Fez Bus 2012 – Shoestring Turkey

This tour is for travellers who want to see Turkey on a shoestring. Step back in time and wander roads where Trojan, Greek, Roman and Anatolian warriors once trod. Marvel at the dramatic beauty of the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts, live out every kid's dream and sleep in a tree house in the shadow of Mt Olympos, marvel at the mythical natural wonders, visit underground cities and sleep in caves. This fully optional tour gives you the choice to do as much or as little as you want and you can only do all of this in Turkey!

Day 1 Sunday Istanbul to Gallipoli
Welcome to Istanbul! We meet at the Sultan Hostel in Istanbul for an early morning departure heading west along the coast of the Sea of Marmara. This afternoon, you can experience the WW1 battlefields of Gallipoli on an optional tour or spend the afternoon exploring the nearby town of Canakkale. Overnight Canakkale

Day 2 Monday Gallipoli to Kusadasi via Troy & Pergamum
This morning, you head south along the Aegean Coast, stopping at the ancient city of Troy for a guided one hour tour. You also have the opportunity to tour the magnificent antique site of Pergamum before heading to the resort town of Kusadasi. Overnight Kusadasi (B)

Day 3 Tuesday Kusadasi
Absorb yourself in history this morning with an optional tour of one of the seven ancient wonders of the world, the site of the Temple of Artemis and the best-preserved ancient city in Turkey, Ephesus or spend the day relaxing on an Aegean Beach. Overnight Kusadasi (B)

Day 4 Wednesday Bodrum
Today, we will drive through Pamukkale where you can choose to do a tour to Pamukkale, paddle in the natural calcium formations, known as travertines, and visit the ancient spa town of Hierapolis before heading to Turkish Riviera - Bodrum. Overnight Bodrum (B)

Day 5 Thursday Bodrum
Today is a day for choices. You can choose to do an optional tour of Dalyan, experience the therapeutic properties of the mud and thermal baths or maybe you would prefer to visit Bodrum castle and Antique Theater of Halicarnassus. Overnight Bodrum (B)

Day 6 Friday Bodrum to Fethiye via Marmaris
Today we drive towards the picturesque resort town of Fethiye. On the way we will have the chance to visit another resort town Marmaris. Overnight Fethiye (B)

Day 7 Saturday Fethiye
Today you have the option to relax on a day cruise around the 12 Islands of Fethiye, go paragliding or maybe chill out on a nearby beach, the choice is yours. Overnight Fethiye (B)

*If you choose the Shoestring option with Gulet, then today you will board your traditional handmade Gulet and cruise your way through to Day 10 in Olympos.

Day 8 Sunday Fethiye to Kas
We drive along the Turquoise coast today, stopping for a swim at the spectacular Kaputas beach and then continue to Kas, traditionally a small Turkish fishing village. Overnight Kas (B)

Day 9 Monday Kas to Olympos
This morning we will head to world famous tree houses of Olympos. In the afternoon, you have time for some relaxation, you can do nothing but chill out and meet new people or you could try a host of adventure activities on offer - rock climbing, diving and canyoning just to name a few. Don't miss out on your chance to see the natural phenomenon of the mythical flames of Chimera. Overnight Olympos (B, D)

Day 10 Tuesday Olympos
Another day for choices, with so many options you will be wishing you could stay for a week. Overnight Olympos (B, D)

Day 11 Wednesday Olympos to Cappadocia
Early morning we head out to follow an ancient silk trade route across the Anatolian Plain, on the way you will have the opportunity to visit the Mevlana Museum in Konya and then the Sultanhani Caravansary just as the ancient traders did. Overnight Cappadocia (B)

Day 12 Thursday Cappadocia
This morning you have the option of taking a hot-air balloon ride in a region famed for being one of the best places in the world for ballooning. You will be back in plenty of time for the optional tour to check out the carved cave villages, underground cities and spectacular fairy chimney formations. Overnight Cappadocia (B)

Day 13 Friday Cappadocia
Today you are free to explore the wonders of Cappadocia at your own pace. Tonight, do not miss the optional Turkish Folklore evening, which includes nearly 3 hrs of entertainment and all the food and drink you can handle! Overnight Cappadocia (B)

Day 14 Saturday Cappadocia to Istanbul via Ankara
Early morning start today as we head back to Istanbul, via Ankara, the nation's Capital. You will have time to visit the mausoleum of the famed Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and discover what happened to the Turkish nation after the ANZAC's left. Upon arrival at the Sultan Hostel your tour concludes and sadly it is time to say good bye to new friends. (B)

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

Tour includes
- English speaking Tour Leader on the bus giving you a wealth of super interesting and useful info. (All optional tours are conducted by English speaking professional tour guide)
- Guided tour of Troy, Pergamum and Pamukkale. (Entrance fees not included)
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking bus
- 13 nights in shared (twin/double/triple) budget accommodation.
  (Gulet option includes 10 budget accommodation and 3 nights cabin share accommodation)
- 13 breakfasts, 2 dinners (Gulet option includes 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners)

Tour does not include
- Suggested optional activities and sightseeing
- Entrance fees

Please Note:
This fully optional tour travels the famous Fez Bus circuit (stopping at the most popular places). However if you prefer longer in any place you can simply hop off the tour and then hop on the next Fez Bus tour coming through.

Also this tour can be commenced at any place on the itinerary and then travel back to the same point to finish the tour. Please contact Fez Travel after booking and a minimum of 7 days before departure for tour amendment requests.