

# Istanbul & Cappadocia – 7 Days with Domestic Flights

7 days / 6 nights

Private

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## Route: Istanbul · Cappadocia

A 7-day, 6-night programme for travellers who want the essentials of Turkey, combining Istanbul and Cappadocia at a comfortable pace. In Istanbul the route covers the historic peninsula with Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome and Topkapi Palace, plus a Bosphorus cruise and a panoramic look at the modern city and the Taksim area.

A domestic flight then leads to Cappadocia for two full days among fairy chimneys, rock-cut churches and troglodyte villages: Göreme, Avanos, Uçhisar and an underground city are part of the route, and a sunrise balloon flight can be added as an optional activity. The programme includes coordinated transfers, the domestic flights, six nights of hotels and the visits with a licensed guide. Because it covers two regions rather than four, the days are not spent on the road: each place gets the time it needs.

## Day-by-day itinerary

### Day 1 Arrival in Istanbul

Arrival at Istanbul Airport (IST or SAW) and meet-and-greet with our representative. After a short welcome briefing, transfer by private vehicle to your hotel. Time to check in and rest after the flight.

Depending on your arrival time, your guide may take you on a short orientation walk around the hotel area to show you tram/metro stops, exchange offices and nearby restaurants. Evening at leisure to enjoy your first dinner in the city and feel the atmosphere of domes, minarets and the distant Bosphorus.

**Sites** Istanbul Airport (IST/SAW), orientation walk around the hotel area

**Overnight in** Istanbul

### Day 2 Classical Istanbul: Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque and Topkapi

Breakfast at the hotel. We head to the historic peninsula, the very heart of Istanbul. Our first stop is the former Hippodrome square, where the Obelisk of Theodosius, the Serpent Column and the Walled Column still stand as witnesses of Byzantine chariot races and ceremonies.

We then continue to the Blue Mosque (interior/exterior visit depending on current regulations), famous for its blue tiles and six minarets, before crossing over to Hagia Sophia, one of the city's most iconic monuments, encapsulating centuries of Byzantine and Ottoman history.

In the afternoon, we visit Topkapi Palace (entrance according to the program), residence of the Ottoman sultans for almost 400 years. Its courtyards, chambers and terraces overlooking the Bosphorus help you imagine life at the imperial court. There will be free time for lunch during the day. Depending on time and opening hours, we may also include a short visit to the Grand Bazaar or the Spice Bazaar.

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| <b>Sites</b>        | Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque (interior/exterior visit), Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, and time permitting Grand Bazaar or Spice Bazaar |
| <b>Meals</b>        | Breakfast                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Overnight in</b> | Istanbul                                                                                                                                 |

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### Day 3 Bosphorus and Two Continents

After breakfast we head to the Golden Horn area and the Spice Bazaar, where tea, nuts and Turkish delight shops recall Istanbul's long trading history between East and West.

We then embark on a Bosphorus cruise, sailing between the European and Asian shores. From the water you can admire palaces such as Dolmabahçe, wooden mansions, fortresses and the great suspension bridges linking both continents, while your guide shares stories and anecdotes.

In the afternoon, depending on the program, we may cross to the Asian side for a short walk in Üsküdar or Kadıköy, or explore the modern heart of the city around Taksim Square and İstiklal Avenue, with its cafés, shops and historic buildings.

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| <b>Sites</b>        | Spice Bazaar, Golden Horn area, Bosphorus cruise, walk in Üsküdar or Kadıköy on the Asian side (or Taksim-İstiklal area) |
| <b>Meals</b>        | Breakfast                                                                                                                |
| <b>Overnight in</b> | Istanbul                                                                                                                 |

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### Day 4 Flight to Cappadocia and First Visits

Early breakfast or breakfast box and transfer to the airport for your domestic flight to Cappadocia (Kayseri or Nevşehir). After a flight of about 1–1.5 hours, arrival and private transfer to your hotel in the region.

Once settled in, we spend the rest of the day discovering the northern part of Cappadocia (order may vary): panoramic views from the Uçhisar castle area, a visit to Göreme Open Air Museum (entrance according to the program), with its rock-cut churches and frescoes, and a stop in Avanos on the banks of the Kızılırmak River, where you may watch a traditional pottery demonstration. We then continue to Devrent and possibly Paşabağ valleys, famous for their fairy chimneys and rock formations.

Dinner at leisure. Those who wish may join an optional Turkish night show or a dinner with traditional music.

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| <b>Sites</b>        | Kayseri or Nevşehir, Uçhisar viewpoint, Göreme Open Air Museum, Avanos and pottery workshop, Devrent (Imagination) Valley, Paşabağ |
| <b>Meals</b>        | Breakfast                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Overnight in</b> | Cappadocia                                                                                                                         |

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### Day 5 Full Day in Cappadocia and Optional Balloon

For those who wish, there is the possibility of a hot-air balloon flight before sunrise (optional, subject to weather conditions and prior availability). The flight passes over the valleys and fairy chimneys of Cappadocia.

After breakfast at the hotel, we continue our exploration of the region. On the southern or combined route we visit one of Cappadocia's underground cities (Kaymakli or Derinkuyu, according to the program), an impressive maze of tunnels and chambers dug into the rock. We then enjoy panoramas of valleys and viewpoints with pigeon houses carved into the cliffs, with time for short walks and photos.

During the day we stop for lunch in a local restaurant (payable on the spot). In the afternoon, a short demonstration of carpet weaving or local handicrafts may be included before returning to the hotel. This is your last night in Cappadocia to enjoy the region's unique atmosphere.

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| Sites        | Optional balloon flight over the valleys, Kaymakli or Derinkuyu Underground City, various valleys and pigeon-house viewpoints, local handicraft stops |
| Meals        | Breakfast                                                                                                                                             |
| Overnight in | Cappadocia                                                                                                                                            |

**Day 6**    **Return to Istanbul and Free Time**

After breakfast and depending on your flight schedule, you may have a little free time in Cappadocia for a last walk or a few final photos before saying goodbye to the landscape. Transfer to Kayseri or Nevşehir airport and domestic flight back to Istanbul.

On arrival, transfer to your hotel and the rest of the day at leisure. You may choose to do some last-minute shopping at the Grand Bazaar or Spice Bazaar, or take a stroll through areas such as Karaköy and Galata. This is your last night in Istanbul – a perfect opportunity for a Bosphorus-view dinner or a relaxed evening in the city centre.

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| Sites        | Hotel surroundings in Cappadocia, Kayseri or Nevşehir airport, Grand Bazaar / Spice Bazaar or Karaköy–Galata area in Istanbul (depending on preferences) |
| Meals        | Breakfast                                                                                                                                                |
| Overnight in | Istanbul                                                                                                                                                 |

**Day 7**    **Departure from Istanbul**

Breakfast at the hotel (depending on flight time) and final free moments in Istanbul. You may take a short farewell walk in your favourite neighbourhood or simply relax at the hotel. At the agreed time, transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

After 7 days between Istanbul and Cappadocia, you leave Turkey not only with photos, but with stories, flavours and landscapes that will stay with you.

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| Meals | Breakfast (depending on flight schedule) |
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**Nights by city**

| Nights | City       |
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| 4      | Istanbul   |
| 2      | Cappadocia |

The actual hotels are confirmed in the proposal, within the category stated in the services included. A real programme lists them by name and address.

### Included

- ✓ 6 nights' accommodation in total: 4 nights in Istanbul and 2 nights in Cappadocia (3★–4★ hotels or similar).
- ✓ Daily breakfast at the hotels.
- ✓ Istanbul (IST or SAW) Airport – hotel – airport transfers.
- ✓ Cappadocia (Kayseri or Nevşehir) Airport – hotel – airport transfers.
- ✓ Domestic flights Istanbul – Cappadocia – Istanbul in economy class (unless otherwise stated in the offer).
- ✓ Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle for all visits and transfers mentioned in the program.
- ✓ Services of a licensed English-speaking guide during sightseeing in Istanbul and Cappadocia (other languages on request).
- ✓ Entrance fees to the monuments, museums and sites listed in the itinerary.

### Not included

- ✗ International flights (home country – Istanbul – home country).
- ✗ Lunches and dinners (unless specifically stated as included).
- ✗ Optional activities in Cappadocia such as hot-air balloon flights, quad/ATV tours, Turkish night shows, whirling dervish ceremonies, etc.
- ✗ Personal expenses (shopping, minibar, laundry, room service, etc.).
- ✗ Tips for guide, driver, restaurants and hotel staff.
- ✗ Visa fees and visa handling services, if required.
- ✗ Travel insurance (recommended).
- ✗ Any services not explicitly mentioned as included in the offer.

## Operating notes

- Interior visits to monuments, museums and places of worship are confirmed when quoting, subject to the rules in force on the date of service.
- This document carries no prices: every itinerary and every service is quoted net for your dates and passenger numbers.
- The order of visits may change because of opening hours, traffic or weather.

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