



Turkey - Sweet Turkey Tour 6N 7D – code AT TKY 05 **FROM R16,790 Per person sharing – LAND ONLY**

The Sweet Turkey tour indeed sounds like a luxurious and culturally rich experience. Starting in Istanbul and extending to Antalya and Cappadocia, it covers a diverse range of landscapes and historical sites.

Antalya's transformation from a Roman port to a modern resort is a testament to its rich history. Exploring the old city with its mosques and churches offers a glimpse into the city's cultural heritage. The local cuisine, colourful gift shops, and the ambiance of the old city provide a delightful experience for visitors.

Cappadocia, described as the most magical destination in Turkey, promises a truly enchanting adventure. The cities carved in stone, the carpet-weaving co-ops, and the breathtaking view of Goreme Valley, inhabited for centuries, offer a unique and memorable journey through time.

The inclusion of guided tours and first-class service adds a touch of luxury to the exploration of these remarkable destinations. It seems like the Sweet Turkey tour is designed to provide a perfect blend of historical immersion, cultural discovery, and the comfort of top-notch service for travellers seeking a truly special experience

At a glance

- Day 1 Welcome to Istanbul. Transfer to hotel
- Day 2 Full-day Istanbul Tour
- Day 3 Morning Bosphorus Cruise. Flight to Antalya
- Day 4 Antalya: City and Waterfall tour
- Day 5 Flight to Cappadocia
- Day 6 Full-day South Cappadocia tour
- Day 7 Return flight to Istanbul. End of tour

Highlights

- > Tour starts daily in Istanbul
- > Private transfers in Istanbul between Airport and Hotels (Ataturk Airport)
- > Full day tour visiting all important sites in Old Istanbul
- > Visit the Antalya waterfalls and spend a few hours in the Old City
- > Spend an impressive day in Cappadocia; filled with unusual sites and visits

Inclusions

- Meet and assist on arrival and departure by our local representative
- Transfer and intercity transportation as per itinerary in AC vehicle
- Accommodation in selected hotels in double/twin-sharing
- Meals: as mentioned
- Local English-speaking Guide
- Entrance fees

Exclusions

- **International/Domestic flights – Departure & Fuel taxes (Contact us for best airfares)**
- Personal expenses, meals and drinks unless otherwise specified
- Travel Insurance
- Turkey Visa fee
- Tips
- Services not stated in the itinerary

Validity

Rate valid for travel between 01 MAY to 31 OCT 24

Contact us for alternative travel dates

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Itinerary

Day City	Day to Day Itinerary
Day 1 Istanbul - Arrival Day	Meet at the airport Transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Early check-in is subject to availability. Overnight in Istanbul.
Day 2 Istanbul City Tour (B-L)	You will be picked up around 8:00 am and taken to the Sultanahmet district, the oldest, most historic part of the city. The first stop of the day will be the Hagia Sophia . Your tour guide will explain the significance of this massive building that was once a Christian church, then a mosque, and now a museum. Drive past the Hippodrome of Constantinople , where we will see the impressive obelisk, before reaching the Blue Mosque . Continue to the Grand Bazaar , a massive, bustling complex to find clothing, decorative furnishings, food, and more. On the way to the bazaar, see other historical monuments such as the Tomb of Sultan Ahmet I , the Firuz Aga Mosque , and the exterior of the Tomb of Mehmed II . After your visit to the Grand Bazaar, a stop is made for lunch In the afternoon, visit Topkapi Palace , the primary residence of the Ottoman sultans for nearly 400 years. A final stop is made at Little Hagia Sophia before returning to your hotel <i>Please Note: St. Sophia Museum is closed on Mondays, Topkapi Palace is closed on Tuesdays and The Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays</i>
Day 3 Istanbul - Antalya (B)	Guests are picked up from their hotel around 08:00. Visit the Spice Bazaar, one of the city's most colorful and bustling attractions, which has been in operation since the 17th century and still remains a very popular attraction for both locals and visitors The tour guide will give us tips on the best stalls and kiosks to visit as to not be overwhelmed by the busy market, Next, head to the shores of the Bosphorus Strait for a cruise, learning more about this important, strategic waterway that straddles the Asian and European continents. On our voyage, see impressive historic Istanbul buildings: the decadent façade of Dolmabahce Palace; 15th-century fortress Rumelihisari; the Beylerbeyi Palace, the summer home of Ottoman sultans; and many more. After the tour, transfer to the Airport for onward flight to Antalya On arrival, you are met and taken to your hotel
Day 4 Antalya (B-L)	Antalya Waterfalls Tour You will be picked up around 09:30 am from your hotel for a tour of Antalya Waterfalls Düden Waterfalls The waterfalls, formed by the Düden River (one of the major rivers in Southern Anatolia), are located 12km Northeast of Antalya. They end where the waters drop off a rocky cliff directly into the mediterranean sea. Stop for lunch. You are then taken to the old city centre of Antalya where you will have a couple of hours free time to explore the Harbour and indulge in the local shopping
Day 5 Antalya - Cappadocia (B-D)	Check out of your hotel and transfer to Antalya Airport Board the flight to Cappadocia Our representative will meet you for transfer to your hotel
Day 6	Full Day South Cappadocia Tour with Lunch (09:30 – 16:00)

Cappadocia (B-L-D)	The South Cappadocia Tour (Green Tour) highlights not only some of the most impressive scenery of the region, but the tour also showcases one of the underground cities that are famous to the region of Cappadocia. Visit Meskendir Valley, the Rose and Red Valley, Cavusin Village and Underground city. Continue to Pigeon Valley and Uchisar , the perfect spot offering the best views over this amazing landscape of Cappadocia; it is a view that you will never forget Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight
Day 7 Depart Cappadocia	Your holiday has come to an end. Today we depart for the Airport and board the domestic flight to Istanbul

Country information

Best time to go

The best times to visit Turkey's archaeological sites and cities are in spring (Apr-May) and autumn (Sep-Oct) as the temperature is warm, but not too hot.

High summer (Jun-Aug) can be hot: best time for beach holidays. Winters can be cold and many hotels though city breaks are still an option. Turkey does offer ski options during the winter months

Turkey food & drink

Turkish food is varied and delicious. It's often meze style – lots of small dishes to sample, including aubergine dips, calamari, borek (stuffed pastries), mashed broad beans and stuffed vine leaves – plenty of options for vegetarians, too. Local food involves a lot of meat, often in kebab form – the smell of charcoal-grilled beef, lamb and chicken permeates Turkey.

A Turkish menu includes wonderful breads, super-sweet baklava (pistachio and syrup pastry) and salty white cheeses. Despite being a Muslim country, alcohol is easy to find in Turkey, especially in the touristy coastal regions. Efes is the Turkish beer of choice. Raki, grape spirit, is potent.

Turkish coffee is pitch black, very strong and often sweet. Tea is widely drunk and served black

Culture and Language

Turkish is the official language, however, English, French and German are widely spoken in all major cities and tourist areas. Shaking hands is the common form of greetings. Hospitality is a top priority. Pointing fingers at a person is considered rude. Declining an offer is done by putting your hand over your heart. Observe dress code when visiting Islamic sites

Getting around

Train travel is a very popular mode of transport between the major cities. It may be slow but can sometimes offer you some inspiring scenic moments. Coach travel is the most used way of getting around Turkey. Bus routes are relatively cheap and are most comfortable. Just about any city is connected by coach. On certain upmarket coaches, extra legroom and Wi-Fi is offered. If your journey is more than 5 hrs, a 30-minute stop is made about every three hours. Taking a taxi is by far the most convenient way of travel in major cities, but not always the quickest way. Taxis can easily be hailed on the street. Important: only take the official bright yellow taxis. If they do not have a meter, then it is a no go

Tipping

The basic rule is: tip 5-10% in restaurants, cafes and bars. Hotel staff does, however, expect a tip between 5 and 20 Turkish Lira. Do not tip taxi drivers but round up the fare. Tour Guides do not depend on tips, however, if a tour has really gone beyond what you expected, a tip of between 20 and 30 TL will be greatly appreciated

Step back in time...

Step back to a time when Sultans ruled this land and were surrounded by all the world's treasures. Explore a 'mezze' of East and West in mystical Turkey, from the Byzantine and Ottoman past of its capital, Istanbul, to the legendary city of Troy, ancient ruins of Ephesus, and the famous limestone cotton castles of Pamukkale.

With its pristine coastline and fascinating ancient cities, Turkey is fast becoming one of South Africa's most popular holiday destinations. A comfortable flight away is an exotic land of architectural wonders and natural beauty with a diverse cuisine inspired by the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern Flavors.

The historic city of Istanbul is home to one of the world's great skylines. Dotted with incredible Byzantine and Ottoman churches and palaces. Whilst the ancient cities of Ephesus and Pergamum feature incredibly preserved Roman ruins of temples and amphitheatres.