



TURKISH DELIGHT

15 DAY TOUR

Departing Goulburn Valley Area

Saturday 14th August 2010

Book through your local -



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ITINERARY

Day 1 Saturday 14th August Home - Istanbul

Depart from the Goulburn Valley area today by local coach to Melbourne Airport. Upon arrival at Melbourne Airport you will proceed to the Singapore Airlines counter and check in for your flight to Istanbul.

SQ228	14 August	Melbourne/Singapore	3.45pm/9.40pm
SQ490	14 August	Singapore/Istanbul	11.40pm/7.40am (+1 day)

Day 2 Sunday 15th August Istanbul

Arrive at Ataturk International Airport early this morning. After clearing Customs and Immigration proceed to the arrival Hall, here you will be met by our representative who will look after you during your stay in Turkey. Please look out for the paging board carrying the name of your Group, they will transfer to your Hotel by private coach (check in time is 14:00 hrs). Exotic Istanbul, the former capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empire, is the only city in the world located upon two continents with one arm reaching out to Asia and the other to Europe. It is Turkey's most populous city as well as its cultural and financial centre. Divided into three parts - the old city, the new city and the Asiatic side, Istanbul is characterised by its famous mosques, the most sublime architectural expressions of the Islamic faith. The group will spend three nights in Istanbul at the Prince Hotel.

Day 3 Monday 16th August Istanbul (B,L)

Today enjoy a fascinating full day tour of the old city including the Topkapi Palace – the oldest and largest palace of the Ottoman sultans – and the stunning Blue Mosque. Continue to the imperial cemetery of Ottoman sultans and venture into the labyrinth of Istanbul's Grand Bazaar.

Day 4 Tuesday 17th August Istanbul (B,L)

This morning the group will explore Saint Sophia, one of the marvels of Byzantine architecture. Enjoy a boat trip on the Bosphorus, the winding strait separating Europe from Asia. Enjoy the view of the shore lined with old wooden villas, marble palaces and ancient fortresses as you cruise towards the Golden Horn, Istanbul's historic harbour. Disembark at a fishing village for lunch. In the afternoon stroll through the Spice Market to feel the exotism of the Orient and continue to discover Taksim, the largest square of the city and walk along the pedestrian Istiklal Street to really see and live Istanbul's daily life.

Day 5 Wednesday 18th August Istanbul – Canakkale (310km) (B,L,D)

Today you will leave for Canakkale. (Journey time approximately 5 hours). The city of Canakkale lies at the narrow entrance to the Canakkale Strait (the Dardanelles) that connects the Sea of Marmara and the Aegean. Çanakkale is the nearest major town to the site of ancient Troy. The town was of major strategic importance during World War I; at its narrowest point, it guards the entire straits of the Dardanelles. A constant reminder of its role in the war is the memorial carved into the cliff side on the opposite shore, which is visible from just about everywhere in town. The group will spend 2 nights in Canakkale at the Akol Hotel.

Day 6 Thursday 19th August Canakkale (B,L,D)

Today the group will have a full day to discover the Gallipoli Peninsula. Visit the World War I Gallipoli Battlefields where in 1915 Mustafa Kemal, later better known as Atatürk, (the first President of Turkey) defended against an invasion by Allied (French, British, Italians, Australians and New Zealanders) soldiers. During this nine months campaign more than 250,000 soldiers lost their life on both sides. Many of them are buried at the cemeteries of the vicinity. Visit the museum, stop at ANZAC Cove where Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed and see the Chunuk Bair where the bloodiest fights happened. Stop at small villages where you can meet the local people.

Day 7 Friday 20th August Canakkale – Kusadasi (325km) (B,L,D)

Today includes a visit to the legendary city of Troy immortalized in Homer's Iliad. Cross the Kaz Mountains and drive along the Aegean coast to ancient Pergamon. Pergamon an ancient Greek City in Turkey was established during the time of Alexander the Great. It was the site of several important structures including the Great Altar dedicated to Zeus and the ancient library of Pergamon that once housed 200,000 volumes. Parchment made of fine calf skin was invented here. The group will have a 1 night stay in Kusadasi at the Tatlýses Hotel.

Day 8 Saturday 21st August Kusadasi – Pamukkale (230km) (B,L,D)

This morning the group will proceed to Ephesus and explore one of the world's finest Greco-Roman cities. Sit in the theatre where St Paul preached and Roman dramas were performed. Stroll past the Library of Celsus, the Roman baths, Roman terrace houses, and the Temple of Hadrian. The marketplace called the agora, marble streets, Roman baths, Trajan Fountain, Hadrian Temple, Celsus Library, public toilets and the theatre with a capacity of 25000 are all in remarkable condition. Drive to Selcuk and visit the house where the Virgin Mary spent the last days of her life. Pause for a photo stop at the Temple of Artemis where a solitary column is all that remains of one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The group will have a 1 night stay in Pamukkale at the Tripolis Hotel.

Day 9 Sunday 22nd August Pamukkale - Antalya (200km) (B,L,D)

Visit Pamukkale - The white calcium pools naturally formed by warm mineral waters cascading down a hillside is one of the most recognized images of Turkey. The Romans built a large spa city here, and modern day visitors still seek the healing properties of the thermal waters. Walk through the largest necropolis of the Greco-Roman age, and admire the beauty of Pamukkale's immense tiers of white limestone as they cascade down a barren hillside. Proceed to Aphrodisias a cultural centre of the ancient world renowned for its temple dedicated to the Goddess Aphrodite. This Greco-Roman archaeological site also has a well-preserved stadium which hosted athletic games in ancient times (capacity for 30,000 spectators) and a theatre of white marble. The group will have a 2 night stay in Antalya at the Khan Hotel.

Day 10 Monday 23rd August Antalya (B,L,D)

Today you will explore the roman harbour in Antalya city centre and visit Aspendos antique theatre dating back to the 2nd century AD. This afternoon is at leisure.

Day 11 Tuesday 24th August Antalya – Cappadocia (620km) (B,L,D)

This morning the group will drive to Konya - a regular stopping place on old caravan routes. It is sacred to Turkish Muslims and the home of the 'Whirling Dervishes' whose former lodge is now the Mevlana Museum. See the Mosque and Semahane, Shrine, Dervish Cells and Kitchens, the Takiyya courtyard, tombs and cemeteries. Proceed to Cappadocia for a 2 night stay at the Peri Tower Hotel.

Day 12 Wednesday 25th August Cappadocia (B,L,D)

After breakfast visit Cappadocia, a region that lies between the Black Sea and the Taurus Mountains. It was once the centre of the Hittite Kingdom and later became an important Roman province. A unique landscape of towering mushroom-shaped rock formations known as 'fairy chimneys' and cone-shaped troglodyte dwellings fascinate visitors. Early Christian habitation can be seen in cave churches decorated with elaborate Biblical frescoes. Entire day to enjoy the natural beauty and cultural depth of this unique region. Explore the frescoed interiors of Goreme's churches, which date from the 8th century. Walk in Avclair and Pasabag to admire the unique fairy chimneys, and briefly stop for a photo at the town of Uchisar. Finally, stroll through the underground galleries of Kaymakli where early Christians hid from their enemies.

Day 13 Thursday 26th August Cappadocia – Ankara (300km) (B,L,D)

This morning we will leave for Ankara, the modern capital of Turkey and a thriving trade and administrative centre. Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations to explore Ankara's ancient past – it houses a world renowned collection dating from the Paleolithic Age. The group will overnight in Ankara at the Gurkent Hotel.

Day 14 Friday 27th August Ankara – Istanbul (360km) (B,L,D)

In the morning continue to Istanbul. In the afternoon discover Taksim, the largest square of the city and walk along the pedestrian Istiklal Street to really see Istanbul daily life. Continue to the New City for an afternoon culinary workshop experience. Go shopping at the delightful 'Balik Pazari' market to purchase fresh produce and enjoy a discussion about the rich cultural mosaic that has formed Turkey's famous cuisine. Be part of the preparation and cook under the guidance of a wonderful instructor. Learn how to prepare some of the most popular dishes of Armenian and Greek Byzantine cuisines. Enjoy your final evening discussing interesting aspects of the Turkish lifestyle and culture, as you savour the authentic tastes of these dishes. The group will have a 1 night stay in Istanbul at the Prince Hotel.

Day 15 Saturday 28th August Istanbul – Home (B)

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Istanbul Airport to connect with your flight home.

SQ228	28 August	Istanbul/Singapore	1.30pm/7.30am(+1 day)
SQ490	29 August	Singapore/Melbourne	9.55am/7.15pm

Upon arrival into Melbourne you will collect your luggage and clear Australian Customs and Immigration procedures. You will be transferred back to the Goulburn Valley area by coach tonight.

PACKAGE COSTINGS

TOUR PACKAGE COSTING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING -

- Return economy class airfares with Singapore Airlines
- Return local coach from Goulburn Valley area to Melbourne Airport
- Arrival and departure transfers and all transportation in an air conditioned vehicle
- 13 nights accommodation, as specified in the itinerary
- Meals as specified (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner)
- English speaking professional guide throughout
- Entrance fees to museums
- All taxes, fuel levies and service charges
- Travelscene escort (subject to minimum numbers being met)

COSTINGS PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE

\$5069.00

**** Deposit and Payment details:** Please complete the booking form and return with your deposit of **\$1,000.00** per person and a copy of your passport. Final balance will be due on **20th June 2010**.

**** Tourist Visa:** A Turkish visa is to be obtained on arrival at Istanbul airport. The visa cost is USD \$20.00 per person.

**** Upgrade:** The cost to upgrade your Singapore Airlines flights to business class is an extra \$6910.00 per person on top of the package price. Subject to availability.

**** International Travel Insurance:** is **compulsory** and must be purchased to join this tour. Passengers with pre-existing illnesses that they wish to be covered for will need to complete a medical form and may be required to pay a loading.

Our travel insurance policy covers you for cancellation fees and lost deposits, overseas medical hospital and emergency expenses, overseas dental, cash in hospital, luggage, travel delays, resumption of journey, accidental death, legal liability, rental vehicle excess and loss of income. A copy of the Travelscene policy wording can be forwarded to you by mail or email. A 12-month annual business policy is available and may be better suited to your yearly travel arrangements. Please enquire.

INSURANCE COSTINGS PER PERSON

14 Day Policy – Nil Excess

Under 49 years	cost \$159.00
50-59 years	cost \$186.00
60-69 years	cost \$243.00
70-74 years	cost \$535.00

BOOKING FORM
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AUGUST 2010

*** All areas must be completed ***

Please ensure that the following details are exactly as per your passport

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH

PASSPORT DETAILS (photocopy to be sent, faxed or emailed to our office):

PASSPORT NO.	NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT	PLACE OF ISSUE	DATE OF ISSUE	EXPIRY DATE

HOME ADDRESS:

	PHONE/MOBILE
	FAX
CITY	P/CODE
EMAIL	

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:.....

FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER - AIRLINE:.....

INSURANCE – Do you suffer from any pre-existing Health Disorders? **YES/NO**
 If so, a pre-existing health disorder form will need to be completed and can be obtained from our agency.

PREFERRED NAME OR NICKNAME FOR NAME BADGE

Please tick your preference:

BUSINESS CLASS UPGRADE: SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

Upon completion please return immediately with deposit of \$1000.00 per person and a copy of your passports. Final balance in due 20 June 2010.

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