

## PRIVATE TURKEY TOUR FOR AVIK

### PROGRAM

#### Day 1: Welcome to Turkey (07 Apr 2020 Tuesday @ 9:10PM)

We welcome you at Istanbul Airport. Transfer to the hotel.  
Overnight at 3 star hotel in Istanbul

#### Day 2: Discover Old City Istanbul (8 Apr 2020 Wednesday)

Welcome to Istanbul, the heart of the history, culture, and entertainment! The city has a variety of must see places to see but we will just highlight Istanbul in two days. Starting at Sultanahmet Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia, let's deepend our tour with Topkapi Palace. Then, move to Bayazit Mousque, Beyazit Square, and Suleymaniye Mosque. Then, Stop at ancient Grand Bazaar for shopping and see its beautiful arts! If we still have time, let's go to Taksim Square and walk across famous Istiklal Street to Galata Tower. Then, let's move to airport to transfer Izmir. Overnight at 3 star hotel in Istanbul

#### Day 3: Enjoy Istanbul (9 Apr 2020 Thursday)

Today lets drive to Bosphorus and take a Bosphorus boat tour. See the magnificent architecture of Istanbul from different views. Pass by Dolmabahçe Palace, Çırağan Palace, Rumeli Fortress, Anatolia Fortress, and Maiden's tower. Let's go to local bazaar and shop there. After that let us move to Çamlica Terrace to see the beautiful view of Istanbul from Çamlica Hill. See the new biggest mosque with the classical and modern architecture in Çamlica. Transfer to the hotel and have rest.

Overnight at 3 star hotel in Istanbul

#### Day 4: Bodrum, Didim (10 Apr 2020 Friday)

Early morning flight @7:15 am to Bodrum.  
Visit Bodrum beaches, Castle and marina. Visit Mausoleum of Halicarnassus.  
Then, drive to beautiful beaches and historical sites at Didim. Then drive to Kusadasi.  
Overnight at 3 star hotel in Kusadasi

#### Day 5: Ephesus and Pamukkale (11 Apr 2020 Saturday)

First, let's have a quick visit to Kusadasi PigionCastle. Then, move ancient city of Ephesus which was the Roman Capital. See various UNESCO listed ruins such as Temple Of Hadrian, Celsus Library, and the Great Theatre, Public Latrines and Roman Baths. Have a walk through grand Arcadian Avenue and hang around Agora. Visit Cave of Seven Sleepers in Ephesus. Then visit St. John Church, Selcuk Castle and Isabey mosque and visit House of Virgin Mary where she spent her last 5 years, which is recognized by Vatican as pilgrimage destination for Christians, visited by Pope Leo XII and Benedict XVI. Stop by Temple of Artemis and move to visit Pammukkale. We will also visit the ancient city Hierapolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The hot springs there have been used as a spa since the 2nd century BC, and people came to soothe their ailments, with many of them retiring or dying here. The large necropolis is filled with sarcophagi, including the Sarcophagus of Marcus Aurelius  
Overnight at 3-4 star hotel at Pammukkale.

#### Day 6: Fethiye Oludeniz Saklikent Kas (12 Apr 2020 Sunday)

Drive along the coastal to see the beaches of Fethiye. Then, visit the Lycian rock tombs. Move to Oludeniz blue lagoon. Drive to Saklikent gorge. Then drive to Kas.

Overnight at 3-4 star hotel at Kas

**Day 7: Explore ancient cities in Antalya (13 Apr 2020 Monday)**

Drive to Antalya. Visit Kaleici, Hadrian's Gate, Yivli Minaret Mosque. Then, let's have a city tour in Antalya and take breath at Duden waterfall. . Then move to Perge that holds the vast remains of most prosperous city of the ancient world with the arch of the Roman Gate, the Hellenistic Gate and richly designed remains of the city wall. Then, move to Aspendos Antic city. Explore Aspendos Ruins and Antic Theater with vestige of Roman architecture which is like Rome's own Colosseum. Later, visit Manavgat Waterfalls.

Overnight at 3-4 star hotel at Antalya

**Day 8: Explore Cappadocia (14 Apr 2020 Tuesday)**

Take morning flight to Kayseri @ 8:15AM. Transfer to Göreme. Visit Openair Göreme Museum where monastery, church, chapel, etc. exist. Now, it's time to visit Paşabağ and Devrent Valley to see the Fairy Chimneys closely. Visit Pigeon Valley with its lovely pigeons still living in pigeons houses, which has a wonderful view over Uchisar Castle. Finally, you will drive to Three Beauties Valley with its beautiful view over Urgup town famous with its wine factories. Then, stop at Güvercinlik Valley. Then, let's move to Kaymakli and Derinkuyu underground cities which were built because of mandatory situations with magnificent building arts. (If time allows, hike in beautiful Red Valley passing through Rose valley discovering beautiful rock churches, arriving to Cavusin village, one of the ancient settlement of the region with its cave houses)

Overnight at 3-4 star hotel at Cappadocia

**Day 9: Explore Cappadocia (15 Apr 2020 Wednesday)**

Enjoy magnificent balloon tour from the terrace of Goreme over Cappadocia!

Then, move to airport to fly to Istanbul @ 9:10AM. Take flight out of Istanbul (IST) @ 1PM.

**Included in the price:**

- Guide/driver,
- 3-4 star hotels
- All transfers
- Entrance fees to museum, national parks, ect.
- Health and travel insurances
- Breakfast
- Bosphorus boat tour

**Not Included:**

- Flight tickets,
- Lunches and dinners
- Hot Air Balloon ride