# **Classical TURKIYE 2024**

## Holyweek Departure: Mar 25 – Apr 02, 2024 Other Departures: Apr 11-20, 2024 / Jun 10 – Jun 19, 2024

## DAY 01: CEBU-xDoha-ISTANBUL EK 338 Cebu-Dubai 1705 / 0110 EK 123 Dubai-Istanbul 1015 / 1425

## DAY 02 ISTANBUL-BURSA-CANAKKALE (D)

Arrival in Istanbul pick up clients by one of most professional English speaking guide then drive to **Bursa**, a large city in northwest Turkey, lying in the foothills of roughly 2,500m high Mount Uludag near the Sea of Marmara. Visit **Ulu Mosque**, a historical mosque in Bursa to commissioned by the Ottoman Sultan Bayezid I to commemorate his victory at the Battle of Nicopolis and built between 1396 and 1399. Then followed by a visit to the **Green Mosque**, a complex mosque consists of turbe, madrasah, kitchen and bath. And **Green Tomb**, built by Mehmed's son and successor Murad II following the death of the sovereign in 1421. Lunch at the local restaurant then continuation to Canakkale. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

## DAY 03: BURSA-KUSADASI (B/L/D)

After breakfast, drive to Kusadasi Visit **House of Virgin Mary Later** (or Meryem Ana Evi in Turkish) is a place where according to beliefs of many people Mary, the mother of Jesus spent the last years of her life. She was supposed to arrived Ephesus together with St. John and lived there in the years 37-45 century until her Assumption (according to Catholic doctrine).

## DAY 04: KUSADASI-PAMUKKALE (B/L/D)

After breakfast, proceed to the Leather Fashion House and enjoy a fashion show there with drinks served. Visit the **Ruins** of Ephesus, world's finest archaeological sites, where we will visit the Arcadia way, the splendid façade of Library of Celsius and see the Amphitheatre Continue drive to **Pamukkale** (Cotton Castle). Visit Hierapolis, the ruins of the biggest Necropolis (graveyard) of the Ancient world, **Roman Baths**, **Basilica and Calcium cliffs**. Next to the Travertines, one of the UNESCO listed sites, a magical and spectacular natural site unique in the world famous for its fantastic white lime cascades formed by hot mineral springs. Tonight, you may enjoy a free hot spring bath in your hotel (please bring your own swim wear).

## DAY 05: PAMUKKALE-KONYA-CAPPADOCIA (B/L/D)

After breakfast, depart for Cappadocia via Konya. Arrived Konya for lunch and proceed to **Caravansarai**. The roadside inn where travelers could rest and recover from the day's journey. Caravansarai's supported the flow of commerce, information and people across the network of trade routes covering Asia, North Africa and Southeast Europe most notable the Silk Road. Drive to Cappadocia.

## DAY 06: CAPPADOCIA (B/L/D)

Optional HOT AIR BALLOON

The region known in ancient times as Cappadocia is the setting for some of nature's most bizarre wonders. Visit the **Turkish Carpet Factory** with drinks served and continue the journey to the UNESCO listed World Heritage Site- **Göreme Openair Museum**. Lunch at local restaurant and continue to **Underground Kaymakli**, which is built by first Christian people to protect themselves from Romans and are linked by underground tunnels to other cities. Proceed to **Uchisar Hill and Pasabag** to have a magnificent and unrivalled view.

## DAY 07: CAPPADOCIA-ANKARA (B/L/D)

After breakfast, depart for Ankara, the capital of Turkiye and the second largest city after Istanbul. Lunch at the local restaurant and then visit **Ataturk Kemal Mustafa Museum**, the leader of the Turkish War of Independence and the founder and first President of the Republic of Turkiye.

## DAY 08: ANKARA-ISTANBUL (B/L/D)

After breakfast, depart for Istanbul the largest city of Turkiye. Lunch at the local restaurant and Visit The Church of the Holy Wisdom-St. Sophia Church, is a former Eastern Orthodox then continue city tour with Blue Mosque and Hippodrome Square, former centre of sportive and political activities of Constantinople. then visit Topkapi Palace, built as official residence and the seat of government during Ottoman Empire. It is today a museum palace with a wide collection of Ottoman artifacts including imperial jewels, porcelain, armor and weapons. Chora church known for its intricate and stunning frescoes. With a history that goes back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the church witnessed many historical events that changed the city of old, Istanbul. Proceed to Grand Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world, with 61 covered streets and 4,000 shops.

## DAY 09: ISTANBUL - DEPARTURE (B/L/X)

After breakfast, enjoy the sunshine thru the **Bosphorus cruise**, exploring the Strait at an unforgettable excursion starts between two continents, Europe and Asia. The cruise will take you along the Bosporus, past the Europeans style palaces of the great Ottomans, Dolmabahce and Beylerbeyi, as well as the beautiful wooden kiosks of the 19th century, mansions and modern villas, which form the elegantsections of the city. Then stroll at **Taksim Square and Istiklat Street**.

Transfer to airport for departure flight.

#### EK 122 Istanbul-Dubai 1925 / 0055+1 EK 338 Dubai- Cebu 0250 / 1550 (Day 10)

## Package Rate: US\$1,888 / person all-in

Guarantee Deposit : US\$500 (non-refundable)

## Exclusions:

- Optional Tours (Hot Air Balloon, Jeepney Safari, etc)
- Turkish Visa Fees :
  - \*If E-visa eligible- US\$50/pax
  - Applicable for PH passports holding valid US or Schengen, UK Visa
  - \*If not e-visa eligible US\$290/pax
  - Applying via Schengen State Europe
- Travel Insurance

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