



## New! Turkey's Magical Hideaways

Small Group Adventure

Turkey: Istanbul, Cappadocia, Antalya, 4-Night Turquoise Coast private *gulet* cruise, Ephesus

17 days from **\$4795**  
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**DEPARTURE DATE: April 26, 2020**

### Itinerary Summary

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Istanbul, Turkey
2-4	Istanbul
5-7	Fly to Cappadocia
8-10	Antalya
11-14	<i>Gulet</i> yacht cruise
15-16	Kusadasi • Ephesus
17	Return to U.S.

### It's Included

- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation and internal flights
- Accommodations for 11 nights in hotels, 4 nights on our privately-chartered *gulet*-style yacht
- 37 meals—daily breakfast, 9 lunches, and 12 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch)
- 27 small group activities
- **Explore in a small group of 8-14 travelers (average of 12)**
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Leader
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- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next O.A.T. trip—an average of \$351

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## Itinerary

### DAY 1 • Fly to Istanbul, Turkey

Fly overnight to Istanbul, Turkey.

### DAY 2 • Arrive in Istanbul

Upon arrival in Istanbul, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel. There, we meet our Trip Leader.

Armada Old City Hotel or similar

### DAY 3 • Explore Topkapi Palace & Grand Bazaar

Today we discover Istanbul, beginning at Topkapi Palace, a true highlight of the city's glorious past. Then, we'll visit the Grand Bazaar, followed by lunch on your own. This afternoon, we'll head to the Spice Market. This evening, we'll enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

B,D—Armada Old City Hotel or similar

### DAY 4 • Explore Hagia Sophia

Today begins with a visit to Hagia Sophia—a true wonder of the Byzantine world. Completed under Emperor Justinian in AD 537, this massive building was a Christian church for nearly 1,000 years. Then, we'll take a stroll along Istiklal Caddesi, a pedestrian street lined with Art Nouveau and Ottoman-era buildings. Later

this afternoon, we'll have a discussion with some Syrian refugees living in Istanbul. Dinner is on your own.

B—Armada Old City Hotel or similar

### DAY 5 • Fly to Cappadocia • Visit Göreme open-air museum

This morning we fly to Cappadocia, whose wondrous and historic landscape is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant upon arrival, then we explore Göreme—a vast, open-air monastic complex of rock churches covered with frescoes dating from the tenth to the 13th centuries. Dinner is at our hotel.

B,L,D—Kapadokya Lodge or similar

### DAY 6 • Cappadocian village visit • Home-Hosted Lunch • Optional Whirling Dervishes tour

After breakfast, we'll drive out to a small village to experience authentic Turkish culture and traditional ways of life that haven't changed much over many generations. Then, we break up into smaller groups to visit some local homes and experience Turkish hospitality during a Home-Hosted Lunch. Afterward, we'll return to our hotel or you can join an elective hike with your Trip Leader. Then, you can join a *Whirling Dervishes* Optional Tour. Dinner is at a local restaurant.

B,L,D—Kapadokya Lodge or similar

### DAY 7 • Cappadocia • Optional Ballooning Over Cappadocia tour • Underground city excursion

We can rise early this morning for an optional hot-air balloon ride over the surreal landscapes of Cappadocia. Or rest up before we attend a craft demonstration by local artists at a rug-weaving cooperative before an elective hike and lunch on your own. Afterward, we ride out to visit the extraordinary underground city built by early Christians. Dinner is at a local restaurant.

B,D—Kapadokya Lodge or similar

### DAY 8 • Overland to Konya • Whirling Dervish monastery visit • Overland to Antalya

After breakfast we'll head across the Taurus Mountains to the seaside town of Antalya. To break up our journey, we'll stop in Konya, home of the Whirling Dervish orders and a bastion of Seljuk culture. We'll visit the Mevlana Muzesi (Museum), the former *tekke* (dervish hall) that now holds the tomb of Celaleddin Rumî, founder of the Mevlevi order of dervishes. Upon arrival in Antalya, we'll enjoy dinner at our hotel.

B,L,D—Hotel Dogan or similar

### DAY 9 • Explore Antalya • Antalya Museum visit

Our day begins with a walking tour of Antalya's Old Town, including Hadrian's Gate, a triumphal arch built in the name of the Roman emperor who visited here in AD 130. Then, we'll visit Antalya Muzesi, an archaeological museum with artifacts from the Stone and Bronze Ages to Byzantium housed in exhibition halls and open-air galleries. After our visit, the rest of the day is free to explore independently.

B,D—Hotel Dogan or similar

### DAY 10 • Antalya • Explore Perge and Aspendos

Today, we'll explore the ruins of Perge and Aspendos, two ancient sites nestled along the coast near Antalya. Our first stop is the impressive ruins of Perge, a wealthy city originally settled by the Hittites around 1500 BC and abandoned in the seventh century. Then, we'll visit Aspendos, home to a 10,000-seat theatre built in the second century AD during the reign of Emperor

Activity Level: 1 2 3 4 5 MODERATE



Marcus Aurelius. After we return to Antalya, the remainder of your day is free, with lunch and dinner on your own.

B—Hotel Dogan or similar

### DAY 11 • Church of St. Nicholas visit • Overland to Fethiye • Embark gulet

This morning we set out on a drive to the port of Fethiye. En route, we stop at Demre to visit the Church of St. Nicholas. After an included lunch in Demre, we continue our journey to the harbor of Fethiye, where we board our Turkish *gulet*-style yacht and enjoy our first dinner onboard.

B,L,D—Turkish *gulet*-style yacht

### DAY 12 • Kayakoy & Soguk Su • Cruise to Gemiler Island

We begin our cruise along the Mediterranean coast, landing on a small beach in the Bay of Gemiler. We then drive to a spot near Kayakoy, a Greek “ghost town,” which we’ll reach by hiking along a scenic trail. We then descend along a winding path to meet our ship in a cove at Soguk Su. In the afternoon, we cruise to nearby Gemiler Island, with its sixth-century Byzantine monastery.

B,L,D—Turkish *gulet*-style yacht

### DAY 13 • Cruise to Friendship Cove • Hike to Lydea • Cleopatra’s Baths visit

In the morning, we cruise to Aga Limani, or “Friendship Cove,” where we’ll disembark for a hike to a little-known Greco-Roman site called Lydea. As we hike, our *gulet* sails around to meet us in a scenic cove which shelters the sunken baths of Cleopatra, built for her by Mark Antony. After lunch onboard, you’ll have the afternoon free.

B,L,D—Turkish *gulet*-style yacht

### DAY 14 • Cruise to Ekincik Cove • Dalyan River boat ride • Explore Caunus

Today, we cruise to Ekincik Cove, where a small boat takes us up the Dalyan River. At Dalyan’s estuary, we may also discover Loggerhead Sea Turtles, depending on the season. Then, visit the ancient Lycian site of Caunus, a beautiful ancient site where we view the remains of temples, baths, and an ancient theater.

B,L,D—Turkish *gulet*-style yacht

### DAY 15 • Disembark gulet • Basilica of St. John visit • Overland to Kusadasi

We cruise to the harbor at Marmaris, and then drive to Kusadasi, a seaside resort that is the gateway to ancient Ephesus. We’ll stop for lunch at a local restaurant, and to view the ruins of the sixth-century Basilica

of St. John, said to stand over the burial site of the apostle of Jesus. After arriving in Kusadasi, we’ll have dinner at our hotel.

B,L,D—Charisma Hotel or similar

### DAY 16 • Kusadasi • Explore Ephesus

After breakfast, we drive to Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We see the Library of Celsus, a tiered façade decorated with exquisite statues and the amphitheater where St. Paul preached to the Ephesians. After visiting the Ephesus Museum, we’ll have an included lunch and then return to Kusadasi. This evening, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

B,L,D—Charisma Hotel or similar

### DAY 17 • Return to the U.S. or begin post-trip extension

Rise early this morning for your flight home, or begin your post-trip extension to *Northwest Turkey: Kazdaglari, Cannakale & Istanbul.*

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## Turkey's ancient ruins and beguiling landscapes ...

### Istanbul

Istanbul literally straddles the East and West—with the Golden Horn (an estuary of the Bosphorus Strait) dividing the European and Asian sections of the historic city. Countless treasures recall the glory of this one-time capital of the civilized world, including Topkapi Palace, home of the sultans; the elegant Blue Mosque; Hagia Sophia, a masterpiece of Byzantine art; and the bustling beehive of the Grand Bazaar, a labyrinth of 4,000 exotic shops and stalls. With the insider access of our local Trip Leader, we'll also get to explore the hidden corners of this history-rich city with roots that stretch back to the seventh century BC.

### Cappadocia

The whimsical landscape of Cappadocia might have sprung from a fantasy novel. Volcanic eruptions created layers of soft tufa rock that the wind and rain has sculpted into "fairy chimneys" over the centuries. Early Christians sought refuge here hundreds of years ago, carving homes, frescoed chapels and entire underground cities into the rock. The rock-cut dwellings of Uçhisar also serve as cozy homes for some local families—a true bedrock community, one could say. In addition to exploring the church caves of Cappadocia, our small group of 8-14 travelers will break away from the crowds on elective hikes for more serene views of the region's extraordinary beauty.

### Antalya

The crown jewel of Turkey's stunning Turquoise Coast is Antalya, the country's most popular Mediterranean resort. Antalya has been a major port city since the days of the Roman Empire, and its attractive Old Harbor features remains of Roman city walls, a 13th-century fluted minaret, and the imposing arched gateway and Corinthian columns of Hadrian's Gate, built to honor a visit by Emperor Hadrian in AD 130. A stunning collection of archaeological treasures from Antalya's past can be viewed in the exhibition halls and open-air galleries of Antalya Muzesi, one of Turkey's greatest museums.

## 2020 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

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