# **Turkey Package**

<u>Istanbul – Cappadocia – Antalya (6 Nights / 7 Days)</u>

## <u>Day 1 – Arrival Istanbul Airport</u>

On your arrival at the Istanbul Ataturk Airport, you will be met and greeted by a representative. Later proceed for the Bosphorus Dinner Cruise with the Flokshire show abs the belly dancers.

## Day 2 - Istanbul City Tour

After a lovely breakfast, it is time for sightseeing. Cover all the major attractions of Istanbul today, starting from the Hippodrome in the Old City, followed by a visit to The Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts. Next, pay a visit to the Blue Mosque, and marvel at the delicate blue ceramic tiles that line the walls and the floor. As per the Turkey itinerary 7 days, your next stop is the Saint Sophia, which used to be a church but is now a museum. Also visit the Topkapi Palace, which offers you spectacular views of the Sea of Marmara, the Golden Horn, and the Bosporus. This Turkey trip also takes you to the Grand Bazaar, where more than 4,000 shops and stalls await your exploration. Enjoy some grand souvenir hunting, and shop for anything from spices to carpets, from apparels to fridge magnets and so on.

If there is enough time left over from the day, then pay a visit to the magnificent Suleymaniye Mosque. Subsequently, transfer to your hotel, and relax for the night. If you did not go for the optional dinner cruise last night, you can choose to do it tonight. Spend the night at the hotel.

## <u>Day 3 – Istanbul Sightseeing – Transfers flight to Cappadocia</u>

Today, you have a fully packed schedule. So after an early breakfast, it is time to leave for a sightseeing trip to Istanbul. Today cover attractions across the city such as the Golden Horn and the Spice Bazaar, followed by a memorable boat trip on the Bosphorus that offers the perfect opportunity to click mesmerizing photos. The marble palaces and wooden villas of the Ottoman Empire that line the sides of the waterway will amaze you. Take a look at other attractions from the boat such as the Imperial

Gardens of Yildiz Palace, Ciragan Palace, and Beylerbeyi Palace, before disembarking at the Rumeli Fortress where you can enjoy a delicious lunch outside the premises on day 3 of your Turkey trip.

Post lunch, you will be visiting the beautiful Dolmabahce Palace, before driving through the Bosphorus Bridge towards Camlica Hill to take in a breathtaking panoramic view of the city of Istanbul. Wrap up your city tour here and return to your hotel for the checkout, before leaving for the Istanbul Ataturk Airport. Catch your flight to Kayseri, where a representative will be waiting to transfer you to Cappadocia. On arrival at Cappadocia, check in at your hotel and relax for the night.

## <u>Day 4 – Cappadicia Sighseeing</u>

Although an optional activity, a Hot Air Balloon Ride is a much recommended activity when in Turkey. If interested, it can be the start of your Turkey itinerary in Cappadocia. Since the balloon tour begins before sunrise, you will be picked up from your hotel before dawn and transferred to the take-off site, where a snacks and beverage service awaits you before the ride. Once you go up in the hot air balloon, you will be rendered speechless with the beauty all around you, as you traverse mountains and tree tops all the while coasting towards one of the most remarkable sunrises of your life. After you land, you will be given a flight certificate as well. After this optional activity, which incurs extra costs, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Post Lunch at the hotel, you will start the sightseeing tour for the day as per your Turkey trip itinerary. Cover attractions such as the underground city of Kaymakl or Derinkuyu, which refugees have carved with their hands for hiding from their persecutors. Next on the itinerary is the Ihlara Valley, famed for its churches decorated with frescoes with a unique style and the canyon. Wrap up the trip with a visit to Avanos, which is famed for its unique style of pottery making. Transfer to your hotel and a relaxing night.

Optional: Hot Air Balloon ride

## <u>Day 5 – City tour of Cappadocia – Tansfer flight to Antalya</u>

After a hearty breakfast, it is time to leave for a full day tour of Cappadocia. The first place on this Turkey trip from India is the magical place of the Fairy Chimneys, which have formed as a result of volcanic deposits and erosion by wind and water. Due to being soft in nature, they were hollowed out by early Christians as hiding quarters from the Romans and the Byzantines. After this, you go on a church visiting spree, followed by a visit to the Uchisar natural citadel. Also visit the Goreme Valley and the Goreme Open Air Museum, before leaving for a visit to the Zelve village and its caves. The last attraction on your itinerary is the Cavusin Village, after which you can leave for the hotel to check out and transfer to Kayseri Airport. From there fly to Antalya, your next destination. Transfer to hotel and relax for the night.

## <u>Day 6 – Antalya City Tour</u>

After an amazing breakfast, enjoy a full day tour. First up is Perge, an ancient city that roots of which can be traced back to 1000 BC. When in Perge, also visit the Theatre, the Roman Stadium, the Hellenistic Gate, Baths, Basilica and the Acropolis. Next visit the Aspendos that is home to an ancient Roman theatre, Gymnasium, the Ancient Baths, the Agora and the Acropolis. Wind up the tour with a visit to the Manavgat Waterfall, which dates back to the 7th century BC and the Side, where you can see Hellenistic Walls, the Theatre, the Temple of Apollo, Basilicas, Baths, the Aquaduct and the Museum. After the tour, return to your hotel in Antalya and relax for the night.

## Day 7 - Depart for Mumbai

After a hearty breakfast, you have the remainder of the day at leisure. Explore the nearby markets or the hotel area, till the representative of your travel agent comes to pick you up and transfer you to the airport for catching a flight back to Istanbul. From the Istanbul Airport, catch your flight back home with fond memories of an amazing trip.

The tour ends.