



# TÜRKIYE

## 17 – 30 APRIL 2026

Immerse yourself in the bustling streets of Istanbul, marvel at the serene landscapes of Konya, explore the ancient cities of Troy and Esphesus and marvel at the beauty of hot air balloons in Cappadocia and the salt terraces of Pamukkale. Reflect at the important WW1 battle site of Gallipoli and Anzac Cove. Turkey's captivating landscape and rich cultural heritage awaits you.

### MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✧ Visit Istanbul and Ankara.
- ✧ Travel through the Anatolian countryside to Cappadocia
- ✧ Explore the Goreme Open-Air Museum
- ✧ Visit Konya
- ✧ Visit the ancient cities of Perge and Aspendos
- ✧ Visit Pamukkale – the Cotton Castle of Turkey
- ✧ Visit the ancient city of Ephesus, the seaside city of Izmir and Canakkale
- ✧ Visit the shores of Gallipoli and Anzac Cove
- ✧ Fully escorted from Sydney.

**Minimum 10 people for this tour to proceed. This is a small group tour (around 20 people).**

**Booking Terms and Conditions see overleaf. DEPOSIT REQUIRED BY 31 AUGUST 2025.**

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14 day tour includes  
airfares, accommodation,  
coach transport, all entrance  
fees and all taxes.

5\* accommodation including  
breakfast and dinner daily as  
per itinerary.

Travel in a deluxe coach  
throughout Türkiye with  
local tour guides. Fully  
escorted from Sydney.

**Price: \$6,995\*** per  
person twin share  
(\$1,750 single room  
supplement)

**Deposit \$2,000 by 31  
August 2025. Final  
payment by  
28 February 2026**

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Blue Mosque, Hippodrome in Istanbul
- Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk – the resting place of the founding father or modern day Turkiye in Ankara
- Enjoy a pottery-making class in Avanos
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Goreme Open Air Museum
- Bucket-list adventure in hot air balloon over Cappadocia. Extra cost - €250
- Enjoy a Turkish Night show. Extra cost = €50
- Explore the underground city of Kaymakli
- Visit an 8<sup>th</sup> century centre of education in Konya
- Visit the acropolis of Perge and Aspendos and marvel at the mosaics dating back to the Bronze Age
- Explore the Cotton Castle of Turkiye in Pamukkale
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Ephesus which hold the oldest know library in the world. Also take a trip to visit the Virgin Mary's house in the mountains.
- Visit Pergamon, Troy and Canakkale
- Pay respects to the fallen Turkish and Australian soldiers in Gallipoli, Anzac Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair

### FLIGHTS

- **International airfares (economy class) are included** in the package price.

### ACCOMMODATION, DINING & TRANSPORT

- 5\* hotel accommodation with breakfast and dinner daily.
- Touring in deluxe coach.
- Local tour guides as per itinerary.
- Entrance fees as per itinerary.
- **Tips and city taxes are included.**

### EXCLUSIONS:

- Lunches throughout and drinks at dinner.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Travel Insurance.
- Porterage.
- Anything not stated in the inclusions.

**TOUR COST: \$6,995\* per person twin share. An additional \$1,750 for a single room supplement**

- No refund for any unused portions of the itinerary.

- Prices are based per person in twin share.
- Prices could be subject to change when confirmation of airline seats and hotel/land components are received.

***\* Package price is based on minimum 10 paying adults. If numbers fall below this, tour cost may increase or the tour maybe cancelled.***

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**A non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 per person is required by 31 August 2025.** (Please note financial institution surcharges apply if paying by credit card).

**A further \$2,000 to be paid by 1 December 2026.**

You will also need to:

- **Provide a photocopy of your passport** (for each passenger) at the time of booking.
- Progress payments can be made. **Final payment due 28 February 2026.**
- **Current passport** with 6 month validity from date of return is required. No responsibility is taken for refusal of entry into Turkey due to non-disclosure of any conviction or breach of law. Visa and passport validity are the full responsibility of the traveler.
- **A tourist visa is required** for entry into Turkey if travelling on an Australian passport. If you do not hold an Australian passport, please let us know so that we may advise you of any additional requirements.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**# City Tax** - This is a tax introduced by regional and local councils in Europe and is charged to tourists. **This tax is included in the package price.**

**## Tips (Gratuities)** - **Tips are included** in the tour price for services of the driver and various guides throughout the tour.

**Luggage** - You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you will need to carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the loading and unloading of luggage from the coach.

**Health & Medical considerations** - You will be responsible for identifying and securing any medical related documents for your travel from your doctor/health practitioner. It is highly recommended that you be medically and physically healthy and capable of walking. If you require special assistance, please discuss this with Paramount Tours before booking the tour as you may have to bring along a companion to assist you.

## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1 – Friday 17 April 2026 – Depart Sydney

Meet at Sydney International airport for your flight to Istanbul.

### DAY 2 – Saturday 18 April 2026 - Welcome to Türkiye

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, join the welcome meeting at the hotel lobby with your fellow travellers and Tour Director. Enjoy diverse and incredibly tasteful Turkish cuisine tonight on a group dinner. (D)

### Day 3 – Sunday 19 April 2026 - Istanbul City Tour

Journey to the heart of Istanbul old town and witness the perfect blend of ancient and modern architecture. Your expert local guide will take you through the Hippodrome, Blue Mosque and the mysterious Cistern Basilica. In the afternoon meet the breath-taking Bosphorus in all its charm as you cruise in-between Europe and Asia. (B,D)

### Day 4 – Monday 20 April 2026 - Ankara

Today, we travel to Ankara, the capital, where our first stop will be the impressive Museum of Anatolian Civilizations. Here you'll discover countless ancient civilizations that has dominated Asia Minor throughout history. After our dinner at the hotel, personal leisure time to spend the evening exploring the capital as you please. (B,D)

### Day 5 – Tuesday 21 April 2026 - Ankara to Cappadocia

Start the morning with a visit to Anitkabir, the Mausoleum of Ataturk – the final resting place of the founding father of Republic of Turkey. It is a location sacred to Turkish people. We travel through the Anatolian countryside to Cappadocia. One of the most popular sites in Turkey, the famous region is decorated with stunning caves and fairy-chimneys. In Avanos - famous for its top-quality clay, we learn all about pottery-making at an interactive workshop. Dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

### Day 6 – Wednesday 22 April 2026 - Goreme Open-Air Museum

Rise early to join the hot-air balloon experience, flying over the magical fairy-chimneys. A bucket-list item for all keen travellers, it is an experience not to be missed (please bear in mind that this optional experience is dependent on weather conditions). Explore the wondrous formations up close at Goreme Open-Air Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site. These impressive millennia-old underground structures have sheltered countless Christians escaping the Roman Empire in the 4th century and housed Orthodox monks in the 12th century. Later on, we delve into one of the finest and oldest crafts of Turkey as we visit a carpet-weaving workshop. Tonight, enjoy a special Turkish Night show (optional extra). (B,D)

Optional Tour – Hot air balloon E250

### Day 7 – Thursday 23 April 2026 - Kaymakli Underground City to Konya

Start the day by exploring the famous underground city of Kaymakli where ancient Christians took refuge to escape raids and wars for centuries. Our journey continues towards Konya, home of the famous whirling dervishes - members of the Sufism order. Dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

### Day 8 – Friday 24 April 2026 - Konya City Tour to Antalya

Meet the diverse Turkish culture and its various facades today. Starting with an 8-century-old centre of education and architectural beauty, Karatay Madrasa. In the afternoon, breathe in the clean scent of the sea as we drive to Antalya. We take a break at a marvelous local restaurant for lunch (own expense), we will arrive to our hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and personal leisure time in the evening. (B,D)

### Day 9 – Saturday 25 April 2026 - Perge, Aspendos

Today, our first stop will be Perge located 15 km east of Antalya, and home to remarkable ruins of ancient Pamphylia city. The acropolis here holds

incredible mosaics dating back to the Bronze Age. With a short drive away lies Aspendos, the sister town of Perge. Aspendos is known for having the best-preserved theatre of antiquity. We return to Antalya to rest up after an epic adventure. (B,D)

**Day 10 – Sunday 26 April 2026 - Pamukkale**

This morning, we are heading inland and arrive in our hotel at the Cotton Castle of Turkey, Pamukkale. Walk in shallow pools in terraces of snow-white travertine. Pamukkale is famously known for its mineral-rich waters and healing properties. Delve into history at the ancient city Hierapolis, witnessing the majestic amphitheatre of 15,000 seats and ever-impressive acoustics. Relax at your hotel or even enjoy a spa or massage. Dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

**Day 11 – Monday 27 April 2026 - Ephesus to Izmir**

Today we visit the amazing ruins of ancient Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stroll through the well-preserved ancient city and the impressive library. A short ride away, you will also visit Virgin Mary's house in the mountains – where she is believed to have lived her final days. Our next stop will be of culinary discovery at a lovely restaurant in the countryside famously known for delicious Gozleme (own expense). We arrive to our hotel at seaside metropolitan Izmir - the perfect place to immerse yourself in the Turkish seafood culture and raki. (B,D)

**Day 12 – Tuesday 28 April 2026 - Çanakkale**

A day filled with epic adventure awaits. In the morning, we will depart for Pergamon. Home to healing waters and ruins of the Asklepion medical centre, it is one of the most important centres of healing of the Roman world. Our journey continues with the visit to the ancient city of Troy where we will witness the ruins of the once glorious city with a special place in mythology and history. Pose with the famous Trojan Horse before departing for Çanakkale and arrive to our hotel in time for dinner. (B,D)

**Day 13 – Wednesday 29 April 2026 - Gallipoli to Istanbul**

After breakfast, we leave for the famous shores of Gallipoli. Arriving in Gallipoli, we pay our respects to the fallen Turkish and Australian soldiers who bravely fought here during World War 1. Visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair and other important historical sites. In the afternoon, with a scenic drive through the countryside, we make our way back to Istanbul. Relax at your hotel and join your group for our farewell dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

**Day 14 – Thursday 30 April 2026 – Depart Istanbul**

Our marvelous adventure comes to an end over breakfast with newfound friends. Hotel check-out and transfer to Istanbul International airport.

Arrive Sydney + 1 day