

Turkish Delights

DEMAND WILL BE GREAT SO TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT **BOOK EARLY**

8 DAYS ~ TURKEY

Due to its unique strategic position, straddling Europe and Asia, Turkey has been shaped by many different civilizations over the centuries. Today, the country's dazzling array of archaeological and cultural wonders are yours to enjoy. This tour reveals as many as the short duration allows, including Ephesus, Troy, Pergamon and Topkapi Palace. All the while, you are assured of a warm welcome and fantastic hospitality from the locals.



Visit Pamukkale, famous for its white limestone terraces



DAY 1 – THU – ISTANBUL. Welcome to Turkey – a land rich in archeological sites, historic monuments, warm-hearted people and an enormous variety of spectacular scenery. On arrival at Istanbul Airport, you will be met and **transferred** to your hotel. This evening, join your Tour Director for a **Welcome Drink**. **Hotel: Barcelo Topkapi Eresin.**

DAY 2 – FRI – ISTANBUL - BURSA. This morning take a short ferry trip and drive to the charming **Cumalikizik Village** with its traditional wooden houses, and very narrow cobblestone streets. Continue on to beautiful **Bursa** for your overnight stay. There is time this afternoon to visit the glorious **Green Mosque and Mausoleum complex**, the **Grand Mosque**, the **Bazaar** and the colourful **Silk Market**, where you might be able to find some bargains. Tonight you might consider experiencing the Turkish bath at your hotel. **Hotel: Kervansaray Termal.** (BB,D)

DAY 3 – SAT – BURSA - PAMUKKALE. Drive to **Sardis**, where you visit the **Synagogue**, **Roman Gymnasium** and the **Temple of Artemis**. Now continue to **Pamukkale**, famous for its 'Cotton Castle', a dazzling chalk-white array of fantastically shaped limestone terraces.

👑 **Visit the ruins of ancient Hierapolis and the fairyland terraces and see the glistening pools and cascades in scallop-shell basins.** **Hotel: Pam Thermal Hotel.** (BB,D)

DAY 4 – SUN – PAMUKKALE - IZMIR. Journey to **Ephesus**, significant to early Christianity as well as to the ancient world. View the **marvelous facade of the Library of Celsus**, walk the **Arcadian Way** and see the **amazing Amphitheatre**. Also visit the **House of the Virgin Mary**. In nearby Selçuk visit the **Archeological Museum** where many of Ephesus' artifacts are displayed. After visiting a Turkish **carpet centre** it's on to the pretty port city of Izmir. **Hotel: Hilton Izmir.** (BB,D)

DAY 5 – MON – IZMIR - CANAKKALE. Your first stop today is **Pergamon** to visit the **Temple of Athena**, the **Theater**, and the **Library**, which is said to have contained 200,000 volumes. Also visit the **Asklepion** ruins, probably the world's earliest medical centre. Before leaving, admire the **Red Courtyard**. Next stop is Homer's legendary city of **Troy**; visit the ruins and see an enormous reconstruction of the fabled **Wooden Horse**. Stay tonight in the seaport of **Canakkale**, on the southern of the Dardanelles at their narrowest point. **Hotel: Kolin.** (BB,D)

DAY 6 – TUE – CANAKKALE – ISTANBUL. This morning cross the **Dardanelles Straits** and drive to the **Gallipoli Peninsula** to **visit Anzac Cove and the emotive Lone Pine Cemetery**. Then return to Istanbul. Upon arrival, **embark on a superb highlight cruise along the Bosphorus Waterway**. The scenery complements the grandeur of the Ottoman palaces, old mansions and fortresses. **Hotel: Barcelo Topkapi Eresin.** (BB)

DAY 7 – WED – ISTANBUL SIGHTSEEING. Get your cameras ready today. **Visit the Blue Mosque** with its beautiful tiles and the Hippodrome where Roman chariot races were held, and visit **St Sophia**, at one time a cathedral and a mosque, and now a **magnificent museum**. Move on to **visit the fabulous Topkapi Palace, a walled city perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn**, where in the Treasury Section, some of the world's biggest emeralds and diamonds are on display. Finish your sightseeing tour at the famous **Grand Bazaar** where – all under cover – there are more than 4,000 shops, cafes and tea houses. **Don't**

worry, your guide will give you a full explanation of the time-honoured ritual of bargaining! Tonight consider an optional farewell dinner and show at a local night club? (BB)

DAY 8 – THU – ISTANBUL. This morning, your tour comes to an end with a **transfer** to the airport. (BB)

Enjoy Your Included Tour Features

👑 Premium Highlights

- Visit the ruins of ancient Hierapolis and the white limestone terraces at Pamukkale
- Tour the excavations at Ephesus, one of the world's finest archeological sites
- Visit Anzac Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery at Gallipoli
- Visit the fabulous Topkapi Palace in Istanbul

🗝️ Personal Insights

A complete guide on how to haggle in the Grand Bazaar; the technique, the pitfalls and how much to pay!

Additional Excursions & Sights

- Visit charming Cumalikizik Village
- Visit Bursa's Green Mosque and Mausoleum complex, the Grand Mosque, the Bazaar and the colourful Silk Market
- Visit the Synagogue, Roman Gymnasium and the Temple of Artemis in Sardis
- Visit the House of the Virgin Mary at Ephesus
- Visit the Archeological Museum at Selçuk
- Visit Pergamon's Temple of Athena, Theatre, Library and the Asklepion ruins
- Visit the legendary city of Troy
- Visit Istanbul's Blue Mosque, and Basilica of St. Sophia

Insight's First Class Services

- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portage
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with onboard toilet
- Insight's professional multilingual Tour Director to escort and guide you
- Insight Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack

Complimentary Transfers

Complimentary arrival and departure transfers between Istanbul airport and your Insight tour hotel

Quality Dining

7 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 4 three-course table d'hôte Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

8 days from US\$144 per day

Starts	Ends	Price
Apr 02	- Apr 09	\$1150
Apr 09	- Apr 16	\$1150
PD Apr 16	- Apr 23	\$1150
Apr 23	- Apr 30	\$1150
PD Apr 30	- May 07	\$1150
PD May 07	- May 14	\$1150
May 14	- May 21	\$1150
PD May 21	- May 28	\$1150
May 28	- Jun 04	\$1150
PD Jun 04	- Jun 11	\$1150
Jun 11	- Jun 18	\$1150
PD Jun 18	- Jun 25	\$1150
Jun 25	- Jul 02	\$1150
Jul 02	- Jul 09	\$1150
PD Jul 09	- Jul 16	\$1150
Jul 16	- Jul 23	\$1150
Jul 23	- Jul 30	\$1150
Jul 30	- Aug 06	\$1150
PD Aug 06	- Aug 13	\$1150
PD Aug 13	- Aug 20	\$1150
PD Aug 20	- Aug 27	\$1150
PD Aug 27	- Sep 03	\$1150
Sep 03	- Sep 10	\$1150
PD Sep 10	- Sep 17	\$1150
Sep 17	- Sep 24	\$1150
PD Sep 24	- Oct 01	\$1150
Oct 01	- Oct 08	\$1150
Oct 08	- Oct 15	\$1150
PD Oct 15	- Oct 22	\$1150

Supplements

Single room	\$410
Pre & post tour accommodation Istanbul	
Per person Per night	Twin Single Triple
Barcelo Topkapi Eresin	\$148 \$250 \$136

Reductions (details & conditions page 182)

Triple Room Discount	SAVE \$35 p.p.
Young Traveller Discount	SAVE \$115
Extra Tour Discount	SAVE up to \$58 p.p.

Notes

REF: I950. Prices are per person sharing a twin. Tours depart and return Thursdays.

Additional visa requirements

Ask your Travel Agent about visas for this tour.

Included 🗝️ 🗝️ 🗝️ are worth approximately US\$235

PD: Preferred Departures (details page 182) See www.insightvacations.com for updated Lists