

Aegean Dream – 12 nights - 13 days

Day	Destination
3 nights	Istanbul
1 night	Kusadasi
1 night	Marmaris
1 night	Antalaya
1 night	Nigde
1 night	Cappadocia
1 night	Konya
1 night	Pamukkale
1 night	Kusadasi
1 night	Istanbul

Day 1: DAY 1: ISTANBUL

Welcome to Istanbul! We'll **transfer** you to the hotel, and you'll have some free time. In the afternoon, you'll find information about the start of your tour on the boards located at the hotel reception.

Day 2: DAY 2: ISTANBUL

A sightseeing tour of the city awaits us. On our tour, we´ll enter the **Süleymaniye Mosque**, the largest in Istanbul, we´ll explore the ancient walls, the Golden Horn, the bustling fishing district, and we´ll marvel at the exterior of **Hagia Sophia**.



(The iconic Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, Turkey, illuminated during sunset with its majestic dome and Ottoman minarets.)

Our tour also includes tickets to visit the **Topkapi Palace**, once the administrative heart of the Ottoman Empire, with its magnificent courtyards and pavilions. In the afternoon, you´ll have free time to explore this city spanning two continents.

As the afternoon draws to a close, we´ll arrange a **transfer to Taksim**, the city´s most vibrant commercial district. There, you´ll have time to dine at one of its many restaurants and see the charming old tram that runs through the area. Alternatively, you can visit the nearby Galata Tower.

Day 3: DAY 3: ISTANBUL

Today, we'll embark on a **boat trip on the Bosphorus** (tickets included), lasting about two hours on a private boat exclusively for travelers. This journey will take us through the strait that connects the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara, dividing Istanbul between its European and Asian sides.



(A stunning sunset view across the Bosphorus Strait, where Europe and Asia meet in Istanbul.)

We'll enjoy the lively activity of the Strait with its many boats. We'll pass under the two bridges that link Europe and Asia and admire the Sultan's palaces, traditional wooden houses, and Ottoman architecture. Afterward, we'll return to central **Istanbul** and have some free time.

Day 4: DAY 4: ISTANBUL - EPHESUS - KUSADASI

We'll leave early from Istanbul and continue our route through Turkey. Around lunch time, we'll arrive at **Ephesus**, the best-preserved ancient city of Asia Minor. Two thousand years ago, it had a quarter of a million inhabitants. We'll visit the **Basilica of St. John, the House of the Virgin Mary,** and the **archaeological site (tickets included)**.



(The sacred House of the Virgin Mary near Ephesus is one of Turkey's most important Christian pilgrimage sites.)

After immersing ourselves in the rich history of Ephesus, we'll proceed to **Kusadas**i, a popular coastal town known for its vibrant atmosphere, commercial life, and quaint castle. We'll stay the night in

Kusadasi, and **dinner will be included.**

Note: During high season, from May through October, accommodations will be provided in Aydin instead of Kusadasi. In this case, after exploring Ephesus, we'll make a stop in Kusadasi (4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), where we'll include a panoramic tour of the city before continuing to Aydin.

Day 5: DAY 5: KUSADASI - BODRUM - MARMARIS

We'll leave early to visit one of Turkey´s natural wonders, **Lake Bafa**, and take a moment to admire its serene beauty.



(Lake Bafa offers tranquil landscapes, crystal-clear waters, and untouched natural beauty on Turkey's Aegean coast.)

Our journey will then continue to **Bodrum**, a stunning fortified city of Greek origin. Here, you can explore its impressive castle, wander through its lively streets bustling with tourists, or visit its marina. After lunch, we'll proceed to **Marmaris**, another picturesque coastal tourist destination known for its castle, pier, and fountains. **Dinner will be included.**

Please note: On some occasions, especially during the summer, our accommodation will be in the nearby town of Mugla instead of Marmaris.

Day 6: DAY 6: MARMARIS - DALYAN - ANTALYA

We'll set off for **Dalyan**, a picturesque spot along a beautiful navigable river. A one-hour boat ride is included, where we'll visit the **Lycian Rock Tombs**.



(The iconic Lycian Rock Tombs of Dalyan showcase remarkable ancient architecture carved directly into mountain cliffs.)

From there, we'll continue by boat to a large lake, where we'll stop at the hot springs. You'll have the option to swim in the warm waters or indulge in a mud bath. There will also be time to enjoy a meal at one of the many riverside restaurants. Next, we'll head to **Antalya** to get to know this vibrant coastal city of over a million residents. Highlights include Hadrian's Gate, the Ottoman district, and its breathtaking waterfall that cascades directly into the sea. **Dinner will be included**.

Day 7: DAY 7: ANTALYA - ASPENDOS - SIDE - KARAMAN - NIGDE

We'll leave **Antalya** and head to **Aspendos** to visit its **Roman theater**, often regarded as the best-preserved in the world. Afterward, we'll continue to **Side**, where you'll have the chance to admire the **Temple of Apollo** by the sea.



(The iconic Temple of Apollo in the ancient coastal city of Side, one of Turkey's most visited archaeological landmarks.)

There will be time to stroll through its bustling port and lively streets. As we travel through stunning landscapes, we'll cross the Taurus Mountains, with peaks that rise over 3,500 meters and remain snow-covered for most of the year. We'll stop in **Karaman** to see its fortress from the outside before continuing to the **Cappadocia** region. **Dinner will be included** in **Nigde**.

Day 8: DAY 8: NIGDE - CAPPADOCIA

We'll spend the entire day exploring the incredible region of **Cappadocia**, famous for its lunar-like landscapes, ancient churches, and troglodyte villages. We'll begin with a visit to **Gumusler**, a fascinating 7th-century underground monastery featuring some of the finest Byzantine frescoes in Turkey.



(Explore the fascinating underground tunnels and living spaces of Kaymakli Underground City, one of Cappadocia's most remarkable historical attractions.)

In **Kaymacli**, we'll explore the underground city that could once house up to 30,000 people. Then, we'll visit **Uchisar**, a natural fortress offering breathtaking views. After lunch, we'll discover the **Göreme Valley**, home to an open-air museum where we can marvel at the rock-cut churches (tickets included). Our accommodation will be in **Avanos,** and **dinner will be included**.

Day 9: DAY 9: CAPPADOCIA - IHLARA - KONYA

At the far edge of **Cappadocia**, we'll visit the **Ihlara Valley**, famous for its cool waters and its rock-cut churches and villages. Our itinerary includes visits to a 13th-century **caravanserai** and the **Mevlana Mausoleum (Rumi)** in **Konya**, where we'll learn about the Dervish order.



(A beautifully preserved caravanserai in Turkey, reflecting the architectural heritage of ancient trade routes.)

Dinner will be included. In the evening, we recommend attending a dervish dance performance at the cultural center.

Day 10: DAY 10: KONYA - EGRIDIR - PAMUKKALE

We'll journey along a scenic route between the lakes, arriving at **Egridir**, a charming town by a large lake, known for its historic walls and mosques.



(Scenic aerial view of Lake E?irdir featuring the lakeside town and surrounding mountain landscape in Turkey.)

You'll have time to enjoy lunch here. Next, we'll continue to **Hierapolis-Pamukkale**, where the mineral-rich waters have formed the stunning **Cotton Palace** (tickets included). **Dinner will be included**.

Day 11: DAY 11: PAMUKKALE - EPHESUS - KUSADASI

We'll start our day with a visit to **Ephesus**, where you'll have some free time to explore this ancient city of Asia Minor. Our journey will then take us to **Kusadasi**, a popular coastal town known for its lively atmosphere, bustling shops, and a quaint castle. **Dinner will be included**.



(Golden hour over Kusadasi, Turkey, featuring the scenic waterfront promenade and beautiful Aegean coastline.)

Note: During high season, from May through October, accommodations will be in Izmir. In this case, after visiting Ephesus, we'll head directly to Izmir on the Aegean coast, without making a stop in Kusadasi, and we'll enjoy a brief panoramic tour of the city. The following day, on our way to Istanbul, we'll make an additional stop in the charming traditional town of Balikesir, allowing time for lunch.

Day 12: DAY 12: KUSADASI - IZMIR - BURSA - ISTANBUL

We'll set off for **Izmir**, the third most populous city in Turkey, where our guide will lead a brief tour of this vibrant metropolis, known for being the most westernized and modern in the country. We'll then head inland, pausing for lunch along the way before arriving in **Bursa**.



(A stunning view of the historic Bursa Grand Mosque (Ulu Cami), one of the most iconic Ottoman landmarks in Bursa, Turkey.)

This historic city, the fourth largest in Turkey, boasts a UNESCO World Heritage Site in its center. Highlights include the traditional commercial districts, mosques, religious schools, public baths, and the renowned Green Mosque. We'll reach **Istanbul** by the end of the day.

Day 13: DAY 13: ISTANBUL

After breakfast, our journey will come to an end, leaving you with wonderful lasting memories.

Highlights

This **13-day** Turkey journey explores the rich history and diverse landscapes of Istanbul, including iconic sites like Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace, along with a scenic Bosphorus cruise. Travel to ancient Ephesus and coastal towns like Kusadasi and Marmaris, then continue to Antalya and the stunning landscapes of Cappadocia. Highlights include Pamukkale, the cultural city of Konya, and historic Bursa, offering a perfect blend of history, culture, scenic beauty, and unique experiences across Turkey.

Hotels

Hotels:

No. of Nights	Cities	Hotels
3	Istanbul	Movenpick Golden Horn or similar
1	Kusadasi	Le Bleu or similar
1	Marmaris	Yucelen or similar

1	Antalya	Falcon or similar
1	Nigde	Grand Hotel Nigde or similar
1	Cappadocia	Ramada Cappadocia or similar
1	Konya	Bera Konya or similar
1	Pamukkale	Spa Hotel Colossae Thermal or similar
1	Kusadasi	Le Bleu or similar
1	Istanbul	Movenpick Golden Horn or similar

Price in INR (EUR 3,124) (RoE: 1 EUR = 112.1 INR)

STARTING FROM INR 3,50,263 PER PERSON ON TWIN BASIS

Departure Dates

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Friday all year

Months	Dates
Apr-26	03, 10, 17, 24
May-26	01, 08, 15, 22, 29
Jun-26	05, 12, 19, 26
Jul-26	03, 10, 17, 24, 31
Aug-26	07, 14, 21, 28
Sep-26	04, 11, 18, 25

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Tour Includes

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with an English-speaking guide, basic travel insurance, a hotel, and a breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in:** Istanbul
- **Boat:** Along the Bosphorus in Istanbul, Lycian tombs in Dalyan
- **Evening transfer:** Taksim Square in Istanbul
- **Ticket admission:** Suleiman the Great Mosque and Topkapi Palace in Istanbul, House of the Virgin Mary; Basilica of St. John; Ruins of Ephesus, Roman theatre in Aspendos, Greek Temple of Apollo in Side, Gumusler Monastery; Kaymakli Underground City; Goreme Valley; Uchisar, Ihlara Valley, Caravanserai; Mevlana Mausoleum in Konya, Pamukkale – Hierapolis, House of the Virgin MaryM; Basilica of St. John; Ruins of Ephesus
- **8 dinners included in:** Kusadasi, Marmaris, Antalya, Nigde, Cappadocia, Konya, Pamukkale, Kusadasi

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