

Travel Itinerary for Romantic Classics of Turkey Sample

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- Daily Breakfast in all hotel Accommodations
- Special Welcome Amenity
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- 24/7 Local Assistance via mobile phone, text and email
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Additionally, your guides and drivers have been hand selected and are fully screened to ensure the right fit, a high level of service, and English fluency.

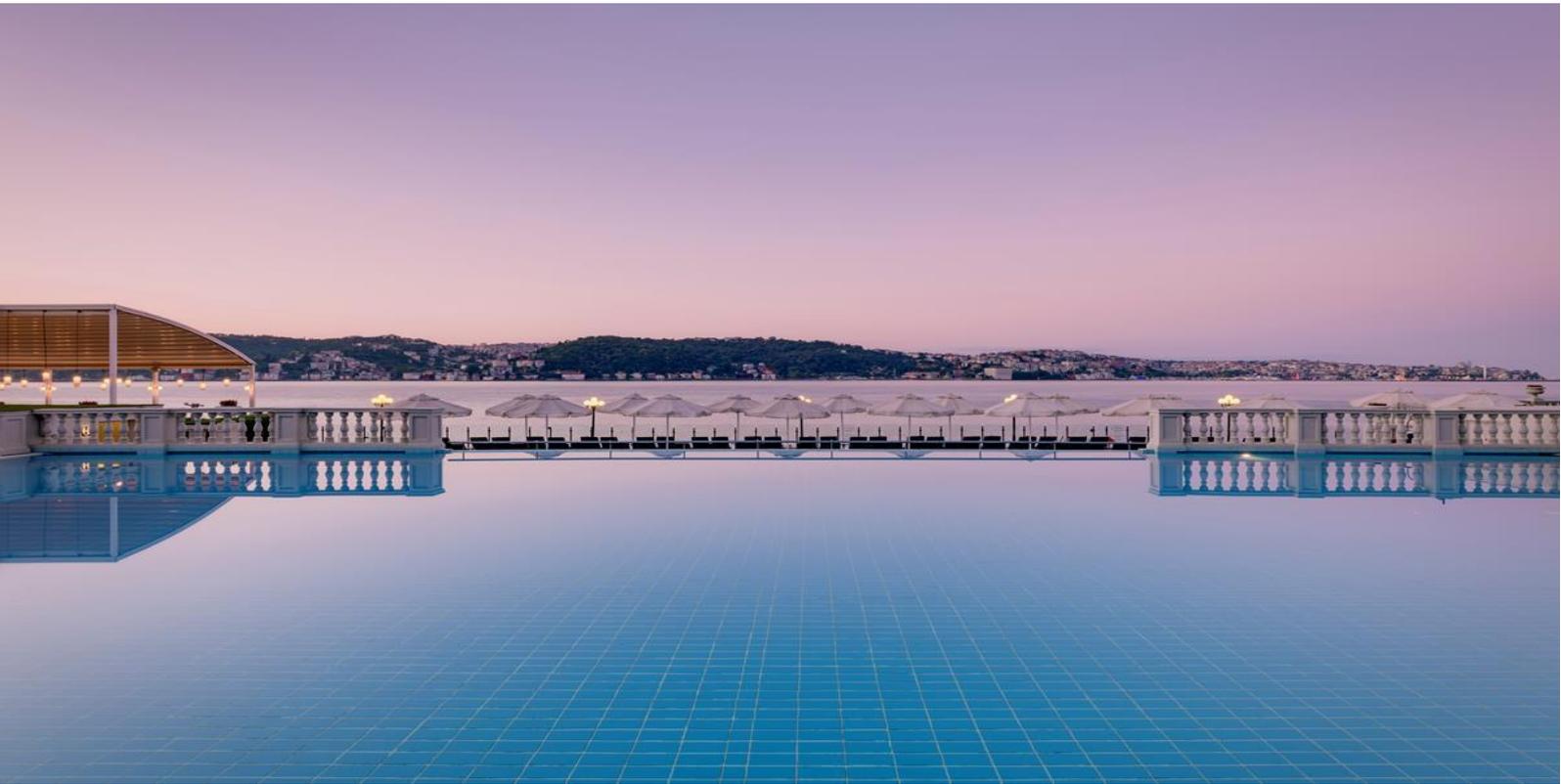
Please note : Entry into the European countries in the Schengen area requires that your passport be valid for at least six months beyond your intended date of departure.

Your Booking Reference is: **ATFI114681**

- Day 1** Premium Private Transfer · Transfer from Istanbul New Airport to Istanbul City | Accommodation · Ciragan Palace Kempinski Istanbul (3 nights)
- Day 2** Private Tour with Car · Byzantine and Ottoman Istanbul Day Tour
- Day 3** Private Guide Service · Cooking Experience in Istanbul
- Day 4** Private Transfer · Transfer from Istanbul City to Istanbul New Airport | Flight · Istanbul Airport to Kayseri Airport | Accommodation · Argos in Cappadocia (3 nights)
- Day 5** Private Tour with Car · Cappadocia Discovery Tour
- Day 6** Semi-Private Guide Service · Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Experience
- Day 7** Private Transfer · Transfer from Cappadocia City to Kayseri Erkilet Airport | Flight · Kayseri Erkilet Airport to Izmir Airport | Private Transfer · Transfer from Izmir Airport to Izmir City
- Day 8** Private Tour with Car · Ancient Ephesus Tour
- Day 10** Private Transfer · Transfer from Izmir City to Izmir Airport | Flight · Izmir Airport to Istanbul Airport – Istanbul Airport – Flight Home



Premium Private Transfer: Transfer from Istanbul New Airport to Istanbul City



Accommodation: Ciragan Palace Kempinski Istanbul

Superior Bosphorus View Room with Breakfast Daily for 3 Nights

The only Ottoman Imperial Palace and Hotel on the Bosphorus, Çırağan Palace Kempinski, offers resort ambiance in the city and reflects the ultimate luxury of a genuine Ottoman Palace. With a total of 310 rooms, including 279 rooms and 20 suites in the main hotel section and 11 suites in the imperial palace section, the hotel's restaurants & bars, offer a blissful culinary experience. Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul is regarded as the city's most distinguished high profile meetings & congresses for private companies, or extravagant weddings & social events that create memories to remember for a lifetime experience.



Private Tour with Car: Byzantine and Ottoman Istanbul Day Tour

Description: Today's tour will allow you to uncover some of the most renowned sites in Istanbul. You will start by visiting the Hippodrome and the remains of the giant arena that functioned as the site for sporting events and political activities of the old city in the Roman and Byzantine eras. From there, you will head to the Blue Mosque. Just opposite St. Sophia, this exquisite mosque built in the name of Sultan Ahmet is famous for its blue Iznik (Nicean) tiles and is unique for having six minarets. You will also explore St. Sophia (the Church of Divine Wisdom) and one of the greatest marvels of architecture. This monument was constructed as a basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian. Please note that St. Sophia is closed for tourists on Friday,s and this part of the tour will be replaced by the Basilica Cistern, one of the magnificent ancient buildings of Istanbul located in the southwest of Hagia Sofia. Constructed for Byzantium Emperor Justinianus I this big underground water reservoir is called "Yerebatan Cistern" by the locals because of its underground marble columns. You will then continue to the Topkapi Palace, the former location of the Imperial offices and residence of Ottoman Sultans and now a magnificent museum exhibiting the imperial treasury, Chinese porcelain, weapons, calligraphy, and countless other artifacts. Please note that Topkapi Palace is closed for visitors on Tuesdays, in which case this part of the tour will be replaced by a wonderful Bosphorus cruise. Your final destination for the day will be the Grand Bazaar, a historical shopping center that ranks as the biggest souk in the world, with nearly 4000 shops featuring antiques, gold, carpets, and leatherwear.

Duration: 8 hours

Inclusions: Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees Set Menu Lunch (excluding Beverages)

Disclaimer: Please Note: Ladies must wear a head covering upon entering the mosques (offered free of charge outside entrance).



Private Guide Service: Cooking Experience in Istanbul

Description: Turkish cuisine is a diverse cuisine with a range of influences from Central Asia, the Middle East, Balkan & Mediterranean Cuisines and on your tour today, you will learn how to prepare traditional dishes. Aside from common Turkish specialties that can be found throughout the country, there are also many region-specific specialties. The Black Sea region's cuisine (northern Turkey) is based on corn and anchovies. The southeast—Urfa, Gaziantep and Adana—is famous for its kebabs, mezes and dough-based desserts such as baklava, kadayıf and künefe. Especially in the western parts of Turkey, where olive trees grow in abundance, olive oil is the major type of oil used for cooking. The cuisines of the Aegean, Marmara, and Mediterranean regions display basic characteristics of Mediterranean cuisine as they are rich in vegetables, herbs, and fish. Central Anatolia is famous for its pastry specialties such as mantı and gozleme. After the cooking lesson, you will eat the hearty foods that you have prepared and enjoy a nice conversation with your hosts.

Duration: 3 hours

Inclusions: Private Transportation, Local Guide, Cooking Class followed by Lunch (excluding Beverages)



Private Transfer: Transfer from Istanbul City to Istanbul New Airport

Flight: 2 passengers departing from Istanbul Airport to Kapadokya Airport



Accommodation: Argos in Cappadocia

Deluxe Room with Breakfast Daily for 3 Nights

Set in the heart of Anatolia on the hilltop village of Uçhisar, Argos Hotel in Cappadocia captivates visitors with its mystical landscape shaped by Mother Nature. This unique five-star property is part archaeological treasure, part charming rural retreat, paying homage to local traditions with its distinctive architecture and interior design as well as its delicious culinary offerings. Thanks to the generous hospitality and warmth of hotel staff, guests will feel immediately at home in these breathtaking surroundings that are sure to leave lasting memories. Set on cascading terraces with commanding views of the area, the 51 guestrooms of Argos in Cappadocia are formed from unearthed caves that have been lovingly restored and transformed into one-of-a-kind luxurious lodgings. To match the stunning scenery of the region, Argos in Cappadocia has prepared an unparalleled gastronomic experience to tempt the palate with a blend of classic Turkish cuisine and contemporary touches.



Private Tour with Car: Cappadocia Discovery Tour

Description: After breakfast, you will begin your explorations of the famous and intriguing valley of Cappadocia, a unique region in which nature has created an incredibly majestic and colorful world of cones, columns and needles that were shaped by the wind and water erosion of the area's volcanic tuff. Some of these strange shapes are as tall as 100 ft. But it is not just the natural landscape that is awe-inspiring, throughout history residents have used the soft features of the stone to carve out this fantasy-like environment into homes, stables, shops and churches creating an unforgettable and intriguing world. Many early Christians painted the walls of their chapels with their own renditions of the Biblical stories. Some of these frescoes are incredibly beautiful, attesting to the skills and religious fervor of the faithful. Among the places you will visit during this tour are Goreme, Uchisar, Kaymakli, Pasabey and Avanos, the latter providing you with the opportunity to purchase some of the hand-turned pottery that has been shaped here for millennia.

Duration: 8 hours

Inclusions: Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees, Set Menu Lunch (excluding Beverages)



Shared Service: Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Experience

Description: Enjoy an unforgettable experience as you embark on a shared hot air balloon ride over the nature-formed valleys. Starting off early in the morning (5.30 am), you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the open fields for a delicious breakfast before heading to the selected launch site for your hot air balloon experience. You will appreciate the tranquility of your morning over the colorful valleys and rock formations, gliding in your balloon. Concluding your experience, enjoy a glass of champagne to celebrate the joy of seeing Cappadocia from the air and get transferred to your hotel approximately by 8.30 am.

Duration: 3 hours

Inclusions: Shared Roundtrip Transportation, Safety Briefing from Pilot, Tea, Coffee and Cookies, 1 hour Shared Hot Air Balloon Flight Experience, A Champagne (non-alcoholic) Ceremony upon landing

Disclaimer: The balloon flights will be confirmed depending on availability and could be cancelled depending on weather conditions.



Private Transfer: Transfer from Cappadocia City to Kayseri Erkilet Airport

Flight: 2 passengers departing from Kayseri Erkilet Airport to Izmir Airport

Private Transfer: Transfer from Izmir Airport to Izmir City



Accommodation: Key Hotel izmir

Set in the heart of the city, Key Hotel is nearby the symbol of the city, the historical clock tower, Konak Square, traditional open-air bazaar Kemeraltı, and ancient caravanserail Kızlarağası Han. Neighboring Konak Pier mall with shopping and dining facilities, Key Hotel is a few steps to the metro, tram, and ferry stations. The city's pearl Kordon, with its charming cafes, stylish restaurants, and attractions of nightlife, begins where Key Hotel is located. Key Hotel is within walking distance to Cumhuriyet Square and the charming district of Alsancak.



Private Tour with Car: Ancient Ephesus Tour

Description: A one of a kind experience where you will proceed to the vast ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus. Start with a visit to the Basilica of St. John, who came here with the Virgin Mary and wrote his Gospel. Once you arrive in Ephesus, you will get the chance to explore this Ancient Roman city and visit the Library of Celcius, the Temple of Hadrian, the Theatre and of course Odeon. After this, you will continue on with a short drive to the House of Virgin Mary, a site that includes a house and garden, the place where she is believed to have spent her last years. Your experience would not be complete without lunch, as this is a tour that is both, memorable and enjoyable.

Duration: 7 hours

Inclusions: Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees Set Menu Lunch (excluding Beverages)



Private Transfer: Transfer from Izmir City to Izmir Airport

Flight: 2 passengers departing from Izmir Airport to Istanbul Airport where you will catch your connecting flight home