

TURKEY: CAPPADOCIA AND ISTANBUL

+ CRUISE FROM TURKEY TO GREECE

➤ DAY 1 - SPAIN - CAPPADOCIA

Bus transfer from the Costa Blanca to the Airport of Valencia for departure to Turkey. Arrive Cappadocia via Istanbul and transfer to the hotel. Cold Dinner at the Hotel and accommodation.

➤ DAY 2 - CAPPADOCIA

Half board today we will visit the Cappadocia region where Saint George was born; unique in the world that combines the whims of nature with places of great cultural interest. We begin our tour with a walk through the fascinating Derwent Valley, known as the valley of the 'fairy chimneys', where rock eroded by the wind and the action of the water on volcanic terrain has created a spectacular landscape of peaks, cones and obelisks. Next we will visit the underground city of Ozkonak or another similar one built by Christian communities to protect themselves from Arab attacks. We stop at a carpet and kilim workshop. We continue to visit the Goreme Open Air Museum, which preserves an impressive array of rock-cut churches, chapels and frescoed monasteries from the 11th century, which have been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. In the afternoon panoramic visit of the city of Uchisar and the spectacular volcanic landscapes of Avcilar (the hunter) and Güvercinlik (the doves) and you will admire a wonderful panoramic view of the Castle of Uchisar, located on a promontory made of volcanic rock, pierced by tunnels and windows. We make a stop at an arts and crafts workshop for decoration and jewellery. Back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay. In the evening you can optionally visit a show with Turkish folk dances.

➤ DAY 3 - CAPPADOCIA

Half board optionally, you can take a spectacular hot air balloon ride at sunrise. Departure to the famous "Three Beauties of Ürgüp", where you can see the mushroom-shaped rock formations and a panorama of Ürgüp city. Next we will visit the small and beautiful town of Ortahisar, which is highlighted with its high-rise castle, geological formation 86 m high and was converted into houses by the Hittites. In the afternoon we continue to visit the Zelve Valley, it is formed by two gorges and where Muslims and Christians lived together until 1924. The slopes on the right sides are pink, and those on the left are dominated by white. Then we visit the Cavusin Valley where the houses carved into the side of a hill have lavishly decorated facades, beauty that stands the test of time. Return to the hotel. Dinner and accommodation. In the evening you can optionally participate in a ceremony (sema) participate with whirling dervishes.

➤ DAY 4 - CAPPADOCIA - ISTANBUL

Breakfast. At the indicated time, transfer to the airport to take the regular flight to Istanbul. Arrival and transfer to the selected hotel. Accommodation.

➤ DAY 5 - ISTANBUL

Breakfast. Half Day Visit of "GOLDEN HORNS": We will start by visiting the famous Pierre Loti coffee shop, located on the top of the hill in Eyup district, with a great view of the Golden Horn and an opportunity to drink coffee or tea. Then we go to the Cathedral of Saint George, it is the fifth church in Constantinople to house the Ecumenical Patriarchate since the 15th century. Formerly a convent for Orthodox nuns, it was converted into patriarchal offices by Bishop Matthew II (1598-1601).

On the way we will see part of the walls of Constantinople, once an impenetrable fortress that stretched seven kilometres from the Sea of Marmara to the Golden Horn. Next we will visit the Suleiman Mosque, considered the most beautiful of the imperial mosques of Istanbul, voted between Built in 1550 and 1557 by Sinan, the famous architect of the Ottoman Golden Age. Here the tour ends. Afternoon free to explore the city or optional Topkapi Palace tour. Accommodation.

➤ **DAY 6 - ISTANBUL**

Breakfast. Half day visit of the "BOSPHORUS": We go to the port to embark and start the boat trip through the Bosphorus, a strait that separates two continents and connects the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara. From the boat we can admire the Dolmabahçe Palace, the Mosque, the Ortakoy bohemian district, the Rumelian and Anatolian forts, the Beylerbeyi Palace, the typical "yali" wooden houses, etc. Next we will visit Spice Bazaar, also called Egyptian Bazaar, it is one of the oldest markets in Istanbul and one of the best places to buy typical products like spices, sweets or dried fruits. Here the tour ends. Afternoon free to visit the city or you can join the optional "Classic" excursion. Accommodation.

➤ **DAY 7 - ISTANBUL**

Breakfast. Free day to enjoy the beauty of the city. Accommodation.

➤ **DAY 8 - ISTANBUL - CRUISE FROM TURKEY TO GREECE**

Breakfast, free time until transfer to the port of Istanbul, to our Costa Venezia cruise ship, where we will spend the next 6 days. Embarkation and accommodation in our cabin.

➤ **DAY 9 - ISTANBUL**

Stay on board in the selected cabin with full board. Perfect day to enjoy the cruise.

➤ **DAY 10 - ISTANBUL - IZMIR**

Arrive in Izmir at 14:00. Optional excursion to Turkey's third largest city. The sights are the Roman Agora of Izmir, which functions as an open-air museum. On top of a hill is Kadifekale or Velvet Castle, built during the reign of Alexander. Boarding before 21:00 departure to Izmir.

➤ **DAY 11 - IZMIR - BODRUM**

Arrive in Izmir at 14:00. Optional excursion to Turkey's third largest city. The sights are the Roman Agora of Izmir, which functions as an open-air museum. On top of a hill is Kadifekale or Velvet Castle, built during the reign of Alexander. Boarding before 21:00 departure to Bodrum.

➤ **DAY 12 - BODRUM - MYKONOS**

Today we spend the day in Bodrum. Arrive at 10:00 am The town has two bays overlooking Bodrum Castle. This medieval fortress was partly built with stones from the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Boarding before 20:00 departure to Mykonos.

➤ DAY 13 - MYKONOS - ATHENS

Arrive in Mykonos at 09:00. Possibility to spend the day on these paradisiacal beaches. Boarding before 20:00 departure to Athens.

➤ DAY 14 - ATHENS - ISTANBUL

We arrive in Athens, the capital of Greece, at 09:00. Geographical sites from the 5th century BC still predominate in the city. C., including the Acropolis, a hilltop citadel with ancient buildings such as the Parthenon temple with its columns. Boarding before 20:00 departure to Istanbul.

➤ DAY 15 - ISTANBUL - SPAIN

Arrive Istanbul at 08:00. Disembark and transfer to the airport to catch our flight back to Spain. Return by coach to our place of origin.

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Bus transfer from Costa Blanca to the Valencia Airport
- Flight from Valencia to Cappadocia (via Istanbul) from Istanbul to Valencia.
- Domestic flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul.
- Private vehicle during the transfers and visits and the circuit (bus 46 seats).
- German or English speaking guide during all transfers and visits and the round trip.
- Visits according to the program.
- Transfer from Hotel in Istanbul to Cruise Terminal.
- Basic travel insurance.
- Taxes and tips included = 277€

3 Nights in Cappadocia HOTEL DINLER URGUP or similar in half board.

4 Nights in Istanbul HOLIDAY INN INSTABUL CITY or similar in bed and breakfast.

7 nights cruise from Turkey to Greece in selected category, full board (excluding drinks)

Departure dates

25. 09. 2022 to
09. 10. 2022



2079€

15 days / 14 nights

Consult individual supplement.