

Best of Turkey 7-Night: Istanbul, Cappadocia & Ephesus Highlights

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Destination
Turkey



Duration
7 Nights 8 Days



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Rs. 1,25,000 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↪ **Istanbul · 3N**

↪ **Cappadocia · 3N**

↪ **Selçuk / Ephesus · 1N**

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Overview

Discover Turkey with this carefully crafted Turkey tour package ideal for families and groups seeking culture, history, and unforgettable landscapes. This 7 nights / 8 days Turkey Family package blends the imperial charm of Istanbul, the lunar landscapes of Cappadocia, and the ancient wonders of Ephesus—all with comfortable family-friendly hotels and guided experiences.

Highlights:

- Istanbul: Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque & Grand Bazaar
- Bosphorus Cruise: Scenic strait crossing Asia & Europe
- Cappadocia: Hot-air balloon views, Göreme Open-Air Museum & fairy chimneys
- Ephesus: Well-preserved Roman ruins and the House of Virgin Mary
- Family-friendly activities and relaxed pacing for children and seniors

Tip: Hot-air balloon rides are weather dependent and are offered as an optional experience.

This itinerary targets keywords like "Turkey tour package", "Turkey Family tour package", and "Turkey Family package" for strong search visibility while delivering a balanced, memorable vacation.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Included:
- ✓ Accommodation for 7 nights in carefully selected family-friendly hotels (3 nights in Istanbul, 3 nights in Cappadocia, 1 night in Selçuk/Ephesus) with daily breakfast
- ✓ Domestic flights as per itinerary: Istanbul–Cappadocia and Cappadocia–Izmir
- ✓ Airport transfers and all intercity transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle
- ✓ Professional English-speaking local guides and entrance fees to sites listed
- ✓ Guided Bosphorus cruise and Ephesus guided tour
- ✓ One welcome dinner in Istanbul
- ✓ All local taxes and service charges
- ✓ This package is tailored as a Turkey Family Retreat tour package and ideal for multigenerational travel.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Not included:
- ✗ International flights to/from Turkey and visa fees
- ✗ Travel insurance and personal expenses
- ✗ Meals not specified (lunches and some dinners)
- ✗ Optional activities (hot-air balloon ride, ATV tours, horseback riding, some specialty workshops)
- ✗ Tips and gratuities for guides and drivers
- ✗ Airport departure taxes if applicable

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Istanbul & Evening Welcome

Arrive at Istanbul Airport and transfer to your hotel. Settle in and relax after your flight. In the evening enjoy a short orientation walk near Sultanahmet and a welcome dinner featuring regional Turkish cuisine.

Comfortable, family-friendly hotel in central Sultanahmet included.

Day

2

Historic Istanbul: Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque & Topkapi Palace

Full-day guided exploration of Istanbul's Imperial Peninsula. Visit the magnificent Hagia Sophia, the serene Blue Mosque, and Topkapi Palace with its Ottoman treasures. After lunch, stroll through the atmospheric Basilica Cistern and enjoy free time at the Grand Bazaar for shopping and local snacks.

Children will enjoy the palace courtyards and interactive storytelling during the tour.

Day

3

Bosphorus Cruise, Spice Market & Modern Istanbul

Morning Bosphorus cruise to admire the skyline that bridges Asia and Europe. Disembark to visit the vibrant Spice Bazaar, then explore the modern districts of Taksim and Istiklal Avenue for cafes and family-friendly shops. Evening optional dinner at a Bosphorus-view restaurant.

Bosphorus cruise is a calm activity suitable for all ages.

Day

4

Fly to Cappadocia & Göreme Open-Air Museum

Transfer to the airport for your morning flight to Cappadocia. On arrival, visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum, a UNESCO site with rock-cut churches and frescoes. Check in to your cave-style hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure with an optional sunset viewpoint visit.

Staying in a cave hotel is a highlight—rooms are cozy and unique, great for family photos.

Day

5

Cappadocia Adventure: Balloons, Valleys & Underground Cities

Optional early-morning hot-air balloon ride (book in advance) for spectacular aerial views over fairy chimneys. Later, explore Derinkuyu or Kaymakli Underground City and hike through scenic valleys such as Devrent (Imagination Valley) and Pasabag (Monk's Valley). Enjoy a pottery demonstration in Avanos.

Balloon rides are optional and weather dependent; family members may opt out and relax at the hotel.

Day

6

Cultural Walks & Free Time in Cappadocia

Visit Uchisar Castle for panoramic views, then explore local handicraft workshops. Afternoon at leisure for optional activities: ATV tours, horseback riding, or a family cooking class featuring Turkish recipes.

This day offers flexibility—perfect for families who need rest or want extra activities.

Day

7

Fly to Izmir & Ephesus Ancient City Tour

Fly from Cappadocia to Izmir; transfer to Selçuk for a guided tour of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved Roman cities in the Mediterranean. Highlights include the Library of Celsus, the Great Theatre, and the Terrace Houses. Finish with a visit to the House of Virgin Mary and the Ephesus Archaeology Museum.

Ephesus features uneven ancient streets—comfortable walking shoes recommended.

Day

8

Departure from Izmir

After breakfast, transfer to Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport for your onward flight. If time permits, enjoy a short walk through the seaside town of Kusadasi or a coffee in Izmir center.

End of services — safe travels and compliments from your Turkey Family Retreat tour package team.

🔍 Frequently Asked Questions

❓ **What is the best time to visit Turkey and what weather can I expect?**

The best time to visit Turkey is during the shoulder seasons: April–June and September–October, when temperatures range from 18–28°C with pleasant weather ideal for sightseeing. Summer (June–August) is perfect for coastal areas but can be hot inland, with temperatures reaching 30–38°C. Winter (December–March) is excellent for skiing and fewer crowds, but central regions like Cappadocia can be very cold (–5 to 5°C) with snow. Istanbul experiences a temperate climate year-round. Spring offers blooming tulips and mild weather, while autumn provides clear skies perfect for photography and hot-air ballooning. Coastal areas remain warm through October, making it ideal for extended beach time.

❓ **How can I reach Turkey from India and what are the main airports?**

Most Indian travelers reach Turkey by air, with frequent direct and one-stop flights from major Indian cities. The main gateway is Istanbul Airport (IST) on the European side, with Sabiha Gökçen (SAW) on the Asian side as an alternative. Other key airports include Antalya (AYT) for beach destinations, Izmir (ADB) for Ephesus, and Kayseri (ASR) or Nevşehir (NAV) for Cappadocia. Airlines like Turkish Airlines, Air India, and Gulf carriers offer good connections via Dubai, Doha, or direct routes. Flight time is typically 6–8 hours direct or 8–12 hours with one stop. Book in advance for better deals, especially during peak seasons (summer and festivals).

❓ **What are the visa requirements for Indian citizens visiting Turkey?**

Indian passport holders generally need a visa to enter Turkey. Many Indians apply through VFS Global centers in major Indian cities for a tourist visa. Some may be eligible for an e-Visa if they hold valid US, UK, or Schengen visas, but eligibility criteria change frequently. The process typically takes 5–10 working days and requires documents like passport photos, bank statements, hotel bookings, and return flight tickets. Visa fees vary based on duration and type. It's crucial to check the official Turkish Embassy website or consulate for current requirements, as policies update regularly. Apply well in advance of your travel dates to avoid any delays.

❓ **What are the best local transportation options within Turkey?**

Turkey offers excellent transportation networks. In Istanbul, use the rechargeable Istanbulkart for metro, tram, buses, and ferries, including the cross-continental Marmaray train. Dolmuş (shared minibuses) are economical for short distances. For intercity travel, comfortable buses with reclining seats connect all major destinations. High-speed trains (YHT) link Istanbul–Ankara–Konya efficiently. Domestic flights are affordable for longer distances, especially to Cappadocia. Taxis are metered in cities; use official stands and ensure the meter runs. Car rental is popular for coastal drives, but requires an International Driving Permit. Ride-hailing apps operate in major cities. For scenic routes like the Turquoise Coast, consider renting a car for maximum flexibility.

❓ **What are the best accommodation options and areas to stay in Turkey?**

Turkey offers diverse accommodation from luxury resorts to boutique cave hotels. In Istanbul, stay in Sultanahmet for historic sites, Beyoğlu/Galata for nightlife, or Kadıköy for local culture. Luxury options include Çırağan Palace Kempinski and Four Seasons Sultanahmet. Cappadocia is famous for unique cave hotels like Museum Hotel and Argos in Cappadocia, offering authentic experiences in Göreme or Uçhisar. Antalya's Belek area features all-inclusive beach resorts like Maxx Royal and Regnum Carya. For coastal charm, Bodrum offers boutique hotels and beach clubs. Budget travelers can find quality pensions and hostels throughout. Book cave hotels in Cappadocia well in advance, especially for balloon season (April–October).

❓ **What are the must-visit attractions and places in Turkey?**

Turkey's top attractions span ancient history and natural wonders. Istanbul's highlights include Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Topkapı Palace, Grand Bazaar, and a Bosphorus cruise. Cappadocia offers surreal landscapes, cave churches at Göreme Open–Air Museum, and hot–air balloon rides. Pamukkale's white travertine terraces and ancient Hierapolis are UNESCO–listed. Ephesus near Izmir showcases magnificent Roman ruins including the Library of Celsus. Antalya combines beach relaxation with historic Kaleiçi old town. The Turquoise Coast features Ölüdeniz's blue lagoon and Butterfly Valley. Don't miss Göbekli Tepe near Şanlıurfa, the world's oldest temple complex. Each region offers distinct experiences, from Byzantine churches to Roman theaters and Ottoman palaces.

❓ **What Turkish food and cuisine should I try during my visit?**

Turkish cuisine offers incredible variety, especially for vegetarians. Must-try dishes include various kebabs (Adana, İskender), pide and lahmacun flatbreads, and extensive meze platters with hummus, ezme, and stuffed vine leaves. Vegetarian favorites include gözleme (stuffed flatbread), menemen (tomato–egg scramble), mercimek çorbası (lentil soup), and imam bayıldı (stuffed eggplant). Coastal areas excel in fresh seafood like grilled sea bass. Don't miss Turkish breakfast with cheese, olives, honey, and fresh bread. Sweet treats include baklava (especially from Gaziantep), künefe, and Turkish delight. Drink strong Turkish coffee, endless çay (tea), and refreshing ayran (yogurt drink). Many dishes are naturally vegetarian, and Turkish hospitality ensures dietary needs are accommodated.

★ **Traveller Reviews**



Nishant Narayan

★★★★★ 5/5

A Wonderful Culinary Exploration

The culinary exploration was fantastic! I fell in love with Turkish delights!



Yashwant Jain

★★★★☆ 4/5

Art & Culture Snapshot

Great for those who want a snapshot of Turkey's arts and culture! Definitely worthwhile.



Sakshi Verma

★★★★★ 5/5

Lovely Weather and Scenery

The weather during my trip was perfect. The scenery just made everything better!



Bhupendra Singh

★★★★★ 5/5

Unmatched Architectural Wonders

The architectural wonders of Istanbul are simply unmatched. Each mosque tells a different story.



Tanvi Soni

★★★★★ 5/5

Aleppo Pepper and Spices Tour

The spice bazaar was delightful! Came back with an assortment of spices. Can't wait to cook!

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