

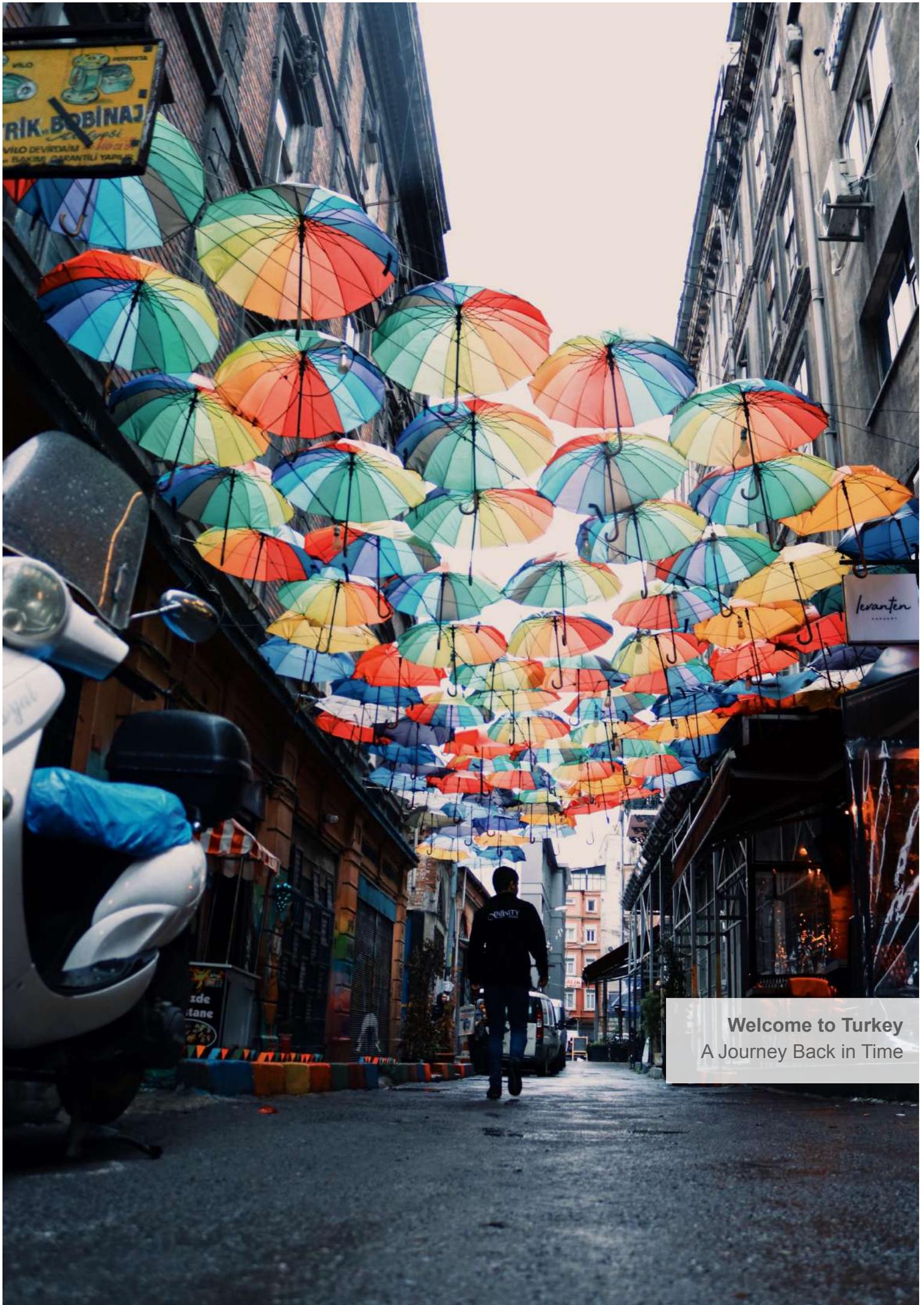
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A Journey Back in Time

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TURKEY

Turkey is a modern country with a captivating blend of antiquity and contemporary and East and West. Get interesting information about Turkey and read up on our history, culture and art, nature and geography, traditional culinary culture, real Turkish lifestyle and more. All you need to know about Turkey and beyond.

IT ALL STARTS WITH MERHABA

With its feet firmly planted on two continents, Turkey is the epitome of a cultural melting pot, a blend of the best that Europe and Asia have to offer. Iconic Istanbul, straddling the Bosphorus, is a twisty mix of winding bazaars, mouth-watering cuisine and thousands of years of history.

Explore the remnants of the Roman, Byzantine, Latin and Ottoman empires while enjoying privileged access to the city on an after-hours tour of the renowned Hagia Sophia, the sixth-century Basilica Cistern or magnificent Topkapi Palace.

From a street vendor's hot, fresh corn to the just-caught-and-grilled herring in a Michelin-starred restaurant; from soaring mountains to white-sand beaches and crystal-blue water; from a whirling dervish performance to a serene Turkish bath, this magnificent country of cultures will inspire and delight.

Let us show you Turkey's many sides in unparalleled comfort and luxury.



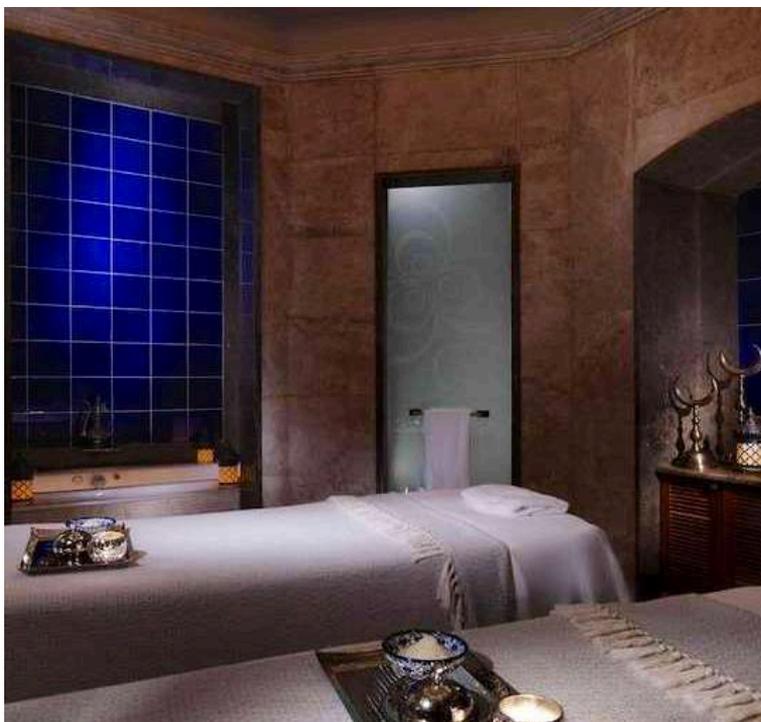
Cornelia Diamond Golf Resort

With amazing pool facilities such as an aqua park and 8 pools, the Cornelia Diamond is right across the beautiful Iskele Mevkii beach. It has a 250-metre-long private beach.



Six Senses Kaplankaya

Located in Milas in the Aegean Region, 84 km from Bodrum City, Six Senses Kaplankaya boasts a spa centre. The resort has a sauna and fitness centre, and guests can enjoy a meal at the restaurant.



Four Seasons Bosphorus

East meets West and history meets whatever is coming next at Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus. In this modern, resort-like hotel crafted from a private, 19th-century pasha's getaway, gaze under huge skies from the indigo water's edge to the misty hills of Asia.

Raffles Istanbul

Raffles Istanbul offers a new level of luxury with amazing views above the Bosphorus. Located on the European side of the city, the hotel has excellent transport links to everywhere from the Old Town to the Bosphorus, allowing guests to fully experience everything Istanbul has to offer.



Gloria Golf Resort

Offering extensive and one-of-a-kind facilities specifically tailored for kids and young guests, Gloria Golf Resort comes with a mini club equipped with movie screening sessions and variety of board games. You will find pools for children.

Wyndham Grand Levent

Wyndham Grand Istanbul located on Levent where the heart of business district in the city is. The hotel offers you to enjoy the fantastic view of Istanbul and location advantage of being close to numerous shopping malls and restaurants.





Melas Resort Hotel

Located in Side, 200 metres from Kumkoy Beach, Melas Resort Hotel provides accommodation with a restaurant, free private parking, an outdoor swimming pool and a fitness centre. Among the various facilities of this property are a bar, a shared lounge and a garden.

Porto Bello Hotel Resort & Spa

This luxurious 5-star resort is located on Konyaalti Beach and near the bustling centre of Antalya. It has an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts and a modern spa.



Kaya Palazzo Golf Resort

Riu Kaya Palazzo Golf Resort, the new address of luxury and glory in the most popular holiday destination of Turkey, has opened its doors to guests in July 2013 at facilities including a 3,500 square meter spa center, sea-view rooms, a mini club.

Calista Luxury Resort

Calista Luxury Resort has created the most unique hotel experience in the world, placing itself at the top of the list of luxury resorts, both in Turkey and in the world. Calista Luxury Resort has emerged with a unparalleled conceptual design.



Club Mega Saray

Located on the seafront, Club Mega Saray offers a private sandy beach with a jetty, 5 outdoor pools, 3 water slides and spa facilities. Featuring a modernised Seljuk architecture, this eco-friendly property has air-conditioned rooms with a balcony.

Gloria Serenity Resort

Gloria Serenity Resort promises exceptionally peace and harmony as well as a luxurious vacation & makes your dream of an extraordinary holiday become reality. Experience in balance, sea, sun and all the comforts and luxury of Gloria Serenity Resort and become a part of these wonderful memories.





The Bodrum EDITION

Set on Yalikavak Bay overlooking to Turkish Riviera, The Bodrum EDITION houses a unique, state-of-the art spa facility complete with Turkish Hammam, salt treatment room, sauna, steam room, plunge pool and 14 tranquil treatment rooms that offer world class treatments.



Baia Lara Hotel

Featuring a private sandy beach area and a wooden pier, this extensive hotel offers wide outdoor pools, Aqua Park with 9 slides and a heated indoor pool. Spa and sports facilities are all available. Antalya Airport is only 15 km from Baia Lara Hotel.



IC Hotels Residence

IC Hotels Residence, the hotel of Special Category, offers full A La Carte Services, free airport transfers, free room services & opportunity to use all facilities of IC Hotels Green Palace free of charge, for the guests who wants to enjoy exclusive holiday in the private villas surrounded by luxury gardens of Antalya.

Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum

A stunning resort overlooking the Aegean Sea, Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum is where dreams come true. With a range of twelve gourmet restaurants and bars, 2 beaches, relaxing spa and choice of rooms, suites and villas, our unique resort is world-class.



Adam & Eve - Adult Only

Welcome to Heaven on Earth - Adam&Eve Hotel! Adam&Eve Hotel “special class” category and calls itself as “without star” with designing awards. Our understanding of service and holiday are also different just like our another features. Holiday at Adam & Eve is “designing high level creative vacation” which working for the highest satisfaction of our guests.

Ela Quality Resort Belek

Ela Quality Resort Belek has a beachfront location among 15 golf courses in Belek, one of the finest international destinations for golf. Offering extensive and unique facilities specifically tailored for kids, Ela Quality Resort Belek comes with a mini club equipped with security cameras, movie screening sessions and variety of board games.





Kaya Belek

Situated on the seafront, Kaya Belek offers a 300-metre long private beach. The hotel has 2 outdoor pools, a heated indoor pool, children's pool and 5 water slides. There is also a spa centre with a sauna and a Turkish bath.

Caresse Resort & Spa, Bodrum

Set sail to turquoise bays, taste the south Mediterranean Turkish cuisine, flash back to centuries and explore the historical sites of Bodrum. Everyone would find a piece for themselves nightlife, silence & peace, treatments are awaiting you here.



St. Regis Istanbul

Capture possibilities at The St. Regis Istanbul, where timeless glamor and modern innovation meet. Nestled by the cosmopolitan Nişantaşı district, our 5-star luxury hotel offers Istanbul's best address, surrounded by designer boutiques, luxury fashion brands, local eateries and European edifices of the Art Deco & Art Nouveau eras.

The Bodrum by PHR

Nestled along an exclusive beach on the coast of Bodrum, The Bodrum by Paramount Hotels & Resorts offers scenic views of the azure Aegean Sea. The resort is set on one of the most spectacular bays of the peninsula in Zeytinlikahve Mevkii, covering 110,000 square metres.



Argos in Cappadocia

Argos in Cappadocia, where you can embrace all the colors of the seasons as you rest your mind in its magical atmosphere, offers a very special accommodation package for its distinguished guests and their families throughout the year with meticulous attention to detail.

Amanruya Bodrum

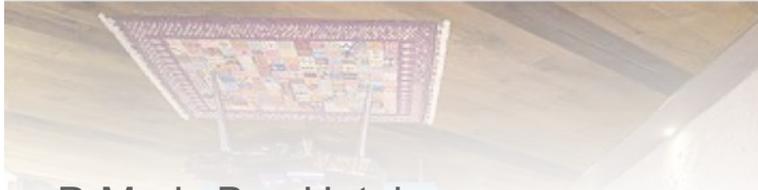
The turquoise Aegean laps Amanruya's private pebble beach, while ancient pine forests scent the air. Resting amid olive groves and cypress trees on the Bodrum Peninsula's serene north coast, the village-like resort is a secluded retreat offering an abundance of space and privacy in free-standing guest pavilions, all with private pools.





Ariana Lodge

Located on the top of Uchisar Valley, Ariana Sustainable Luxury Lodge offers you a completely unique perspective of Cappadocia; a land that witnessed the rise of the first civilisations in world history. Luxury suites are exquisitely decorated with an inviting ambience to transform your stay into a one of a kind experience. All of our suites offer the perfect blend of contemporary comfort and luxuriously appointed style.



D Maris Bay Hotel

D Maris Bay is waiting for its guests to provide an unrivalled holiday experience where comfort and confidence meet. D Maris Bay is a hidden paradise, one with the nature in Datça Peninsula, where Aegean Sea meets the Mediterranean. With its unique sandy beaches, fun outdoor activities, as well as exquisite food and drink options, it hosts an impressive concept to give you an unforgettable holiday experience.



Kempinski Barbaros Bay

Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay Bodrum, a luxury 5 star resort set on the cliffs of pristine Barbaros Bay, invites you to experience the best of European Luxury in a picturesque setting where excellent leisure facilities mingle with a symphony of flavours. Other Hotels in Turkey:

- Istanbul - Ciragan Palace Kempinski
- Belek - Kempinski The Dome

Intercontinental Istanbul

Five-star ambiance and best place in the heart of the Istanbul. InterContinental Hotel Istanbul is the ideal base from which to explore this Ottoman capital city's endless historic sites, museums, restaurants, clubs and shops.

Located in Taksim, commanding stunning views of the Bosphorus, Taksim, skyline of İstanbul and the Blue Mosque, the hotel is in a short walk from Dolmabahçe Palace and İstanbul Congress Center. Our attentive staff will also point out your desired places.



JW Marriott Istanbul

Located in eclectic Karaköy with a timeless past and rich future, JW Marriott Istanbul Bosphorus takes inspiration from its Bohemian surroundings including boutiques, cafés, cocktail bars and artisanal markets. Equidistant from Istanbul's two major airports and situated next to Galataport with a cruise terminal, the hotel welcomes guests in the idyllic location for both leisure and business.

Rixos Hotels

The Rixos Premium Belek is set amongst a pine and walnut forest on the shores of the Mediterranean coast. Belek's endless sandy beaches and beautiful scenery create a destination full of natural beauty on the Turkish Riviera. Rixos Premium Belek is at the centre of historical, cultural and natural beauties from the Taurus mountains to ancient ruins and national parks. Guests can while away the hours by the pool or head out for a day of cultural sightseeing and adventure.





AEGEAN REGION

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SHADES OF BLUE

Discover the pristine beaches surrounded by olive groves, magnificent coastline, great cities, lovely landscape, steep crags and pine woods. Immerse yourself in the Aegean's beautiful nature and feel that you are alive.

Aegean Region

Turkey's Aegean region, which is the starting point of the world maritime history, is one of the oldest settlements of humanity.

Come, let us go to the Aegean region, to witness lovely shores embracing the sea, to feel nature with its most beautiful shades of blue and green, to search for the traces left in this area by multi coloured ethnic cultures and innumerable civilisations, to enjoy a holiday in modern and comfortable establishments.

Where to go

Are you ready for your next unforgettable vacation and tracing a civilisation from the Ionian to Lycia? Idyllic bays, traces of ancient history, fresh herbs, sunlight reflecting from the water waves, leisure and cultural activities.

Situated in the western part of Turkey, Aegean region has great cities with full of attractions and activities for visitors to explore. Most of the destinations are concentrated on the coastline because of its convenience for sea transportation and tourism.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Aegean region; Izmir, Mugla, Aydin, Denizli, Manisa, Afyonkarahisar, Kutahya, Usak.

Aegean Cuisine

Known all over the world for olive oil dishes, Aegean cuisine invites you for a special dining adventure full of unique tastes. It adds a different savour to Turkish cuisine with its special salads, delicious desserts, vegetable dishes, kebabs, seafoods and snacks.

Shadow of Antiquity

Aegean is a region of Turkey in the shadow of antiquity. Once upon a time, witnessed to the birth of western civilisation, the shores of the Aegean are the most beautiful places to enjoy long stretches of great sandy beaches nestled against green hillsides in Turkey.

Towns: Akyaka, Bodrum, Dalyan, Datca, Didim, Gocek, Fethiye, Kusadasi, Marmaris, Koycegiz, Yenipazar, Alacati, Cesme, Foca, Seferihisar, Urla.

Things to Do and See

Whatever the reason why you have gone to the Aegean, you will find something enjoyable. You can experience diving, surfing, sailing, skydiving, water skiing, underwater fishing and angling, or enjoy thermal waters that have been used for therapeutic purposes for centuries.

You can see the ancient ruins which are like an open air museum, and trace humanity's journey of faith by visiting the sacred sites of many different religions.

You can hop on a boat and take a journey in the deep blue waters of the Aegean, or experience an adrenaline rush with the nature sports such as hiking, climbing, caving and rafting.



MEDITERRANEAN REGION

PARADISE AMONG THE ORANGE GROVES

Mediterranean is just like a true holiday paradise with its unique climate, picturesque nature, modern cities and accommodation facilities, fine sandy beaches, blue cruise routes and countless antique cities.

Mediterranean Region

Ready to dive into a limitless treasure? Turkey's Mediterranean region is a true holiday paradise on earth with its climate offering four seasons, long fine sandy beaches, blue cruise opportunities, picturesque nature, orange groves, countless ancient cities paying witness to the history of these lands and modern accommodations.

The region is a fast growing tourism market for all sorts of holiday seekers.

Where to go

Mediterranean, which has some of Turkey's most popular holiday destinations, is a region full of inspirations about its wonderful cities.

Antalya is the tourism capital of Turkey. Burdur is a great attraction known for its beautiful lakes, carpets and rugs.

Mersin is a sun-kissed city with its natural beauty and excellent beaches besides its historical and cultural wealth. Adana is the land of nature, culture and cuisine.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Mediterranean region; Adana, Antalya, Mersin, Hatay, Isparta, Burdur, Kahramanmaras, Osmaniye.

Towns: The most popular towns for you to visit in the Mediterranean: Alanya, Anamur, Belek, Erdemli, Finike, Kalkan, Kas, Kemer, Side, Silifke, Tasucu, Iskenderun, Egirdir, Yalvac.

Things to Do and See

Mediterranean has an excellent coastline, splendidly warm climate, wide range of natural attractions and unique historical & archeological sites.

As moving through the amazing natural beauties of Mediterranean and its surroundings, you will advance into a higher wellness. As enjoying the tranquility and serenity of Mother Nature, you will merge with your soul. Nestled in paradise, Mediterranean is so inviting with the outdoor activities it offers.

Grasp your camera as walking along an ancient road lined with eye-catching historical ruins. If you want, enjoy the unspoiled bays and beaches in the fully equipped marinas.

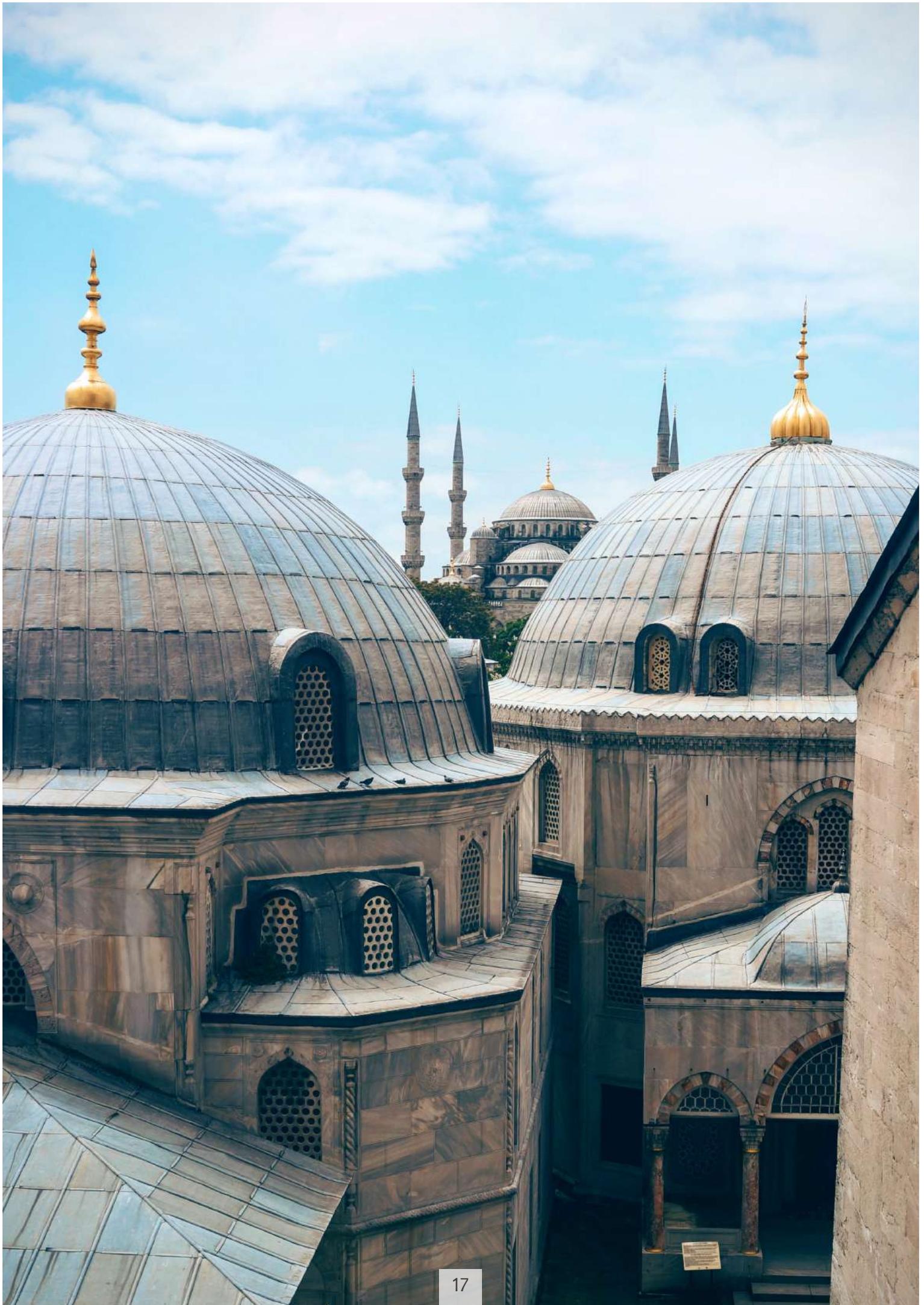
Culinary Culture

Mediterranean region of Turkey is bordered by cities that have influenced the cuisine over the years, creating a rich blend of cultures with a Southeastern twist.

Therefore, Mediterranean cuisine consists of a variety of fruit, vegetables, meat and fish dishes.

Delicious flavours are emphasized by the use of olive oil and spices. Desserts and side dishes are also at the heart of Mediterranean culinary culture.

After a day of sightseeing, indulge yourself in a world of tasty wonders.



MARMARA REGION

HOLIDAY FOR FOUR SEASONS

Marmara is a very special region you can enjoy the olive groves, beautiful sea and blue sky. Its relevance in history as well as in the contemporary world marks it as a cannot miss place in the traveler's itinerary.

Marmara Region

Famous for its fruit groves, Marmara is the smallest but most densely populated region of Turkey with a surface area of 67.000 km².

It represents approximately 8,6% of the Turkish national territory and about 30% of its population.

Marmara region of Turkey is a very special geographical area where you can enjoy olive groves, fishing boats and turquoise water.

It is located in the northwest part of Turkey, bridges Asia and Europe. Its relevance in history as well as in the contemporary world, marks it as a must-see place in the traveler's itinerary.

Marmara Cuisine

It is possible to find many local flavours specific to the Marmara region. If you are confident about your palate and are looking for differences, we invite you to explore the refined and wholesome delicacies of Marmara cuisine.

Climate

The Marmara region has a hybrid Mediterranean climate. Summers are warm to hot, humid and moderate dry but winters are cold and wet and sometimes snowy.

Things to Do and See

A typical architectural style and fresh air as sweet as wine complement the pleasant restaurants dotting the shores.

This is a real paradise for holidaymakers thanks to its establishments that are open throughout the year.

The region is also one of the privileged areas in the world with its rich thermal water resources and suitable conditions for health tourism.

Where to go

The world famous city of Istanbul is still standing in all its grandeur, equally mystifying in its natural beauty and historic glory. Other such prominent cities that make it to the traveler's schedule are Bursa and Edirne.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Marmara region; Istanbul, Balikesir, Bursa, Canakkale, Edirne, Tekirdag, Kirklareli, Bilecik, Kocaeli, Sakarya, Yalova.

Towns: The most beautiful towns in the Marmara; Ayvalik, Bozcaada Island, Princes' Islands, Edremit, Geyikli, Gokceada Island, Cunda Island, Gemlik, Burhaniye, Erdek, Ezine, Ayvacik, Sarkoy, Igneada, Kumbag, Vize, Tarakli.



BLACK SEA REGION

CALL OF LUSH GREEN NATURE

With its colourful people, lush green forests, high mountains, beautiful plateaus and deep valleys, Black Sea is one of the most special and geographically rich regions of Turkey and the world.

Black Sea Region

For many years these fertile lands have not received the international attention they deserve, but that is slowly changing as people become aware of traveling opportunities here.

It is time to discover a colourful mosaic of hundreds of years with its beauty, people, nature, cuisine, music and culture. An unforgettable holiday that will keep your interests and adrenaline high.

The colourful population of Black Sea, which is full of humor and deeply dedicated to the earth, is great lover of sea, fish, corn, tea and hazelnut.

Things to Do and See

Situated on Turkey's northern stretch of coast, Black Sea is very attractive region for visitors with its rich flora and fauna, deep forests, idyllic plateaus, crater lakes, mountains, waterfalls, rivers and streams.

Historical structures dating back to centuries, nature walks, rafting and canoeing, winter sports, fishing, grass skiing, healing waters and delicious local dishes; there are many things to do and see in Turkey's Black Sea region.

Where to go

It is time to explore the places in the Black Sea region of Turkey. The streams reaching to endlessness, the lush green plateaus reaching to blue sky, and of course the secret journey to peace and adventure.

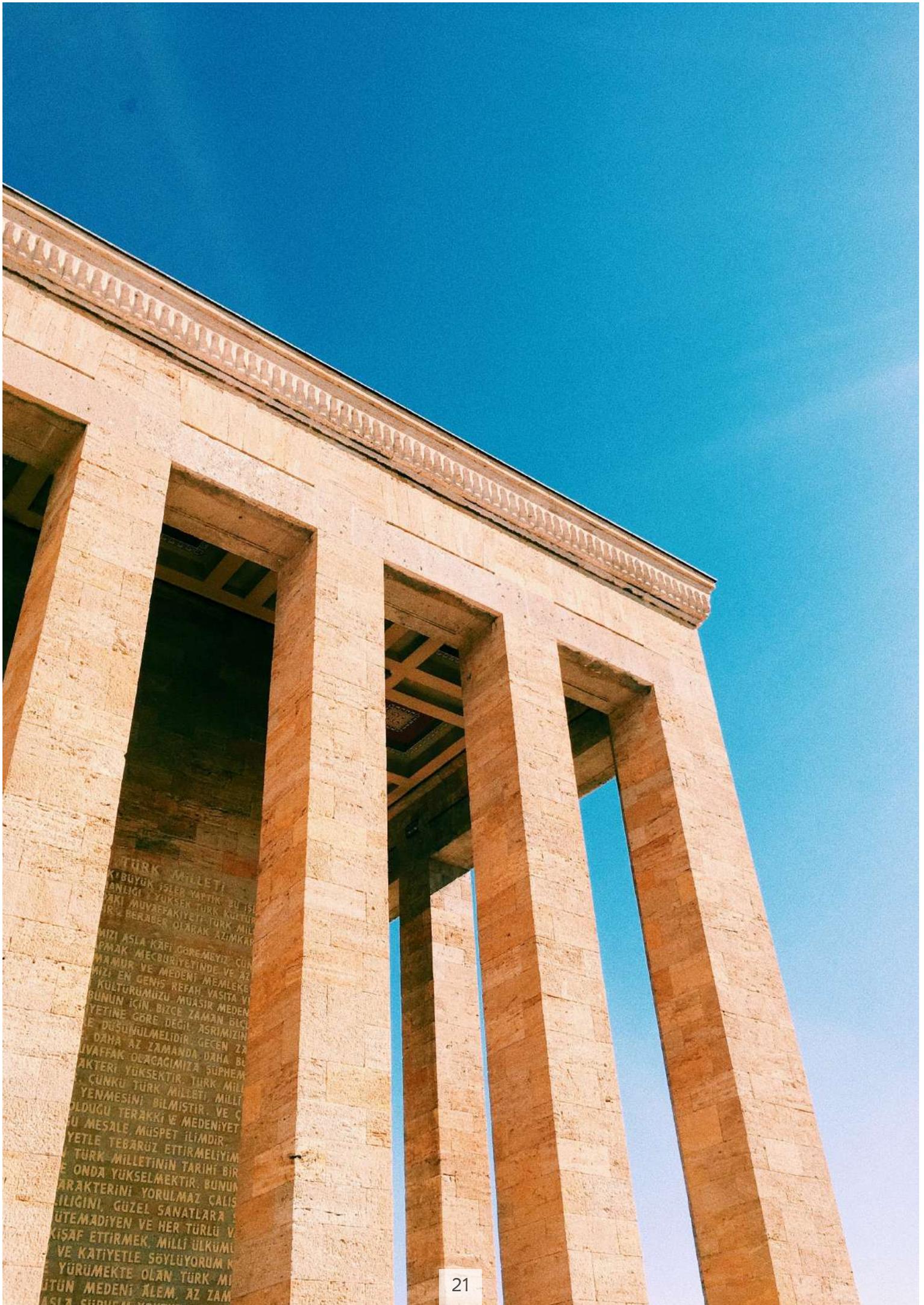
A journey through the Black Sea landscape includes series of peaceful beaches along the seashore, quaint fishing villages, hidden coves that snake along the coast, lovely small towns, high mountainous lands, fields of tea, hazelnut, tobacco and corn.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Black Sea region; Artvin, Trabzon, Rize, Samsun, Sinop, Amasya, Giresun, Ordu, Kastamonu, Bartin, Bayburt, Bolu, Corum, Duzce, Gumushane, Karabuk, Tokat, Zonguldak.

Towns: The most beautiful towns in the Black Sea; Amasra, Safranbolu, Akcakoca, Abana, Kerpe, Sile, Savsat, Guzelcehisar, Gerze, Persembe, Tirebolu, Camlihemsin, Ikizdere, Unye, Mudurnu, Goynuk.

Culinary Culture

Undoubtedly, one of the biggest reasons why Turkish cuisine is among the rich cuisines in the world is the flavours that the Black Sea adds to our culture with its different dishes.



CENTRAL ANATOLIA REGION

THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION

Anatolia is full of countless remnants of civilizations. Whatever you go, it seems that you come across the signs of yet another civilization that once dominated Central Anatolia with its own very unique culture and belief system.

Central Anatolia Region

Central Anatolia region is located in the middle of Turkey. It occupies 19% of the total area of country with its 151.000 km² of land. It is Turkey's second largest region.

The lands of Anatolia are full of countless remnants of civilisations that graced these lands for hundreds of years. Whatever corner we turn, it seems that we come across the signs of yet another civilisation that once dominated Central Anatolia region with its own very unique culture and belief system.

Where to go

Looking for a different destination to discover in Turkey? Central Anatolia region is a perfect place for those who want to go to unusual places, to follow the traces of Turkish cuisine and to see the remains of Anatolian civilizations.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Central Anatolia region; Ankara, Eskisehir, Konya, Kayseri, Sivas, Nevsehir, Aksaray, Cankiri, Karaman, Kirikkale, Kirsehir, Nigde, Yozgat.

Towns: The most popular towns of the Central Anatolia: Beypazari, Gudul, Odunpazari, Ermenek, Goreme.

Culinary Culture

Central Anatolia has a unique culinary culture with its kitchen architecture, kitchen utensils, food types, cooking methods, table settings, service procedures and food prepared for the winter.

Things to Do and See

Central Anatolia is a place that has been crossed by countless important actors on the historical stages, figures like Alexander the Great and Tamerlane.

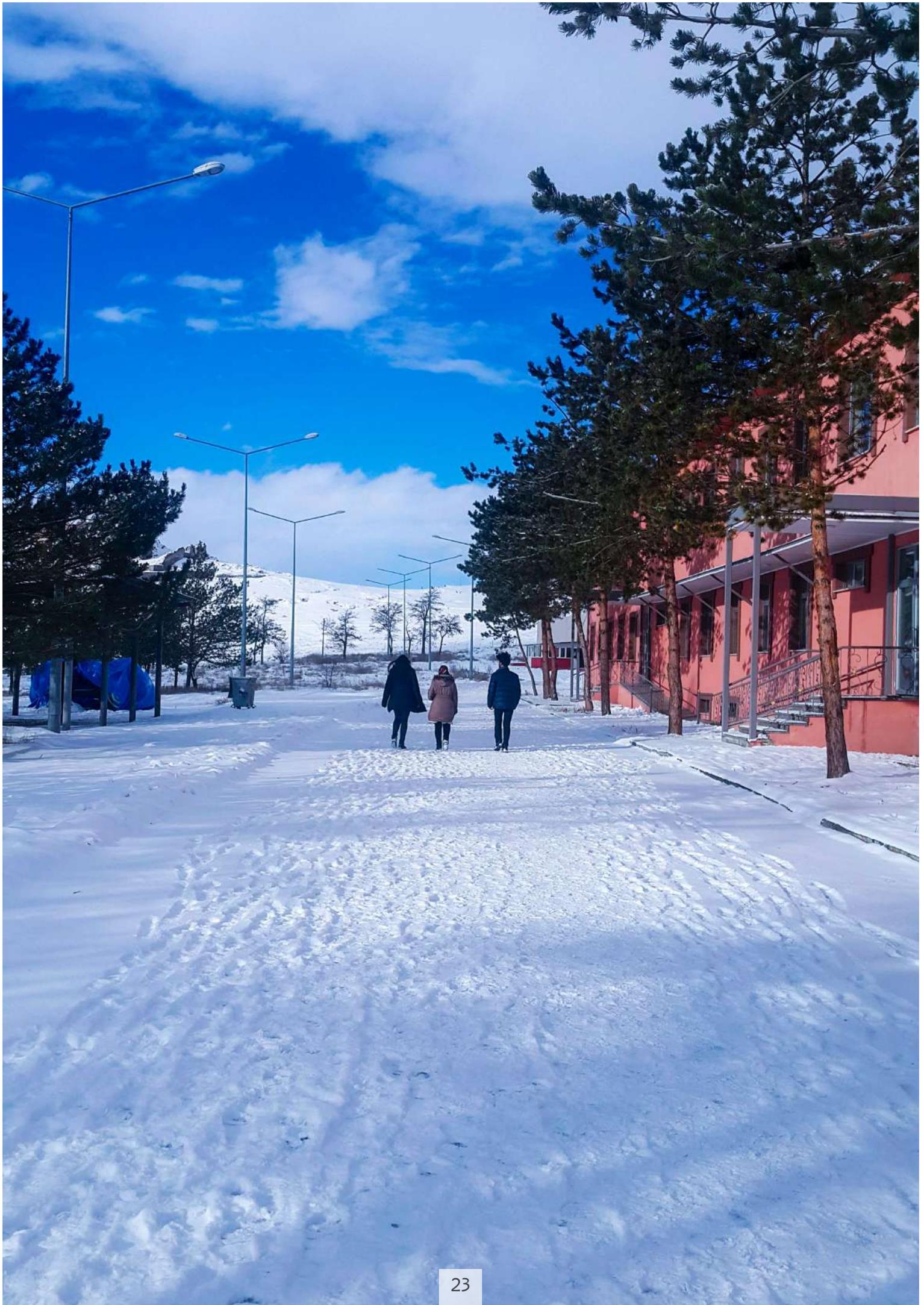
The region is surrounded by the ruins of numerous civilizations from the Hattians to the Hittites, from the Phrygians to the Galatians, from the Romans to the Byzantines, and from the Seljuks to the Ottomans.

Just some of these; Catalhoyuk, a settlement that stretches all the way back to 8000 BC, the remnants of the Hittite capital of Hattusha and Alacahoyuk.

The Tomb of Rumi in Konya, the sacred city where the Mevlana dervishes whirled for divine love and devotion. The grave of Phrygian King Midas near Eskisehir.

Climate

Central Anatolia has a semi-arid continental climate with hot, dry summers and cold, snowy winters. This region of Turkey usually has low precipitation throughout the year.



EASTERN ANATOLIA REGION ON THE TRAIL OF HISTORY

Marked by some of the most striking examples of culture and architecture, Eastern Anatolia offers visitors a geography worth seeing. The unique historical treasures in the region carry the traces of civilizations.

Eastern Anatolia Region

Eastern Anatolia region is located in the eastern part of Turkey. It is the largest region occupying 21% of the total area of the country.

The sparsely populated Eastern Anatolia region is covered with high mountains. These mountains' average elevation of the peaks is more than 3200 m.

Many of the peaks are extinct volcanoes, with the traces of lava left behind confirming the fact that they have been active in the recent past. The fertile areas and the various river valleys are far away from the any human inhabitation.

The remaining of the Eastern Anatolia comprising the northern rugged highlands referred to as Turkey's Siberia, the craggy mountains and the vast lands of the region are poor to produce any vegetation.

Because of the Eastern Anatolia region is far from the sea, and has high altitude, it has a harsh continental climate with long winters and short summers.

Culinary Culture

The richness of Turkish cuisine can also be seen in the Eastern Anatolia region. It is a cuisine known especially for its meat dishes, soups, cheeses, desserts and variety of dough based dishes.

Since it is a cold region, foods are stored by people living in rural areas by drying and roasting. Animal products are stored in earthenware jars.

Things to Do and See

This region of Turkey has a very high potential in terms of tourism. The remarkable treasures of Eastern Anatolia offer visitors an unforgettable once in a lifetime experience, where ancient stone structures are juxtaposed against towering minarets and age old steeples.

The mix of culture and faith amidst the bustle of a traditional way of life is an inspiration to inhabitants and visitors alike.

Where to go

Eastern Anatolia region is one of the most special areas in our country. The region are full of unique cities and towns everyone must visit.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Eastern Anatolia region; Agri, Erzurum, Erzincan, Kars, Malatya, Tunceli, Van, Ardahan, Bingol, Bitlis, Elazig, Hakkari, Igdir, Mus.

Towns: The most popular towns of the Eastern Anatolia: Kemaliye, Ahlat, Uzundere, Tatvan, Akdamar Island.



SOUTH-EASTERN ANATOLIA REGION

MESOPOTAMIA, BEYOND A LAND

This is Mesopotamia, the place where the story began and continues to endure. Southeastern Anatolia is just like a geography of colours with its natural landscapes straight of postcards, warm people, thousands of years history and culture.

Southeastern Anatolia Region

Southeastern Anatolia region is located in the southeastern part of Turkey. It has an area of 75.358 km² and is the second smallest region in Turkey. The region has long summers are very hot and dry, with high evaporation, winters are cold and rainy.

Where to go

Southeastern Anatolian region, which has a special atmosphere as uniquely different from other regions of the country, has a very rich history and cultural heritage. If you want to enjoy a holiday full of history, mystic life style and a wide variety of opportunities, the Southeastern Anatolia will be the perfect destination for you.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Southeastern Anatolia region; Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, Mardin, Adiyaman, Batman, Kilis, Siirt, Sirnak.

Towns: The most popular towns to go: Harran, Halfeti, Hasankeyf, Midyat.

Culinary Culture

Southeastern Anatolia cuisine has a long and deep-rooted legacy that goes way beyond kebab.

It is a colourful region featuring a very rich culinary culture with its extraordinarily delicious dishes and desserts. Wheat and bulgur are the most commonly used ingredients in the Southeastern Anatolia.

In addition, legumes such as chickpea, lentil and rice are widely used. Dairy products and red meat are other important culinary ingredients of the region.

An Eternal Story

An eternal story was written where it all began. We hunted and gathered for thousands of years around the Euphrates and the Tigris.

We humans came together for the first time and built temples. This was the place that we cultivated the soil and we grew wheat for the very first time and we established our first villages beside those fields.

We rode our first caravans here. Civilizations merged here and it was here that cultures flourished. We found our faith here, we built our temples here. We laid the foundations for the sciences here.

We developed together here with countless works of art and diverse cultures, we began to write the saga of civilization here. This is Mesopotamia, the place where the story began and continues to endure.

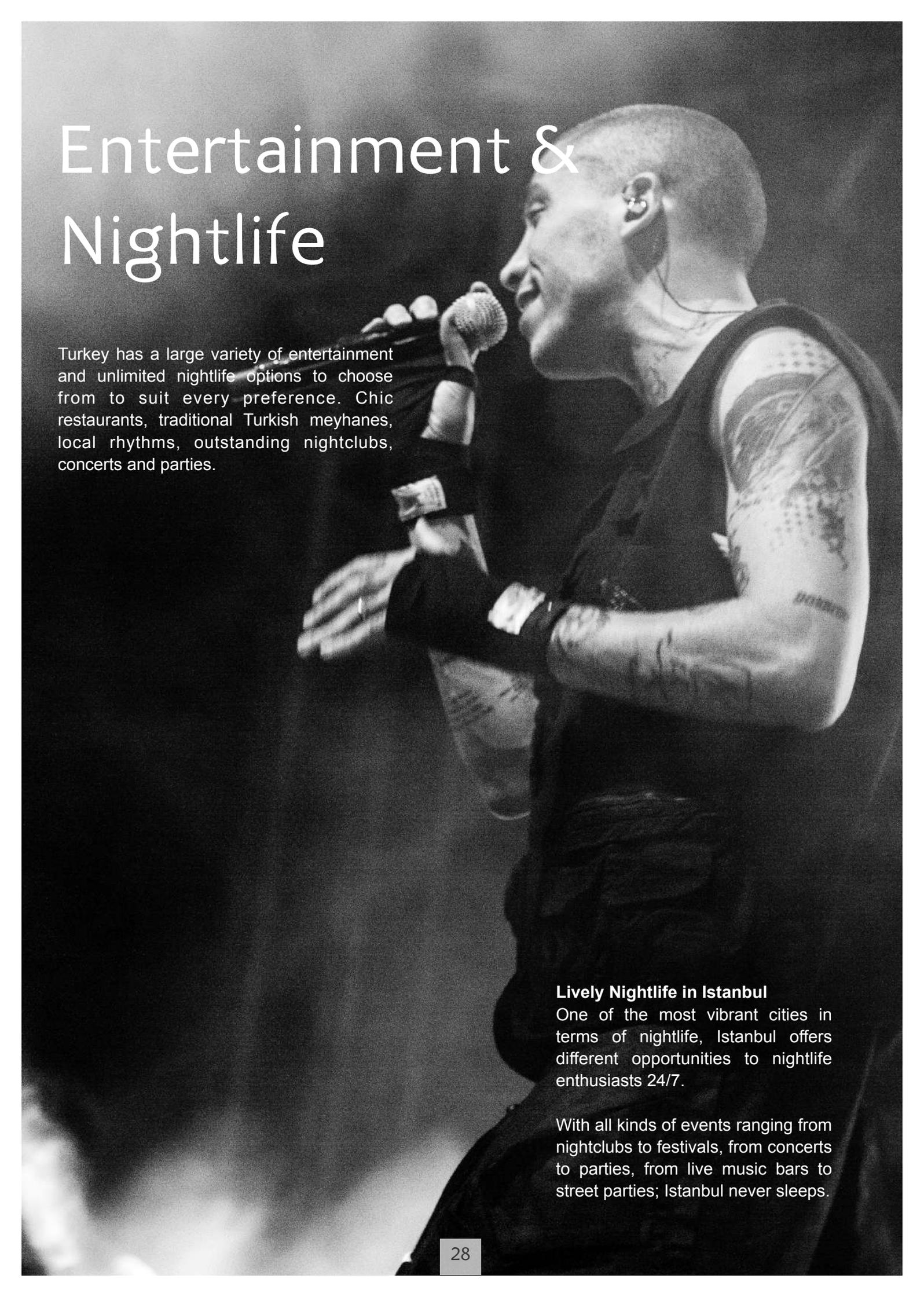
Things to Do and See

Mesopotamia, the land of firsts, uniques and oldests, awaits for you. This is a unique part of Turkey, and there are so many things to do and see. Come to discover a legendary history, a legendary culture, a legendary nature, legendary tastes and warm people.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES



Entertainment & Nightlife



Turkey has a large variety of entertainment and unlimited nightlife options to choose from to suit every preference. Chic restaurants, traditional Turkish meyhanes, local rhythms, outstanding nightclubs, concerts and parties.

Lively Nightlife in Istanbul

One of the most vibrant cities in terms of nightlife, Istanbul offers different opportunities to nightlife enthusiasts 24/7.

With all kinds of events ranging from nightclubs to festivals, from concerts to parties, from live music bars to street parties; Istanbul never sleeps.

Wedding &

Did you know that Turkey is one of the top destinations in the world for a dream wedding or magical honeymoon? Well we can't say we are surprised. Enjoy precious moments in the most stunning settings and special memories filled with happiness.

A DREAM WEDDING IN TURKEY

Turkey is known as a popular destination to get married. Tens of thousands of couples from all across the world choose Turkey for their wedding ceremony. There is nowhere better to celebrate and to make your dreams come true.

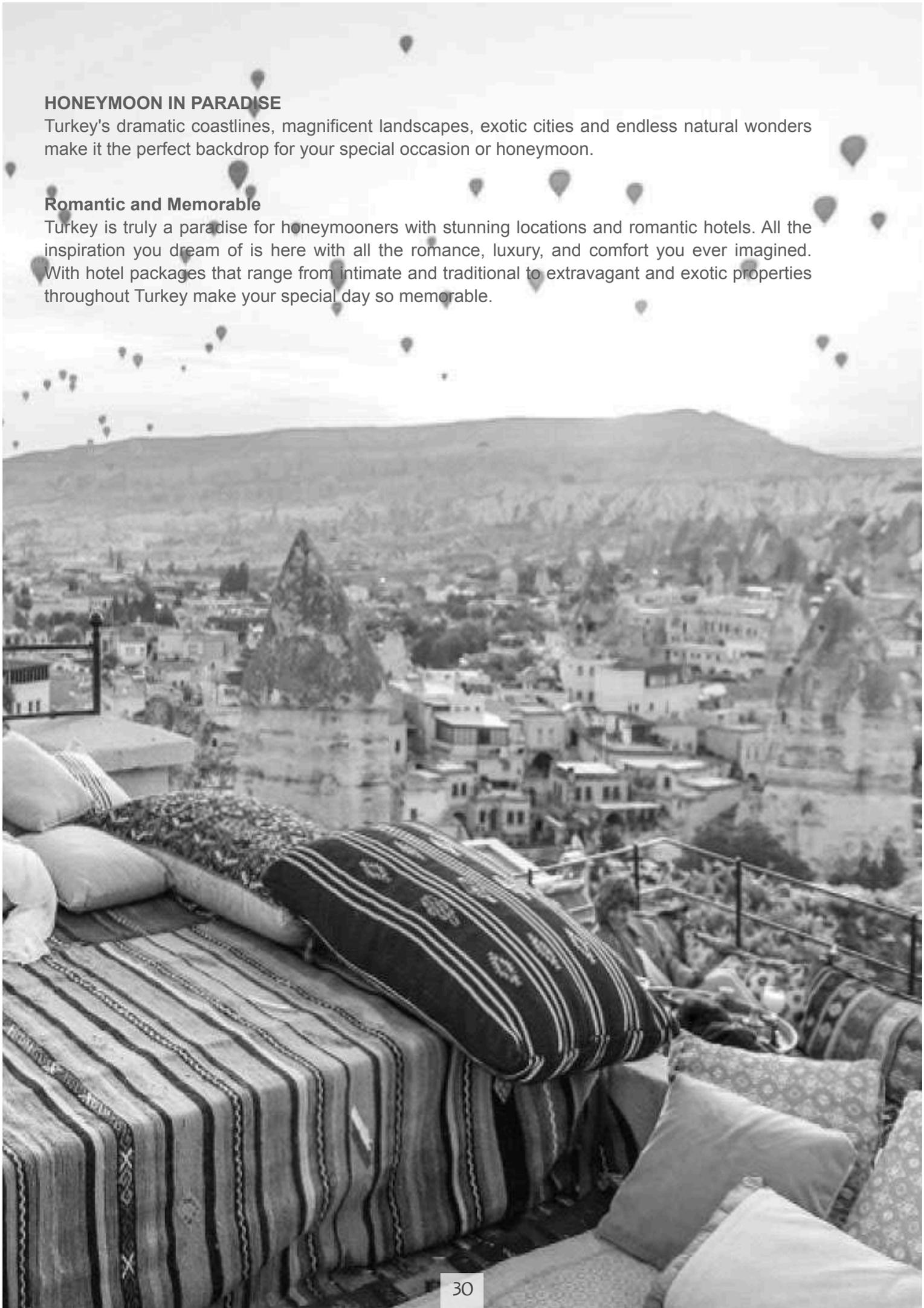


HONEYMOON IN PARADISE

Turkey's dramatic coastlines, magnificent landscapes, exotic cities and endless natural wonders make it the perfect backdrop for your special occasion or honeymoon.

Romantic and Memorable

Turkey is truly a paradise for honeymooners with stunning locations and romantic hotels. All the inspiration you dream of is here with all the romance, luxury, and comfort you ever imagined. With hotel packages that range from intimate and traditional to extravagant and exotic properties throughout Turkey make your special day so memorable.



Health & Wellness

Enjoy the unlimited wellness, ultimate in care, tranquility and relaxation in our historic Turkish baths, modern spa facilities or natural thermal springs. Rejuvenate and refresh your body and soul with the wellbeing activities. Turkey heals you.

Traditional Turkish Baths

Turkish bath (also known as Turkish hammam) is one of the most important elements of Turkish culture. There is no better way to refresh, revive and rejuvenate yourself than a traditional Turkish bath.

Spa Holidays in Turkey

Imagine yourself in a hot bath overlooking the turquoise blue waters and green shores of Turkey, waiting for a skilled therapist to take you into a comfortable room for a massage.

Turkish Bath and its own Rituals

Visiting a Turkish bath is more than an act of cleaning. It is a ritual of purity and relaxation in a unique architecture and atmosphere. Going to Turkish bath has its own rituals, knowing what to do saves energy and makes the experience more worthwhile.

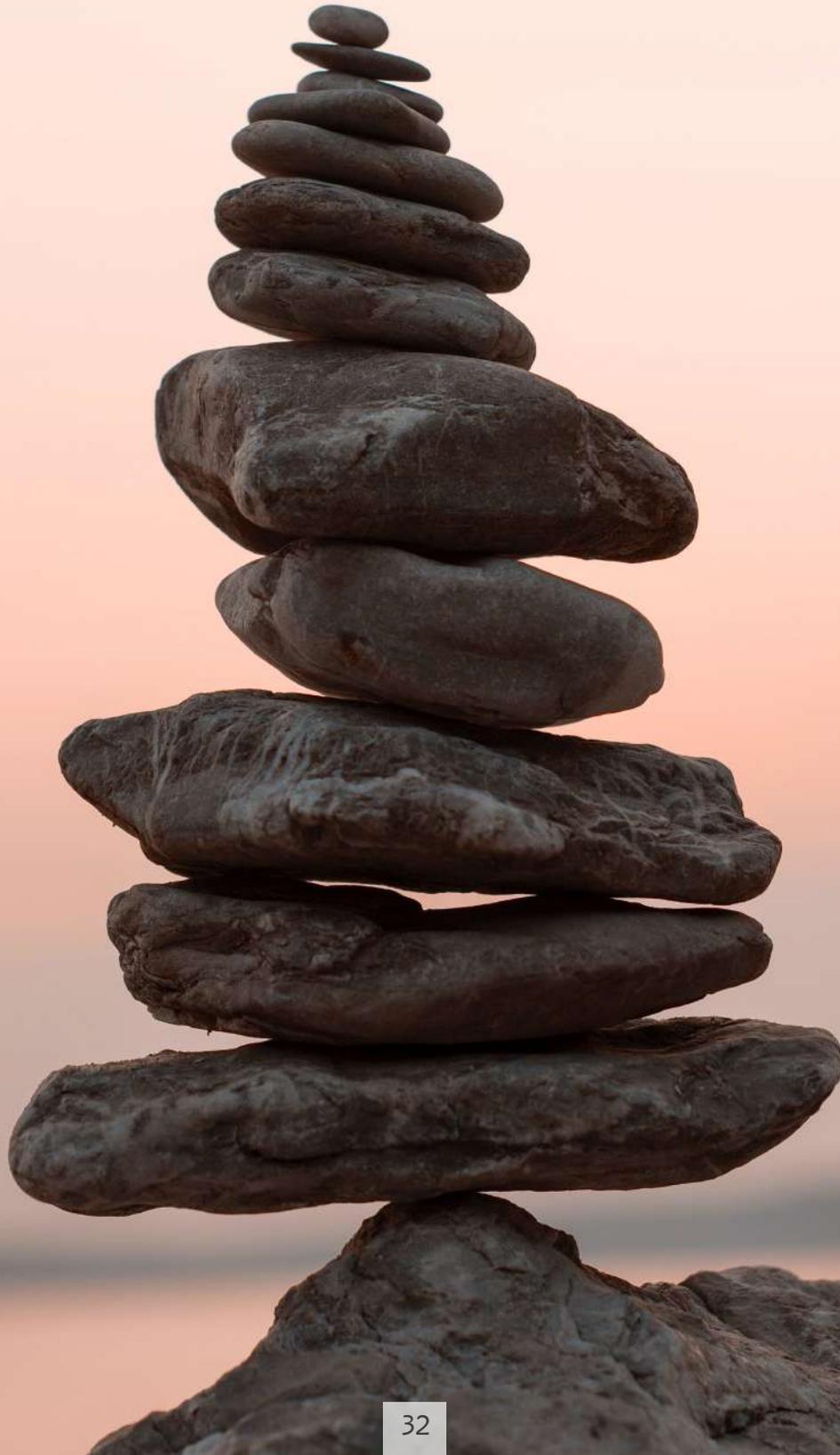


BEST SPA RESORTS TO RELAX

Take the relaxing break of a lifetime with our selected five star spa resorts and hotels in Turkey. A selection of recommended and awarded spa resorts. Come and discover a world of relaxation, rejuvenation and beauty at these fabulous spas.

Hot Springs of Turkey

Turkey is one of the most assertive countries in Europe and the world with its hot springs and thermal facilities. The facilities spreaded all over the country are meeting points for people who are searching alternative therapies to feel energetic.



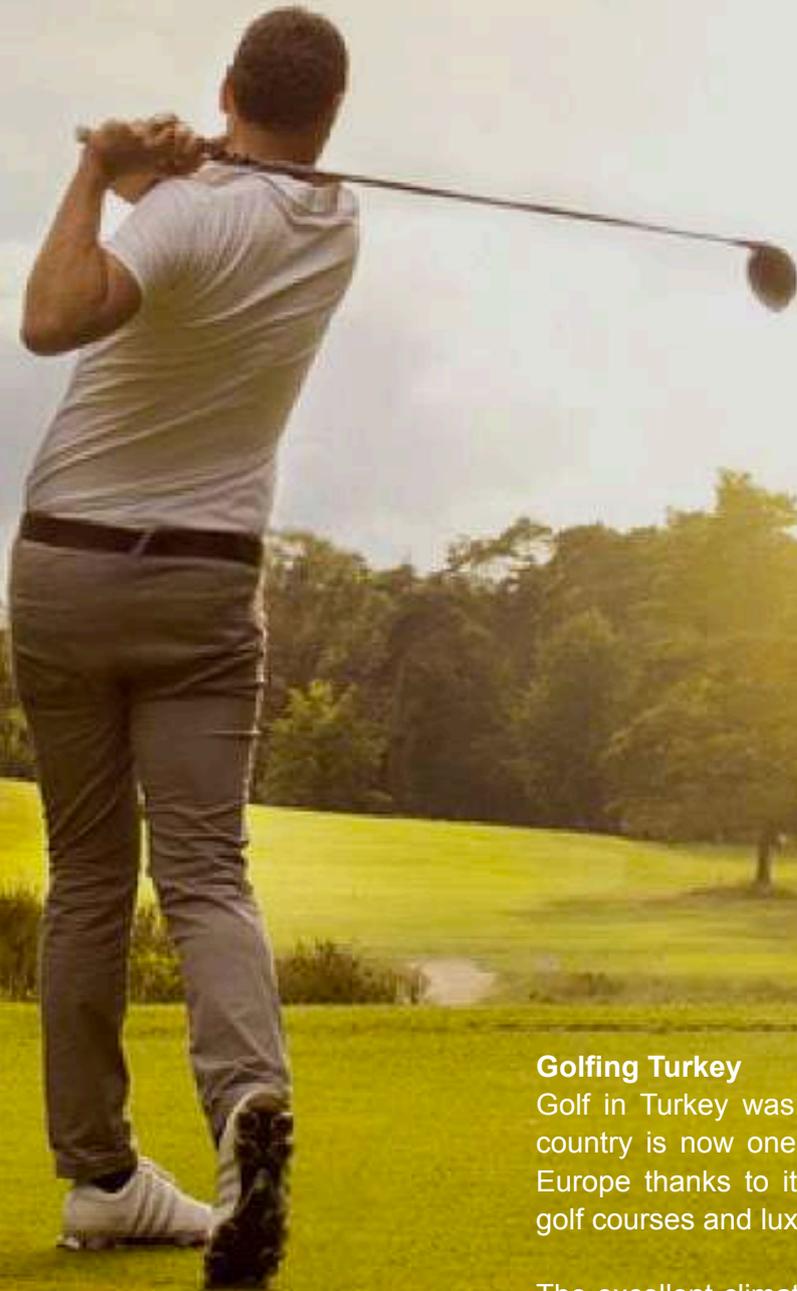
MICE IN TURKEY

Turkey is one of the world's top 10 meeting and congress destinations in the world according to International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA). Also Turkey has a great potential for congress tourism as the cities of Istanbul, Antalya, Izmir, Ankara, Bursa and Mersin present great opportunities for the planners of congress.



GOLF IN TURKEY

Turkey is one of the most elite and inspirational centres in the world for golf tourism with its international golf courses and tournaments where players from around the world can meet in an environment of quality and prestige.



Golfing Turkey

Golf in Turkey was once a best kept secret, but this beautiful country is now one of the most popular golfing destinations in Europe thanks to its combination of magnificent championship golf courses and luxury five stars all inclusive resorts.

The excellent climate is an attraction, with the added benefits of high standards of service and accommodation, good value for money, and of course, a fantastic range of international standard golf courses. So whether you prefer the excitement of city life or a Mediterranean backdrop to your game of golf, you will find the ideal location in Turkey.

WINE TASTING



Would you like to taste the most delicious wines in Turkey? During your tour you can also taste the best foods and homemade wines in every region of Turkey. Come to discover the high quality wine tastes of Turkey.

Wine Tastes of Turkey

Turkey is a beautiful country, with a long history and a culture of good wines paired with good foods. Turkey is a wine haven that delights the palate, from its white wines to its sweet red wines.

Turkey is considered as one of the birth places of the culture of wine in the world. A lot of people are surprised when they first come to Turkey and they discover that it is a wine producing country. There is nothing better than after a long day of sightseeing to sit on your balcony and enjoy a glass of Turkish wine, while doing so you can be amazed to learn that Turkey is one of the earliest wine producing areas in the world.

We invite you to a tour of Turkey with special wines and fabulous cuisine. Taste the experience. Discover the diversity and the secrets of the indigenous Turkish wines.

GREAT WALKS

The best of Turkey's trekking, biking and horseback riding routes. The number of waymarked hiking trails in Turkey is growing. Turkey has 22 official cultural routes, ideal for those who like trekking and at the same time take in spectacular scenery.

Turkey's Culture Routes

The cultural routes of Turkey pass through varied scenery and traces of past civilizations, from the Lycians on the rocky Mediterranean coast, via the Phrygians and the Hittites of the fertile valleys of Anatolia, to the Georgians in the mountains of the Black Sea. Wild and rugged landscapes are netted by old roads and punctuated by once flourishing castles, caravanserais and isolated monasteries. The routes celebrate past civilisations, international links, natural beauties and adventurous travelers.

Generally, the routes are developed by individual initiative. The passion driving routemakers is twofold to demonstrate to curious visitors a different side of Turkey, and to create a sustainable tourism system that will reinvigorate rural economies.

LEGENDARY BLUE VOYAGES ON THE SEA

The blue voyage is a type of sea tourism special to Turkey. You can definitely find a legendary blue voyage tour for yourself out of the options suited to every budget and taste while you are traveling along Turkey's coastline.

Losing Yourself in the Blue

The amazingly beautiful bays lined up along the Mediterranean and Aegean Coasts, the hidden paradises that can only be reached by the sea, the hospitality of the Anatolian people, the unique antique cities and of course, the pleasure of being on the sea, are the main elements that make the blue voyage so special.

Those who wish to discover the bays that are wonders of nature and spend their vacation intermingling with the sea, nature and history, prefer the blue voyage in Turkey.

HOT AIR BALLOONING

Have you ever watched a bird soaring high in the sky and wondered how it would feel to fly? Turkey's Cappadocia and Pamukkale regions are the best places on earth for hot air balloon ride, where nature and history come together most beautifully within the world.

Ballooning

Hot air balloons in Turkey are licensed, regulated aircraft. Pilots must meet certain standards of training and experience to be licensed. Hot air balloon companies must carry insurance coverage.

In Turkey, the Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communication, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, is the licensing authority for hot air ballooning companies, just as it is for airlines. The 25 balloon companies in Cappadocia fly with an average of 260 days a year with 239 hot air balloons. Pamukkale has the 8 companies for balloon tours.

HELI-SKIING

The heli-skiing in Turkey is world class, offers perfect quality, friendliness and accessibility. Spend your skiing holidays in Turkey and experience great nature and hospitality. Get ready for a new heliski adventure. What a unique experience.

Heli-Skiing

Heli-skiing is a sport of flying a helicopter to a place in the mountains where you can ski on deep snow that no one else has skied on.

Actually this sport is only performed by professional skiers and it requires special materials and experiences. If you are a strong or intermediate skier on the piste then you are ready to try heli-skiing in Turkey.

Turkey offers a very different ski experience, without long-haul flights. The heli-skiing in Turkey is absolutely world class. Spend your skiing holidays in Turkey and experience great nature and hospitality. You can choose Turkey for its proximity to Europe, perfect quality, friendliness, accessibility and its many mountain ranges that cover the territory.

During your helicopter journey in Turkey, be sure to have your camera with you.



ACTIVE HOLIDAY

Turkey provides an excellent variety of activities with its great sceneries for active holiday lovers; such as cultural routes, hiking, trekking, cycling, horse riding, wildlife camping and caravanning. Get active and explore Turkey's great outdoors on land or on water.



SEA, SAND & SUN



BLUE FLAG TURKEY

Discover Turkey and relish the pure azure colour

BLUE FLAG BEACHES

Turkey is proud to be third largest country having number of beaches with blue flag certificates.

The Blue Flag is an international environmental award given to safe, clean beaches from all around the world.

Turkey has 486 beaches in total that awarded with the blue flag certification. You can find a blue flag in most of the coastline in Turkey.



BLUE FLAG MARINAS

Turkey has 22 great marinas in total that qualified with the prestigious blue flag, placing it third among European nations in the number of certified clean marinas, thanks to their quality and safety. The iconic blue flag is a certification given by the Foundation for Environmental Education, indicating that a marina meets its standards.

BLUE FLAG YACHTS

Turkey has 7 boats in total that qualified for the blue flag, growing it among European countries in the number of certified boats.

The blue flag is a certification given by the Foundation for Environmental Education for boat owners & sustainable boating tourism operators.



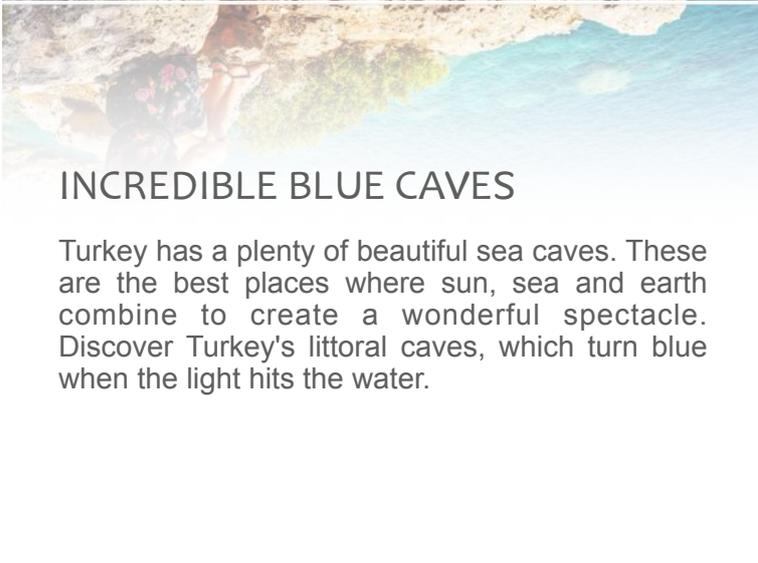
SUN & BEACH HOLIDAYS

Perfect entertainment with sea, sand and sun.



TURQUOISE COAST

Turkey has one of the longest coastlines of any country along the Mediterranean coast, and the stretching from Cesme to Alanya is bordered by such clear and picturesque waters that it is known as Turkish turquoise coast.



INCREDIBLE BLUE CAVES

Turkey has a plenty of beautiful sea caves. These are the best places where sun, sea and earth combine to create a wonderful spectacle. Discover Turkey's littoral caves, which turn blue when the light hits the water.



NATURAL SWIMMING POOLS

There are numerous spectacular swimming holes you need to see in Turkey. Some of them are extremely popular. With flowing waterfalls, turquoise waters and gorgeous sandstone cliffs, here are 8 of the best natural pools to plunge into in the wild.

NAUTICAL TOURISM

The extensive Turkish turquoise coast is a paradise for lovers of nautical activities.

BLUE VOYAGES ON THE SEA

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BLUE VOYAGE TOURS

In Turkey, there are many blue voyage alternatives depending on your preference, you may experience the beauties of the Aegean and Mediterranean on a boat you can charter. Come and lose yourself in the blue.

BLUE VOYAGE ROUTES

The most popular of the many blue voyage routes in Turkey and legendary voyages on the sea of civilizations. Turkey offers blue cruise opportunities for visitors to explore magical destinations, hidden coves and wonderful ancient cities.



TURKISH CITIES



Amasya

Amasya is a city in northern Turkey and is the capital of Amasya Province, in the Black Sea Region. Tokat from east, Tokat and Yozgat from south, Çorum from west, Samsun from north.

Known as the city of Ottoman princes, Amasya is one of the most precious cities of the Black Sea region of northern Turkey. Amasya is just like an open air museum with its history of 7500 years, extraordinary atmosphere, natural and cultural assets surrounding the city.



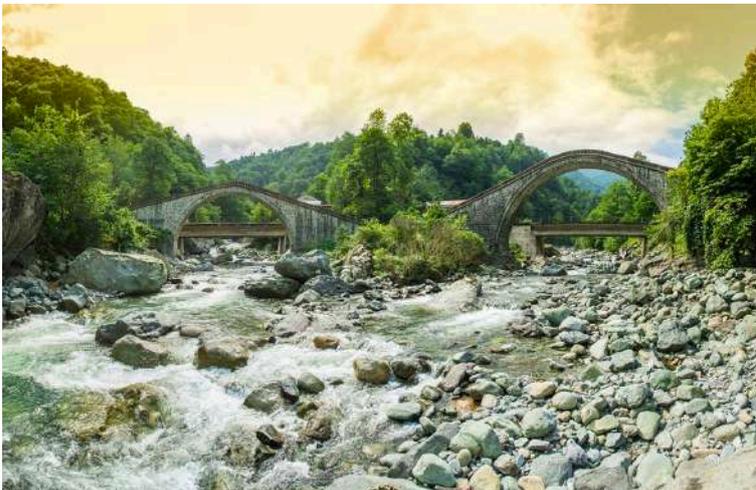
Ankara

A symbol of Turkish War of Independence, Ankara is located in the heart of Anatolia, the cradle of countless civilizations.

Explore the capital city of Turkey that holds much political and cultural significance, where many fascinating and remarkable discoveries await you.

Antalya

The paradise on the earth, the pearl of Mediterranean and the Turkish Riviera. As the second most charming city in Turkey, Antalya is one of the world's most popular and most visited tourism destinations, offers you a peerless experience.



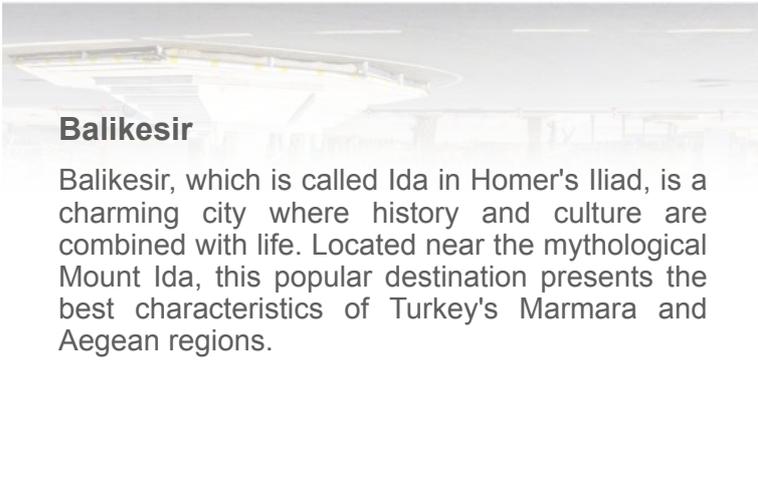
Artvin

Artvin, which is one of the major and charming cities of the Black Sea region of Turkey, portrays countless shades of green and boasts magnificent natural beauties. Imagine endless landscapes, explore the alpine pastures, breathe in the fresh air, surrender to the flow of nature.



Aydin

One of the most mythological cities in Turkey, Aydin is located on the Menderes Basin of the Aegean region. Aydin, which was described by Herodotus as the most beautiful geography under the sky, hosts millions of visitors each year thanks to its great tourism potential.



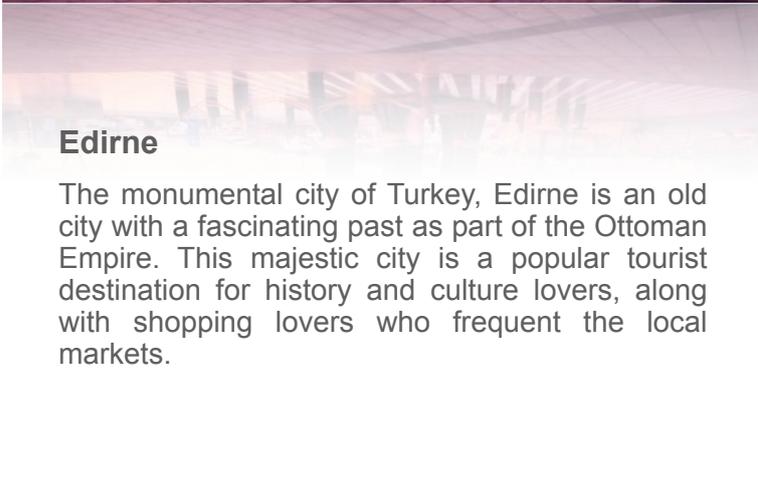
Balikesir

Balikesir, which is called Ida in Homer's Iliad, is a charming city where history and culture are combined with life. Located near the mythological Mount Ida, this popular destination presents the best characteristics of Turkey's Marmara and Aegean regions.



Canakkale

One of the loveliest cities in the Marmara region of Turkey, Canakkale is where contemporary history comes back to life. You can lose yourself in the charming ancient ruins or simply spend peaceful moments on the nearby islands. Canakkale is waiting for you.



Edirne

The monumental city of Turkey, Edirne is an old city with a fascinating past as part of the Ottoman Empire. This majestic city is a popular tourist destination for history and culture lovers, along with shopping lovers who frequent the local markets.



Eskisehir

Situated on the banks of Porsuk River, Eskisehir is one of the most visited tourism destinations in Turkey because of its geographical location as an intersection of important routes. The city is the birthplace of poet Yunus Emre and the famous satirist Nasreddin Hodja.



Gaziantep

Gaziantep, which is one of the oldest settlements in Anatolia, is located in Southeastern Anatolia region. Gaziantep, a city whose roots go back more than ten thousands years, that reflects the power of Mesopotamia. The city is where ancient history meets a vibrant culinary culture.

Istanbul

Close your eyes and imagine yourself in a city; the mysticism of the East and the modernity of the West, the constantly time travel between the past and the future, the balance of the traditional and the modern. Istanbul not only joins continents, it also joins cultures and people.



Izmir

Izmir is gloriously situated on the western edge of Turkey. Offering visitors many options for a unique experience, this beautiful city pulls you into a world of picturesque modernity and traditions, with its refreshing touches to the human souls.



Kars

There is another world in and around Kars. Nothing seems familiar. The gateway of Anatolia to the Caucasus and the shining star of Turkey's Eastern Anatolia region, Kars is founded in a unique geography having the traces of different civilizations.

Konya

Known as Iconium during classical antiquity, this historical city was the Seljuk capital in the 12th and 13th centuries. Konya, which is the city of hearts and spiritual whirling dervishes, is one of the largest and finest cities among the tourist destinations worth visiting in Turkey.



Mardin

Mardin, which is a timeless city where calls to prayer echo with church bell sounds, is created by the delicate spirit of the mason's hands that gave form to its stones. One of the oldest cities of upper Mesopotamia, Mardin is a truly enchanting and poetic city.



Mersin

A rising star of the Turkish tourism, Mersin is an important port city spreading out along the Eastern Mediterranean coast of Turkey with its rich cultural heritage, long coastline, turquoise waters, blue flag beaches, natural beauties, great city marina, opera house, skyscrapers and hotels.



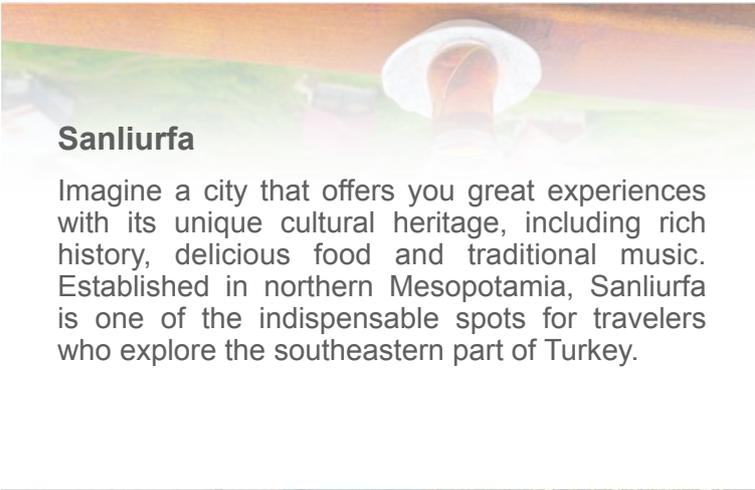
Mugla

One of the most famous destinations in Turkey, Mugla is a lovely Aegean city with its traditional old houses, narrow streets, surprising history, fascinating natural beauties, stunning coves, crystal clear waters, majestic ancient cities and peaceful daily life.



Rize

Anatolia's picturesque, high-pasture and mountainous Northeast region is calling nature lovers. Towering mountains, dense and wildlife packed forests, untouched lakes, roaring waterfalls and innumerable number of treks. Rize is where you will find out superlatives.



Sanliurfa

Imagine a city that offers you great experiences with its unique cultural heritage, including rich history, delicious food and traditional music. Established in northern Mesopotamia, Sanliurfa is one of the indispensable spots for travelers who explore the southeastern part of Turkey.



Seferihisar

Seferihisar, which is the first cittaslow town of Turkey, is located in Izmir province in the Aegean region of Turkey. The town is surrounded by the historical treasures and green nature. Seferihisar, which is a model for calmer and healthier lifestyle, makes you feel the Aegean spirit closer.

CULTURAL SIGHTS

The greatest wealth of Turkey is probably history, and the country has so much to offer for visitors; numerous ancient cities, unique archaeological sites, inspirational historical treasures and world famous iconic landmarks.

Magnificent Royal Palaces

The palaces were the homes of the Sultan and the imperial family, and the empire was governed from the main palace. When you visit Turkey, don't leave without seeing the gorgeous imperial palaces from the Ottoman, Seljuk and Byzantine period.

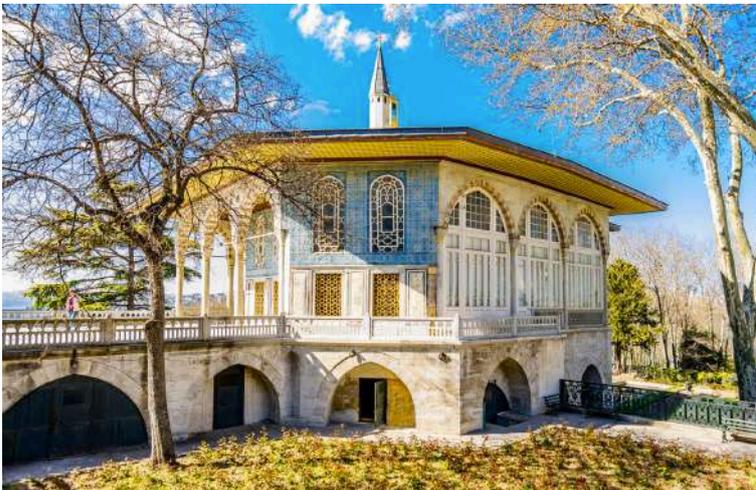


Most Impressive Fortified Castles

Turkey has the most famous castles from the Ottomans, Seljuks and Byzantines. Originally made of earth and wood, later castles were built of stone, so many still survive today. Explore the iconic Turkish castles that everyone wants to visit.

Top Historical Monuments

Turkey has one of the richest histories of the world. This vast history has left behind a number of historical monuments to explore and visit. Gelibolu Peninsula Historical National Park, Anitkabir, The Canakkale Martyrs Memorial, Lausanne Monument and Museum & Sakarya Martyrs Monument are five most important monuments.



Most Precious Pavilions

Turkey resembles a jewelry box filled with precious and rare pieces. Pavilions and kiosks have an important place in the history of Turkish architecture. Most of these used today as museums and exhibition halls are from the Ottoman Empire.

RELIGIOUS SIGHTS

Any visitor to Turkey will be struck by the plethora and variety of religious buildings. There are temples dedicated to ancient gods, churches of many denominations, synagogues and, of course, mosques. As civilizations succeeded each other over a period of 11,500 years, they each left their religious legacy and, after the monotheistic domination of Anatolia, Islam, Christianity and Judaism coexisted in harmony. Come and discover Turkey's main religious attractions and holy places.



Mevlana and Whirling Dervishes

The order of Mevlevi, better known in the west as the Whirling Dervishes, was founded by the 13th century Sufi mystic, Celaleddin Rumi, who was also known as Mevlana.



Muslim Sacred Sites

Turkey has a rich cultural and religious heritage. When you visit Turkey you will find plenty of Islamic heritage sites and mosques to visit.

Christian Sacred Sites

Turkey is the second holy land in terms of Christian sacred sites. You can visit some of the most stunning sacred places for Christianity.



Jewish Sacred Sites

As well as Turkey's synagogues, you can also visit the archaeological excavations of early Jewish settlements in Turkey.

UNESCO TURKEY

Discover Turkey's full UNESCO list of cultural and historical heritages, raise awareness in transferring awe inspiring structures and Turkish culture to the future generations.

TURKEY'S WORLD HERITAGE WONDERS

Turkey has a total of 18 cultural and natural places inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Explore the wonderful historical tales of the country at the Turkey's world heritage sites.

UNESCO World Heritage Centre

Humanity has added new value to the places it has lived, and left behind masterpieces that carry its culture to the following generations.

To affirm the values accepted as the common heritage of all humanity, and to promote and transfer them to future generations, UNESCO adopted "The Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage" at its 17th General Conference held in Paris in 1972. Turkey ratified the Convention on 14 February 1983.

Turkey in World Heritage

In our country, there are 18 amazing cultural and natural sites inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

You probably didn't know these sites were in our country. Turkey is a land of world heritage sites and incredible travel opportunities.

Come and explore these natural, archaeological and historic wonders.

Turkey in Cultural Heritage

In 2008, UNESCO established the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage in order to ensure the protection of important intangible cultural heritages worldwide and the awareness of their significance as well as the preservation of traditions in the world.

Turkey with its 18 elements inscribed on UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List is among the top 5 in 178 countries which inscribed more elements than others. What an amazing! Come and see for yourself the traditions and colours.

Here are the treasures of Turkey on the UNESCO World Heritage List

- Great Mosque and Hospital of Divrigi, Sivas (1985).
- Goreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia, Nevsehir (1985).
- Historic Areas of Istanbul (1985).
- Hattusha: The Hittite Capital, Corum (1986).
- Mount Nemrut, Adiyaman (1987).
- Hierapolis and Pamukkale, Denizli (1988).
- Xanthos, Antalya - Letoon, Mugla (1988).
- City of Safranbolu, Karabuk (1994).
- Archaeological Site of Troy, Canakkale (1998).
- Selimiye Mosque and its Social Complex, Edirne (2011).
- Neolithic Site of Catalhoyuk, Konya (2012).
- Bursa and Cumalikizik: The Birth of The Ottoman Empire (2014).
- Pergamon and its Multilayered Cultural Landscape, Izmir (2014).
- Ephesus, Izmir (2015).
- Diyarbakir Fortress and Hevsel Gardens Cultural Landscape (2015).
- Archaeological Site of Ani, Kars (2016).
- Aphrodisias, Aydin (2017).
- Gobeklitepe, Sanliurfa (2018).

Cultural and Natural Sites

UNESCO, which is the common heritage of humanity and aims to protect universal values, selects and lists the most precious examples of the different cultures, civilizations, religions and historical periods.

NATURE & ECO TOURISM

Turkey is a country where you can find an enormous variety of nature attractions that you can't see anywhere else in the world. Discover the national parks, biodiversity hotspots, waterfalls, mountains, forests, lakes and rivers in our country.



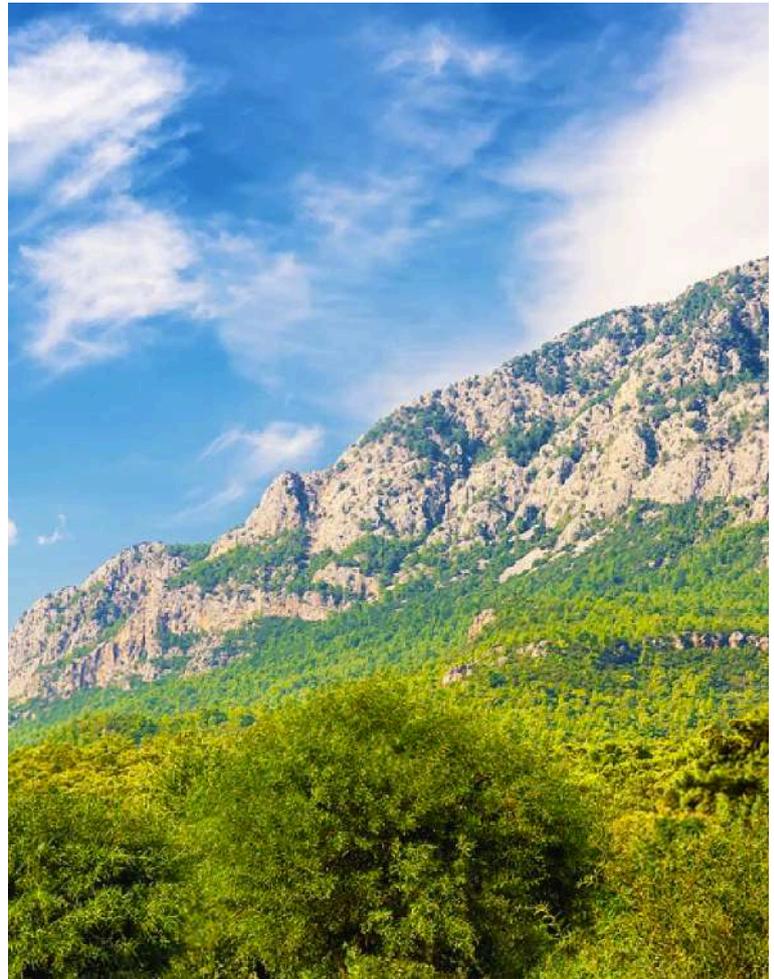
NATIONAL PARKS

National parks are literally defined as natural areas with rare cultural values, and there are 44 picturesque national parks for you to visit in our country.

From underwater wonders to high mountainous areas and ancient historical places, these parks offer a variety of landscapes and a wide range of exciting outdoors experiences to visitors. The national parks are great places to escape from the crowd and stress of the city life.

National parks are particularly important for species that need relatively large & undisturbed areas to survive, such as wild reindeer, predators and birds of prey. Many of these are at great risk from human intervention and some are even threatened with extinction.

Turkey has an international responsibility to look after endangered species and their habitats.



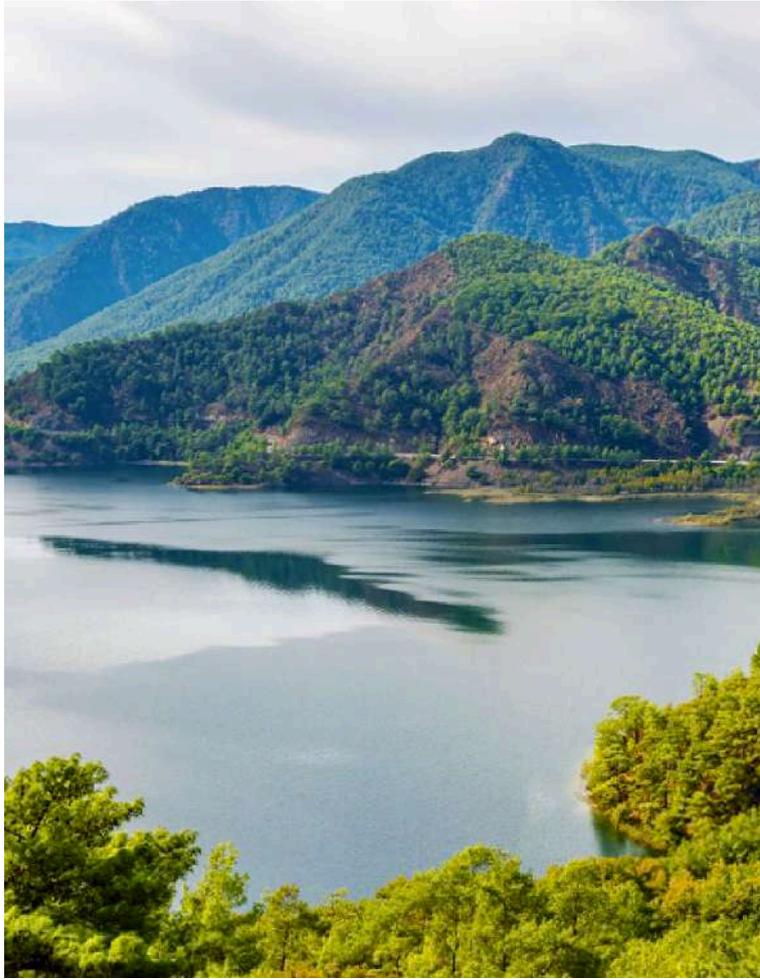
WETLAND HABITATS

Turkey is very rich country in terms of botanical life and the ecological richness. With its 76 registered wetlands, Turkey is one of the richest countries in wetland habitats among the countries in Europe.

Wetland is an area of land that is partly covered with water, or is wet most of the time. Turkey is one the richest countries in terms of wetlands among the countries in Europe and the Middle East.

Because of Turkey is located on the migration path among Europe, Asia and Africa these wetlands have great importance especially for water birds. The wetland that shelters more than 25.000 water birds is categorised as A-level according to IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) criteria.

In our country we have 14 wetlands which are categorised as A-level.



LAKES & RIVERS

A lake is an area filled with water, and a river is a natural flowing watercourse. Turkey is a rich country for its freshwater sources, there are many rivers, lakes, lagoons, reservoirs, creeks and streams around the country.

Anatolian peninsula covers a large area of Turkey, approximately 97% of the total area. It is generally a high plateau covered with several high mountains and mountain ranges especially in the east of the country.

The existence of many valleys and high mountains, snow precipitation and therefore its melting in the spring, and the climate of different regions favour the formation of lakes and rivers.

Most of the water from these rivers are used for the irrigation of the agricultural fields, but most important of all for the hydroelectric energy with several dams built on them.

WATERFALLS

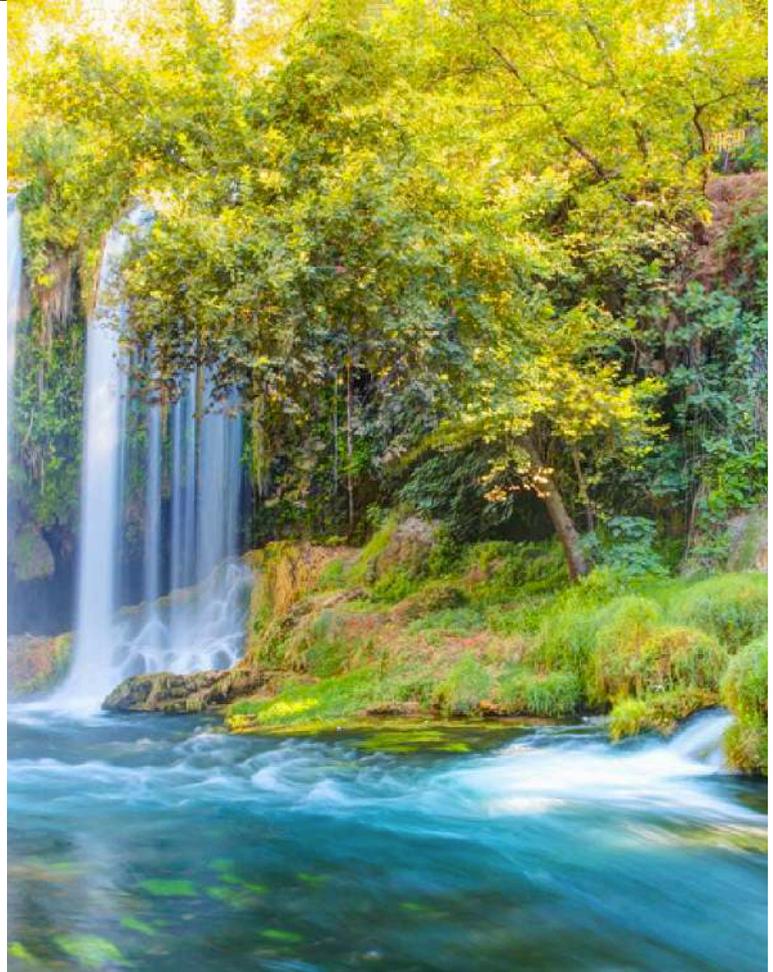
Waterfalls are doubtlessly some of the most glorious and attractive natural formations in Turkey.

The waterfalls of the country charm thousands of local and foreign people each year. Come and watch these perfect flows.

Waterfalls are doubtlessly some of the most glorious and attractive natural formations on earth, also a gift from God to the earth, making the land spectacular and enchantingly beautiful.

It could probably be the most pleasant feeling to watch the fall of tons of water from the sharp cliffs meters high deafeningly in soggy clouds. And you may experience more pleasure if you add the glorious mountains that surround the waterfalls and the rainbows to this panorama.

River waterfalls are usually wider compared to their lengths and rich in water volume. Risk of drying in dry seasons for river waterfalls are relatively less when compared to the others and speed of flow generally increases after hard rains.



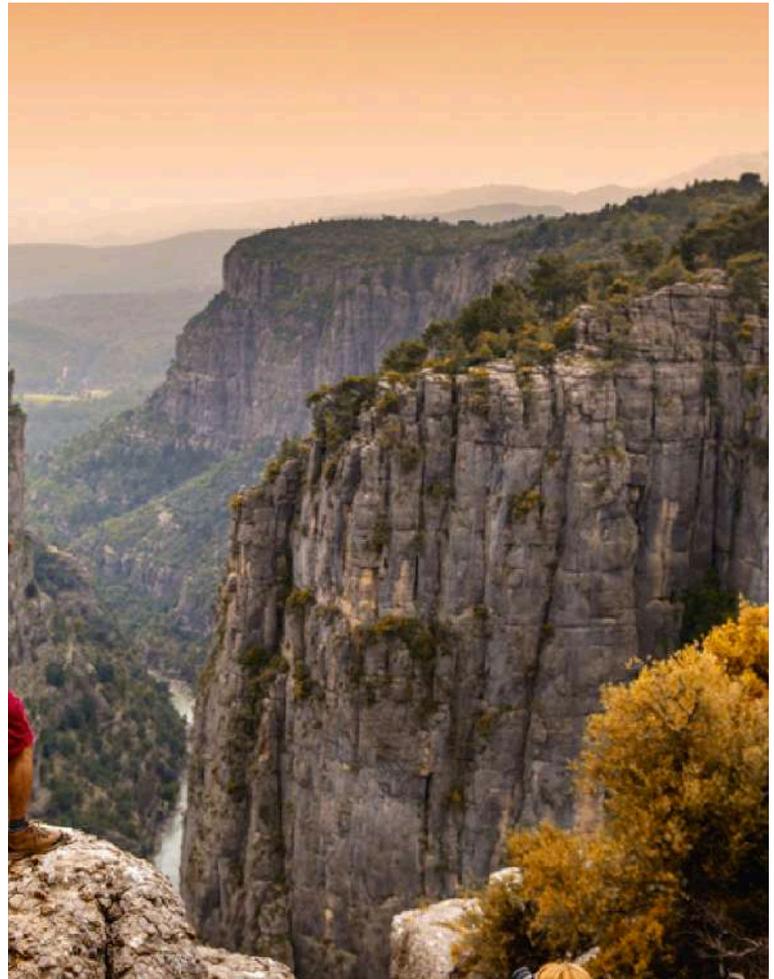
CANYONS

Canyons or gorges, which are among the most beautiful natural wonders of the earth, are the centers of attraction for many adventure seekers and nature photographers from all around the world. Some of the canyons in the world are suitable for rafting, while some are ideal for trekking.

Did you know that Turkey is a heaven for canyon lovers?

Turkey has many canyons that have been carved out over millions of years by water. With beautifully sculpted walls and waterfalls, these narrow gorges provide a striking setting for a refreshing adventure.

Go to one of Turkey's beautiful canyons, where you can enjoy the wonderful beauty of nature to experience a real adrenaline. Steep, deep and usually pretty remote, pack your passport for a tour of the best canyons in our country.



NATURE RESERVES

In addition to national parks, Turkey has 31 areas that have been specifically preserved in order to protect endangered species of flora and fauna, and some are used for scientific research and educational studies.

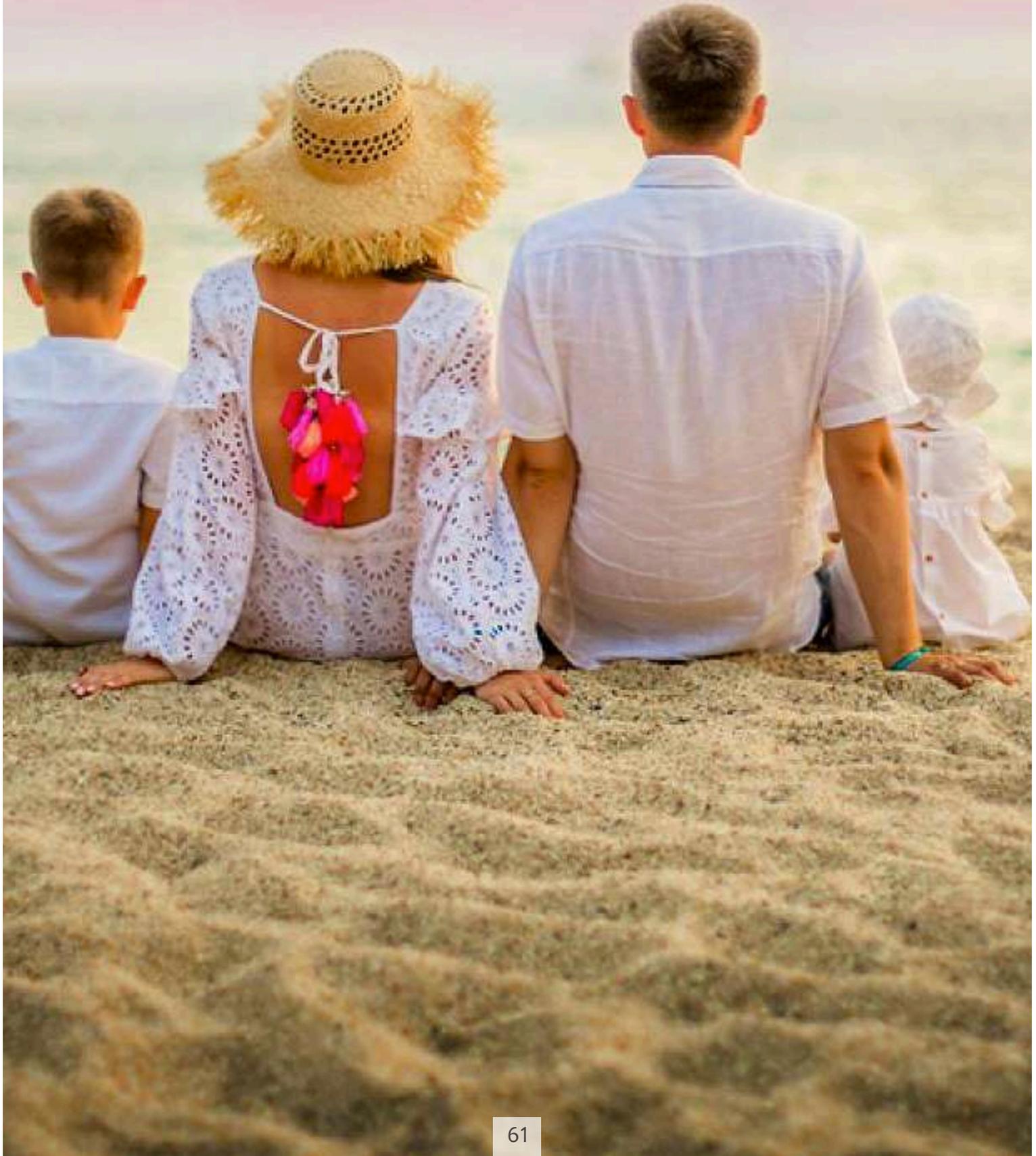
All the nature conservation areas in Turkey have been designated according to various biological characteristics.

The main goal of these areas is to protect or restore certain species or habitats that are important on an international, national or regional level. Regular interventions may be required to assure protection.

Other goals include fostering public education and appreciation for species protection and to provide regular interactions with nature for urban residents.

FAMILY FUN

Turkey is one of the most popular destinations in European countries with its fantastic and inspirational activities. Discover all the fun and adventure of a family friendly vacation.



FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Discover Turkey and Family Friendly Attractions.

GIGANTIC AQUARIUMS

Take your children to an aquarium and experience the unique pleasure of swimming with sharks, get to know the underwater animals. Istanbul Aquarium, Sea Life, Antalya Aquarium, Aqua Vega, which are some of the most popular aquariums to visit.



ZOOS & WILDLIFE PARKS

Zoological gardens are the great tourist attractions in the world. Take your children to a zoo, get to know the wildlife of animals. Izmir Wildlife Park, Faruk Yalcin Zoo, Bursa Zoo, Gaziantep Zoo, which are some of the most popular zoos to visit in Turkey.

THEME PARKS

Theme parks offer lots of amusements for all ages and tastes. Play, adventure, history and shopping. Turkey is a popular country with its theme parks, dolphinariums, toy museums, discovery camps and entertaining aqua parks.





GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

Turkey is surrounded by sea on three sides. The Mediterranean in the south, the Aegean in the west, and the Black Sea in the north. The Marmara Sea, in the northwest, includes the Istanbul and Dardanelles Straits and is a territorial water of Turkey.

Turkey, officially known as the Republic of Turkey, is both a European and an Asian country. It's neighbour to the northwest is Bulgaria; Greece to the west; Armenia, Azerbaijan and Iran to the east; Georgia to the northeast; Syria to the south; and Iraq to the southeast.

Currency & Exchange

The domestic currency is Turkish Lira. Foreign currency of all kinds may be exchanged at the airport, banks, most hotels or licensed exchange agencies in large cities. Cash withdrawals can be easily made from the many widespread ATMs via International credit or debit cards.

Language

Turkish is an Altaic but Arabic is a semitic language. Even so there are many words in Turkish taken from Arabic and many words derived by the Arabic rules in Turkish. That doesn't make that words Arabic. Turkish has borrowed a number of words from Arabic.

When to go

Generally, Turkey experiences all four seasons, with summer, spring and autumn serving as the best time to visit the location.

Spring is experienced between March and June. It comes with onset warmth and the blooming of trees and flowers. This is undoubtedly the best time to visit the country for outdoor activities and adventure.

Between July and September, summer kicks in with hot temperatures dominating the area. Most people find it best to visit Turkish monuments and museums in this season. It is also the best time to visit the beach to enjoy the pleasant water temperatures. The streets are usually crowded with tourists during this time of the year.

From October to November, the country experiences autumn. During this season, the trees are fiery red with dry grasses. At the same time, accommodations are very favorable with reasonable discounts.

Winter is the last season which kicks in from December to February. During this time, the sites are not explicit; hence touring is not the best option. The temperature is relatively low with most of the locals retreating to lead a slow, mellow lifestyle.



Classical Turkey

Duration: 07 Nights / 08 Days

Places: Istanbul - Cappadocia - Bodrum

Highlights: This varied and engaging itinerary is designed to give you a fantastic insight into Turkey, combining the cultural sights with wild and romantic landscapes and the beautiful Turkish coastline. Explore the magnificent mosques and bustling bazaars of Istanbul with an expert guide before rising up in a hot air balloon to gain a birds-eye view of the unique, rocky landscape of Cappadocia.

From: US \$ 6270 pp

Day 01 - 02: Istanbul

Beginning in Istanbul we've included a local guide to take you through the fascinating history of the old city as you explore the historical sites such as the imposing Hagia Sophia mosque, the enchanting Basilica Cistern and the beautiful Topkapi Palace.

Istanbul is of course also a haven for shopping, with over 5,000 stalls in the Grand Bazaar alone. Navigate the colourful lanes with your expert guide who'll introduce you to some unique artisans and showcase local handicrafts and traditional weavers.

You'll then pay a visit to the vibrant spice market where, overwhelmed by delicious smells, you'll have the chance to sample some local delicacies such as Turkish Delight and mouth-watering pastries.

If you want to add something extra special we can also include a private yacht cruise down the Bosphorus, where you can view the differing architectural influences of this sprawling city, as well as seeing the forts that guard the entrance.

Day 03 - 04: Cappadocia

From Istanbul a short flight, around an hour and a half, takes you world's away from Istanbul, to the rocky landscapes of Cappadocia. Here you'll discover cave houses, enchanting rock formations - known as fairy chimneys- and beautiful frescoes, hidden in 10th century churches, built in to the landscape. There is a wealth of history to uncover here and your guide will explain the important role of the area to the history of Turkey and the Christians who lived here. If you are an active traveller we can also include a guided hike, or even a horse ride, through this breathtaking landscape.

Without doubt, a highlight here is taking to the skies and we've included a dawn hot air balloon flight for you, showcasing the different colours as the sun rises over this unique, breath-taking landscape.

Day 05 - 07: Bodrum

To end this fantastic trip, we've included a few days relaxing next to the glimmering emerald seas of the Turkish coast.

Here you can while away days swimming in the warm Mediterranean Sea, relaxing in the spa or sampling the wide array of water sports on offer. We'd also recommend taking to the water by boat, so you can explore secluded bays, with inviting crystal-clear waters.

Day 08: Depart Istanbul

Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

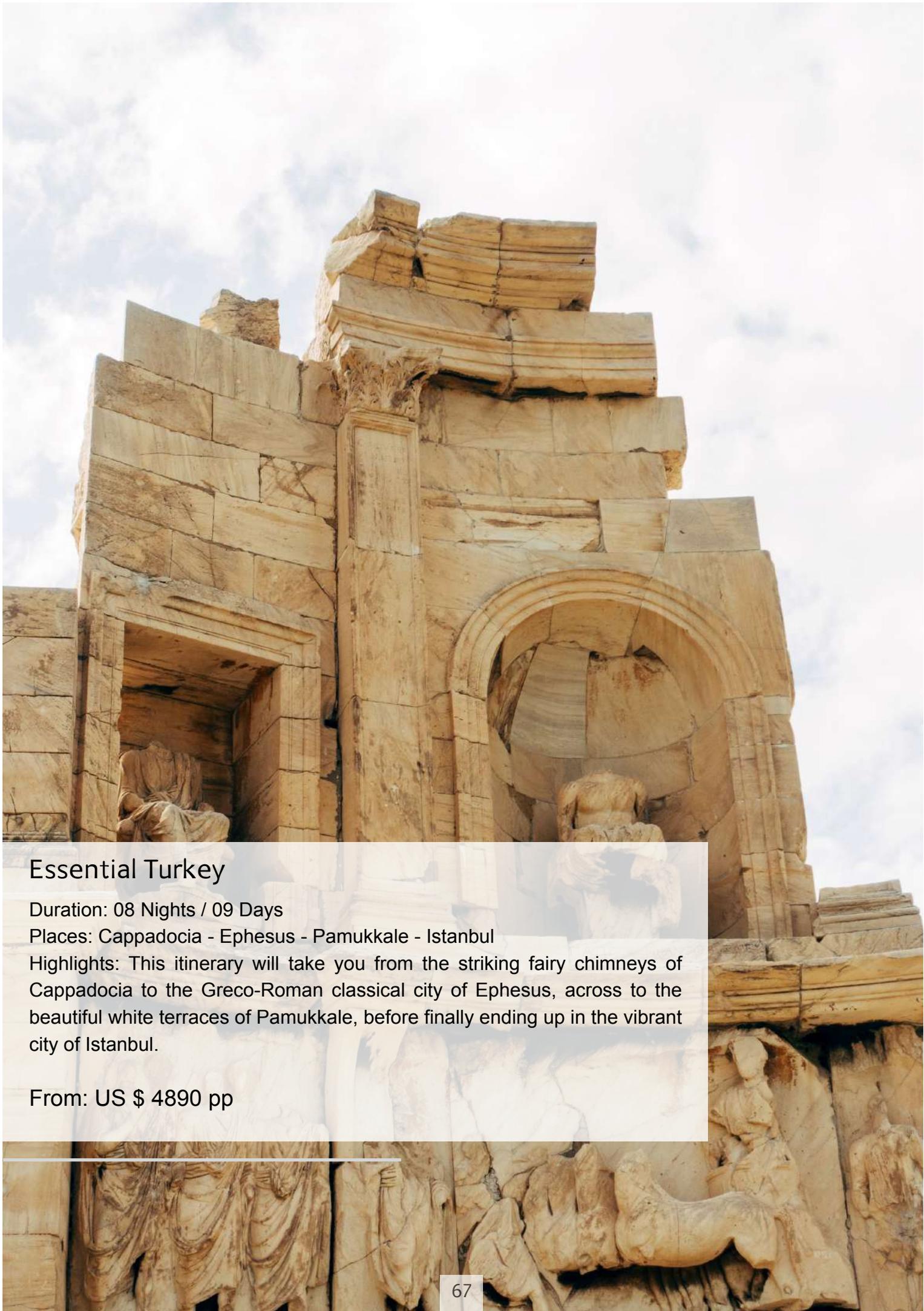
Istanbul	Four Seasons Istanbul
Cappadocia	Argos in Cappadocia
Bodrum	Six Senses Kaplankaya

Includes

- 07 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.
- Internal Flights.
- Entrance fees.
- Local Guides.
- All transfers, sightseeing and excursions.
- Private vehicle with driver.
- All taxes.

Excludes

- Tips.
- Travel Insurance.
- Visa (If any).



Essential Turkey

Duration: 08 Nights / 09 Days

Places: Cappadocia - Ephesus - Pamukkale - Istanbul

Highlights: This itinerary will take you from the striking fairy chimneys of Cappadocia to the Greco-Roman classical city of Ephesus, across to the beautiful white terraces of Pamukkale, before finally ending up in the vibrant city of Istanbul.

From: US \$ 4890 pp

Day 01 - 03: Cappadocia

Cappadocia attracts visitors due to its lovely landscape of striking rock formations, caves and chimney stacks caused by years of flooding and winds. Modern villages are interlaced with colonies where local people still reside in the caves carved into the rock. Horses play a large role in life here and in fact the name Cappadocia translates from Hittite as “land of the beautiful horses”.

During your two-night stay in this breath-taking region visit Pasabagi, known as the “valley of the Monks” as well as the Valley of Zelve, otherwise known as “Imagination Valley”. Uchisar castle is a fascinating place to explore and stands at the highest point in Cappadocia, offering fantastic views. The castle features a labyrinth of rooms carved into the rock face over multiple layers.

Day 03 - 04: Fayoum

The ancient city of Ephesus, located near the Aegean Sea, is the best-preserved classical city in the Eastern Mediterranean. At its peak, it was the largest Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor with a population of 250,000. The temple of Artemis in the city of Ephesus is one of the Seven wonders of the Ancient World and was a Greek temple dedicated to the goddess Artemis.

Day 05: Pamukkale

From Afrodiasias, drive to Pamukkale takes around one-and-a-half hours. Pamukkale is best known for its gleaming white calcite shelves, or terraces, overrunning with warm, mineral-rich waters. The highly photogenic and brilliant white terraces, with their naturally heated pools, are an otherworldly natural wonder.

Day 06 - 08: Istanbul

From your hotel in Pamukkale a private transfer will take you on the 45-minute drive Denizli Çardak Airport from where you’ll take a short domestic flight, just over one hour, to Istanbul.

Istanbul is one of the most ancient cities in the world, and the only city on the planet to be situated on two continents. During your 3-night stay you’ll have plenty of time to explore the beautiful palaces, impressive mosques and maze-like bazaars. One of the best ways to explore Istanbul is by taking a private cruise on the grand Bosphorous River, which runs through the length of the city.

Day 12: Depart Istanbul

Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

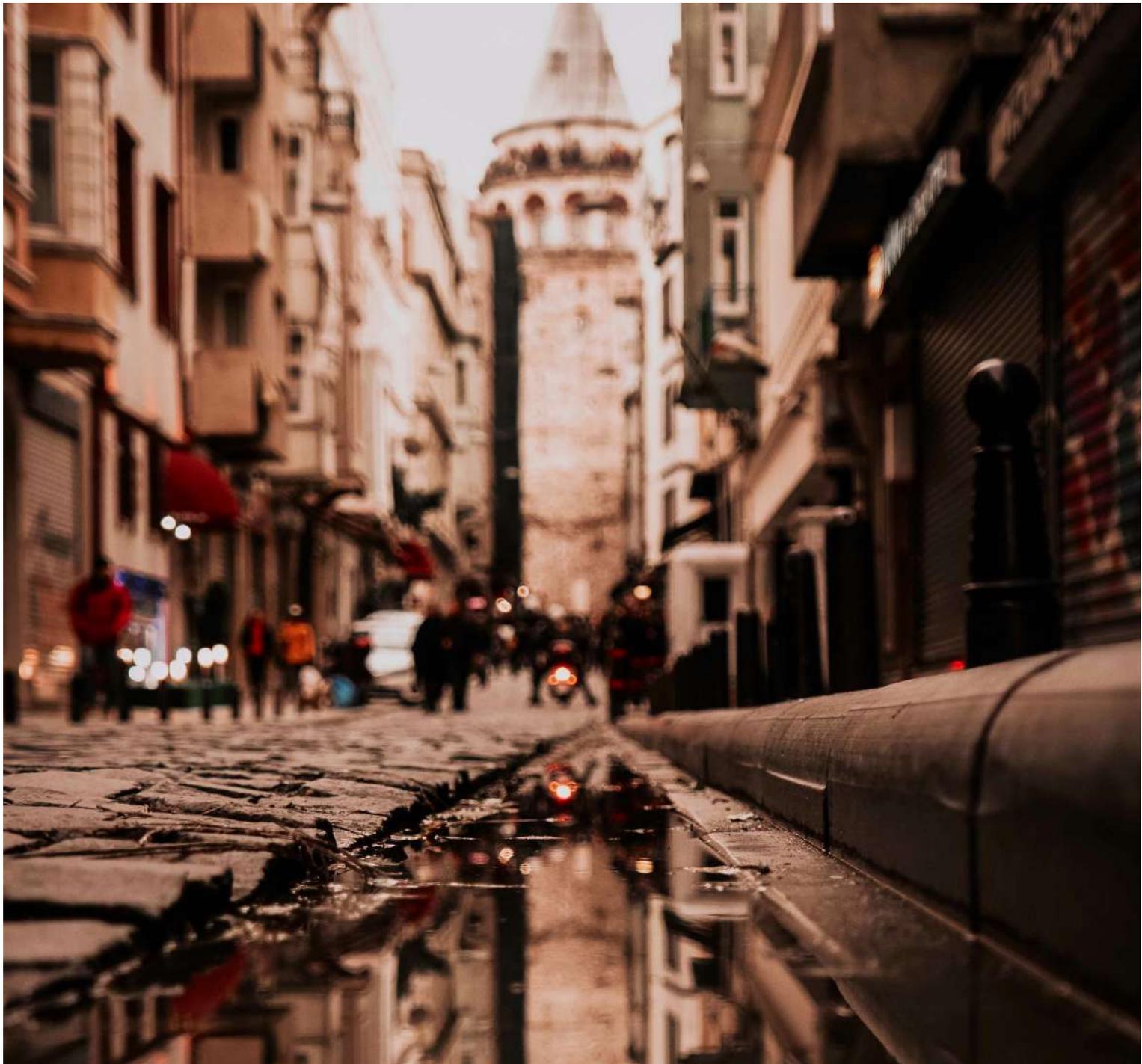
Cappadocia	Museum Hotel
Ephesus	Yedi Bilgeler Winery Hotel
Pamukkale	Doga Thermal Hotel
Istanbul	Shangri-La Bosphorous

Includes

- 08 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
- Entrance fees.
- Local Guides.
- Internal Flights.
- All transfers, sightseeing and excursions.
- Private vehicle with driver.
- All taxes.

Excludes

- Tips.
- Travel Insurance.
- Visa (If any).



Turkish Coast & The Istanbul

Duration: 07 Nights / 08 Days

Places: Istanbul - Kaplankaya

Highlights: This dual-centre itinerary is perfect for those looking for a combination of culture and relaxation, city and beach and would make a fantastic first visit to Turkey or an exciting honeymoon.

From: US \$ 4790 pp

Day 01 - 03: Istanbul

Your journey starts in the great city of Istanbul, the capital of the mighty Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. Here, east meets west here as it bridges two continents, Europe and Asia. Istanbul's shores are bordered by the Sea of Marmara, the Golden Horn and the Bosphorus Strait, with its monuments spanning over seven hills. Istanbul is one of the most fascinating and vibrant cities in the world and a visit to here will bring out a sense of adventure and provide a feast for the senses. We have included a private cruise on the grand Bosphorous River, which runs through the length of the city and is a fantastic way to soak in the sights and gain your bearings on this fantastic city.

We also have included a private guide for you who will showcase the highlights of the city, detailing its history and broad cultural influences. The Topkapi Palace was once the opulent residence of the Ottoman sultans and the political centre of the Empire, with magnificent collections of Chinese porcelain, Ottoman textiles, gold and jewels. The Topkapi Palace is a stone's throw away from the terraced houses and bustling covered markets, which is perfect to explore at your leisure in the afternoon.

Day 04 - 07: Bodrum

Leaving the bustling city of Istanbul behind, a short domestic flight, taking just over one hour, leads you south to the beautiful Bodrum peninsula. This stunning peninsula is a haven for luxury yachts and it is easy to see why with crystal-clear waters, long stretches of golden coastline and elegant marinas, surrounded by lively restaurants and bustling bars. After a busy few days exploring the bazaars and mosques of Istanbul, Bodrum is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the endless views over the glistening waters.

Should you like to be a little more active, the coast is a great place to try out a range of water sports and you can even go scuba diving or snorkelling. Bodrum castle is also worthy of a visit, featuring Byzantine shipwrecks and majestic coats of arms.

Another option is to take a day trip to the ancient city of Ephesus featuring one of the Seven wonders of the Ancient World. Ephesus is one of the best preserved ancient sites in the world, dating from the third millennium BC and at one point was the capital of the Roman province of Asia. At its peak, Ephesus was the largest Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor with a population of 250,000.

Day 08: Depart Istanbul

Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

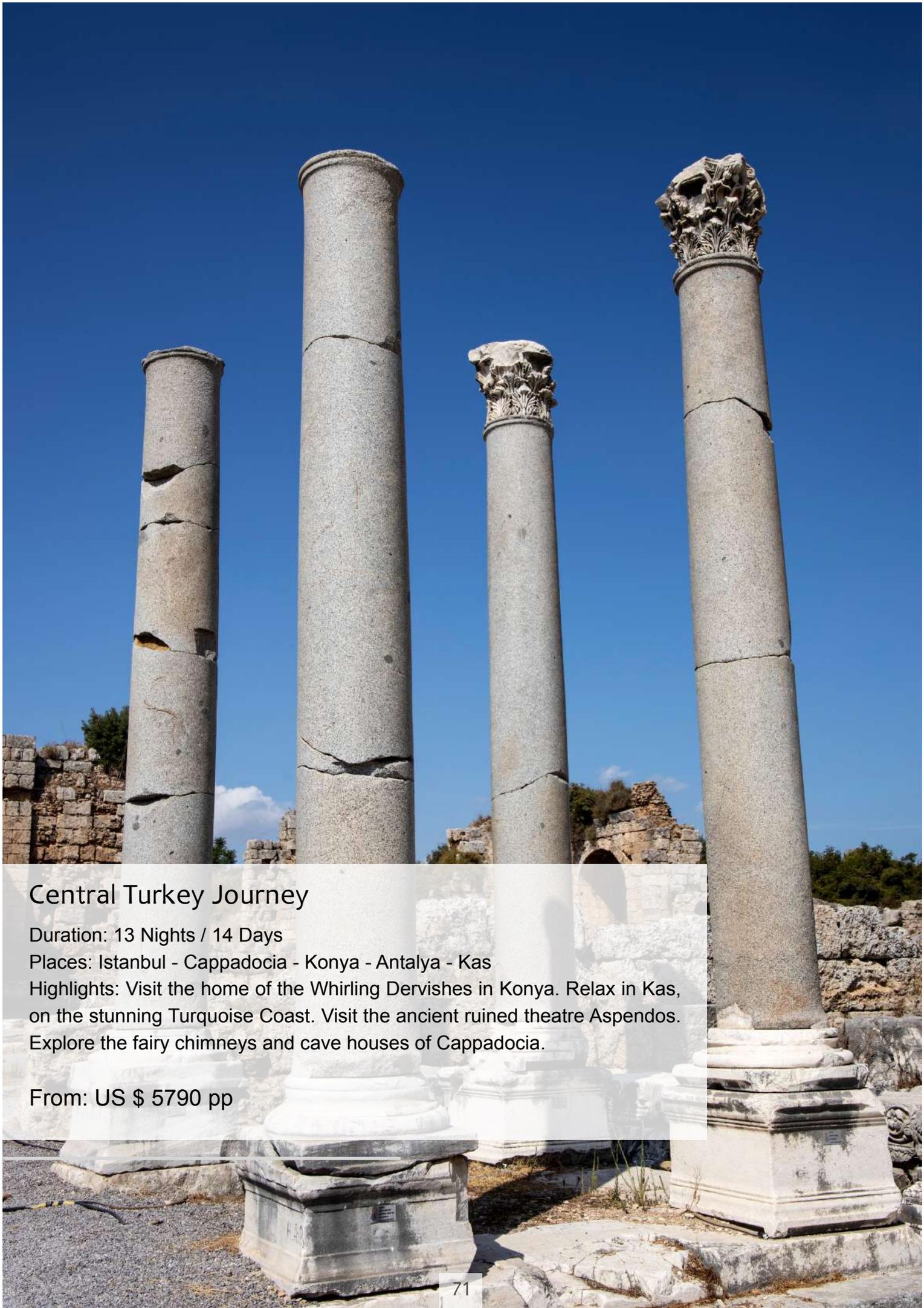
Istanbul	St. Regis Istanbul
Bodrum	Six Senses Kaplankaya

Includes

- 07 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
- Internal Flights.
- Entrance fees.
- Local Guides.
- All transfers, sightseeing and excursions.
- Private vehicle with driver.
- All taxes.

Excludes

- Tips.
- Travel Insurance.
- Visa (If any).



Central Turkey Journey

Duration: 13 Nights / 14 Days

Places: Istanbul - Cappadocia - Konya - Antalya - Kas

Highlights: Visit the home of the Whirling Dervishes in Konya. Relax in Kas, on the stunning Turquoise Coast. Visit the ancient ruined theatre Aspendos. Explore the fairy chimneys and cave houses of Cappadocia.

From: US \$ 5790 pp

Day 01 - 04: Istanbul

Istanbul is a major city in Turkey that straddles Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus Strait. Its Old City reflects cultural influences of the many empires that once ruled here. In the Sultanahmet district, the open-air, Roman-era Hippodrome was for centuries the site of chariot races, and Egyptian obelisks also remain. The iconic Byzantine Hagia Sophia features a soaring 6th-century dome and rare Christian mosaics.

Day 05 - 07: Cappadocia

Cappadocia, a semi-arid region in central Turkey, is known for its distinctive “fairy chimneys,” tall, cone-shaped rock formations clustered in Monks Valley, Göreme and elsewhere. Other notable sites include Bronze Age homes carved into valley walls by troglodytes (cave dwellers) and later used as refuges by early Christians. The 100m-deep Ihlara Canyon houses numerous rock-face churches.

Day 08: Konya

Konya is a city south of Ankara in Turkey's Central Anatolia region. It's a pilgrimage destination for Sufis, focused on the tomb of the founder of the Mevlana order, Jelaeddin Rumi, in the Mevlana Museum. Sema whirling dervish ceremonies take place at the Mevlana Cultural Center, east of the museum. The 12th-century Alaeddin Mosque is surrounded by the green parks of Alaeddin Hill.

Day 09 - 10: Antalya

Antalya is a Turkish resort city with a yacht-filled Old Harbor and beaches flanked by large hotels. It's a gateway to Turkey's southern Mediterranean region, known as the Turquoise Coast for its blue waters. Remnants remain from Antalya's time as a major Roman port.

These include Hadrian's Gate, built to honor the Roman emperor's visit in 130 A.D and 2nd-century Hidirlik Tower, with harbor views.

Day 11 - 13: Kas

Kaş is a seaside town on the Mediterranean coast in southwestern Turkey. The modern town occupies the site of ancient Antiphellos, with still-visible ruins including a theater. The 4th-century-B.C. Lion Tomb, with 2 carved lion heads, is one of many Lycian rock tombs in the area. The town center has whitewashed houses and buildings covered in bougainvillea. The Lycian Way, a marked trail, passes by the town.

Day 14: Depart Istanbul

Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

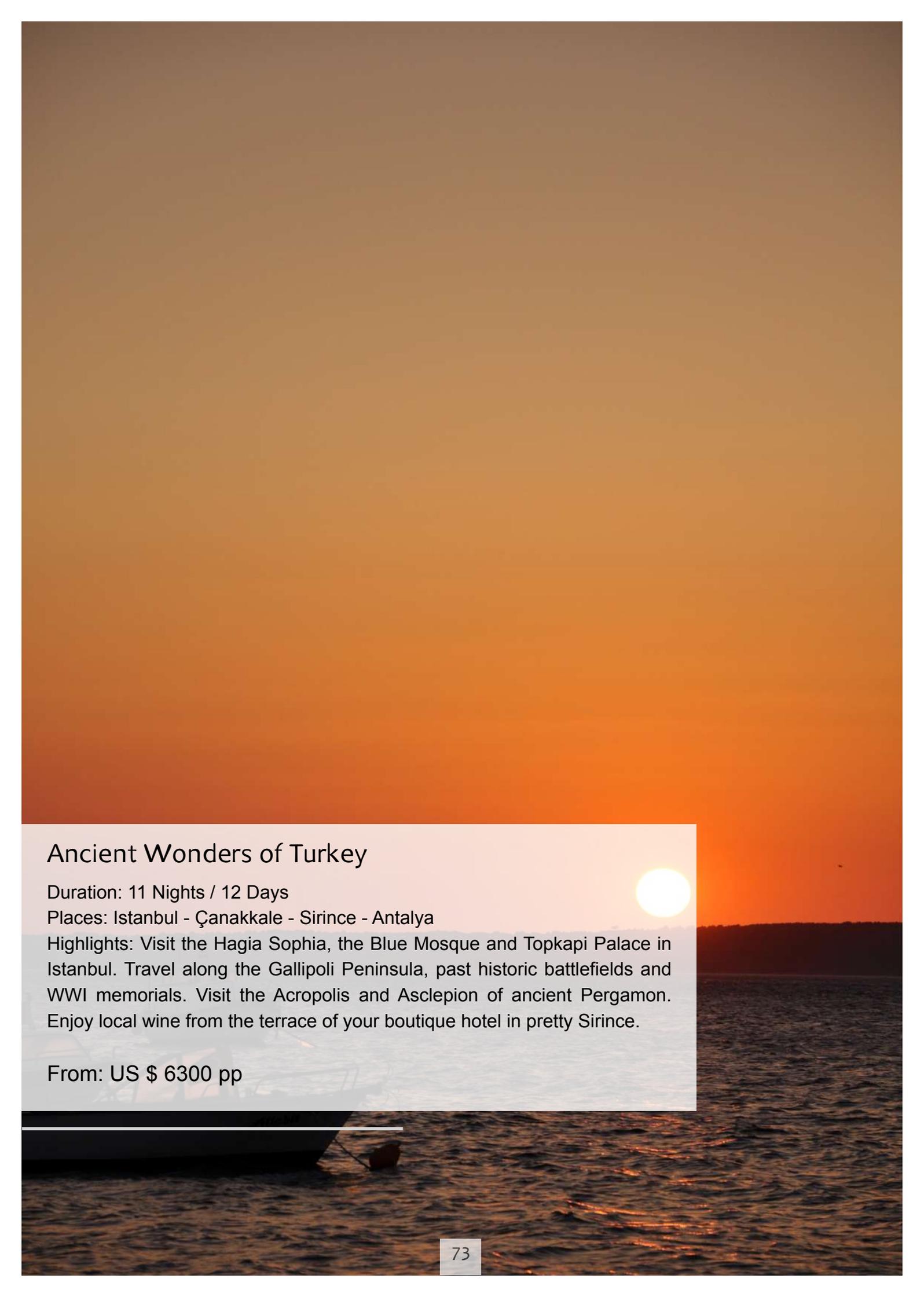
Istanbul	Ciragan Palace Kempinski
Cappadocia	Kayakapi Premium Caves
Konya	Hich Hotel
Antalya	Kempinski The Dome
Kas	Olea Nova Hotel

Includes

- 13 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
- Internal Flights.
- Entrance fees.
- Local Guides.
- All transfers, sightseeing and excursions.
- Private vehicle with driver.
- All taxes.

Excludes

- Tips.
- Travel Insurance.
- Visa (If any).

A sunset over a body of water with a boat in the foreground. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, and the sun is a bright white circle on the horizon. The water is dark with some ripples, and a boat is visible in the lower left corner.

Ancient Wonders of Turkey

Duration: 11 Nights / 12 Days

Places: Istanbul - Çanakkale - Sirince - Antalya

Highlights: Visit the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace in Istanbul. Travel along the Gallipoli Peninsula, past historic battlefields and WWI memorials. Visit the Acropolis and Asclepion of ancient Pergamon. Enjoy local wine from the terrace of your boutique hotel in pretty Sirince.

From: US \$ 6300 pp

Day 01 - 04: Istanbul

Istanbul is a major city in Turkey that straddles Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus Strait. Its Old City reflects cultural influences of the many empires that once ruled here. In the Sultanahmet district, the open-air, Roman-era Hippodrome was for centuries the site of chariot races, and Egyptian obelisks also remain. The iconic Byzantine Hagia Sophia features a soaring 6th-century dome and rare Christian mosaics.

Day 05: Çanakkale

Çanakkale is a city in northwestern Turkey in the Marmara region, on the Dardanelles Strait. It's a gateway to the Gallipoli WWI battlefields, north of the narrow strait. On the grounds of the 15th-century Çimenlik Castle, Çanakkale Naval Museum Command contains historical artillery. The archaeological site at Troy, including an ancient theater, is southwest of the city.

Day 06 - 08: Sirince

Today you'll drive to Pergamon, where you explore the ancient Acropolis and Asclepion. Later, you'll continue onto the pretty village of Sirince. Explore the village and surrounding countryside at your own pace. You could try a walk across the olive grove-covered hillside, or if you'd prefer to stay in Sirince it has a lovely local market which is excellent to explore. There is also the option of fruit wine tasting in the cellar of the village church.

Visit the spectacular ancient ruined city Ephesus with your private guide, located only around half an hour from Sirince.

Day 09 - 11: Antalya

You'll be driven to Izmir Airport then fly to Antalya.

Upon arrival, you'll be met by your private driver and driven to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day exploring the streets and cafes of Antalya's pretty old town at your leisure.

Visit the excellent Antalya Museum with your private guide this morning, then head out to the ruined city of Perge, and nearby Aspendos.

Drive into the mountains with your private guide and driver to visit the ancient Termessos today. This is a spectacular ruined city located high in the mountains, accessible now only by a walking path. The views from the ruins are outstanding.

Day 12: Depart Antalya

Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

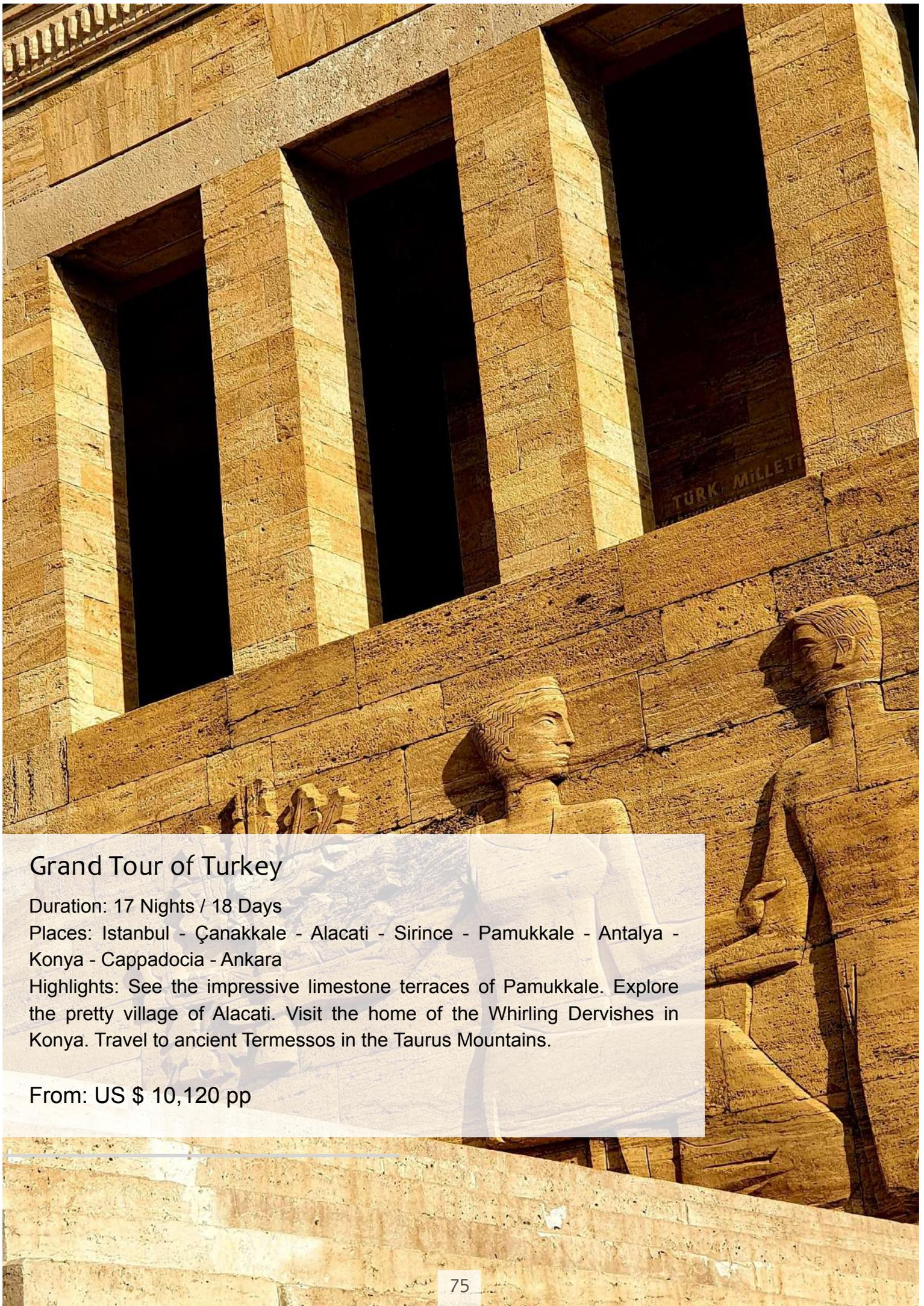
Istanbul	Intercontinental Istanbul
Canakkale	Limani Hotel
Sirince	Gullu Konakları
Antalya	Kempinski The Dome

Includes

- 11 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
- Internal Flights.
- Entrance fees.
- Local Guides.
- All transfers, sightseeing and excursions.
- Private vehicle with driver.
- All taxes.

Excludes

- Tips.
- Travel Insurance.
- Visa (If any).



Grand Tour of Turkey

Duration: 17 Nights / 18 Days

Places: Istanbul - Çanakkale - Alacati - Sirince - Pamukkale - Antalya - Konya - Cappadocia - Ankara

Highlights: See the impressive limestone terraces of Pamukkale. Explore the pretty village of Alacati. Visit the home of the Whirling Dervishes in Konya. Travel to ancient Termessos in the Taurus Mountains.

From: US \$ 10,120 pp

Day 01 - 04: Istanbul

Istanbul is a major city in Turkey that straddles Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus Strait. Its Old City reflects cultural influences of the many empires that once ruled here.

Day 05: Çanakkale

Çanakkale is a city in northwestern Turkey in the Marmara region, on the Dardanelles Strait. It's a gateway to the Gallipoli WWI battlefields, north of the narrow strait.

Day 06 - 07: Alacati

Alaçatı is a town on Turkey's Çeşme Peninsula, on the Aegean Sea. It's known for its beaches, old stone houses and winemaking tradition. In the south, Port Alaçatı Marina is a renowned water sports center, thanks to its constant winds.

Day 08 - 09: Sirince

Şirince is a village of 600 inhabitants in İzmir Province, Turkey, located about 8 kilometres east of the town Selçuk and about 8 kilometres from Ephesus. The area around the village has history dating back to Hellenistic period.

Day 10: Pamukkale

Pamukkale is a town in western Turkey known for the mineral-rich thermal waters flowing down white travertine terraces on a nearby hillside. It neighbors Hierapolis, an ancient Roman spa city founded around 190 B.C.

Day 11- 12: Antalya

Antalya is a Turkish resort city with a yacht-filled Old Harbor and beaches flanked by large hotels. It's a gateway to Turkey's southern Mediterranean region, known as the Turquoise Coast for its blue waters.

Day 13: Konya

Konya is a city south of Ankara in Turkey's Central Anatolia region. It's a pilgrimage destination for Sufis, focused on the tomb of

the founder of the Mevlana order, Jelaleddin Rumi, in the Mevlana Museum.

Day 14 - 16: Cappadocia

Cappadocia, a semi-arid region in central Turkey, is known for its distinctive "fairy chimneys," tall, cone-shaped rock formations clustered in Monks Valley, Göreme and elsewhere.

Day 17: Ankara

Ankara, Turkey's cosmopolitan capital, sits in the country's central Anatolia region. It's a center for the performing arts, home to the State Opera and Ballet, the Presidential Symphony Orchestra and several national theater companies.

Day 12: Depart Ankara

Departure transfer to onward destination.

Stays*****

Istanbul	Four Seasons
Canakkale	Limani Hotel
Alacati	Kurabiye Otel
Sirince	Gullu Konakları
Pamukkale	Doga Thermal Spa
Antalya	Kempinski The Dome
Konya	Hich Hotel
Cappadocia	Museum Hotel
Ankara	Divan Cukurhan

Includes

- 17 Nights as per the program.
- Daily Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
- Internal Flights.
- Entrance fees.
- Local Guides.
- All transfers, sightseeing and excursions.
- Private vehicle with driver.
- All taxes.

Excludes

- Tips.
- Travel Insurance.
- Visa (If any).





Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get a Turkish tourist visa?

You need to have 6 months validity left on your passport when entering the country. Turkey has now introduced an e-visa system that prevents waiting in long queues at the airport. The process for application is simple. Head to the website listed below and chose for instructions to be displayed in English. Answer the questions on the application form, then pay using credit card. Once your application has been submitted, you will receive your e-visa via email within 48 hours.

The destination I want to visit isn't on your tour list

We offer tailored tours whether you are traveling as a group or by yourself. We can arrange transport, guides, hotels, and excursions to any destination in Turkey. Contact us with details and we will get back to you with arrangement details and prices.

Is internet widely available?

Most hotels throughout Turkey have internet installed and they open it up for use by customers. The password can be obtained from reception. You should always check whether there is a charge before using it. Otherwise, in most of the busy cities and towns, there are internet cafes.

I have seven days to spend in Turkey. What do you recommend?

We have two popular seven-day tours but you can custom tailor all our tour itineraries to suit your timespan and the destinations you want to visit. The Essential Turkey tour is especially good for a first time visitor to the country. It covers the highlights including Istanbul, Pamukkale, Ephesus, and Cappadocia.

Is Turkey suitable for disabled people?

This depends on the disability. The hearing impaired should be accompanied by a professional sign language translator if they want to join guided tours. People with walking disabilities should check with our staff regarding the level of difficulty for the area they want to visit. We can source disabled friendly hotels however in many rural places, wheel chair ramps are non existent and the conditions of roads are unsuitable for wheelchairs. Please email or call us with details of the disability and we can advise further.

Are there any religious events that will affect travel plans?

Tourism in Turkey carries on when there is a religious event or public holiday. Places like banks, school, and offices will shut but restaurants, hotels and bars will stay open.

Two religious holidays occur and their timing changes every year according to the Islamic calendar. Road trips during these periods are generally avoided since traffic is heavy, with Turks visiting families in their hometowns. Banks and offices will close for the duration of these periods. Attractions and historical sites will often close for the morning of the first day and open for normal business in the afternoon.

Public Holidays in Turkey : How Will They Affect Your Visit?

Planning your holiday to ensure no interruptions occur is easy. A set check list covering all aspects including what to pack and weather conditions, normally prevents most things from going wrong.

Unfortunately, one aspect that people tend to forget is public and religious holidays and how they will affect opening hours of amenities and attractions.

Is it safe for a single woman to travel to Turkey?

Turkey has a low crime rate and single women can feel relaxed about travel. You should take normal precautions like you would anywhere else in the world such as only using licensed taxis and not accepting drinks from strangers.

On all our tours, the comfort of our customers is of top importance and the guide can recommend establishments where a single female would feel comfortable.

Shop vendors may call out to you in the busy areas like the Grand bazaar of Istanbul but they only want you to come into their shop to buy something. You can ignore them or simply say no thank you and walk on.

Is it safe to visit Turkey?

In general terms, you need to be alert to pickpockets and petty theft. However, levels of this kind of crime against tourists are far lower than in many European and North American cities. The risk of terrorist attack is probably similar to that in London or New York – generally very low.

Turkey is a friendly country which has not been not affected by the Arab uprising. It is also very big. Many destinations in Turkey are far away from the border with Syria. For example, it is over 1550km from Istanbul to the Syrian border. We do recommend staying away from the border areas of Syria south of Antakya. There are many refugees in this area, and there is some tension. At this stage it seems completely safe, but we continue to watch for volatility.

On the other hand, the Syrian border areas near Harran and Sanliurfa appear completely unaffected by the situation in Syria. We would also recommend avoiding the entire border area with Iraq, especially south of Hakkari.

You should carry your passport or a photocopy of your passport with you at all times, and show it to police who ask for it (though this is likely to be very rare, unless travelling in the south east.) Roads in rural and regional Turkey are generally very good, and driving conditions are fine. Drivers are advised to always be on alert for small trucks overtaking in inappropriate circumstances. In Istanbul, driving conditions can be quite difficult and traffic can be very heavy, so it is not recommended except for drivers experienced with large cities

In general, when you come to Turkey, you will find a welcoming country with extremely warm, hospitable locals.

Will my credit card be widely accepted?

Most places in Turkey accept credit cards. As a security measure, some banks will block transactions made in a different country so please inform your credit card provider of your travel plans. Please be aware that Diners and American Express cards are accepted in far fewer places than Visa or Mastercard. If an establishment does accept Amex, they may impose a hefty surcharge.

Will electrical appliances work as normal?

Round, two-pin plugs are used in Turkey, the same as those used on the European continent. You are advised to bring your own adaptors with you, as hotels rarely have (enough) adaptors.

What is the tipping etiquette?

It is customary (but optional) to tip your housekeeper in the hotel by leaving a few coins by the bed. You can tip taxi drivers a few lira or round up to the nearest 5 or 10. The same goes for waiters in restaurants. If it's a more formal restaurant, and no service was added, then 15% is appropriate.

You will have different bus and car drivers throughout. You may wish to tip them 5 or 10 lira each, particularly if they have helped with heavy luggage. Alternatively, you can just give a tip to the guide on a day tour and s/he will share with the driver.

It is usual (but optional) to tip your guide at the end of each tour according to how you found his/her information and communication. On a one day tour, you might tip 10-20 lira to the guide. If you have the same guide for several days, a similar rate may apply on a per day basis.

On a standard gulet cruise, around EUR5 per passenger per day is a good starting point, more on a deluxe cruise. On a chartered vessel, the crew as a team would hope to receive at least EUR50 per day from your group. Please remember that gulet crew only have work for 6 months of the year, and often have a family to support year round.

What is the dress code for women in Turkey?

This will vary depending on the region you visit. In the summer time, all along the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts, the beaches are full with women wearing bikinis. If your travel plans include entering a mosque, you should ensure that your cleavage, midriff, knees, and shoulders are covered. You will also need a headscarf.

The south east of Turkey is more conservative than the west so women should bear this in mind. In the big city of Istanbul, women's clothing standards are relaxed, modern, and European however; you should cover your cleavage and legs if you are looking to prevent unwanted attention.

What is the country code to dial to Turkey?

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Can I drive in Turkey?

You should have your driving licence, your passport and insurance documents of the vehicle with you. All of the major international car rental companies, as well as a number of local ones, have offices at airports and all major centres.

Tips - On the go

BAGGAGE REGULATIONS AND SOME RECOMMENDATIONS

- Make sure you check the baggage allowance on your international / internal flights.
- We recommend to travel light especially when there is internal flight involved in the program due to baggage weight limitation.
- We suggest that you carry one set of clothes along with your daily utility items and other accessories in your hand baggage. This is just a precautionary measure in case your baggage is misplaced.
- We advice that you travel as light as possible, since portorage is not included in your holiday price and carrying heavy luggage would be inconvenient. Take bags with wheels and sturdy handles, as they are more convenient and easy to pull.
- Please note that airlines do not permit items like loose batteries, razor blades, nail cutter, scissors, knives, gels any form of liquid, cigarette lighter in your hand baggage. If required carry such items in your check –in bag.
- Please ensure that you do not place any valuables in your check – in bag. Carry foreign currency / travel documents / jewellery / insurance in your hand bag.

COACH

- Since travelling distances are comparatively long, we have carefully chosen air conditioned luxurious coaches for your convenience luxurious coaches for your convenience and comfort. It is very important to maintain a pleasant environment on board the coach and keep it clean.
- Drinking, Smoking and eating is not allowed in the coach.

MEALS

- You have a choice of local and international cuisine meals. The menus, however are fixed in advance and a la carte is also possible upon request.

· Most lunches and dinner are unlimited buffets, but it is requested that you do not waste food.

· If there is any early morning departure to the airport a box breakfast may be provided.

· Some cities you may be served local meals.

CLIMATE

· The climate is as varied as its countries, but it is mostly temperate.

· Frequent changes of weather make forecasting difficult. To be on the safe side, be sure to bring a sweater and an umbrella with you.

HOTELS & ROOMS

· Most hotels offer the facility of complimentary safe deposit lockers (few hotels charge a refundable deposit. we advice that you keep all your valuable like money, passport, tickets and jewellery in the locker, in case you are staying for more than one day at the hotel.

· Please make sure that no damages are done to your hotel room during the stay, as the same would be charged to you directly by the hotel.

· Hotel rooms may have facilities like mini bar, pay television channels, telephones, etc. please note that these facilities are not complimentary and will be charged as per actual usage.

· Most of the hotels do not have a tea/ coffee kettle in the rooms.

· Please note that we will try our best to provide you with adjacent rooms asked by you at the time of booking, but the same will be subject to availability at the time of check –in. It is also difficult to provide interconnecting rooms, however the tour manager and the hotel will try their best to ensure that you are provided with adjacent rooms wherever possible.

· The standard check in time at hotels is after 14:00 HRS and standard check –out time is 10:00 HRS.

TIME MANAGEMENT

- It's very important to be on time and punctual on your holiday, since your itinerary has been designed and planned to offer you the most on your holiday.
- Every sightseeing trip where you get off has an allotted time, please make sure you remain with the group return at the allotted time. Any delay would actually deprive the entire group of their sightseeing time.

ON ARRIVAL

- ALL passengers will be met by our tour manager / local representative outside the arrival hall at the airport.
- All joining direct passengers will have to reach the respective hotel/ airport, on their own and check in.

CLOTHING

- Carry 4/5 pairs of comfortable clothes like jeans/ trousers, shirts/t- shirts, pants and necessary undergarments.
- Warm clothing like sweaters , jackets, woolen, thermals is essential. You must carry a cap, sunglasses, a folding umbrella, comfortable footwear preferably walking shoes.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO BE CARRIED

- Your passport, air tickets, original insurance policy, tour confirmation voucher & necessary foreign exchange for personal use.
- Carry a photocopy of your passport including valid visas & keep them separately from the original.
- Please do not forget to carry an additional pair of spectacles if you are using one, digital camera chips with higher GB, extra batteries, charges for digital camera and mobile.
- Carry your mobile phone's charger if you are taking your cell phone with global roaming. Also carry multipurpose adapter as sockets are different.
- Required medicines, with doctor's prescription.

IS IT SAFE TO DRINK TAP WATER IN TURKEY?

The tap water in Turkey is generally considered safe to drink, but as a precaution against stomach upsets you may want to drink bottled mineral water, which is readily available from most shops, hotels and restaurants.

WHAT'S THE FOOD LIKE IN TURKEY?

Turkish food is famous throughout the world. Look forward to meze comprising houmous and other dips, dolma (stuffed vine leaves), cheese cigars, the ubiquitous doner kebab and pide - a kind of pizza. Exotic freshly squeezed juices, nuts and fruit are available everywhere. If you feel like a java jolt, try Turkish coffee - rich, dark and often laced with cardamom.

Breakfast in Turkey usually consists of a range of different cheeses along with olives, bread, different jams and honey and, occasionally, a special kind of spicy sausage called sucuk, which is eaten with eggs. Menemen is also a popular morning dish and is made up of scrambled eggs cooked up with sautéed vegetables.

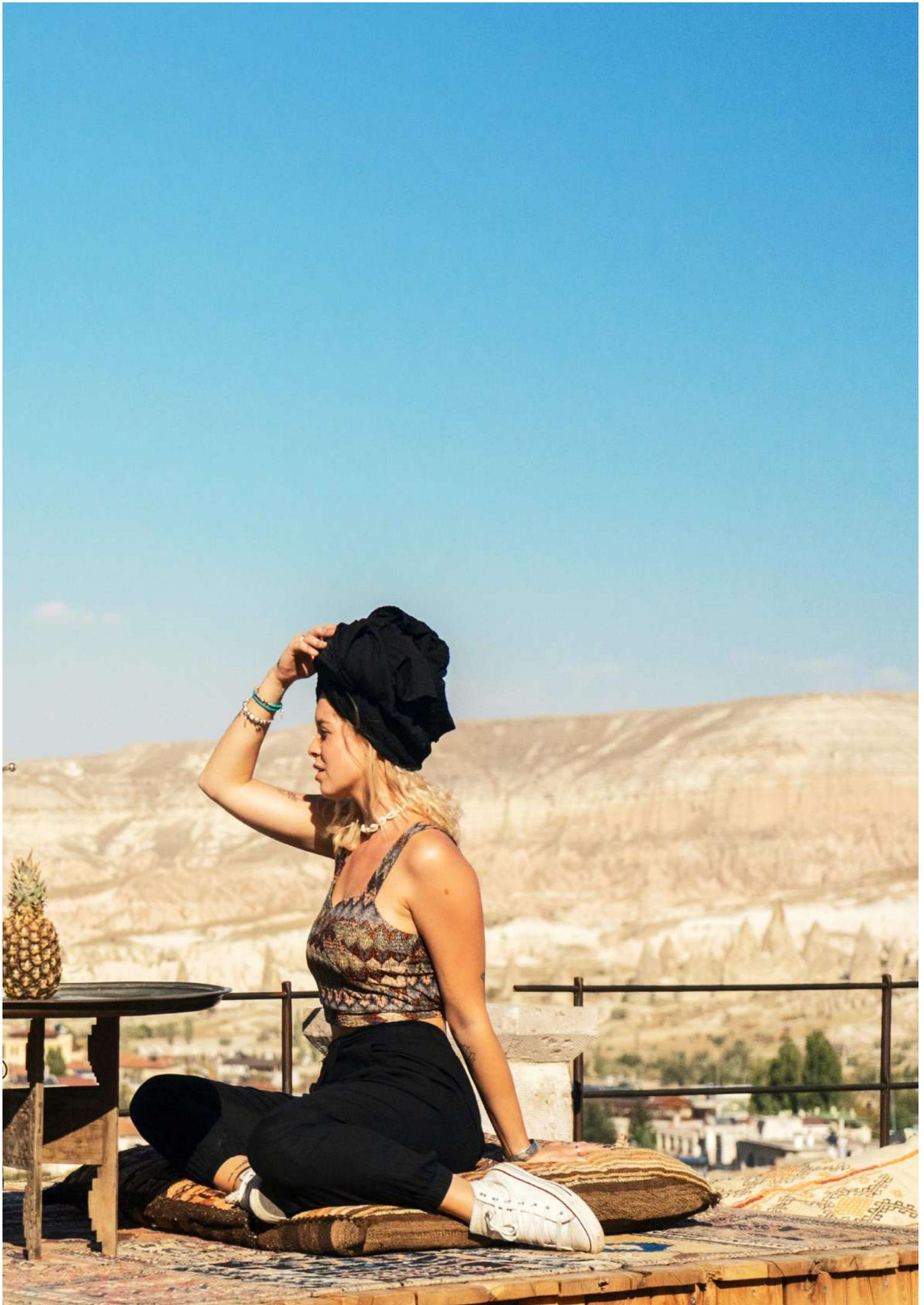
For those with a more carnivorous inclination, you're in luck. Turkish food caters perfectly for meat lovers with dishes like kofte (Turkish meatballs) and kuzu tandir (slow cooked lamb with rice) making regular appearances. Lahmacun, flatbread topped with minced meat, lemon and yoghurt, is a popular snack and can be found at street food stalls throughout the country. For dessert, sink your teeth into the sticky, nutty, syrupy delight that is baklava or feast on a cube or two of Turkish delight.

ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE TRANSFERS

- As other members of your group would be flying from different cities/towns/countries, you would be required to wait for some time so that they can join you at the arrival area as common airport pick- up facility is provided for the entire group.
- Also in view of the common airport drop facility provided for your group, you would be required to travel to the airport along with other group members even though your flight time is later than other members of your group.

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