

2012 Magic Carpet – 10 days

Day 1 Saturday Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is yours, free to explore. Overnight Istanbul

Day 2 Sunday Istanbul Old City

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, the Aya Sofya, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Tonight you get to know your travelling companions a little better at your welcome dinner. Overnight Istanbul (B, D)

Day 3 Monday Gallipoli Battlefields

One of the most emotionally touching places in Turkey, today we visit the WWI Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels, The Nek and the Gallipoli Museum. Overnight Canakkale (B, D)

Day 4 Tuesday Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum

This morning, step back in time as we visit Troy, home of the famed Trojan Horse and then tour the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made Pergamum a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 5 Wednesday Ephesus, Kusadasi

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the house of the Virgin Mary. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 6 Thursday Pamukkale, Hierapolis

This morning we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods before heading to the the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Take a dip, amongst ancient columns, in the hot springs that were used in Roman times for their therapeutic powers. Overnight Pamukkale (B, D)

Day 7 Friday Silk Road, Konya

Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhanı Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Tonight, don't miss the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening! Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 8 Saturday Cappadocia, Goreme, Underground City

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia through the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum, the fairy chimneys and explore the many levels of an underground city. Overnight Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 9 Sunday Ankara

Early morning departure to the nation's capital, Ankara where we visit Anıtkabir, mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, before returning to Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul (B)
(Optional morning flight to Istanbul from Kayseri, Cappadocia)

Day 10 Monday Istanbul

After breakfast our tour concludes and we say goodbye to our new friends and are transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

(B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner)

Tour includes

- Inbound & outbound airport transfer - Istanbul
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking coach
- Professional English-speaking tour guide for the duration of the tour
- Entrance fees to various sites
- 9 breakfasts, 7 dinners
- **9** nights 4 star & 5 star accommodation

Tour does not include

- Tips