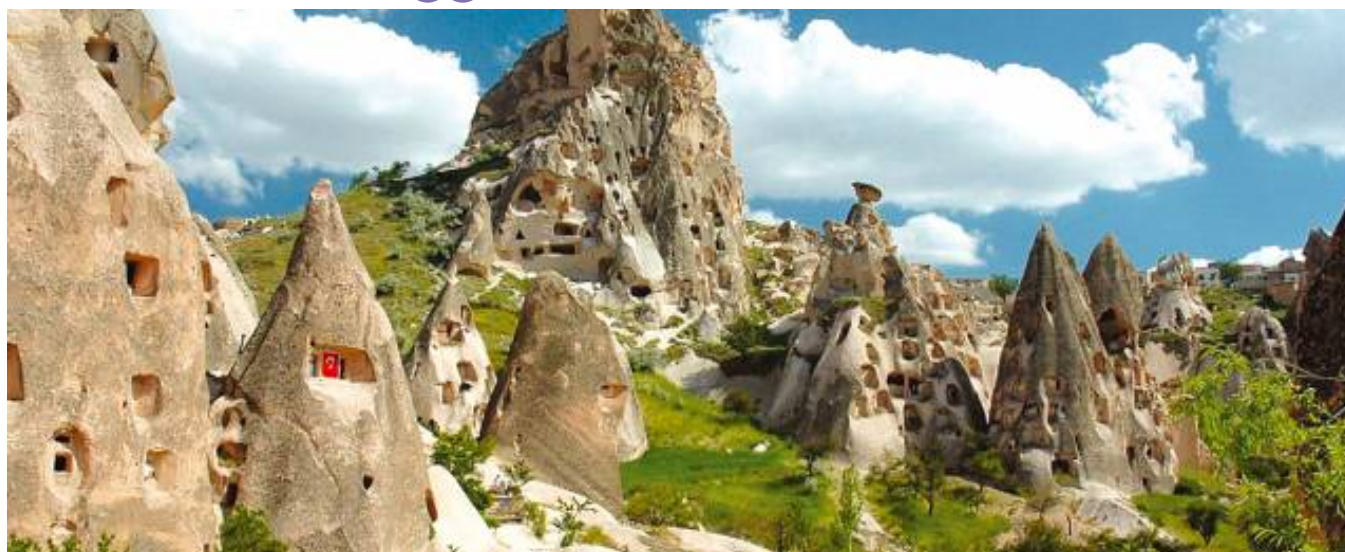


Turkey Unplugged 10 Days



Explore Istanbul and its bazaars and grand Mosques, wander round the battlefields of Gallipoli, see Roman ruins, the beautiful Aegean Coast, Pamukkale and the jewel in Turkey's crown - Cappadocia, with its amazing underground cities and whimsical landscape.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Istanbul / Ends in: Istanbul
- Departs: Saturdays - year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:9, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 5
- Hotel Rating: 4 star & Special Class
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1: Welcome to Turkey!

Saturday. Welcome to Turkey and the start of your holiday. Included arrival transfer to our hotel. Spend the afternoon at leisure or head out to explore the city. Istanbul is easy to get around on foot and there are plenty of restaurants and cafes dotted about the city. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)

Day 2: The Old City

Enjoy a tour of the Old City from where the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires were ruled. We'll visit the stunning Blue Mosque famed for its blue Iznik tiles, Hippodrome, Hagia Sofia - constructed as a Basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian and Topkapi Palace. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)



Day 3:

Istanbul – Gallipoli. Today we explore ANZAC Cove and the many memorials dotted across the WW1 battlefields. Our guided tour takes in sights such as ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine Memorial and cemetery, Chunuk Bair Memorial and cemetery, the Nek, Johnston's Jolly and the many fortified trenches still clearly visible amongst the scrub after all these years. Overnight - [Canakkale](#)



Day 4:

Gallipoli – Kusadasi. This morning we enjoy a short guided tour of

Troy! The legend of the lost city of Troy and Homer's poetry was brought alive by its rediscovery in 1863. Subsequent excavations revealed 9 ancient cities, one on top of the other, dating back to 3000 BC! We enjoy a tour of the ruins and bear witness to a replica of the stoic Trojan wooden horse that, as the story goes, was filled to the gunnels with Achaean soldiers who helped sack Troy.

Driving further south to the ancient ruins of Pergamum, home to one of the steepest, vertigo-inducing amphitheatres in the classical world. Pergamum was also famous for its Asclepion (medical centre). We continue to Kusadasi on the Aegean Coast via a leather manufacturing house. Overnight - [Kusadasi](#)



Day 5: Ancient Ephesus

Today, we explore legendary Ephesus - positively the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. Ephesus, under the Romans was a vast city with a population nearing 250,000, revelling in prosperity from commerce and visiting pilgrims who came to see its great Temple of Artemis - one of the Seven Ancient Wonders.

We have plenty of time to tour the marble ruins of Ephesus. Be sure to see the famous Library of Celsus, the gymnasium of Vedius, Stadium, and the Great Theatre. We'll see ancient public toilets, a brothel, fountains and various temples. We also visit a carpet manufacturing house. Overnight - [Kusadasi](#)



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Day 6: Pamukkale Thermal Pools

Kusadasi – Pamukkale. Driving east, we arrive at Pamukkale - home of the famous gleaming white calcium terraced pools. Known locally as the Cotton Castles, they are a natural phenomena and gift of Mother Nature. Pamukkale was formed when warm, calcium rich mineral water cascaded over the cliff edge, cooling and depositing in the process. The calcium built natural shelves and pools on the cliffs, known as travertines. Take a barefoot walk along the traverines or opt for a dip in the warm waters of the Pamukkale Thermal pool, with its submerged fragments of fluted marble columns. Our last stop for the day is the ruined spa town of Hierapolis, famed for the curative powers of mineral springs, dammed to create communal baths. Overnight - [Pamukkale](#)



Day 9: Ataturk's Mausoleum

Cappadocia - Istanbul. Via Ankara - the nation's capital, we visit the mausoleum of Mustafa Ataturk - the father of modern Turkey, before continuing to Istanbul. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)

Day 10: Istanbul

Monday. After breakfast your tour draws to a close. Onward departure transfers to Ataturk International Airport are offered complimentary at 11am and 1:30pm today. Happy travels!

Days 7 - 8: Fairytale Cappadocia

Pamukkale - Cappadocia. On our drive to Cappadocia, we visit some ancient caravanserais such as Sultanhanı caravanserai. Tonight (day 7) why not join us on an optional and fun Turkish evening out.

On day 8, after breakfast and a good night's rest, we enjoy a guided tour of Cappadocia - perhaps the jewel in Turkey's crown. Cappadocia is one of Turkey's most extraordinary national treasures. The utter improbability of the seemingly surreal landscape has to be seen to be believed with its 'stuff of fables' cave dwellings and phallic 'fairy chimneys' landscape. Whole troglodyte villages, subterranean churches and fortresses have been hewn from the soft, porous, eerily eroded rock of Cappadocia. The crumbling legacy of persecuted Christians trying to escape the Muslim onslaught in 1st-10th centuries AD by effectively heading underground is one of Turkey's finest attractions. A guided tour of the region takes us to the World – Heritage listed site of the Göreme Valley where you'll see stunning examples of rock-cut Byzantine churches, chapels and temples and Zelve with its phallic-like eroded landscape. This evening, we enjoy dinner at the hotel. Overnight - [Cappadocia](#)

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - old city, Istanbul, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia, Basilica Underground Cistern and Topkapı Palace
- Gallipoli Peninsular - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair memorials, Gallipoli Museum, trenches and battlefields
- Troy - Trojan horse and ruins
- Aegean Coast
- Carpet weaving and leather manufacturing houses
- Roman ruins of Pergamum and Ephesus
- Pamukkale thermal pools and Roman Hierapolis
- Konya - Mevlana Whirling Dervish Museum
- Silk Road and ancient caravanserais
- Cappadocia region, Goreme Valley and underground city
- Ankara - Ataturk's Mausoleum

What's Included

- 9 breakfasts and 5 dinners
- 9 nights 4 star and special class hotels

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- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 of tour and departure transfer (to Ataturk International Airport) at 11am & 1.30pm on day 10
- Guided sightseeing - Istanbul, Gallipoli, Troy, Ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum, Pamukkale, Hierapolis, Konya and Cappadocia
- Escorted by an English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tip for your tour guide and driver. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller as a tip for your guide and \$2 USD per day for your driver. Tipping your guide and driver is an entirely personal gesture.
- International flights and visa
- Entrance Fees: \$130 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$30 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Oil Wrestling Championships - July 2012 - USD \$249

Every year since 1640 Turkey's best wrestlers, men and boys, gather and lather up for the oldest wrestling contest in the world. Competitors pair off, grappling and struggling to gain a grip on their opponent. Tactical moves include a hand down the side of the pants trick and the common schoolboy 'wedgie' (grab, lift, flip and throw) to pin ones opponent to the ground! The winner goes on to fight another winner, and so on, until there is only one wrestler left standing.

Join us at the Kirkpınar Oil Wrestling Championships on Saturday 07 July 2012, perfectly timed with the commencement of our Aegean Explorer, Istanbul to the Med, Turkey Unplugged, Turkey & Tutankhamen and Turkey Discovered tours starting on this date.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,199

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are

guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers. 09 NOVEMBER 2012 DEPARTURE. This special Turkey Unplugged tour starts on a Friday and concludes on a Sunday. Our tour incorporates arrangements for Remembrance Day, where on November 11th we make our way to the battlefields of Gallipoli to pay our respects and attend the moving Remembrance Day Commemorations.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
26 MAY - 04 JUN	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
02 JUN - 11 JUN	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
23 JUN - 02 JUL	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
07 JUL - 16 JUL	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
14 JUL - 23 JUL	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
21 JUL - 30 JUL	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
28 JUL - 06 AUG	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
04 AUG - 13 AUG	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
11 AUG - 20 AUG	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
18 AUG - 27 AUG	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
25 AUG - 03 SEP	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
08 SEP - 17 SEP	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
15 SEP - 24 SEP	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
22 SEP - 01 OCT	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
29 SEP - 08 OCT	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
06 OCT - 15 OCT	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
13 OCT - 22 OCT	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
20 OCT - 29 OCT	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
27 OCT - 05 NOV	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
03 NOV - 12 NOV	USD \$1,299	USD \$549
09 NOV - 18 NOV	USD \$1,299	USD \$549
17 NOV - 26 NOV	USD \$1,299	USD \$549
01 DEC - 10 DEC	USD \$1,299	USD \$549
22 DEC - 31 DEC	USD \$1,599	USD \$549

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
05 JAN - 14 JAN	USD \$1,199	USD \$549
19 JAN - 28 JAN	USD \$1,199	USD \$549
16 FEB - 25 FEB	USD \$1,199	USD \$549
09 MAR - 18 MAR	USD \$1,299	USD \$549
23 MAR - 01 APR	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
30 MAR - 08 APR	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
06 APR - 15 APR	USD \$1,599	USD \$549

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04 MAY - 13 MAY	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
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28 SEP - 07 OCT	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
05 OCT - 14 OCT	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
12 OCT - 21 OCT	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
19 OCT - 28 OCT	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
26 OCT - 04 NOV	USD \$1,599	USD \$549
02 NOV - 11 NOV	USD \$1,299	USD \$549
16 NOV - 25 NOV	USD \$1,299	USD \$549
07 DEC - 16 DEC	USD \$1,299	USD \$549
28 DEC - 06 JAN	USD \$1,599	USD \$549

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
4 star Pre-Tour Accommodation	USD \$109	USD \$50
4 star Post-Tour Accommodation	USD \$109	USD \$50

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

Metin Was an excellent guide & clearly very passionable about his work.

[Mr Scott Thornton , Jan 2012](#)

Good tour - food & accomodation was better than I expected. Very knowledgable & friendly. Great sightseeing & activities programme. Really enjoyed my 10 days in Turkey!

[Ms Nikita Ericksen , Jan 2012](#)

This was an excellent way to see + experience su much of Turkey. Metin Was an excellent guide, providing both interesting historical information + handy hints + tips that reflected his many years of experience.

[Mrs Marissa Bertram , Jan 2012](#)

Our tour guide was fantastic. Very knowledgable, seemed to really enjoy his job. Very funny. Gave us enough time to explore all areas. Metin made our tour extra special + more enjoyable.

[Ms Kristy Marx , Jan 2012](#)

Hi Ryan, Thanks, it was a lot of fun. This was my first tour and I was a bit afraid I might be the youngest person there or that things might be slow. But there was a great mix of people and sites. The quality of the bus and hotels was generally very good. Also, I'd especially like to let you know how pleased I was with the guide (Kamal) and driver (Fihkrit--spelling might be incorrect). They were really excellent--efficient, safe, well-organized, and able to deal with any kind of situation. I would certainly go on another tour with them. Regards,

[Sarah Fowler , Jan 2012](#)

I really enjoyed seeing so much of Turkey. I was very excited about all of the history on the tour. Metin was excellent as a tour guide, very funny approachable and friendly.

[Mr Luke Bertram , Jan 2012](#)

Hello Sharon, We had a great time in Turkey on the 'Turkey Unplugged' tour. Everything went smoothly, our tour guide was superb, as was our driver. The hotel accommodation was first class; clean and comfortable with great service and the coach was extremely comfortable. The itinerary was well-planned and we really enjoyed the sites at Troy, Ephesus and in Cappadocia. We also experienced the balloon flight and would recommend this to future participants. We found the local people to be friendly and we had a really nice group of travelling companions with which to share the holiday. Thank you once again. We would definitely consider travelling with 'On the Go Tours' at some future date.

[Norman Blow, Aug 2011](#)



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This tour of Turkey was fantastic, which is why I have booked with this company again. Each day was jam-packed with something different, and we covered many places in such a short time. The group size was perfect, and the tour guide was friendly, knowledgeable, and very helpful. Overall, it was an extremely memorable experience and worth every cent.

Miss Katherine Pijper, Aug 2011

