

## CAPTIVATING TURKEY

**Escorted Group Tours****8 Nights/9 Days**

### Itinerary

**Day  
1**

#### Day 1 Arrive Istanbul and Bosphorus Cruise

Upon arrival at Istanbul International Airport, your guide will meet, assist and transfer you to the restaurant for lunch. After the lunch we will enjoy regular **BOSPORUS BY BOAT** a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. After Bosphorus Cruise transfer to hotel for an overnight stay in Istanbul.

**Day  
2**

#### Day 2 Bursa City Tour and transfer to Kusadasi

After breakfast, depart for Bursa, we will first visit the historical **Covered Bazaar** and **Ulucami** (Grand) Mosque of Bursa and Silk Bazaar. After tour we will have a lunch break. Continue with a visit to **Green Mosque** and **Green Mausoleum**. Visit to traditional Turkish Delight Factory. After the tour transfer to Kusadasi for check in to your hotel. Overnight in Kusadasi.

**Day  
3**

#### Day 3 Kusadasi - Ephesus Tour and transfer to Pamukkale

After breakfast start your fully guided tour of **Ephesus**, one of the best preserved ancient sites in the world. Today also see the **Temple of Artemis**, Curetes street, famous Roman baths, Celsius Library, Grand theatre. Also visit **House of Virgin Mary**. After lunch, we will visit a place which continues to perform one of the oldest arts of Turkey; a carpet weaving centre. After the tour transfer to your hotel

and check in. Overnight in Pamukkale.

Day  
4

#### Day 4 Pamukkale Tour. Onto Konya

After breakfast we will visit the calcium terraces of **Pamukkale (cotton castle)** and the ruins of **Hierapolis**, then walk around this natural phenomenon and have the option of lying in the waters of the natural springs. Lunch break in Turkish restaurant. After the tour, transfer to the hotel in Konya for check in. Overnight in Konya .

Day  
5

#### Day 5 Konya – Cappadocia

After breakfast check out from your hotel and depart to Cappadocia. Enroute visit the imposing green - tiled **Mausoleum of Mevlana**, the mystic founder of the Sufi sect (Whirling Dervishes). After the Konya Mevlana tour continue to Cappadocia. Check in your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day  
6

#### Day 6 Cappadocia Tour with Underground City and Goreme Open Air Museum

After breakfast we will drive you to **Kaymakli Underground City**, one of the best-preserved underground cities in Cappadocia. Then see the **Uchisar Castle**, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit **Goreme Open Air Museum**, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. After that you go to the restaurant in **Avanos** to have lunch. After lunch, you visit a pottery workshop, to see how to make potteries. Then you go to **Pigeon Valley**. Later return to your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day  
7

#### Day 7 Cappadocia to Istanbul by Domestic Flight

After breakfast, we depart for Kayseri / Nevsehir Airport for your domestic flight to Istanbul. Arrive Istanbul. Proceed for lunch. After check in, day is free for shopping or to explore the area on your own. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day  
8

#### Day 8 Istanbul City Tour

After breakfast, we have Istanbul City Tour. Our first visit will be **Hippodrome**. Then we will visit **Sultanahmet Imperial Mosque**. Our next visit will be **Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque**. After that we visit **Topkapi Palace**. Today we will also visit **Underground Cistern**. After lunch, visit the **GRAND COVERED BAZAAR** this labyrinth of streets and passages are more than 4,000 shops: the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers, Turkish arts and crafts, etc. The tour concludes with a transfer back to the hotel.

**Day  
9**

## Day 9 Departure

After breakfast, we check out from the hotel and transfer to the Istanbul International Airport to board your flight back home. Return home with wonderful memories of your trip only with Intersight.