fairy chimneys will make you think that you are in a different planet. Before lunch, you will be visiting the Goreme Open Air Museum, a UNESCO heritage site housing late Byzantine churches carved into the volcanic rock cliffs and decorated with religious themed frescoes by Christian monks in the late 10th century. After lunch in the world famous Goreme village, you can enjoy a rest and a hot cup of Turkish coffee while overlooking stunning landscapes, at a major viewing point in the Cappadocia region. Then a 20-minute drive will take you to another UNESCO heritage site; Kaymakli underground city. This complex tunnel and cave system in the underground will take

you the ancient times and you will be able to hear pretty well organized Cappadocians to shelter and defense for any attack of their enemies. Overnight in Cappadocia. [B/L]

Signature option: Hot air balloon flight

Day 6: Cappadocia, Izmir, Kusadasi

Private transfer to Kayseri airport in the morning for your Izmir flight. You will meet with our driver at the domestic arrival gate of Izmir airport and will be driven to your small hotel in Sirince village. Rest of the day is at leisure in this small old Greek village. Overnight in Kusadasi town. [B]

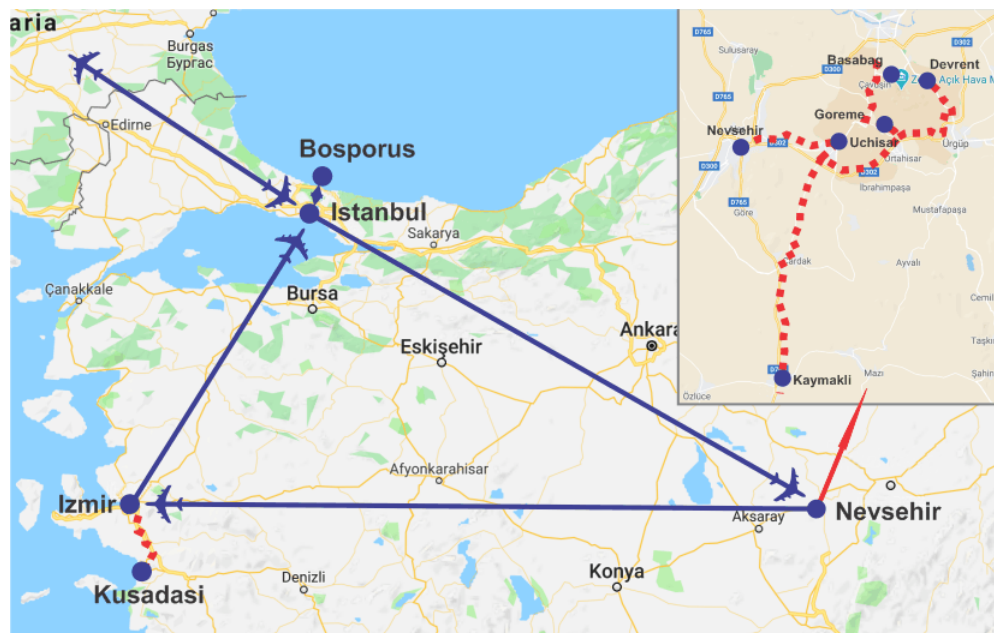
Day 7: Kusadasi

Your guide will be ready to pick you up from your hotel at a desired time for the last tour of your golden triangle tour of Turkey. Your first stop will be the Temple of Artemis which is just one of the Seven Wonders of the World located in Turkey. After a photo with the only one column left from this huge structure, you will continue to the ancient city of Ephesus. Excavations are run in the city for more the last 140 years and looks like will never be completed. Thanks to the proximity to the calm waters of the Aegean Sea and the fertile lands nearby, Ephesus ancient city once became the biggest city of the Hellenistic world. Enormous trade created a society of art that can be seen in the architecture of the ancient site. The Library of Celsus, Terrace houses, The Odeon, Trajan Fountain and Hadrian's temple are among the best monuments to see in the ancient city along with the magnificent theater once overlooked the ocean. Your tour in this city will be followed by a visit to the Museum of Selcuk to see the relics found from the century old excavations. After lunch in Selcuk town, you will drive up to a very important shrine of the Christian and Muslim world. The House of Virgin Mary is located on a hill top with beautiful views of the Aegean waters and is believed to be the final resting place of the Mother of Jesus Christ. The shrine was visited by several Popes and was announced as a pilgrimage spot by Pope Leo XIII in 1896. You will drive in between the olive trees and grape wines after a visit to the shrine of the Virgin and explore the village of Sirince. This old Greek village has amazing stone and wooden houses attracting tourists from all over the world and a stroll in the village and a break in a café will make you relax before going back to your hotel. Overnight in Kusadasi town. [B/L]

Day 8: Kusadasi, Izmir, USA

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel. AT the appointed time you'll be transferred to Izmir airport for a connecting flight to Istanbul where you'll board you flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch



Your Tour Includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Istanbul
- Domestic airfare Istanbul/Cappadocia/Izmir/Istanbul
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights "accommodation":
 - Istanbul - 3 nights
 - Cappadocia - 2 nights
 - Kusadasi - 2 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - Local fix menu or A la Carte lunches where available
- Entrance fees to the stated museums
- Professional English-speaking Tour Guide throughout the tour
- A/C minivan with professional driver
- Travel Insurance within Turkey
- Free bottled water in the vehicles for transfers and tours

- Parking fees and fuel for the vehicles
- Tips to the hotels, restaurants and portage staff at the hotels
- Local and government taxes

Tour does not Include

- Taxes related to airfares
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Optional tours and activities
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- Expenses of personal nature
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Istanbul	Barcelo	4.5
Cappadocia	Dere Suites	5
Kusadasi	Korumar	2
Deluxe		
Istanbul	Yasmak Sultan	5
Cappadocia	Kapadokya Lodge	4
Kusadasi	Efe Boutique	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

From: \$2,779 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• Airfare

We also be glad to adjust the airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• Program

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Hotel nights
- Cities and sites
- Meals

• Other options

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available

- o If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Private arrival and/or departure transfer

Optional sightseeing:

Signature option: Hot air balloon flight

You will be picked up early in the morning from your hotel for a once in a life time experience; Hot Air Balloon flight over the phenomenal landscape of Cappadocia. Be the part of the wind and watch the sunrise from your basket while floating over the volcanic natural beauties of Cappadocia region. After landing, you will celebrate it with a champagne and receive your flight certificates. Your balloon crew will drop you to your hotel for a breakfast.

Description	Cost
Hot air balloon flight	\$225

Group Quotations

- The options suggested in the itinerary will be quoted at time of booking
- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.