

# 15 DAY BEST OF TURKEY & GREEK ISLAND CRUISE

## DESTINATIONS

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**İSTANBUL**  
**ÇANAĞKALE**  
**KUSADASI**  
**PAMUKKALE**  
**CAPPADOCIA**  
**RHODES**  
**SANTORINI**  
**MYKONOS**  
**MILOS**  
**ATHENS**



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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Istanbul
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Sirkeci Mansion Hotel, or similar

Welcome to Istanbul! On arrival to Istanbul airport, you will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to settle in and relax.

## DAY 2

Destination	Istanbul
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Sirkeci Mansion Hotel, or similar

After breakfast, enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, St Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace (including Hagia Irene) and the Hippodrome. In the afternoon you will have the option to join a half day Bosphorous Cruise and cruise between two continents on the stretch of water that separates Europe from Asia.

## DAY 3

Destination	Istanbul 🚗 Gallipoli Battlefields 🚗 Canakkale
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ MD Barbaros Hotel, or similar

One of the most emotionally touching places in Turkey, today we visit the WWI Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, The Nek, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels.

## DAY 4

Destination	Canakkale 🚗 Troy 🚗 Kusadasi
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Ilayda Avantgarde Hotel, or similar

Step back in time as we visit Troy and its famed Trojan Horse, followed by a tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre in its time.

## DAY 5

Destination	Kusadasi 🚗 Ephesus 🚗 Kusadasi
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Ilayda Avantgarde Hotel, or similar

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the former Greek village of Sirince, famous for its fruit wines. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value.

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### DAY 6

Destination	Kusadasi 🚗 Pamukkale
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel, or similar

This morning we will enjoy a display of locally handcrafted leather goods before heading to the magnificent white calcium terraces, known as Travertines, in Pamukkale, where we also tour the ancient city of Hierapolis. Take a dip, amongst ancient columns, in the hot springs that were used in Roman times for their therapeutic powers.

### DAY 7

Destination	Pamukkale 🚗 Hierapolis 🚗 Cappadocia
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ MDC Hotel, or similar

Today we travel the ancient Silk Road visiting Sultanhanı Caravansary and the Mevlana museum in Konya along the way. Tonight, don't miss the optional traditional Turkish folklore evening!

### DAY 8

Destination	Cappadocia
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ MDC Hotel, or similar

Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia today as we visit the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys, and explore the many levels of an underground city.

### DAY 9

Destination	Cappadocia
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ MDC Hotel, or similar

Today we visit Ihlara Valley, a canyon which is almost 100 metres deep and was formed by the Melendiz River. At the end of the valley we will visit Selime Monastery and take in the panoramic views at Yaprakhisar.

### DAY 10

Destination	Cappadocia ✈️ Kusadasi 🚗
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Cruise	Celestyal Crystal Cruise, Interior Stateroom, or similar

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Kusadasi (via Istanbul). Upon arrival, your transfer will drive you to Kusadasi port to board your cruise. Your cruise will depart Kusadasi by approximately 6pm.

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### DAY 11

Destination	Rhodes
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Celestyal Crystal Cruise, Interior Stateroom, or similar

Today you will wake up in Rhodes. The picturesque island of Rhodes is well known for its beautiful beaches, majestic fortified ruins and its glorious year-round sunshine. Perched high on the clifftop that dramatically rises up from the crystalline waters is the island's crowning glory: the Acropolis at Lindos. Enjoy a guided tour which also includes a chance to discover the island's enchanting old town.

### DAY 12

Destination	Crete (Heraklion) 🚢 Santorini
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Celestyal Crystal Cruise, Interior Stateroom, or similar

As we pull into Heraklion, you have the chance to snap the imposing 16th Century walls of Koules Fortress. Here you can enjoy the calm of the stunning waterfront, explore the Cretan countryside or discover the Palace of Knossos. This spellbinding tour invites you to listen to tales of intrigue and learn about Europe's first civilisation in the Knossos museum. Was the Minotaur half-man or myth? You're about to find out! Continue sailing two Santorini.

### DAY 13

Destination	Santorini
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Celestyal Crystal Cruise, Interior Stateroom, or similar

The spectacular sweeping scenery of Santorini will simply take your breath away. The romantic Island is dotted with traditional whitewashed houses and blue-domed churches that are clustered over the striking cliffs. It is instantly recognisable as one of the world's most photographed picture-postcard landscapes. The charming villages provide beguiling oasis of tranquility and beauty that will exceed all your expectations.

### DAY 14

Destination	Mykonos 🚢 Milos
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Celestyal Crystal Cruise, Interior Stateroom, or similar

The magical sun-kissed island of Mykonos invites you to admire its stunning coastline, soft sandy beaches, and rugged rock landscapes. Affectionately known as the "Island of the Winds", Mykonos is home to the 16th Century windmills that have become iconic landmarks on postcards. The energetic Greek island is well known for its beauty, diverse range of bars, cafes, restaurants and a vibrant atmosphere.

The volcanic origins of the beautiful Greek island of Milos are clearly evident in its complex and bewitching landscape. Here you have the opportunity to explore the dramatically surreal and sculpted looming rock formations that rise out of the crystalline waters and create a stunning coastline. Why not join a local expert to explore the many beauty spots and charming fishing villages

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### DAY 15

Destination	Athens
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

As we pull into the port by 9am, your trip comes to an end. Make your own way to the airport to connect with your ongoing flight.

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Incredible sightseeing including Istanbul, Gallipoli Battlefields, Troy, Ephesus, Rhodes, Agios Nikolaos, Santorini, Milos, Mykonos and more
- 10 Day small group tour of Turkey with a maximum of 8 travellers
- 9 Nights accommodation in mostly 4\* hotels in Turkey
- Professional English-speaking local guide at each city
- Transportation in fully air conditioned vehicle
- 6 Day cruise on the Aegean Sea with Celestyal Cruises
- Onboard unlimited classic drinks
- Onboard entertainment & selected shore excursions
- Cruise port charges & gratuities
- 22 meals including daily breakfast, 5 lunches and 9 dinners
- Istanbul airport arrival transfer

#### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Istanbul on a guided tour of Old Istanbul, including the Blue Mosque, St. Sophia Museum, Hagia Irene & Topkapi Palace
- Experience a day full of emotions as you witness the Gallipoli Battlefields. Pay your respects at ANZAC Cove and Lone Pine Memorial
- Travel back in time on a guided visit of Troy - a UNESCO Heritage Site
- Absorb yourself in history in a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis
- Take a dip in the same hot springs that were once used by Romans for their therapeutic powers
- Marvel at the lunar landscape of Cappadocia during a visit to the Goreme Valley Open Air Museum and the fairy chimneys
- Board a seven day cruise of the Aegean Sea and indulge in traditional flavors, admire stunning landscapes and explore charming villages
- Explore the stunningly beautiful and buzzing islands of Santorini and Mykonos
- Make the most of the opportunity to discover hidden secrets and indulge in an authentic experience of Mediterranean cuisine and the classic Greek lifestyle

### Fine Print

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### BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID -19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID -19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

### **Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support**

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

### **Cooling off period**

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period. Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply.

Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to [support@inspiringvacations.com](mailto:support@inspiringvacations.com), including the reason for cancellation.

### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### **Deposit & Installment Payment Option:**

- Secure your package with a deposit of \$99 per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$3,200 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 120 days prior to departure

#### **Full Payment Option:**

- Pay in full to receive a 5% discount off your selected holiday.
- Please select this option at the payment page prior to finalising your booking.
- The 5% discount will then be deducted from your total balance.
- The 5% discount does not apply to extras including optional tours, pre/post accommodation, airfare (unless included as part of the package) or any special requests.

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- Cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount or offer.
- Not available when using account credit to make payment.

### Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

### Booking On Request

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re -credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

FLIGHT INFORMATION -  
OPTIONAL \$999 PER  
PERSON, LIMITED TIME  
OFFER

### Limited Time Offer - Return Economy International Flights for \$999 per person

- **Flight offer is only valid from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane**
- For flights departing outside of these cities, additional charges may apply at the time of ticketing
- Full-service airline used which will include meals, luggage and entertainment. Flights will be based on the best available.

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Airlines used include JAL, China Southern, China Airlines, Qantas, Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines or similar. We are not limited to the airlines listed and will book the best available option.

- Flights may not be direct and may include a maximum of two connections.
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Internal airfares (where applicable and included in the itinerary) will be using a local carrier and may include low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage will still be included for each passenger. Any additional baggage required is payable at time of check-in.
- Despite any airline's baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation.
- You will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included. If travelling over the recommended amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable directly.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable; any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees.
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required at the time of submitting your traveller booking form. Any error in the names submitted will be subject to fees to amend with the airline or the ticket may be non-refundable with the purchase of a new ticket required.
- Depending on departure date and time of booking, the required booking class for airfare offer may be too far in advance to book with the appropriate airline. You will be contacted once your airfares are available to book.
- If the required booking class is unavailable at time of booking, surcharges may apply. Total cost is final only at time of ticketing. Once issued, air tickets are subject to amendment and cancellation fees or may be non-refundable
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control and it is the responsibility of the customer to ensure they are familiar with the most up to date airline schedule prior to departure

### **Premium Economy or Business Class Upgrades;**

Please specify this in the "Special Request" field when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare at the time of booking your flights.

### **Extending Your Stay;**

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Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour or including a stopover in another destination. Please include this information in the "Special Request" field when booking. Surcharges may apply at time of booking. When extending your stay, any additional room nights' required must be booked independently.

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### CRUISE DETAILS & UPGRADES

#### Celestyal Cruises

This cruise is operated by our partners Celestyal Cruises on board their Celestyal Crystal ship. The Crystal is a moderate size-cruise liner with a big ship feel. Spacious, comfortable and complete with a wide range of facilities and services, our friendly team welcomes you onboard for an epic adventure into the idyllic Aegean.

With delectable dining experiences, a full program of entertainment, wellness center, casino, pool and onboard sports activities, we are confident your time aboard with the Crystal will be memorable and exciting. More information on the Celestyal Crystal can be found [HERE](#).

#### Cabin Inclusion & Upgrades

##### Interior Stateroom (IA) - Included

Interior Staterooms at deck 2 and 3 (~11 sqm) can accommodate up to 4 persons with 2 lower beds, 3rd/4th berth, bathroom with shower, air condition, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box and TV.

##### Interior Stateroom (IC) - From AUD 349 per person, twin share. Single price on application.

Interior Staterooms at deck 5 and 6 (~11 sqm) can accommodate up to 2 persons with 2 lower beds, bathroom with shower, air condition, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box and TV.

##### Exterior Stateroom (XB) - From AUD 472 per person, twin share. Single price on application.

Exterior Staterooms at deck 3 and 4 (~11 sqm) can accommodate up to 4 persons with 2 lower beds, 3rd /4th berth, bathroom with shower, air condition, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box, TV and a window.

##### Balcony Suite (SB) - From AUD \$1845 per person, twin share. Single price on application.

Balcony Suites at deck 9 (~27 sqm) can accommodate up to 3 persons with 1 double bed and 1 sofa bed, bathroom with bathtub, air condition, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box, TV, refrigerated mini bar and a balcony.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### COVID-19

Due to COVID there may be disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be affected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

#### Fitness Requirements

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While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portorage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard.

### **Single Supplement**

A Single Supplement is available on this tour. Select 'book now' and choose 1 passenger to show the single supplement for this tour.

### **Triple Share**

Not Available

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation including, e -tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Group Size**

The Turkey land tour portion of this trip has a maximum of 8 travellers. The size of the cruise section depends on cruise line capacity.

### **Tour Style**

Escorted - The Turkey section of this trip (Day 1 to Day 10) is an escorted small group tour. The cruise portion of this tour runs as a group tour where you will be escorted by expert ship's staff and by local leaders during off shore excursions.

### **Children**

Children must share a room with parents at all times and are charged the same price as adults.

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### EXCLUSIONS

- International flights
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Guide/Driver tipping
- Expenditures of a personal nature, drinks and meals if not stated explicitly in the programme

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