Turkey’s Magical Hideaways  Small Group Adventure

Turkey: Istanbul, Cappadocia, Konya, Antalya, Fethiye, 4-Night Turquoise Coast private gulet cruise, Marmaris, Kusadasi

17 days from $4795
Includes international airfare from San Francisco or Los Angeles

16 days from $3395
Without international airfare

Single Supplement: FREE

Please be advised: No pre or post trip extensions on this departure

DEPARTURE DATE: April 4, 2024

It’s Included

- Accommodations for 15 nights, including 4 nights aboard a privately chartered, 13-passenger Turkish gulet
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation and internal flights
- 36 meals—15 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 12 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 17 guided tours and cultural experiences
- Gratuities for drivers, ship crew, and luggage porters
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip

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Itinerary

**DAY 1 • Depart U.S.**
Fly overnight to Istanbul, Turkey.

**DAY 2 • Istanbul**
Today, meet your fellow travelers, including those who took our optional pre-trip extension to Untouched Azerbaijan.

Armada Old City Hotel or similar

**DAY 3 • Istanbul • Grand Bazaar & Topkapi Palace**
Visit the Hippodrome, followed by the Grand Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world. Then, explore Topkapi Palace, which served as the main residence of Ottoman sultans.

B,D—Armada Old City Hotel or similar

**DAY 4 • Hagia Sophia • Bosporus Strait cruise**
Visit the Hagia Sophia, which was completed under Emperor Justinian in AD 537 and served as a Christian church for nearly 1,000 years. We’ll also visit the Spice Bazaar, followed by a private boat cruise along the Bosporus Strait, the body of water separating Europe and Asia.

B—Armada Old City Hotel or similar

**DAY 5 • Fly to Cappadocia • Göreme open-air museum**
Fly to Cappadocia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and explore Göreme—a vast, open-air monastic complex of rock churches covered with frescoes dating from the tenth to the 13th centuries.

B,D—Yusuf Yigitoglu Hotel

**DAY 6 • A Day in the Life of a Cappadocian village • Optional Ballooning Over Cappadocia tour**
Join an early-morning optional hot-air balloon ride over Cappadocia. Then, head to a small village for our A Day in the Life experience, which includes breakfast with farmers, meetings with local villagers at a teahouse, and enjoying lunch with a local family before stops at a few of Cappadocia’s most famous rock formations.

B,L,D—Yusuf Yigitoglu Hotel

**DAY 7 • Cappadocia • Underground city • Carpet Weaving Cooperative • Optional Whirling Dervishes tour**
Hike among the Cappadocian landscape and visit an underground city built by early Christians. Later, enjoy a craft demonstration at a rug-weaving cooperative. Later, experience the mystical face of Turkey during an optional Whirling Dervishes tour.

B,L,D—Yusuf Yigitoglu Hotel

**DAY 8 • Konya • Whirling Dervish monastery • Antalya**
En route to Antalya, stop in Konya, home of the Whirling Dervish orders. Visit the Mevlana Museum, the former tekke (dervish hall) that now holds the tomb of the founder of the Mevlevi order of dervishes.

B,L,D—Aspen Hotel or similar

**DAY 9 • Antalya • Controversial Topic: Turkey’s presidential system vs. parliamentary system • Home-Hosted Dinner**
Visit the Antalya Museum, with artifacts from the Stone and Bronze Ages to Byzantium. Then, enjoy a walking tour of Antalya’s Old Town, including Hadrian’s Gate. Later, meet a local lawyer who will discuss the Controversial Topic of Turkey’s presidential system vs. parliamentary system and what it means for the country’s future. Later, enjoy a Home-Hosted Dinner with a local family.

B,D—Aspen Hotel or similar

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**Activity Level:** 1 2 3 4 5 MODERATE

**Pacing:** 5 locations in 16 days with 4 nights aboard our private gulet

**Physical requirements:** Several hikes in the Cappadocia region are at steep inclines, with some 1-hour uphill hikes on loose gravel; you will also have the opportunity to participate in fairly rigorous daily hikes of 1-3 hours each during our gulet cruise

**Flight Time:** Travel time will be 10-17 hours and will most likely have one connection

View all physical requirements at www.oattravel.com/tmh
DAY 10 · Antalya · Perge and Aspendos
Explore the ruins of Perge and Aspendos, two ancient sites nestled along the coast.
B—Aspen Hotel or similar

DAY 11 · Fethiye · Embark ship
Drive to the port of Fethiye. Then, we board our privately-chartered, traditional Turkish gulet.
B,L,D—Turkish gulet

DAY 12 · Bay of Gemiler · Hike to Kayakoy · Gemiler Island
Cruise to the Bay of Gemiler, and then drive near Kayakoy, a Greek “ghost town,” which we’ll reach by hiking along a scenic trail. Later, cruise to Gemiler Island, with its sixth-century Byzantine monastery.
B,L,D—Turkish gulet

DAY 13 · Lydea · Cleopatra’s Baths
Our gulet docks in a scenic cove which shelters the sunken baths of Cleopatra, built for her by Mark Antony. Here, disembark for a hike to the Greco-Roman site of Lydea.
B,L,D—Turkish gulet

DAY 14 · Ekinçik Cove · Dalyan River · Kaunos
Cruise to Ekinçik Cove, where a small boat takes us up the Dalyan River. Then, visit the ancient Lycian site of Kaunos to view the remains of temples, baths, and an ancient theater.
B,L,D—Turkish gulet

DAY 15 · Disembark ship · Kusadasi
Disembark in Marmaris, and then journey overland to Kusadasi, gateway to ancient Ephesus.
B,L,D—Charisma Hotel or similar

DAY 16 · Kusadasi · Ephesus
Visit ancient Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, visit the Ephesus Museum before returning to Kusadasi.
B,L,D—Charisma Hotel or similar

DAY 17 · Return to U.S.
Fly home, or begin your post-trip extension to Northwest Turkey: Battlefields of Ancient Troy and Gallipoli & Istanbul.
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2024 Departure Dates & Prices
Additional departure cities are available

AIR ADD-ON
San Francisco or Los Angeles $1400

Deposit: $500 per person.
Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to $2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—$5.00 USD one-way, $10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of up to $18 per passenger. Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to $3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges of up to $200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to $300 USD may apply. Call for details.

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