

8 Days / 7 Nights



ANATOLIAN TOUR

FOLLOWING THE TRACKS OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT



Day 1 ISTANBUL

Arrival in Istanbul and transfer to a good middle class hotel. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 ISTANBUL

After breakfast, full day sightseeing in Istanbul. Journey to the Blue Mosque with its 6 minarets, visit to the St. Sophia, and an example of superb Byzantine architecture and to the Hippodrome with the Theodosius obelisk and the snake pillar. In the afternoon we continue to the Suleymaniye Mosque and the Topkapi Palace visiting one of the typical palaces from the late Ottoman era. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

Day 3 ISTANBUL - BURSA

After breakfast, visit to the Grand Bazaar. The journey continues by bus along the beautiful Bosphorus shore (an optional tour by boat from Europe to Asia may be arranged). Traveling through the changing Anatolian landscape we reach Bursa with its great number of works from the early Ottoman era. (The Ulu Mosque, the Green Mosque, and the Green Mausoleum). Dinner and overnight in Bursa.

Day 4 BURSA - TROJA - AYVALIK

After breakfast, journey through the Asian part of the Dardanelle Straits to the town of Dardanelle. In the afternoon visit to Troja, one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world. Overnight in a hotel in the area.

Day 5 AYVALIK - PERGAMOM - IZMIR - EPHEBUS - KUSADASI

After breakfast we continue to the antique town of

Pergamon, the ex-capital of the province Asia with highlights such as the Athena temple, the Zeus Altar, the Trojan Temple, and the kings' palaces and theatres. The journey continues to Izmir with a subsequent panorama tour. In the afternoon, visit to Ephesus, the greatest antique metropolis of Anatolia. You will have the opportunity to visit the Odeon, the Hadrian Temple, the Celsius Library, the Theatre, as well as the House of Virgin Mary. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

Day 6 KUSADASI - DENIZLI

After breakfast, departure for Aphrodisias. This place was well known in the Antiquity for its worship of fertility and its famous schools for sculptors, physicians and philosophers. Visit to the Roman City, the stadium, theatre and city hall. The journey continues to Pamukkale. Visit to the antique town of Hierapolis with the ruins of the great thermal springs, the metropolis, the basilica and the theatre. The famous travertine terraces, today called Pamukkale, are one of the most interesting sceneries of Turkey, formed over thousands of years by the cooling of the water flowing from hot thermal springs containing lime and carbonic acid. Dinner and overnight in Denizli or Pamukkale.

Day 7 PAMUKKALE - ANTALYA

After breakfast, journey through the splendid landscapes of the Taurus Mountains to Antalya. Today we will introduce you to the great Turkish art tradition of carpet knotting. Dinner and overnight in the area of Antalya.

Day 8 ANTALYA AIRPORT

Transfer to the airport for the flight back home.

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accommodation & destination services