

DAY TO DAY TRAVEL ITINERARY

DAY-1 ARRIVAL – ISTANBUL TO KONYA (15.09.2021)

Welcome to Istanbul, we are taking the connected flight to Konya and after arrival, we are driving to the hotel and taking a rest. Overnight in Konya.

DAY-2 KONYA MEVLANA RUMI TOUR (16.09.2021)

Our first stop is **Mevlana Rumi Museum**; the Islamic philosopher, theologian, and poet Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi was born in 1207 in Khorassan. The meaning of Mevlana is “our master and president” and implies the love of people for him. After his death, they built a tomb in 1274 where the other dervishes are also buried. The Mausoleum consists of a library, madrasah, kitchen, graves, and rooms of dervishes.

Karatay Madrasa, built by Emir Celaleddin Karatay in 1251 during the period of Sultan Keykavus II. The architect of the madrasa is unknown. Even the Ottomans continued to use the madrasa, but it was abandoned in 19C. Karatay Madrasa was converted into a museum in 1955 as “Tile Artefacts Museum,” where one of the most beautiful Turkish tile pieces is on display.

Selimiye Mosque, just located next to the Mevlana Mausoleum and built By the Ottoman Sultan Selim II when he was governor of Konya in 1558. The construction was completed in 1567.

Ince Minaret Madrasa, or Stone and Wood Arts Museum, is located in the Selçuk district of Konya. The madrasa was built during Sultan Izzeddin Keykavus and was commissioned by Vizier Fahreddin Ali, designed by the architect Keluk bin Abdullah in 1264.

After the Konya tour, we are driving to the hotel and taking a rest. Overnight in Konya.

DAY-3 JUMMAH IN KONYA AND ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL (17.09.2021)

Alaeddin Mosque is one of the most important and biggest mosques of the Seljuk Empire. The mosque was commissioned by Sultan Rukneddin Mesud but completed during Sultan Alaeddin Keykubat I's reign in 1221. Alaeddin Mosque is located on Alaeddin Hill

We will pray Jumma at the Alaeddin Mosque and after Jumma drive back to the airport. After landing back in Istanbul, transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

DAY-4 ISTANBUL OLD CITY TOUR (18.09.2021)

Your pick-up will be scheduled for 8:30 am from the hotel to start the Old City tour. Our professional tour guide will be introducing the ancient sights of Istanbul.

Today you will explore the following highlights of Istanbul.

Hippodrome: An ancient Roman and Ottoman square where the chariot races were held. Within the square is some Roman remains, Egyptian Obelisk, Serpent Column, and Constantine Columns.

The Blue Mosque: An Ottoman Imperial mosque built by Sultan Ahmet I in 1609-1616 CE, famous for the blue Ottoman tiles.

Hagia Sophia: Once the largest cathedral of Christianity when it was built in 532-537 CE by the Roman Emperor Justinian; later converted into a mosque by the Ottomans.

Topkapi Palace: The Ottoman Sultan Mehmed II built the palace after the conquest of Constantinople. Topkapi Palace was the home of the royal family and the headquarters for the Ottoman Empire's administrative center.

After the Istanbul Old City sightseeing tour, you will be transferred back to the hotel. Overnight in Istanbul

DAY 5- BOSPHORUS AND ASIAN SIDE & EL ENSARI TOMB TOUR (20.09.2021)

Your pick-up will be scheduled for 8:30 am from the hotel to start the Bosphorus tour. Our professional tour guide will be introducing you to the Bosphorus.

Today you will explore the following highlights of the Bosphorus:

Bosphorus Cruise: The channel divides Istanbul into two continents and stretches about 32 km between the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara. Along the Bosphorus, there are many settlements to see, such as great Palaces, hotels, yali (private houses), etc. While you are on the boat, you will see the highlights of the Bosphorus including the Dolmabahçe Palace, Ortaköy Mosque, Çırağan Palace, Bosphorus Bridge, Rumeli Fortress, Küçüksu Palace, Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge (the second bridge on the Bosphorus), Maiden's Tower to name a few.

El Ensari (Ebu Ayyub-el Ensari Halid bin Zeyd): He is one of the Sahabes of our Prophet (s.a.v) who welcomed him 7 months in his home when our Prophet (s.a.v) migrated to Medina. El Ensari came to Istanbul with the Islamic army to conquer Istanbul when he was over 80 years old. He passed away in Istanbul and was buried here.

Çamlıca Hill: The highest hill of Istanbul, situated on the Asian side. The walking path with 360 panoramic views will let you take the best pictures of Istanbul and the Bosphorus.

Çamlıca Mosque: The biggest and the largest mosque of Turkey with 63,000 capacity. The mosque was completed on 7 March 2019 and opened by President Erdogan with a ceremony. The mosque is located in Camlica Hill, which is the highest point of Istanbul, to see the mosque from every part of Istanbul.

Çamlıca Mosque was designed by the two female architects Hayriye Gül Totu and Bahar Mızrak. The mosque has classical Ottoman architecture and a combination of the three great Ottoman Mosques; The Blue Mosque, Selimiye Mosque, and The Suleymaniye Mosque. The mosque has six minarets which are 90 meters and 72 meters dome.

After the tour transfer back to the hotel and overnight in Istanbul.

DAY 6- GRAND BAZAAR AND SPICE BAZAAR IN ISTANBUL (19.09.2021)

Grand Bazaar (Covered Market): The largest and the oldest functioning shopping center in the world. The Ottoman Sultan Mehmed II built the Grand Bazaar in the 15th century. The market consists of 5,000 stores, 66 streets, 24 gates, and much more eye-pleasing architecture. Within the bazaar are many Turkish handicraft stores such as rugs, carpets, kilims, and beautiful Turkish tiles. Upon your request, our guide will be more than happy to help you find your masterpiece of Turkish art.

Spice Market (Egyptian Bazaar): The Ottomans built the market in the 17th century. Unlike the Grand Bazaar, the Spice market is much smaller but full of beautiful fragrances of mixed spices, herbs, and traditional sweets. It consists of around 100 stores, 2 streets, and 5 gates.

DAY 7 AND 8 - ERTUGRUL TOUR AND BURSA (21.09.2021 AND 22.09.2021)

After breakfast on the morning of day 7, we will drive to Bursa and onwards. Over the next two days we will visit the Tomb of Ertugrul Gazi, Tomb of Master Edebali, Orhan Gazi Mosque, Grand Mosque of Bursa, Silk Bazaar.

The Tomb of Ertugrul Gazi, Alp's Tombs, The Tomb of Edebali, the Master of Ertugrul and Osman Gazi, Orhan Gazi Mosque, Well-Mosque (Kuyulu Mescid) of Ertugrul in Sogut, Bilecik. You can wear Alp costumes and take photographs and can do horse riding. Timeline of Ottoman Empire at open-air Ottoman Museum in Bilecik. After Sogut Ertugrul Tour, we drive to Bursa and visit the UNESCO-protected Tomb of Osman and Orhan Gazi, the key figures in Ottoman history in Bursa. The Grand Mosque of Bursa and Silk Bazaar. Overnight in Bursa for two nights.

DAY 9- BURSA TO KUSADASI RESORT LIFE – ALL-INCLUSIVE (23.09.2021)

After breakfast, we drive to Kusadasi by private bus. The leisure starts in an all-inclusive hotel. Kusadasi is situated on the Western coast of Turkey and by the Aegean Sea. The town is one of the best resort-local towns of Turkey that it houses markets, cozy streets, and even ancient cities around. It was a Greek, Roman, and Ottoman town once upon a time. Overnight in Kusadasi.

DAY 10- KUSADASI RESORT LIFE – ALL-INCLUSIVE (24.09.2021)

Leisure at the hotel and free time in. Overnight in Kusadasi.

DAY 11- KUSADASI RESORT LIFE – ALL-INCLUSIVE (25.09.2021)

Leisure at the hotel and free time in. Overnight in Kusadasi.

DAY 12- KUSADASI RESORT LIFE – ALL-INCLUSIVE (26.09.2021)

Leisure at the hotel and free time. Overnight in Kusadasi.

DAY 13- KUSADASI RESORT LIFE – ALL-INCLUSIVE (27.09.2021)

Leisure at the hotel and free time. Overnight in Kusadasi.

DAY 14- KUSADASI TO ISTANBUL (28.09.2021)

The end of the tour. Check-out from the hotel and drive to Airport for domestic flight to Istanbul then connect to international flight. Thank you so much for joining the amazing 14 days Turkey Tour. We wish all of you a very healthy and wonderful life ahead...