



## **Turkey Dream Tour – 4N / 5D – (CODE - AT TKY 02)** **FROM R8,650 Per person sharing – LAND ONLY**

The Turkey Dream Tour has no long bus rides just domestic flights getting you to your destination comfortable and relaxed. It is the best short tour of Turkey when you have limited time. Visit Istanbul and Antalya and back to Istanbul by domestic flight. An exquisite tour for you combining a city and Mediterranean stay with all the bells and whistles.

Local tours are with professional local guides and include entrance fees.

### **At a glance**

- Day 1 Welcome to Istanbul. Transfer to hotel
- Day 2 Full Day Istanbul Tour
- Day 3 Bosphorus cruise and flight to Antalya
- Day 4 Antalya Waterfall tour and old city tour
- Day 5 Return flight to Istanbul. End of tour

### **Highlights**

- Daily departures
- Full day tour in Istanbul visiting Palaces, Mosques and Bazaar
- Magical morning cruise on the Bosphorus
- Relax in Antalya with a morning tour to the Duden Waterfalls followed by a few hours in the Old City of Antalya
- Wander around Sirince in Anatolian Greek styled village

### **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 and 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 and 31 OCT 24

**Contact us for alternative travel dates**

## Itinerary

<b>Day City</b>	<b>Day to Day Itinerary</b>
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)	Pick up around 08:00 am from your hotel for a day tour of old Istanbul city. Leave for the Sultanahmet district and our first stop is the Hagia Sophia. Your tour guide will explain the significance of this massive that was once a Christian Church, then a Mosque and now a Museum Continue your journey past the Hippodrome of Constantinople and see its massive obelisk Arrive at the Blue Mosque (make sure you take plenty pics here) Onwards to the famous Grand Bazaar for some healthy shopping Lunch break at a local restaurant In the afternoon, visit the Topkapi Palace, once the primary residence of the Ottoman Sultans Last stop is made at the Little Hagia Sophia and then return to your hotel
Day 3 Bosphorus Cruise and flight to Antalya (B)	After breakfast depart for the Bosphorus Cruise tour. Enjoy a magical Istanbul Bosphorus Boat Cruise and Spice Market Tour starting at 08:30. Enjoy the array of sites you can see from the boat including Spice Bazaar (Egyptian Bazaar). Bosphorus by Boat; a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. After the cruise depart for Istanbul airport for domestic flight to Antalya. Transfer from airport and check in to your hotel
Day 4 Antalya (B-L)	You will be picked up from your hotel around 08:30 Travel to the spectacular Duden Waterfalls which drop off a rocky cliff directly into the Mediterranean Sea Lunch at a local Restaurant Continue to the Old City of Antalya. Spend a few hours exploring the harbor or wander through to small streets of the Old City Return to your hotel around 15:00
Day 5 Antalya to Istanbul - End of Tour (B) Istanbul departure (B)	After breakfast, depart for Antalya airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul and then back to home Services end at the airport.

Thank you for choosing Sure Mirage Travel for your Turkey experience. We value your patronage & look forward to serving you again in the near future.

## 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 loaves of bread, 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. Hospitability 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

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