

Travel Itinerary for Istanbul- Cappadocia-Izmir- Ephesus –Bodrum

You have a wonderful trip to look forward to!

Your itinerary includes these exclusive amenities, just for you!

- Daily Breakfast in all hotel Accommodations
- Special Welcome Amenity
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Complimentary Upgrade, Early Check-in and/or Late Check-Out subject to hotel availability
- 24/7 Local Assistance via mobile phone, text and email
- Restaurant and Local Recommendations

Additionally, your guides and drivers have been hand selected and are fully screened to ensure the right fit, a high level of service, and English fluency.

Please note : Entry into the European countries in the Schengen area requires that your passport be valid for at least six months beyond your intended date of departure.

Sunday - Apr 17th	Premium Private Transfer · Transfer from Istanbul New Airport to Istanbul City Accommodation · Grand Hyatt Istanbul (3 nights)
Monday - Apr 18th	Private Tour with Car · Byzantine and Ottoman Istanbul Day Tour
Tuesday - Apr 19th	Private Single-Day Cruise · Bosphorus Cruise and Spice Bazaar Tour
Wednesday - Apr 20th	Premium Private Transfer · Transfer from Istanbul City to Istanbul New Airport Flight · Istanbul Airport to Kayseri Erkilet Airport Private Transfer · Transfer from Kayseri Erkilet Airport to Cappadocia City Accommodation · Argos in Cappadocia (2 nights)
Thursday - Apr 21st	Semi-Private Guide Service · Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Experience Private Tour with Car · Cappadocia Discovery Tour
Friday - Apr 22nd	Private Transfer · Transfer from Cappadocia City to Kayseri Erkilet Airport Flight · Kayseri Erkilet Airport to Izmir Airport Private Transfer · Transfer from Izmir Airport to Izmir City Accommodation · Izmir Marriott Hotel (2 nights)
Saturday - Apr 23rd	Private Tour with Car · Tour of Ephesus
Sunday - Apr 24th	Private Transfer · Transfer from Izmir City To Bodrum City Accommodation · Six Senses Kaplankaya (3 nights)
Monday - Apr 25th	Private Tour with Car · Bodrum Penninsula Tour
Wednesday - Apr 27th	Private Transfer · Transfer from Bodrum City to Bodrum Airport Flight · Bodrum Airport to Istanbul Airport



Premium Private Transfer: Transfer from Istanbul New Airport to Istanbul City



Accommodation: Grand Hyatt Istanbul

Surrounded by peaceful gardens, Grand Hyatt Istanbul blends exciting city life with a relaxing retreat in Istanbul. Venture into Taksim Square or explore historic landmarks like the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, and Topkapi Palace. Embrace the past and discover the future of Istanbul during your stay. Grand Hyatt Istanbul offers 360 guestrooms and suites featuring breathtaking views of the city, garden, or the Bosphorus, as well as striking décor, plush bedding, and luxe marble bathrooms. Grand Hyatt Istanbul also allows you to taste the iconic flavors of Turkey with four distinctive dining destinations, offering indoor-outdoor dining, mouthwatering cuisine, and a sensational ambiance.



Private Tour with Car: Byzantine and Ottoman Istanbul Day Tour

Description: Today's tour will allow you to uncover some of the most renowned sites in Istanbul. You will start by visiting the Hippodrome and the remains of the giant arena that functioned as the site for sporting events and political activities of the old city in the Roman and Byzantine eras. From there, you will head to the Blue Mosque. Just opposite St. Sophia, this exquisite mosque built in the name of Sultan Ahmet is famous for its blue Iznik (Nicean) tiles and is unique for having six minarets. You will also explore St. Sophia (the Church of Divine Wisdom) and one of the greatest marvels of architecture. This monument was constructed as a basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian. Please note that St. Sophia is closed for tourists on Friday,s and this part of the tour will be replaced by the Basilica Cistern, one of the magnificent ancient buildings of Istanbul located in the southwest of Hagia Sofia. Constructed for Byzantium Emperor Justinianus I this big underground water reservoir is called "Yerebatan Cistern" by the locals because of its underground marble columns. You will then continue to the Topkapi Palace, the former location of the Imperial offices and residence of Ottoman Sultans and now a magnificent museum exhibiting the imperial treasury, Chinese porcelain, weapons, calligraphy, and countless other artifacts. Please note that Topkapi Palace is closed for visitors on Tuesdays, in which case this part of the tour will be replaced by a wonderful Bosphorus cruise. Your final destination for the day will be the Grand Bazaar, a historical shopping center that ranks as the biggest souk in the world, with nearly 4000 shops featuring antiques, gold, carpets, and leatherwear.

Duration: 8 hours

Inclusions: Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees Set Menu Lunch (excluding Beverages)

Disclaimer: Please Note: Ladies must wear a head covering upon entering the mosques (offered free of charge outside entrance).



Private Single-Day Cruise: Bosphorus Cruise and Spice Bazaar Tour

Description: Begin your journey today exploring the Bosphorus by Boat. This cruise along the waterway separating the two continents of Asia and Europe offers front-door views of marble palaces, ancient wooden Ottoman villas, green vistas, modern residences, and luxurious apartment buildings. You will explore the Spice Market, a grandiose old stone building, built in 1664 that includes a large number of vibrant shops. This collection of shops was a part of the complex of the adjacent Yeni Cami or the New Mosque. Since its construction, the Egyptian Spice Market has specialized in the sale of exotic spices. Today, these lovely small shops continue to sell spices, but also dried fruits, nuts, seeds, and other edibles. Some of the shops are gradually being transformed into places featuring jewelry and other high-margin items. The meandering lanes behind the Spice Bazaar lead to the larger Grand Bazaar. These narrow and often bustling streets are full of shops with fascinating items for sale.

Duration: 3 hours

Inclusions: Private Transportation, 2 hrs Bosphorus Cruise by Regular/Shared Boat, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees



Premium Private Transfer: Transfer from Istanbul City to Istanbul New Airport

Flight: Passengers departing from Istanbul Airport to Kayseri Erkilet Airport

Private Transfer: Transfer from Kayseri Erkilet Airport to Cappadocia City



Accommodation: Argos in Cappadocia

Set in the heart of Anatolia on the hilltop village of Uçhisar, Argos Hotel in Cappadocia captivates visitors with its mystical landscape shaped by Mother Nature. This unique five-star property is part archaeological treasure, part charming rural retreat, paying homage to local traditions with its distinctive architecture and interior design as well as its delicious culinary offerings. Thanks to the generous hospitality and warmth of hotel staff, guests will feel immediately at home in these breathtaking surroundings that are sure to leave lasting memories. Set on cascading terraces with commanding views of the area, the 51 guestrooms of Argos in Cappadocia are formed from unearthed caves that have been lovingly restored and transformed into one-of-a-kind luxurious lodgings. To match the stunning scenery of the region, Argos in Cappadocia has prepared an unparalleled gastronomic experience to tempt the palate with a blend of classic Turkish cuisine and contemporary touches.



Semi-Private Guide Service: Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Experience

Description: Enjoy an unforgettable experience as you embark on an shared hot air balloon ride over the nature-formed valleys. Starting off early in the morning (5.30 am), you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the open fields for a delicious breakfast before heading to the selected launch site for your hot air balloon experience. You will appreciate the tranquility of your morning over the colorful valleys and rock formations, gliding in your balloon. Concluding your experience, enjoy a glass of champagne to celebrate the joy of seeing Cappadocia from the air and get transferred to your hotel approximately by 8.30 am.

Duration: 3 hours

Inclusions: Shared Roundtrip Transportation, Safety Briefing from Pilot, Tea, Coffee and Cookies, 1 hour Shared Hot Air Balloon Flight Experience, A Champagne (non-alcoholic) Ceremony upon landing

Disclaimer: The balloon flights will be confirmed depending on availability and could be cancelled depending on weather conditions.



Private Tour with Car: Cappadocia Discovery Tour

Description: After breakfast, you will begin your explorations of the famous and intriguing valley of Cappadocia, a unique region in which nature has created an incredibly majestic and colorful world of cones, columns and needles that were shaped by the wind and water erosion of the area's volcanic tuff. Some of these strange shapes are as tall as 100 ft. But it is not just the natural landscape that is awe-inspiring, throughout history residents have used the soft features of the stone to carve out this fantasy-like environment into homes, stables, shops and churches creating an unforgettable and intriguing world. Many early Christians painted the walls of their chapels with their own renditions of the Biblical stories. Some of these frescoes are incredibly beautiful, attesting to the skills and religious fervor of the faithful. Among the places you will visit during this tour are Goreme, Uchisar, Kaymakli, Pasabey and Avanos, the latter providing you with the opportunity to purchase some of the hand-turned pottery that has been shaped here for millennia.

Duration: 8 hours

Inclusions: Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees, Set Menu Lunch (excluding Beverages)



Private Transfer: Transfer from Cappadocia City to Kayseri Erkilet Airport

Flight: Passengers departing from Kayseri Erkilet Airport to Izmir Airport

Private Transfer: Transfer from Izmir Airport to Izmir City



Accommodation: Izmir Marriott Hotel

Perfectly located at the heart of the city, within walking distance from the business hub and posh shopping, lifestyle and historical districts, Marriott Izmir is the first of its Marriott hotels in the city. Overlooking to the shores of the Aegean Sea, 5-star Izmir hotel offers uninterrupted sea views, 149 gracefully furnished rooms including 7 elegantly designed suites. Whether attending events in one of our thoughtfully created meeting rooms, meeting clients or taking in the sights, you'll find everything you wish for nearby, within the comfort of staying at the executive rooms. All guestrooms have panoramic views of either shoreline or the vibrant city, free internet access, generous amenities and modern bathroom. Set to become the city's new life-style destination, this Izmir hotel offers an all-day dining restaurant, a lobby bar and a rooftop bar. Guests can workout, indulge themselves in pure relaxation with a spa treatment, dive into the indoor pool or enjoy the sunset views from the infinity pool.



Private Tour with Car: Tour of Ephesus

Description: After meeting your professional guide, you will start today's tour with a visit to the House of Virgin Mary, where the Virgin is said to have lived the last years of her life. The building was rediscovered in the late 19th century by Lazartis from Smyrna based on the vision of a German nun. The site has officially been declared a shrine of the Roman Catholic Church and visited by Pope Paul VI in 1967. Then, you will visit Ephesus, famous throughout the ancient world for its Temple of Artemis. You will start the exploration of Ephesus with the Odeon Theatre where the state affairs used to be held. Then, view the Hadrian Temple, which was dedicated in 118 AD to Hadrian, Artemis, and the people of Ephesus and completely reconstructed in the 4th century. This impressive Corinthian-style temple has beautiful reliefs on the porch. According to the belief of Ephesians, the Medusa head on the porch would protect the city from its enemies. Proceed then to the Celsus Library, the best-preserved structure of its kind. The inscription on the side of the building's front staircase says that the library was built by Julius, in his father's honor. His father, Celsus was the Roman governor of Asia Minor early in the 2nd century AD. The Great Theatre dates back to the Hellenistic period. In the 1st century AD, it was successfully reconstructed and expanded by the Romans until it reached the seating capacity of 25,000. Marble Road, runs between the Library of Celsus and the theater and is a part of the sacred walkway. After lunch, you will see the Basilica of St. John, where John and the Virgin Mary lived between 42 and 48 AD. Three hundred years after the death of Saint Paul, a small chapel on the Ayasuluk Hill was constructed over his grave in the 4th century AD. This church was replaced in the 6th century AD by a huge basilica built by the Emperor Justinian, the impressive ruins of which are still visible.

Duration: Full Day

Inclusions: Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees



Private Transfer: Transfer from Izmir City To Bodrum City



Accommodation: Six Senses Kaplankaya

Six Senses Kaplankaya is a private escape offering you and your loved ones a combination of seclusion and social community at the heart of nature. This includes our showcase 10,000 square-meter spa with pioneering wellness programming; indoor-heated pool, hydrothermal areas, hammams, state-of-the-art fitness equipment, and classes including spinning, yoga, and Pilates. Add to this multiple organic dining options, spacious outdoor venues, private beaches, a host of children's activities and experiences to reconnect with nature and rewild your soul. The resort offers a total of 141 guest rooms and suites (75 in the main building) plus 66 Ridge Terrace Rooms, designed to complement the landscape, using natural materials for elegant simplicity. The rooms have personal balcony views while suites and Ridge Terrace Rooms have an optional private pool and terrace. Also, three-bedroom and five-bedroom residences offer kitchens, gardens, and pools.



Private Tour with Car: Bodrum Peninsula Tour

Description: Explore some of the highlights of Bodrum Peninsula. Your first stop will be at Bodrum's windmills before heading down to the Castle of St. Peter, often referred to as Bodrum Castle. The construction of the Castle began in 1404 using materials taken from the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the original Seven Wonders of the ancient world. The Castle has been transformed into the Museum of Underwater Archaeology, where artifacts found underwater are displayed. After the museum, you will visit the remains of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus. This remarkable tomb was constructed between 353 and 350 BC and is the oldest archaeological site in the area. Artemisia II built the tomb for her husband, King Mausolus and the word mausoleum is derived from his name. Your last stop of the day will be in central Bodrum where you will have free time to wander around, sip a coffee or do some shopping.

Duration: 4 Hours

Inclusions: Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees



Private Transfer: Transfer from Bodrum City to Bodrum Airport

Flight: Passengers departing from Bodrum Airport to Istanbul Airport