



BEST OF TURKEY

14 days - 1 country

Code: WBOT

FROM **US\$1495** PP*

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

A fabled land of fairy chimneys, Whirling Dervishes and cotton castles is yours to explore on this leisurely journey through Turkey. Visit the extraordinary excavations at Ephesus, one of the best preserved Roman theatres in the world, and the underground city of Sarhatli on the ancient Silk Road. Marvel at volcanic landscapes, the ruins of ancient civilisations and Istanbul's bustling city markets.

THE ESSENTIALS

All taken care of

**13 nights**
Hotel accommodation**24 meals**
13 buffet breakfasts
1 lunch (Be My Guest)
10 dinners**On-trip transport**
All transport shown
All transfers shown**THE REAL THING**

Trafalgar highlights



Enjoy our hand-picked Trafalgar Insider Experiences. Here's a sample of what you can expect.

BE MY GUEST

Enjoy lunch with and gain insight into the traditions of the Yazir community in the Taurus Mountains near Antalya

AUTHENTIC ACCOMMODATION

Located alongside the ancient Ortahisar rock castle, the rooms at Dilek Kaya Hotel are hewn out of the surrounding rock

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Haggle for souvenirs at Istanbul's Grand Bazaar one of the largest covered markets in the world with 60 streets and over 5,000 shops

HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure.

THE ICONS

City tour in Istanbul

Visit the Topkapi Palace ► Hagia Sophia ► Hippodrome ► Blue Mosque and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul ► Anzac Cove and the poignant War Cemeteries at Gallipoli ► the ruins of the ancient city at Troy ► the Asclepion Medical Centre at Pergamon ► the ancient city of Ephesus ► the Virgin Mary's House at Ephesus ► the ruins of the Roman health spa at Hierapolis ► the Cotton Castle Springs in Pamukkale, the Archaeological Museum in Antalya ► the Roman cities at Perge and Aspendos ► the home of the Whirling Dervishes at Konya, a caravansary on the Ancient Silk Road ► the underground city of Saratli ► Göreme Open Air Museum ► the Museum of Anatolian Civilisation at Ankara

View the Wooden Horse at Troy

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YOUR HOLIDAY

- 1 **Arrive Istanbul** (2 Nights)
Stand at the ancient crossroads between Europe and Asia. Arriving in vibrant Istanbul, you will be transferred to your hotel before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a memorable Welcome Reception to kick off your epic adventure. **(WR)** **Hotel: Wyndham Old City**
- 2 **Istanbul Sightseeing** 🍷
Gain insights into the Ottoman Empire's power during your guided tour of the Topkapi Palace and see the 4th century Egyptian obelisk. Visit Hagia Sophia, the Hippodrome and the exquisite Blue Mosque. Explore the famous Grand Bazaar market, then spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure. This evening, consider an optional dinner with Turkish folk and belly dancing. **(BB)**
- 3 **Istanbul ▶ Gallipoli ▶ Çanakkale**
Pay tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives at Gallipoli. See Anzac Cove and Dardanelles, visit the cemeteries of Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair. We continue to Çanakkale where we dine at our hotel tonight. **(BB, D)** **Hotel: Kolin**
- 4 **Çanakkale ▶ Troy ▶ Pergamon ▶ Izmir** (2 Nights)
Explore the legends of Troy and see the symbolic replica of the famous Wooden Horse that the Greeks used to break their siege of this ancient city. Visit the ancient Asclepion Medical Centre in the city of Pergamon before retiring in seaside Izmir this evening where we'll dine at our hotel. **(BB, D)** **Hotel: Mövenpick**
- 5 **Excursion to Ephesus and the House of the Virgin Mary** 🍷
Meander through the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus. See the House of Virgin Mary at Mt. Kossos then spend the rest of the day at leisure. This evening you may consider joining an optional dinner at a local restaurant in Izmir and perhaps a spot of raki. **(BB)**
- 6 **Izmir ▶ Pamukkale** 🍷
Leave the coastal city of Izmir behind as we journey inland to Pamukkale. Relax and enjoy the blissful thermal pools at your hotel before dinner. **(BB, D)** **Hotel: Richmond Thermal**
- 7 **Pamukkale ▶ Hieropolis ▶ Antalya** (2 Nights) 🍷
Tread in the footsteps of the ancients who sought relief and relaxation at the Roman health spa at Hieropolis, and admire the bubbling pools and delicate white cascades of water of Pamukkale's Cotton Castle Springs. Later, we travel through scenic countryside and join the Yazir community in the Taurus Mountains for an unforgettable **Be My Guest** lunch and insights into their traditions. Our stop for the next two nights is the Mediterranean retreat of Antalya. This evening, join your companions for a rousing Regional Meal at a local restaurant. **(BB, BG, RM)** **Hotel: Crowne Plaza/Rixos Downtown**
- 8 **Perge Excursion**
Enjoy a morning on your terms to soak up the beguiling seaside atmosphere of the Turkish Riviera, embarking on an optional yacht cruise or relaxing at the hotel pool. This afternoon, we travel to Roman city of Perge to visit the impressive Antalya Archaeological Museum to see treasures spanning the centuries. Your evening is free to find an inviting *meyhane* for some local chit chat and delicious flavours of kebab and baklava. **(BB)**

- 9 **Antalya ▶ Aspendos ▶ Konya**
Witness the world's best-preserved theatre of antiquity during our first stop in Aspendos this morning, before continuing to Konya, where we will gain unique insights into the mystical Whirling Dervish sect. We continue to the Karatay Tile Museum before returning to our hotel where we'll dine tonight. **(BB, D)** **Hotel: Novotel**

- 10 **Konya ▶ Cappadocia** (2 Nights) 🍷
See where weary travellers once rested at a well-preserved 13th century caravansary. We then journey to the fairy-tale land of Cappadocia with its honey-coloured rocky spires providing an enchanting backdrop for our visit to the underground city of Sarhatli on the ancient Silk Road and sights of the cone of Uchisar. This evening, indulge in the flavours of traditional pottery kebabs during a Regional Meal. **(BB, RM)** **Hotel: Dilek Kaya Authentic Accommodation**

- 11 **Göreme Excursion**
The other-worldly landscapes of Cappadocia take centre stage today as we explore its volcanic landscape dotted with caves and troglodyte dwellings. We visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum to admire the rock-hewn churches and learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos before dining in our hotel this evening. **(BB, D)**

- 12 **Cappadocia ▶ Ankara**
Arriving in the youthful capital of Turkey today, we visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations and the final resting place of the country's beloved Atatürk. This evening we dine at our hotel in Ankara. **(BB, D)** **Hotel: Crowne Plaza**

- 13 **Ankara ▶ Istanbul** 🍷
Returning to Istanbul, we enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Consider an optional cruise meandering along the waters of the Bosphorus before meeting your Travel Director and fellow companions for a memorable Farewell Dinner. **(BB, FD)** **Hotel: Wyndham Old City**

- 14 **Depart Istanbul**
Our epic journey into antiquity has come to an end as we bid Istanbul a fond farewell. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Istanbul	End Istanbul	Twin Share	Start Istanbul	End Istanbul	Twin Share
SU 04 NOV	SA 17 NOV	1550	+ SU 10 FEB	SA 23 FEB	1495
+ SU 09 DEC	SA 22 DEC	1550	SU 03 MAR	SA 16 MAR	1550
SU 16 DEC	SA 29 DEC	1550	SU 10 MAR	SA 23 MAR	1550
+ SU 23 DEC	SA 05 JAN	1750	+ SU 17 MAR	SA 30 MAR	1550
+ SU 30 DEC	SA 12 JAN	1750	SU 24 MAR	SA 06 APR	1550
	2019		SU 31 MAR	SA 13 APR	1550
SU 06 JAN	SA 19 JAN	1550			
SU 27 JAN	SA 09 FEB	1550			

Single Supplement (add to price above): **US\$490p.p.**

Multiple trip discount: SAVE up to US\$44	Young traveller discount: SAVE US\$150
Triple room discount: SAVE US\$20p.p.	Past guests: Access to VIP benefits

- + **Special Rate Solo Rooming:** These departures include 20-100% discount on our standard single supplement. Please see website for pricing.
- + **New Year's Eve Highlights:** Christmas Day is not celebrated in Turkey. Departure 23 December 2018 will celebrate New Year's Eve in Konya. And the 30 December 2018 departure will celebrate New Year's Eve in Istanbul. Each of these specially arranged festive meal celebrations will replace one of the included meals featured in the itinerary.

+ MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

Shared Rooming: Room Share is available on this trip.

Airport transfers: Complimentary transfers will be provided for guests who have provided Trafalgar with their flight details and are staying in an Istanbul hotel booked by Trafalgar.

Cruise Connection: This trip starts or ends in a popular cruise port, so you can combine a cruise with a more in-depth guided holiday in Europe.

Itinerary: Some departures may operate in reverse. Included sightseeing will not be affected. If Sarhatli is unavailable, an alternative underground city may be visited instead.

Important Visa Information: Visas may be required for this trip. Please speak with your Travel Agent when making your reservation to assess your specific requirements.

Book early for great savings - see pages 12-13. Extra nights' accommodation page 76.

* All prices are per person, twin share.

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| Insider Experience | Buffet Breakfast | Regional Meal | Dinner with Wine |
| Welcome Reception | Full Breakfast | Be My Guest Dining | Farewell Dinner |
| Free time | Lunch | Dinner | |