



Best of Turkey

Day 1: Fly / Istanbul (D)

Depart Chennai on **GF 069/20MAR to Bah to connect GF 043 to arrive Istanbul at 1335hrs** and transfer to your hotel - check-in time is 1400 hours. In the afternoon, depart for a half-day **Bosphorus Cruise**. Take in the sights and sounds of this legendary waterway lined with historic villages, grand wooden mansions, imposing fortresses, and the Baroque summer palaces of the late Ottoman sultans. After the cruise, visit the Spice Bazaar, a thrilling riot of colours, sounds, and the rich smells of exotic spices. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2: Istanbul / Ankara/ Cappadocia (B/L/D)

After breakfast transfer to the airport to catch the **08:00** hrs flight to Ankara on **TK 108**, capital of Turkey and one of the fastest growing cities in the world with a history dating back 3000 years. Upon arrival visit the **Anatolian Civilisations Museum** that also exhibits the remains of Catalhoyuk, the Neolithic village dating back to 6500 BC. Then, visit the **Mausoleum of Ataturk**, the founder of modern Turkey. After lunch at a local restaurant, your next destination is the mysterious Cappadocia. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day3: Cappadocia (B/L/D)

Sightseeing in this unique corner of the world. Visit Pasabag Valley and the natural citadel of Uchisar, followed by the Goreme Open-Air Museum, a mystical early Christian monastery. Visit caves on the cliffs to see Byzantine frescoes decorating early Christian churches. Later, drive to Kaymakli Underground City; carved out of rock and completely self contained. More than 200 people lived on each of seven floors with a total depth of 250 feet underground. After lunch, visit the picturesque town of Avanos, renowned for its pottery. Time for some shopping. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 4: Cappadocia / Konya / Pamukkale (B/L/D)

After breakfast transfer to Konya. On the way to Konya, visit a 13th century **Selcuk caravanserai "Sultanhan"**. See the **Tomb of Mevlana**, the great mystic poet and Islamic spiritual leader, who founded the sect of "Whirling Dervishes". After lunch, continue on to Pamukkale, known as the '**Cotton Castle**', rising above the fertile Menderes Valley. Hot mineral waters burst out of the earth and cascade over steep cliffs forming limestone pools, channels and stalactites. The therapeutic waters here were known to the founders of the ancient city of Hierapolis in 190 BC. Overnight in Pamukkale.

Day 5: Pamukkale / Kusadasi (B/L/D)

After breakfast stroll through the ruins of ancient **Hierapolis**, the Roman city, and transfer to Kusadasi. En route, lunch at a local restaurant then a visit to **Aphrodisias**, the ancient city dedicated to the goddess of love, Aphrodite. Overnight in Kusadasi.

Day 6: Kusadasi / Izmir / Istanbul (B/L/D)

After breakfast visit the ruins of **Ephesus**, which played a major role in the development of architecture, religion, governmental and economic systems and arts. **The Temple of Artemis** was one of the Seven Wonders of ancient world and centre of pagan religion for 15 centuries. Here Marc Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession, St. Paul preached in the **Great Theatre** and in a little house outside the city the Virgin Mary spent her last days. Transfer to the airport to catch the flight to Istanbul at **18:00 on TK 329**. Upon arrival transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Istanbul

Day 7: Istanbul (B/L/D)

After breakfast, depart for a full-day sightseeing tour of the Sultanahmet district at the heart of old Istanbul. Visit **St. Sophia** (On Mondays replaced by the Chora Church), built by Emperor Justinian in the 6th century AD, this church is one of the marvels of world architecture. Its massive dome dominates the skyline of old Istanbul. Next, visit the **Blue Mosque**, which owes its name to the exquisite tiles adorning its interior. Dating from the 17th century, it is the only imperial mosque

with six minarets. Walk through the **Hippodrome**, the stadium of the ancient Byzantium that once held 100,000 spectators and featured objects from all corners of the empire. **Indian Lunch** at a Local Restaurant. Visit **Topkapi Palace**. Finish the tour at the **Grand Bazaar**, the commercial heart of the old city with 4,000 shops full of treasures – including carpets and kilims, silks, jewellery, ceramics, icons and leather goods. Wandering through the Grand Bazaar, you may want to indulge in some shopping, Ottoman style. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 8: Istanbul / Fly (B)

After breakfast, free time until checkout (latest check-out time is 1200 hours). Then transfer to the airport to board flight GF 044/27 Mar at 1425 hrs arrive Bah at 1910hrs to connect at 2025 hrs to arrive Chennai 0325 hrs.

***** End of Services *****

Hotels envisaged:

Istanbul:Grand Hallic

Cappadocia:Dinier Resort

Pamukkale:Lycus River

Kusadasi:Pine May Marina

Inclusions

Air fare from Chennai

All taxes

Visa

Insurance for ages 55 and below

- 7 nights accommodation
- 7 breakfasts
- lunches as per itinerary
- dinners as per itinerary
- Return airport transfesrs
- Entrances
- portrage at hotel

Exclusions

- Personal expenses
- Drinks at meals
- Tips to the driver and the guide

SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:

- **MEET AND GREET** upon arrival by our representative .
- **24-HOUR ASSISTANCE HELPLINE.** All clients are provided with a 24-hour contact telephone number for assistance.

- **ACCOMMODATION** at the hotels, specified in the itinerary, on the basis of two persons sharing a twin-bedded / double bedded room with en suite bathroom, or shower and toilet. The attached quotation is based on the use of standard rooms at hotels unless specifically stated otherwise.
- **MEALS** as indicated in the itinerary for each day.
- **TRANSPORTATION** with a qualified driver, for all journeys specified in the itinerary. All drivers are equipped with cellular/ hand phones to ensure 24-hour contact and the best logistical support available.

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:

- Items of a personal nature, such as laundry, telephone calls, room service, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, etc.
- Gratuities to tour guides, , drivers and restaurant staff for services rendered.
- Any other services not specified above.

GENERAL NOTES:

- This is a quotation only and is subject to change.
- The rates quoted are always subject to change without prior warning, should there be any increases in bed levies, airfares, park fees, fuel, sales tax or VAT, Third Party Services, exchange rate fluctuations or any other circumstances beyond our control for services featured in this quote.
- All clients must take out comprehensive travel insurance covering them for personal effects, personal accident, medical and emergency travel expenses, cancellation and curtailment.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Standard check-in times at the hotels are 14h00. Early check-ins can be requested however it is at the discretion of the hotels and **not guaranteed**
- Standard check-out times at the hotels are 10h00. Late check-outs can be requested however it is at the discretion of the hotels and **not guaranteed**

