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TREASURES OF TURKEY

WHERE THE EAST MEETS THE WEST

NOVEMBER 4-12, 2021

FROM **\$2,699** AIR & LAND

9 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS INCLUDING HOTELS, MEALS, DAY TRIPS, COACH TRANSPORTATION
FROM WINDSOR, CT AND AIRFARE FROM NEW YORK

**Early-Bird
Special!**

~~\$2,799.~~ **\$2,699**

and FREE Selçuk & House of Virgin Mary

Tour if reserved by May 28, 2021.

**Hurry, at this price
the trip will sell
out quickly.**



Enjoy the ultimate experiential 9-day Turkey vacation package on this East meets West adventure that takes you to discover the treasures of Istanbul and Kusadasi. Delve into the Ottoman empire as you explore Istanbul visiting amazing sites including the majestic Blue Mosque, fascinating Hagia Sophia, and the Roman Hippodrome. Discover the Golden Horn and hone your haggling skills as you shop for unique gifts and mementos in the world-famous Grand Bazaar. Revel in the splendors of Topkapi Palace Museum and see the seventh-largest diamond in the world. From the bustling city ambiance, head on to the seaside town of Kusadasi for more one-of-a-kind moments you are sure to cherish. Cross-off visiting one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World from your bucket list and show the proof in the pictures of you standing in front of the Temple of Artemis, Temple of Hadrian, and the Library of Celsius in ancient Ephesus. Take time to explore the Basilica of St. John and the House of Virgin Mary. Consider further enhancing your ultimate trip to Turkey with an extension to Aphrodisias, dedicated to the goddess Aphrodite; Pamukkale famous for its travertine terrace formations and hot springs; and Konya, home of the Whirling Dervishes. Amazing moments await you on this captivating Turkey travel package at every turn!

For more details and reservations contact:
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Reservations can also be made on our online booking engine
www.aventuraworld.com/booking. The group booking code is: ILWHBZ

 **AVENTURA
WORLD**

TREASURES OF TURKEY

9 Days

from **\$2,699** air & land

(4) Istanbul • (3) Kuşadası



TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP COACH TRANSPORTATION** - Coach transportation from Windsor to New York*
- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York JFK
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 12 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day Istanbul tour including the Old City, the Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia & Basilica Cistern, a half day tour including the Galata Bridge and Grand Bazaar, and a tour of Ephesus and Selçuk. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as a Turkish crafts workshop, visit to an elementary school, and Turkish carpet factory
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Istanbul
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

OPTIONAL CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 3 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 5 included meals consisting of 3 buffet breakfasts and 2 lunches
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAMS** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Tours of Pamukkale, Konya, and Cappadocia
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Experience Istanbul • Where Europe and Asia meet • Learn of the Ottoman Empire • Majestic Blue Mosque • Fascinating Hagia Sophia • Roman Hippodrome • Golden Horn • Bosphorus Strait • Topkapi Palace Museum • See the seventh-largest diamond in the world • Galata Bridge • Basilica Cistern • Famous Grand Bazaar • Seaside town of Kuşadası • Ephesus, the world's best preserved ancient city • Temple of Hadrian • Library of Celsius • Turkish Rugs - Basilica of St John • House of Virgin Mary • Aphrodisias • Spectacular rock formations of Pamukkale • Konya, home of the Whirling Dervishes • The Path of St. Paul • Enchanting Cappadocia • Fairy Chimneys • Göreme Open-Air Museum • Whirling Dervish performance

Day 1 Depart USA Depart from US on your overnight flight to Istanbul, Turkey. Meals and refreshments served on board.

Day 2 Arrive Istanbul, Turkey Welcome to Turkey! Upon your arrival in Istanbul, clear customs and immigration. Proceed into the arrival area and meet your Tour Director. Along the way to your hotel, enjoy an orientation to the city. See the remnants of empires that rose and fell, from the Greeks and Romans to the Venetians before the Ottomans that still remain. The city was the end of the legendary Silk Road linking Asia with Europe, and many merchants who came here liked it so much that they, too, decided to stay. We know you will love this destination as much as they did. There is a welcome dinner at the hotel tonight. (D)

Day 3 Istanbul - Old City Tour Following breakfast, head out for a full day exploration of Istanbul's Old City. Begin at the Roman Hippodrome that served as the center of Byzantine life for a thousand years. Next, visit the Blue Mosque, the single most recognizable monument along the Istanbul skyline. The immense interior is basked in sunlight that streams through 260 windows and is decorated with more than 20,000 precious Iznik tiles detailing traditional flowers of Ottoman design. Afterwards, visit the Church of Divine Wisdom – Hagia Sophia – one of the best examples of Byzantine Architecture in the world. Enjoy free time for lunch before heading to Topkapi Palace, the center of the Ottoman Empire between the 15th and 19th centuries. In the Treasury section, see breathtaking displays, including the seventh-largest diamond in the world. The day's tour concludes with a visit to the Basilica Cistern that brought water into the city via numerous aqueducts. (B)

Day 4 Istanbul – Galata Bridge/Grand Bazaar Tour Rise and shine with breakfast at your hotel and get ready to embark on a tour to explore unforgettable Istanbul. First is a stroll on the Galata Bridge with its restaurants and coffee houses where local people enjoy their meal while watching the rush of the ferry boats and fishermen. Time for a selfie stop to view the Galeta Tower or Topkapi Palace in the distance. Then onwards, make your way across the Golden Horn by coach to reach the Grand Bazaar, one of the oldest and largest covered markets in the world. The Grand Bazaar dates from the 15th century and is visited by locals and visitors alike. This shoppers delight contains 4,400 authentic shops, 25,000 full time staff, 61 covered streets, 18 entrances, and looks as much to the present as it does to the past. Shop for handmade carpets and kilims, Turkish silver art, souvenirs and decorations made of copper and bronze and high-quality ceramics, onyx, and leather goods. Finally, as part of our Cultural Discovery Series, head over to Caferağa Medresesi, a lovely little building and charming tea garden. Built in 1560, it now houses a cultural organization that teaches and promotes traditional Turkish handicrafts. Spend some time participating in your choice of a variety of workshops: ceramic tile art, calligraphy, water marbling (ebru), jewelry, felt, carpet weaving, and more. The rest of the day is free to explore. (B)



Ephesus

Day 5 Istanbul - Spice Bazaar & Bosphorus Cruise Today after breakfast at the hotel, take a tour to the Spice Bazaar and then cruise the Bosphorus. Start the day in the Spice Bazaar, brimming with stalls full of Turkish delight, teas and spices. Then onwards to the Golden Horn to cruise along the Bosphorus Strait. The Bosphorus is a narrow, navigable strait that divides the continents of Europe and Asia. Your cruise will take you past late Ottoman Palaces, Dolmabahçe and Beylerbeyi, as well as beautiful wooden mansions and modern villas of the 19th and 20th centuries. Your last stop will be the Ortaköy fishing village on the Bosphorus strait where Turks, Armenians, Greeks, and Jews historically lived peacefully side by side for centuries. (B)

Day 6 Istanbul/Kuşadası Have breakfast at your hotel and then head to Istanbul Airport for a short flight to Izmir, the country's 3rd largest city. Upon arrival, you will enjoy a scenic ride to the seaside town of Kuşadası. This resort town, located on the Aegean coast, boasts restaurants, bars and is an ideal location to explore the coast and the world-famous Ephesus archaeological site. The remainder of the day is yours to relax and enjoy at your own pace! Dinner tonight will be served at your hotel. (B,D)

Day 7 Kuşadası - Ephesus Tour After breakfast at your hotel, drive to nearby Ephesus, perhaps the world's best-preserved ancient city. In Roman times, Ephesus was the provincial capital of Asia, with a population of some 250,000 at the height of its glory. The most significant relic of the site is the immense amphitheater that holds 24,000 people and is still used today. You will walk along the Sacred Way and see the ingenious water and sewer system that was constructed beneath paving stones of marble. You will also see the Temple of Hadrian, a Corinthian-style building with the head of Medusa to keep away evil spirits, and the Library of Celsus. Next, continue to Sultanköy, where you will participate in one of our Cultural Discovery Series and learn about the entire rug-making process. After this cultural experience, you will break for a fresh and organic al fresco lunch showcasing ingredients from Sultanköy's own farm and orchards. Continue on to the town of Selçuk where you will see the artifacts in the Museum of Archaeology. Return to the hotel, relax, and enjoy dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Kuşadası Enjoy a full breakfast at your hotel, then enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional tour to the Basilica of St John, Isa Bey Mosque, Şirince village and the House of Virgin Mary. Our first stop will be the town of Selçuk to visit the Basilica of Saint John, said to be built over the Apostle John's burial site. Situated just down the hill from the basilica is Isa Bey Mosque, one of the most delicate examples of Seljukian architecture. Then head to the town of Şirince, an old Greek Orthodox village that will give an authentic taste of Turkish/Greek culture and rural village life. After lunch in a family-run Turkish restaurant, you visit an elementary school located in Şirince (Cultural Discovery Series). This gives you a great opportunity to learn about the Turkish educational system, meet teachers and their students. To end this exciting day, visit the House of Virgin Mary, who is believed to have come to Ephesus near the end of her life in 37 AD. This place was officially declared a shrine of the Roman Catholic Church in 1896. Dinner is served at your hotel tonight. (B,D)

Day 9 Kuşadası to USA or extend your stay with an optional Pamukkale & Cappadocia extension This morning you will say goodbye to Kusadası and the Aegean and drive to the airport for your flight back to the U.S. (B)

OPTIONAL CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION

Day 9 Kuşadası - Aphrodisias Tour - Pamukkale Tour/Isparta After breakfast at your hotel, you will drive to Aphrodisias. Dedicated to the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite, Aphrodisias flourished during the Hellenistic period, then later under Roman and Byzantine rule. See the unearthed stadium with more than 30,000 seats, the Temple of Aphrodite and Baths of Hadrian. Later, continue on to Pamukkale. For countless millennia, a spring here has been pouring out streams of hot mineral water. These have plunged down the mountain-side creating enormous circular basins fringed by stalactites and surrounded by a huge area of smooth, dazzling, white calcareous rock. Explore the travertine formations as well as the extensive ancient site of Hierapolis where you can soak in the soothing waters of Cleopatra Pool and wade in the shallow hot spring pools. After lunch continue eastbound to reach your hotel located in Isparta, known as the "rose garden of Turkey." During his missionary journeys, St. Paul happened to pass by Isparta, and the road he used is now a popular trek known as the "The Path of St. Paul". (B,L)

Day 10 Isparta - Konya Tour/Cappadocia Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and then join in a 3-hour scenic journey to reach the city of Konya in the plains of Anatolia. Konya is the home of the whirling dervishes'



Whirling Dervish

founder, Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi. Enjoy a city tour, including visits to the Mevlana Museum and the Alaeddin Mosque. Rumi is one of the world's most read poets, and his tomb is Turkey's second most-visited tourist attraction after Topkapi Palace in Istanbul. Later, depart Konya for Cappadocia, and what is perhaps the most magical landscape in Turkey. Upon arrival, check-in and relax in your typical cave house hotel. This evening experience a whirling dervish performance. (B)

Day 11 Cappadocia - Cappadocia Tour Today, based on weather conditions, there is a possibility of an optional hot air balloon ride. After breakfast, embark on a full day tour of Cappadocia. The biblical realm of Cappadocia is a wonderland of unusual geographic formations sprinkled with green vineyards, fruit orchards and frescoed churches. Wind and rain have eroded the brittle volcanic rock and formed rock cones, capped pinnacles, and fretted ravines. Visit Monk's Valley with its unique Fairy Chimneys that can reach up to 130 feet from the ground. Next, discover the Göreme Open-Air Museum, consisting of steep cliffs with many hidden churches dating from the 9th century. Then enjoy a home-cooked lunch in the village of Ayvalı. Beginning in the 2nd century, as successive armies swept across Asia Minor, the residents of Cappadocia created uniquely defensible communities by digging approximately eight stories down into the volcanic tufa stone. Tour one of these underground cities that features a complex community replete with houses, churches, storage areas, a communal kitchen, and burial chambers. Finally, make a stop at the Avanos Hand-craft Center built along the banks of Kizilirmak (Halys) River. (B,L)

Day 12 Cappadocia to USA This morning you will be transferred to Nevsehir airport for a flight to Istanbul, connecting with your flight back to the U.S. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner

Currently this program is operated under social distancing travel rules. For more information please visit: <https://www.aventuraworld.com/files/Wellness2021.pdf>

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL EASY 1 2 ③ 4 5 ACTIVE

TOUR PRICE

*Tour price is \$2,699 per person, double occupancy including round trip coach transport from Windsor, CT to New York with a minimum of 20 passengers.

For single occupancy, add \$599 (limited availability).

Fuel surcharges of \$536 per person are included in the price. Taxes and other fees are currently \$150 per person and are additional. Fuel surcharges and taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

The price of \$2,699 including FREE Selçuk & House of Virgin Mary (\$109 regular price) is an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by May 28, 2021. The price increases by \$100 per person (\$2,799) after this date plus the cost of the Selçuk & House of Virgin Mary Tour.

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at guide's discretion due to local conditions.

OPTIONAL CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION

Cappadocia Extension: \$599 Double Occupancy or \$898 Single

REGISTRATION FORM

(One per passenger)

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We strongly recommend registration via our online booking engine www.aventuraworld.com/booking. Please use booking code: **ILWHBZ**

Please complete the form below (one per passenger) and e-mail it with a clear color copy of your passport information page to Phyllis Stargardter at info@windsorcc.org.

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY - NAMES MUST BE LISTED AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT

Name: Mr. /Mrs. /Ms. : _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
First/Middle Name Last Name

Passport#: _____ Country of Issue: _____ Expiration date: ____/____/____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Rooming as: Single occupancy (+\$699) Double/Twin occupancy with: _____
First/Middle Name Last Name

Notes: _____

OPTIONAL TOURS	YES	NO	PRICE	OPTIONAL EXTENSION	YES	NO	PRICE
Selçuk & House of Virgin Mary (Free if reserved by May 28, 2021)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$109	Cappadocia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$599 (Double)
Spice Bazaar & Bosphorus Cruise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$109	<i>Please Note: A minimum of 15 passengers is required for the optional tours and a minimum of 20 to operate the extension.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$898 (Single)
			TOTAL \$ _____				TOTAL \$ _____

CALCULATE TRIP COST

Trip cost <i>before</i> May 28, 2021:	\$2,699.00	Trip cost <i>after</i> May 28, 2021:	\$2,799.00	
Optional tours cost (from above):	\$ _____	Optional tours cost (from above):	\$ _____	
Single supplement (if applicable):	\$ _____	Single supplement (if applicable):	\$ _____	
Optional Cappadocia extension:	\$ _____	Optional Cappadocia extension:	\$ _____	
Tax:	\$150	Tax:	\$150	
Subtotal:	\$ _____	Subtotal:	\$ _____	Use this subtotal to calculate your optional trip protection premium cost

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:

We strongly recommend protecting your trip with our Optional Travel Protection Plan or upgrade to our Cancel For Any Reason Plan. The applicable premium must be paid upon registration. For full disclosure of coverage, please visit: www.aventuraworld.com/files/travel-protection.pdf. Policy rates are based on the total Tour Cost per person including taxes, optional tours and optional Cappadocia extension (your subtotal from above).

Tour Cost:	\$2,501 to \$3,000	\$3,001 to \$3,500	\$3,501 to \$4,000	\$4,001 to \$4,500	\$4,501 to \$5,000
Policy Cost:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$191	<input type="checkbox"/> \$221	<input type="checkbox"/> \$252	<input type="checkbox"/> \$283	<input type="checkbox"/> \$318
Cancel For Any Reason Cost:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$286.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$331.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$378	<input type="checkbox"/> \$424.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$477
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I accept travel protection		<input type="checkbox"/> NO, I decline travel protection (not recommended)		

CALCULATE DEPOSIT:

Deposit: \$600.00 + Optional Tours \$ _____ + Optional Cappadocia extension \$ _____ + Travel protection premium \$ _____ = Deposit Due \$ _____
Deposit due at time of registration.
Final remaining balance due August 6, 2022

PAYMENT METHODS:

Check #: _____

Make checks payable to Aventura World and mail to Windsor Chamber of Commerce 261 Broad St., Windsor, CT 06095.

Credit Card: Visa Master Card Card #: _____ Security code #: _____
 Discover Exp date: ____/____/____ Name on card: _____

CANCELLATION POLICY (NEW BOOKINGS):

Cancellations with 121 days or more prior to departure-full refund, the cost of trip cancellation & interruption insurance is retained, between 120 and 91 days prior to departure \$600 per person is retained, 90 and 61 days 50% is retained, 60 and 31 days 85% is retained, 30 days or less, or no show 100% of the package price is retained.

Note: A person becoming a single as a result of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

Aventura World reserves the right to adjust pricing based on currency fluctuations, gas increases, and government/airline-imposed charges.

I have read the schedule of activities for the Windsor Chamber of Commerce - Treasures of Turkey program - November 4 - 12, 2021 and accept the terms and conditions outlined on our website www.aventuraworld.com/terms-conditions and authorize \$ _____ to be charged to my card (including optional tour/extension and insurance premium if applicable - from Deposit Due line above).

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

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