



NEW MARCO POLO JOURNEYS

Turkey: A Journey Through History 2020

11 days from \$6,495

Limited to 18 guests

Discover the rich and diverse historical landscape of Turkey, exploring exquisite Istanbul as well as archaeological wonders that date from ancient Greece to the Ottoman Empire.

A&K Advantages

Explore Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace in the serenity of private visits arranged exclusively for your group by A&K

Visit a traditional farmers market, then enjoy a cooking demonstration in the countryside

Privately cruise the Bosphorus, serenely passing palaces, mansions and gardens along the shore

Experience the Cappadocian culture firsthand when you join a local family for lunch in their home

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Arrive in Istanbul, where you are met and transferred to your hotel.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet

DAY 2 ISTANBUL | HAGIA SOPHIA & TOPKAPI PALACE

After a welcome briefing, stroll to the timeless Hagia Sophia for a private, before-hours opening, exploring in peace and quiet. Take in the structure's imposing façade, matched only by the grandeur of its towering, vaulted ceilings within. Next, visit the Basilica Cistern, its marble columns still standing since the sixth century. Then, enjoy an exclusive private opening of Topkapi Palace. Ride Like a Local on a public ferry across the Bosphorus to explore the food markets of the Asian side. After lunch, embark on a private cruise of the Bosphorus.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 ISTANBUL/BODRUM | COFFEEHOUSE CULTURE

Delve into the distinctive Pera district and visit a coffeehouse, learning the story of this uniquely Turkish tradition. Tour Chora Church (subject to renovations). Fly to Bodrum and check in to your hotel, where you dine tonight.

The Marmara Bodrum | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 BODRUM | SHIPWRECKS & THEIR BOUNTY

Stop by the ancient Theater of Halicarnassos before visiting the Bodrum Underwater Archaeology Museum in the Castle of St. Peter, which houses the oldest shipwreck ever discovered. Continue on for a cooking demonstration and exploration of the local farmers market. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

The Marmara Bodrum | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 5 EUROMOS/IZMIR | TEMPLES OF ZEUS, APOLLO & ATHENA

Journey to Euromos to explore the ruined, yet magnificent Temple of Zeus. Continue to Didyma to discover the Temple of Apollo, dating to at least 300 BC. Stop for lunch at a local seaside restaurant. Then, proceed to Priene for a walking tour at the age-old Temple of Athena before continuing to Izmir, where you enjoy dinner overlooking the sea.

Swissotel Buyuk Efes | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 EPHEBUS | HISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

Embark on a day trip to Ephesus, where Saint Paul once lived. Explore the renowned archaeological park and museum here before enjoying a special lunch in a nearby village. Return to Izmir for an afternoon and evening at leisure.

Swissotel Buyuk Efes | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7 CAPPADOCIA | FAIRY CHIMNEYS & FRESCOES

Fly via Istanbul to Kayseri, to explore the nearby volcanic stone "fairy chimneys." View frescoes at the rock-carved churches of Goreme, and visit the stunningly restored Dark Church at this enchanting open-air museum.

Argos in Cappadocia | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8 CAPPADOCIA | THE ANCIENT ART OF WEAVING

This morning, enjoy an optional hot air balloon excursion over Cappadocia. Then, visit the Goreme Weavers Association on an engaging artisan visit. Next, sit down with a local family for lunch in their home. In the afternoon, explore the fascinating underground city at Kaymakli, which dates to as early as the eighth century BC and includes chapels, kitchens, air vents and living quarters carved out of volcanic rock.

Argos in Cappadocia | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9 ISTANBUL | SEAT OF A MIGHTY EMPIRE

Today, fly back to Istanbul. This afternoon, visit Dolmabahce Palace, once a seat of Ottoman power, and see the collection of Ottoman royal barges, a hidden gem of the city.

Park Hyatt Istanbul – Maçka Palas | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 ISTANBUL | OTTOMAN ARCHITECTURE & THE GRAND BAZAAR

Explore Suleymaniye Mosque and Istanbul's fabled Grand Bazaar, meeting local craftspeople along the way. After lunch at a local restaurant, stroll the fragrant stalls of the spice market. Tonight, gather with your fellow guests for a farewell dinner.

Park Hyatt Istanbul – Maçka Palas | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11 DEPART ISTANBUL

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to depart.



Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
May 11 - May 21, 2020	\$6,495	\$2,295	\$485	Available
Jun 01 - Jun 11, 2020	\$6,495	\$2,295	\$485	Available
Aug 31 - Sep 10, 2020	\$6,495	\$2,295	\$485	Limited Availability
Sep 07 - Sep 17, 2020	\$6,495	\$2,295	\$485	Call for Availability
Sep 21 - Oct 01, 2020	\$6,495	\$2,295	\$485	Available
Oct 05 - Oct 15, 2020	\$6,495	\$2,295	\$485	Available

Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$485
Istanbul/Bodrum; Izmir/Kayseri/Istanbul

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 8:00 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 10.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).