

Türkiye, Italy, Greece

27 days / 26 nights

FRIDAY: ISTANBUL

Arrival in Istanbul. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation

SATURDAY: ISTANBUL

Breakfast. Full day city tour, visiting the Hagia Sophia, a pinnacle of Byzantine art, now a mosque, so explanations will be given from the outside, and the Topkapi Palace, residence of the Ottoman sultans for four centuries, including the harem. Lunch. Later, visit the Blue Mosque and the Hippodrome, ending with a visit to the Grand Bazaar. Return to the hotel and accommodation.

SUNDAY: ISTANBUL / BOSPHORUS TOUR / BALAT / ASIAN SIDE

Breakfast. Panoramic tour of the famous and artistic district of Balat, known for its colorful houses. Next, we will take a boat ride on the Bosphorus, which divides the city of Istanbul into two continents. During this journey, the sultans' palaces and typical old wooden houses will be admired, enjoying history in a different way. Following that, we will visit the Spice Bazaar, established by the Ottomans five centuries ago and still in use. Visit to the mosque of Sultan Süleyman the Magnificent, located on top of the Eminonu hill. Lunch and then we will cross the Bosphorus Bridge to visit the Beylerbeyi Palace, an Ottoman-era palace located on the Asian shore of the Bosphorus, which unlike the rest of the Ottoman palaces still retains all its decoration. We will also visit Çamlica Hill, the highest hill in Istanbul, located on the Asian side of the Bosphorus. Return to the hotel and accommodation.

MONDAY: ISTANBUL / TRAIN / SAPANCA LAKE / ESKİŞEHİR / ANKARA

Breakfast. At the indicated time, transfer to the High-Speed Train station to take the train to Ankara, passing by Lake Sapanca, one of the most touristic lakes near Istanbul. After passing Lake Sapanca, we will enjoy the views of the Bolu mountains, a small city about two hours east of Istanbul, famous for its mountains. Then, we continue by train to the city of Eskişehir, mostly known for its universities. Arrival in Ankara, the political capital of Turkey and the second-largest city in the country. Transfer and arrival at our hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner and accommodation.

Note: In case of last-minute bookings and if there is no availability on the same train as the group, we will offer clients another train at a different time or a flight to Ankara.

TUESDAY: ANKARA / CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast. Departure to the mausoleum of Atatürk, the founder of the Turkish Republic, whose name means "father of the Turks". Visit to the Ankara Fortress, perched on a hill overlooking the old center of Ankara, Ankara Castle (Ankara Kalesi), also known as Ankara Fortress (Hisar), is the most imposing monument in the city. Flanked by fortifications from the 7th and 9th centuries, its streets are lined with Ottoman houses and timber-beamed restaurants, topped off with walls that offer spectacular views of the city. We continue to the Hamamönü district, an old famous neighborhood in Ankara known for its Seljuk and Ottoman style old houses. We then proceed towards Cappadocia, passing by the Salt Lake, the second largest lake in Turkey, from which more than half of the salt consumed in Turkey is produced. Arrival at our hotel. Dinner and accommodation.

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WEDNESDAY: CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast at the hotel. Optionally, we recommend enjoying a spectacular hot air balloon ride at sunrise. Departure to visit this fantastic region, where Saint George was born, with its fascinating and unique landscape, formed 3 million years ago by lava thrown from the Erciyes and Hasan volcanoes. Visit to the numerous monasteries and chapels in Göreme, carved into the rocks and decorated with frescoes. We will stop at a carpet and kilim workshop. We will also pass through Güvercinlik Valley (of the doves) and admire a wonderful panoramic view of Uchisar Castle, situated atop a volcanic rock promontory pierced by tunnels and windows. At the end, we will stop at an establishment that manufactures and sells artisanal decoration products, typical stones, and jewelry from Cappadocia. In the evening, attend a Turkish folk dance show. Dinner and accommodation.

THURSDAY: CAPPADOCIA / PAMUKKALE

Breakfast. Early departure to Pamukkale. Along the way, visit a Seljuk inn on the legendary Silk Road, which served as a stopover for trade, pilgrimage, or military caravans. We continue to Pamukkale, where there will be free time in Pamukkale "Cotton Castle", unique in the world with its natural thermal water pools and the petrified travertine waterfalls. Continue to the hotel. Dinner and accommodation.

FRIDAY: PAMUKKALE / EPHEBUS / IZMIR

Breakfast. Departure to Ephesus and upon arrival, visit the ruins of the city dedicated to Artemis, the Odeon, the Temple of Hadrian, the House of Love, the Library of Celsus, the Agora, Marble Street, and the Theater. Visit to the House of the Virgin Mary. Return to the hotel. Dinner and accommodation.

SATURDAY: KUSADASI / SAMOS

Breakfast. Departure towards Ephesus and upon arrival, visit the ruins of the city dedicated to Artemis, including the Odeon, the Temple of Hadrian, the House of Love, the Library of Celsus, the Agora, the Marble Street, and the Theater. Visit the House of the Virgin Mary. Return to the hotel. Dinner and accommodation.

SUNDAY: SAMOS / MYKONOS

Breakfast at the hotel. At the agreed time, transfer to the port to board the ferry that will take you to the magnificent island of Mykonos. Arrival and transfer to the hotel, free afternoon to enjoy the island of Mykonos. Accommodation.

MONDAY: MYKONOS

Breakfast. Free day on the island to enjoy the sun, the sea with its wonderful beaches, as well as the beauty of this magical island, with its incredible nightlife. Possibility to visit the Sacred Island of Delos, the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Accommodation.

TUESDAY: MYKONOS / SANTORINI

Breakfast at the hotel. At the agreed time, transfer to the port to board the ferry to the famous island of Santorini. Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Free afternoon to enjoy the island. Accommodation.

WEDNESDAY: SANTORINI

Breakfast. Free day to enjoy this wonderful island, unique for its morphology and its picturesque villages perched on the edge of the cliff, its beaches of black, white, and red sand. Possibility to visit the submerged volcano. Accommodation.

THURSDAY: SANTORINI / ATHENS

Breakfast at the hotel. At the agreed time, transfer to the port to board the ferry to Athens. Arrival at the Piraeus port, disembarkation, and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.

FRIDAY: ATHENS / DELPHI / KALAMBAKA

Breakfast. Meet with our representative and head northwest towards the Boeotia province. Passing through Thebes, Levadia, and the picturesque town of Arachova, we will reach the foot of Mount Parnassus, where Delphi is located. There, you will visit the Sanctuary of Apollo, as well as the most famous oracle of antiquity, which was of great relevance in Greek life. Visit the monumental complex and the museum where the famous Bronze Charioteer (Iniohos) is exhibited. Dinner and accommodation.

SATURDAY: KALAMBAKA / METEORA / ATHENS

Breakfast, visit two of the Meteora Monasteries. The monasteries quickly became an important monastic center, second only to Mount Athos. On the way back to Athens, we will pass through Thermopylae. Between Mount Callidromus and the Gulf of Malis lies the Strait of Thermopylae, a vital strategic point. Due to its configuration at this stage, various battles took place, the most famous being the heroic battle that

SUNDAY: ATHENS – CITY TOUR + ATHENS / AIRPORT / ROME

Breakfast. Spanish-speaking panoramic tour of the city of Athens: Parliament, University, National Library, and Academy of Arts, Neoclassical Mansions, Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Gate, Panathenaic Stadium, and other mythical monuments. After the panoramic view, visit the spectacular Acropolis. At the indicated time, transfer to the airport to catch your flight to Rome. Flight to Rome not included. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free. At 19:45, pick up at the hotel and transfer to the Teatro Marcello, where, along with our professional guide, you will begin your walking tour. Visit the Jewish Ghetto. Then stop at Piazza Della Rotonda to enjoy the illuminated view of the Pantheon, the ancient temple of Marcus Agrippa later converted into a church. Visit the Trevi Fountain, the most famous and beautiful fountain in the world, a symbol of "La Dolce Vita." The stroll continues to the luxury shopping district around Piazza di Spagna, one of the most refined squares in the city, known for its elegant staircase and the Fontana della Barcaccia at its feet. The tour ends with a taste of creamy Italian gelato. Enjoy the rest of the evening on your own. Return to the hotel on your own and accommodation.

MONDAY: ROME / ASSISI / SIENA / FLORENCE

Departure at 7:15 by Grand Turismo coach to Assisi. Arrival and free time to visit the famous Basilica of San Francisco, with masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue. Free time for lunch (not included). Traveling along the highway that connects the north to the south of the Italian Peninsula, you will reach Siena. Free time to visit one of the most beautiful squares in the world: Piazza del Campo, the site of the "Palio delle Contrade" celebrations. Continue to Florence. Arrival, reception at the hotel, dinner, and accommodation.

TUESDAY: FLORENCE

Breakfast at the hotel and visit to the Duomo of Santa Maria del Fiore, a symbol of the wealth and power of Florence during the 13th and 14th centuries, with Brunelleschi's Dome, the Baptistery, a Romanesque construction famous for its bronze doors, Piazza della Signoria, the Old Palace, and finally the Church of Santa Croce, which opens onto one of the oldest squares in the city. Lunch at a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Free afternoon. Possibility to visit Pisa (optional tour not included). Accommodation in Florence.

WEDNESDAY: FLORENCE / BOLOGNA / PADUA / VENICE

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Bologna in the morning. You will start the city tour at Piazza Malpighi, then reach Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore, bordered by beautiful medieval and Renaissance monuments: the Neptune Fountain, Palazzo Comunale, Palazzo de Re Renzo and del Podestà, and the Basilica of San Petronio. Continue the journey and visit the city of Padua with its symbolic Basilica of San Antonio. In the afternoon, you will arrive in Venice (Mestre). Dinner and accommodation at the hotel in Mestre.

THURSDAY: VENICE

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to San Marco to start the city tour. A walking tour of St. Mark's Square includes the Doge's Palace, a symbol of the glory and power of Venice, the Palace of the Prisoners across the Bridge of Sighs, where Casanova was imprisoned. After this walking tour, let us offer you a spritz or prosecco to crown your visit. Free afternoon. Accommodation at the hotel.

FRIDAY: VENICE / MONTEPULCIANO / ROME

Breakfast at the hotel and departure by coach from Piazzale Roma to the symbol region of the wines of Val di Chiana in Tuscany, an area marked by gentle hills and valleys, vineyards. Here you will visit Montepulciano, a beautiful medieval enclave known for its "nobile" wine. Lunch at a typical restaurant included. Free time. In the afternoon, return to Rome and accommodation.

SATURDAY: ROME

Breakfast at the hotel and in the morning departure at 7:45/8:00 for the visit to the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Square. Your guide will accompany you inside the Museums, which house one of the most important art collections in the world. You will admire the wonderful Gallery of Geographical Maps, Tapestries, and the Raphael Rooms, concluding with the fantastic Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Square, where you can admire the majestic St. Peter's Basilica. Free afternoon. Accommodation at the hotel.

SUNDAY: ROME / NAPLES / POMPEII / SORRENTO

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning at 7:30, head to Naples. A brief panoramic tour going up Vomero Hill to enjoy beautiful views of the Gulf of Naples, with Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia, and Procida, and the city at your feet. Return to Mergellina. Continue by bus to Pompeii, where you can taste authentic Neapolitan pizza. After lunch, visit one of the most important archaeological sites in the world: a UNESCO World Heritage site, the ruins of Pompeii. During the visit, you will learn about life at that time, visiting the houses of the period with their frescoes and mosaics. After the visit, your journey continues along the Sorrento Coast, arriving in Sorrento for dinner (dress code: jacket for men). Accommodation at the hotel.

MONDAY: SORRENTO / CAPRI / SORRENTO

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the port of Sorrento to embark for Capri. Upon arrival, embark again in Marina Grande to visit the Blue Grotto (weather conditions permitting). Return to Marina Grande and transfer to Anacapri for lunch. Free time and in the afternoon transfer to the port for the return. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

TUESDAY: SORRENTO / ROME

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time. In the afternoon, depart for Rome. Arrival and accommodation at the hotel.

WEDNESDAY: ROME / AIRPORT

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport.

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