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Treasures of Turkey – 13 Days + 5 Day Greece

(cad 6495.00 inc tax)

Travel Date: Sep 23 TO OCT 10, 2027

SEP 23 Day 1: North America to Turkey

Enjoy an overnight flight to Turkey Istanbul airport.

SEP 24 DAY 2: Arrive in Istanbul (N/A)

Upon the arrival at Istanbul airport, you will meet our local tour guide. Then you will be transferred to the hotel and finish check-in. The rest of day will be at your own leisure.

Optional dinner show on the Bosphorus (CAD$130p.p): the best way to enjoy a traditional Turkish dinner on an evening cruise down the Bosphorus! See the suspension bridges of Istanbul as they twinkle in the evening light. Enjoy Turkish music and delicious dinner and two drinks per person. Overnight in Istanbul.

SEP 25 Day 3: Istanbul (B)

Spend your day delving into Istanbul, the only city that straddles two continents, where modern and ancient coexist. Your tour includes a short briefing, and the picture stop at the courtyard of the Blue Mosque, a 17th century Ottoman Mosque famous for its six minarets and magnificent interior made of blue tiles. Continue to the Hippodrome, an ancient Grecian stadium for horse racing and chariot racing during the Roman period.

This afternoon, you may choose to join the Optional Half Day Istanbul with St. Sophia & Underground Cistern (CAD$200, Min. 10 Guests). This tour's highlights include the Underground Cistern - water source of the Byzantine and Ottoman periods. Then visit St. Sophia, the great Byzantine Basilica built in the 6th century, which remained the largest cathedral in the world for almost a thousand years, it was later converted to a mosque. Overnight in Istanbul.

SEP 26 DAY 4: Istanbul – Safranbolu (Scenic drive on 6.5 hour) (B,D)

Travel through the majestic Mountains en route to Safranbolu, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll through its charming Old Town, where cobblestone lanes wind past tightly packed, timber-framed Ottoman mansions—many now restored as boutique hotels and restaurants. Overnight in Safranbolu.

SEP 27 DAY 5: Safranbolu - Cappadocia (B,D)

After breakfast continue to Cappadocia. A region of surreal rock formations and incredible cultural heritage, Cappadocia is home to rock cut temples, ancient underground cities, and unparalleled landscapes. Visit "Fairy Chimney"- its iconic volcanic cones. The thick clusters of rosy rock take on peculiar shapes-look for a dolphin, Napoleon's hat, or the Virgin Mary as you gaze upon them. Your guide explains how the formations were naturally carved. You may also see the remarkable mushroom-shaped, chimney like rock formations that monks used as shelters, and get the chance to climb inside one to visit the quarters within. Visit a ceramic workshop and a stone atelier to witness timeless artistry.

Optional Turkish Night in Cappadocia (CAD$140 per person, Min. 10 Guests)

Experience a lively evening of traditional entertainment, featuring folk dances from across Turkey and the iconic belly dance performance. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere, enjoy the colorful costumes and music, and celebrate the region's rich cultural heritage. The show includes unlimited alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the night. Overnight in Cappadocia.

SEP 28 DAY 6: Cappadocia (B)

Hot Air Balloon Optional ride (CAD$500 per person)

Float for about one hour over Cappadocia's magical terrain, celebrate with a non-alcoholic drink, and receive a personalized flight certificate. Minimum age: 6 years. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience as you float above fairy chimneys, volcanic valleys, and rock-hewn churches, watching the sunrise /paint the landscape in golden hues. (If weather not permitted, will reschedule to afternoon or next morning.)

Breakfast at the hotel. By mid-morning, set out to explore the dramatic landscapes of Cappadocia, sculpted over three million years by volcanic eruptions. Visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum, a Byzantine monastic complex adorned with vivid frescoes, before heading to the enchanting valleys of Avcilar, and Güvercinlik, famous for their surreal "Fairy Chimneys."

Later, optional to visit the Kaymakli Underground City (CAD80 per person).The city has many strata made up of volcanic granite. Its larger areas are connected to each other by tunnels. The underground city had a built-in communication system of pipes on each of its levels, which had no such systems. Each carved out room had ventilation provided by holes when the city was closed against enemies.

Stop at a local carpet workshop before transfer back to hotel, where the region's rich weaving traditions come to life.

SEP 29 DAY 7: Cappadocia - Konya (B,D)

Drive to visit Ancient Caravanserai (TepesiDelikhan), a caravanserai was a roadside inn where travelers could rest and recover from the day's journey. Caravanserais supported the flow of commerce, information and people across the network of trade routes covering Asia, North Africa and Southeast Europe, most notably the Silk Road. Continue to MelvanaCelaleddin-i Rumi Mouseleum, which used to be the cloister for Mevlevi Dervishes. Mevlana was a philosopher and mystic of Islam, but not a Muslim of the orthodox type. His doctrine advocates unlimited tolerance, positive reasoning, goodness, charity and awareness through love. To him and to his disciples all religions are more or less truth. Looking with the same eye on Muslim, Jew and Christian alike, his peaceful and tolerant teaching has appealed to men of all sects and creeds. Conclude the day with dinner. Overnight stay in Konya.

Sep 30 DAY 08: Konya –Pamukkale(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to visit to the Ancient City of Hierapolis, a Hellenistic settlement renowned for its remarkable ruins and sacred hot springs. Continue to the breathtaking Cotton Castle, a dazzling natural wonder of cascading white terraces, mineral-rich pools, and striking stalactites—an otherworldly landscape shaped over centuries by flowing thermal waters. It's an ideal spot to capture unforgettable photos. Before heading to your hotel, enjoy a stop at a local textile workshop to see traditional craftsmanship. Conclude the day with dinner. Overnight stay in Pamukkale.

OCT 01 DAY 9: Pamukkale - Kusadasi (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Begin the day with a journey into the region's rich spiritual and cultural heritage. Visit Ancient City of Ephesus, once the capital of Asia Minor and among the best-preserved Greco-Roman cities. Walk through its storied streets and admire iconic landmarks such as the Temple of Hadrian, the Temple of Trajan, the impressive Theatre, and the grand Library of Celsus. Next, stop by a traditional artisan leather workshop to witness the craftsmanship and skill of local makers. Then transfer to Kusadasi.

OCT 10: Kusadasi (B,D)

Visit House of Virgin Mary, the belief that the Virgin Mary had spent her last days in the vicinity of Ephesus and that she had died there, focused attention on a nun named Anna Katherina Emmerich who had lived in the late 18th century (1774/1820). The efforts to find the house were greatly influenced by her detailed description of the Virgin Mary's coming to Ephesus, her life and her last home there and the characteristics of the city although she had never been to Ephesus. Visit The Basilica of St. John, it was constructed by Justinian in the 6th century. It stands over the believed burial site of John the Apostle. It was modeled after the now lost Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople. Overnight in Kusadasi

OCT 03 ,Day 11: Kusadasi - Pergamum - Canakkale (B,D)

This morning, drive to Pergamum, a powerful kingdom during the ancient Hellenistic period. You will discover Pergamon (Asklepion), an important cultural centre and the eastern capital of the Roman Empire. Asklepion, the ancient Roman spa center. In the afternoon, travel to Canakkale. Conclude the day with dinner and an overnight stay at your hotel.

OCT 04,Day 12: Canakkale - Troy - Istanbul (B)

This morning, proceed to the legendary Archaeological Site of Troy. Step back in time among its ancient ruins and relive the epic saga of the Trojan War, immortalized in Homer's Iliad. Afterward, continue to Istanbul. Upon arrival, visit Famous Grand Bazaar which is one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world attracting millions of visitors annually. Overnight in Istanbul.

OCT 05, Day 13: Istanbul - North America (B)

After breakfast transfer from the Istanbul hotel to the airport.

Flight to Athens

Transfer to Hotel

OCT 06, D14 Athens Half-Day Tour (Seat-in Coach Tour)

Breakfast in the hotel. Pickup from the hotel for your half day morning tour. See Syntagma Square, the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Athens Academy, the University, the National Library and the Hadrian's Arch. Pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus and visit the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896. On the Acropolis visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the Parthenon. Continue and visit the place where at last the statues found their home and admire the wonders of the classical era, the museum of Acropolis. At the end of the tour, drop off at the hotel or at the city centre. Remainder of the day at own leisure. Overnight in Athens.

Meal: Breakfast

OCT 07,DAY 15 Athens – Santorini

(Private transfer hotel to port / Speed boat / Shared Transfer Port to hotel)

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer the pier and take the speed boat to the island of Santorini. Meet at Santorini port and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Santorini Hotel.

OCT 08,DAY 16 Santorini Free Day

Meal: Breakfast

OCT 09 DAY17 Santorini - Athens

(Shared transfer hotel to port / Speed boat / Private Transfer Port to hotel)

Breakfast in the hotel and enjoy your free leisure time in Santorini. Transfer to port in the afternoon and take high speed ferry to Athens. Overnight in Athens.

Meal: Breakfast

OCT 10 DAY 18 Athens Departure (Private Transfer)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Meal: Breakfast

Price Includes:

- 11 nights of hotel accommodation at the listed hotels or similar in Turkey based on twin-sharing occupancy.
- 5 nights' accommodation in Greece.
- Services of English-speaking tour guides.
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary. (daily breakfast and 7 dinner)
- Entrance fees (stated as admission is included in the itinerary)
- International airfare and transfers

Price Does Not Include:

- Visa fees
- Prepaid Tipping: CAD$330P.P
- Optional programs
- Insurance of any kind
- Meals, Transfers, Tours, Services Not Shown in the Program.
- Personal expenditures such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

Booking Procedure:

- First Deposit : CAD$1000 per person, non-refundable, due at time of booking
- Final Payment: The remaining balance and complete passport information are due 90 days before departure.

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- Payment Method:

  Cash / Cheque / Direct Deposit / Credit Card with 4% merchant fee apply