

TURKEY – CITY PACKAGES

Istanbul * Cappadocia

Day 01 Arrive Istanbul

Arrive Istanbul. Meet and transfer to hotel. Afternoon free at leisure. Evening enjoy relaxing **Bosphorus cruise**. Cruise by ornate Ottoman palaces and grand villas... See the skyline touched with great rounded domes aside elegant minarets. Watch the city lights dancing across the waters from Europe to Asia, fusing reflections of golds, reds and oranges. Visit **spice market** – Second largest covered shopping complex after the Grand bazaar. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Istanbul

After breakfast, we proceed to visit **St. Sophia** is considered one of the finest & most famous examples of Byzantine architecture in the world. Then visit **Byzantine Hippodrome** - was the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life, and the scene of games and riots through 500 years of Ottoman history as well. It's now a calm city park called the **At Meydani** (Horse Grounds) because of its function in Ottoman times. Facing one another across the park are the Blue Mosque and the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art. **Blue Mosque**, which has six minarets and a middle dome of 109 feet. Finally visit the **Grand Covered Bazaar**, which covers over 4,000 shops under one roof. Evening free at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Istanbul – Kayseri – Cappadocia

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport to take domestic flight to Kayseri. Arrive at the airport. Meet With representative and proceed to Cappadocia. Arrive Cappadocia and Visit **Kaymakli** or Derinkuyu Underground City – carved out of rock and completely self contained. More than 200 people lived on each of seven floors with the last one 250 feet underground. After this visit **citadel of Ortahisar** and the **old Cavusin Village** and its cave houses. Lunch followed by a walking tour of **Red Valley** and a visit to **Urgup Wine House**. Rest of the day free at leisure. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 04 Cappadocia

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour of Cappadocia. Visit **Dervent valley**, **Pasabagi Fairy Chimneys** and **Avanos Village**. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to visit **Pigeon Valley** and the natural **citadel of Uchisar**, followed by **Goreme Open-Air Museum**, which is full of pink, rose and white tapering columns. These tall free standing cones of stone curve and twist as if pulled from earth like taffy. Others are tall like fairy chimneys. The caves were settled in the 4th century as monasteries. Visit some caves on the cliffs to see Byzantine frescoes decorating early Christian churches. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 05 Cappadocia - Kayseri – Istanbul.

After breakfast, Return to Kayseri for the departure flight.