



**Tour Name: GLORIES OF TURKEY (First Class) - 14 days / 13 nights, ex- Istanbul**  
Group Tour (maximum 40, minimum 2 passengers) – Thursday departures

*One of our most popular tours. A marvellous 'voyage of discovery' showing you the wealth of cultural & scenic riches which Turkey possesses. Travel in an air-conditioned deluxe coach with highly qualified guides who will bring this fabulous country to life.*

### 2009 Itinerary

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b> Arrival transfer to your central hotel.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b> Sightseeing in Istanbul includes the stunning Topkapi Palace, St Sophia Basilica, Blue Mosque and the exotic Grand Bazaar. (B) <i>Optional Turkish belly dancing show.</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Istanbul - Gallipoli - Canakkale</b> Morning departure for Gallipoli. Visit Anzac Cove & Lone Pine Cemetery. Later cross the Dardanelles waterway to Canakkale. (B,D)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Canakkale - Troy - Kusadasi</b> Morning visit to Troy, legendary city of Helen and the wooden horse. Later visit the Pergamum acropolis, including the Altar of Zeus & Asklepion. Continue to Kusadasi. (B,D)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Kusadasi (Ephesus)</b> Today see the ancient city of Ephesus, exploring its marble streets, amphitheatre, library, gymnasium and Temple of Hadrian. Later visit the stone house of St Mary. (B,D) <i>Optional afternoon tour of the Jewish heritage of Sardis or Sirince.</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Kusadasi – Aphrodisias – Hierapolis - Pamukkale</b> Travel through fertile valleys to Aphrodisias, home of the goddess of love. Continue to Pamukkale to see its amazing limestone cascades and also the Hierapolis Roman health spa ruins. (B,D)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Pamukkale – Perge - Antalya</b> Drive today to the resort of Antalya on the sunny shores of the Mediterranean. This afternoon visit the ancient city of Perge. (B,D)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Antalya</b> A full day at leisure. (B,D) <i>Optional tours of Phaselis an ancient Lycian city OR a lazy yacht cruise along the turquoise coast of the Mediterranean.</i>

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Antalya – Aspendos – Konya</b> Travel via the Taurus Mountains to Konya. Visit the Mausoleum of Mevlana, founder of the Whirling Dervishes, then see the Karatay Medersa. (B,D) <i>Optional Dervishes performance</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Konya - Cappadocia</b> Depart for Cappadocia visiting en route the 13 <sup>th</sup> Century Agzikarahan Caravansary in the land of the 'fairy chimneys'. Visit the underground city of Kaymakli before reaching your hotel in Cappadocia. (B,D)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Cappadocia</b> Visit Goreme, Pasabagi and the beautiful Red Valley home of the pottery making village of Avanos. (B,D)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Cappadocia - Ankara</b> Drive to Turkey's capital, Ankara, visiting on route the Ataturk Mausoleum and Museum of Anatolian Civilisations with its Hittite treasures. (B,D)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ankara - Istanbul</b> Morning ferry crossing over the Sea of Marmara to Istanbul. Farewell dinner tonight. (B,D) <i>Optional afternoon cruise on the Bosphorus, plus visit to the Spice Market.</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b> Departure transfer to the airport. (B)

#### **Eastern Turkey Extension**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Cappadocia – Khata</b> Today visit the 13 <sup>th</sup> century Seljukian caravanserai Karatayhan. Cross the Teki River for your overnight stop in Khata. (B,L,D)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Khata – Sanliurfa</b> Climb to the top of the mountain to watch the beautiful sunrise over the colossal size statues atop Mt Nemrut, Later visit Arsemia and the beehive city of Sunliurfa. (B,L,D)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sanliurfa &amp; Harran</b> Departure transfer to Sanliurfa ir Gaziantep Airport. (B)

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- All transfers • Choice of Deluxe or First Class hotels with private facilities • 13 breakfasts
- Professional guides • Sightseeing • Entrance fees • A/C transport • Travel Notes

*\*\*Notes:*

*\*Deluxe upgrade only available in Istanbul, Ankara, Antalya & Kusadasi*

*\*Transfers are only valid on day of arrival and departure, if arriving/departing on different days to the tour start/end a supplement applies.*

*\*Transfers are only valid for arrival/departure to/from Istanbul Ataturk Airport. If arriving/departing another airport a supplement applies.*

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<b>HOTEL LIST</b>	<b>Superior First / First Class</b>	<b>Deluxe Upgrades</b>
<b>Istanbul</b>	Holiday Inn City (SFC)	Conrad / Hilton
<b>Canakkale</b>	Kolin (SFC)	
<b>Kusadasi</b>	Charisma or Surmeli (SFC)	
<b>Pamukkale</b>	Lycus River /PAM (FC)	
<b>Antalya</b>	Sheraton Voyager(SFC+)	Sheraton
<b>Konya</b>	Dundar or Ozkaymak Park (FC)	
<b>Cappadocia</b>	Nevsehir Dedeman (SFC)	
<b>Ankara</b>	Ankara Surmeli	Hilton

<b>Transportation:</b>	Type
<b>Group Size less than 12 pax</b>	A/C 22 seater mini-bus
<b>Group Size 12 and over pax</b>	Deluxe A/C 45 seater bus, with toilet.

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS 2009**

<b>Whirling Dervishes</b> - 45 minutes performance in 13 <sup>th</sup> C Cappadocian caravanserai includes transfers
<b>Sirince Traditional Village</b> - guided walking tour & wine tasting, includes transfers.
<b>Sardis Ancient City</b> - guided tour, includes transfers & museum entrance. <i>Min. 4 people</i>
<b>Istanbul by Night</b> - dinner & belly dancing show, includes transfers

#### **ALL COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE & AVAILABILITY/SCHEDULES**

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