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Classic Turkey Tour & Yacht Cruise

May 9, 2023 - May 27, 2023

Turkey is home to one of the world's oldest civilizations and is the meeting place of the Eastern and Western worlds. Join us on a journey to this fascinating land between not only Europe and Asia but also between yesterday and today. Our journey starts in Istanbul where we will explore the interior and the treasures it holds. Then on to the vibrant resort beach town of Marmaris, a little bit mediterranean, a little bit Middle East and a little bit European but unlike any where else in the world. Finally, relax on a 7-day cruise on a private traditional Turkish Gullet.

Trip Summary

May 9 - Pre-Tour Day

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2:00 PM

Pre-night accommodation at Galata's Hotel

May 10 - Day 1

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Maya Cave Boutique Hotel

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Hot Air Balloon

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Maya Cave Boutique Hotel

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Cappadocia - Izmir - Selcuk

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Hotel Kalehan

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May 27 - Day 18

Sogut - Depart

Breakfast

Departure Transfer Information

2:00 PM

Post-night accommodation at Menalo Hotel Premium Istanbul Airport

May 9 - Pre-Tour Day



Airport Transfer Information

Your greeter is not allowed to go inside the airport building, so he will be standing outside of GATE 8 with a sign with your name on it.

Judy McCoy + Sherie Turton arrive LH1300 at 5:00 PM

If your flight is delayed and you are able to advise prior to departure, please call Women's Travel Club at 1-844-749-0725 and if your flight is delayed upon arrival in Turkey, for an emergency only please contact Erkan at +90 535 360 67 31. He is on whatsapp

Your tour guide will be Zafer and his mobile is +90 534 715 10 87 he is on whatsapp as well.



2:00 PM

Pre-night accommodation at Galata's Hotel

Kemankeş Karamustafa Paşa Mah. Mumhane Cad. No: 23/25 Karaköy-Beyoğlu / İstanbul

Phone: +90 (212) 343 98 04

May 10 - Day 1



Airport Transfer Information

Your greeter is not allowed to go inside the airport building, so he will be standing outside of GATE 8 with a sign with your name on it.

Donna Hearn will arrive at 1:00 PM

Corinne Barnard, Margaret Cullen, Carol Handfield arrive TK18 at 2:35 PM

Karen Baltzer arrives DL9622 4:05 PM + Suzanne Ash arrives TK8 3:45 PM

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Welcome to Turkey

Transfer in private service from international airport to the hotel. You will have today at your leisure to relax or explore this vibrant city. We will meet in the evening for a brief welcome meeting and then on to a fabulous welcome dinner.



Dinner



2:00 PM

Galata's Hotel

Kemankeş Karamustafa Paşa Mah. Mumhane Cad. No: 23/25 Karaköy-Beyoğlu / İstanbul

Phone: +90 (212) 343 98 04

May 11 - Day 2



Istanbul

After breakfast we will embark on a tour of Istanbul. Together we will visit Hagia Sophia (often referred to as the 8th wonder of the World), the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome and Basilica Cistern. Cisterna Basilica is the largest of several hundred ancient cisterns that lie beneath the city of Istanbul. After lunch (not included) at a local restaurant we will continue to Grand Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest covered bazaars in the world. After spending time at the Bazaar you will head back to the hotel.

**Breakfast****Galata's Hotel****May 12 - Day 3**

**Bosphorus Tour**

After the breakfast we will visit Topkapi Palace including the Harem section. Then we will have lunch at a local restaurant (not included) you will head to the Spice Market and then continue to Golden Horn to do a Bosphorus Tour by boat. Bosphorus forms part of the continental boundary between Europe and Asia. You will get off on the Asian side of Istanbul and explore Uskudar market place.

**Breakfast****Galata's Hotel****May 13 - Day 4**

**Cappadocia**

You will fly to Cappadocia today. When you get there, you will visit Kaymakli Underground City, Ortahisar view point, Three Beauties and Dervent. Then, you will drive to the hotel.

**Breakfast, Dinner****2:00 PM****Maya Cave Boutique Hotel**

Asagi mahallesi, Gedik Sokak, No: 35 Uchisar, 50250, Nevsehir

Phone: +90 384 219 3068

May 14 - Day 5

**Hot Air Balloon**

Early in the morning we will enjoy a hot air balloon ride over Cappadocia. Even the most stunning photos fail to capture the true beauty of Cappadocia. It is a landscape like no other in the world. Because of its surreal, otherworldly features, it is one of the most popular destinations in the world for hot air ballooning.

After a late breakfast, you will visit Goreme Open Air Museum, Uchisar Castle and Pasabag. You will also do panoramic view stops to see the region from different angles.

**Breakfast****Maya Cave Boutique Hotel**

May 15 - Day 6



Cappadocia - Izmir - Selcuk

You will fly to Izmir today. After getting our new van, you will drive to Selcuk, where you will have 2 nights.



Breakfast, Dinner



2:00 PM

Hotel Kalehan

Ataturk Cad. No: 98 Ephesus Selcuk Turkey

Phone: +90 532 677 79 88

May 16 - Day 7



Selcuk

Today you will visit Virgin Mary's House and Ephesus. After lunch at Sirince Villgae you will also have time to explore this lovely place which was founded by Greeks. Then back to the hotel. You can rest at your hotel or continue exploring Selcuk.



Breakfast, Lunch



Hotel Kalehan

May 17 - Day 8



Pamukkale - Marmaris

Today, you will drive to Pamukkale first. Here, you will visit Hierapolis and the white terraces of Pamukkale. Then you will drive through Taurus Mountains to get to Marmaris. Dinner is included tonight.



Breakfast, Dinner



2:00 PM

Candan City Beach Hotel

Kemeralti Mah. Ataturk Caddesi No:44, Marmaris, Turkey

Phone:

May 18 - Day 9



Marmaris

Today is free to enjoy Marmaris with it's beautiful coastline, friendly people, good fresh foods and delicious local wines, that could easily compete against many European vineyards. Relax, shop or explore this amazing town that will easily become one of your favorite places in the world.



Breakfast



Candan City Beach Hotel

May 19 - Day 10



Marmaris

Today is free to enjoy Marmaris with its beautiful coastline, friendly people, good fresh foods and delicious local wines, that could easily compete against many European vineyards. Relax, shop or explore this amazing town that will easily become one of your favorite places in the world.



Breakfast



Candan City Beach Hotel

May 20 - Day 11



Kekova - Embarkation

After breakfast in our hotel, you will be met by your private guide and will be boarding our minivan to drive on to Dalyan. Covering some of the most beautiful and fecund fields in Southwest Turkey, you will reach the village of Dalyan from where we will take our private wooden boat named "taka" and will have an adorable cruise on the waters of Koycegiz Lake.

The first place we will visit is the sulphur baths that are known as the Baths of Cleopatra. The tradition states that even the great Queen of Egypt bathed here to make her skin look more attractive. Continue your cruise on the waters of Koycegiz Lake and reach the famed beach at the mouth of the lake opening on to the Aegean Sea, where Caretta Caretta turtles come to lay their eggs once every year. You can enjoy cold refreshments at a cafe on this beach enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Aegean Sea. Returning back to our boat, we will cruise on to ancient Caunos that was known for piracy in the antiquity. The rock carved tombs of the Lycian Kings, which date back to 4th century BC, will be another scenic asset to your day. After viewing the ruins of Caunos, we will transfer to Kekova Yacht Marina where we will board our home for the next 7 nights, the ES Canada. This gulet is very spacious with a large salon and a dining area on both the forward and aft decks. All cabins are ensuite. A number of water sports is on board such as kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, snorkel, fishing. Kekova is a fascinating area to visit. Here are famous ancient monuments, cities immersed in water – Aperlai, Kekova, Simena and Theimussa that were founded in the 10th century BC by the Lycians.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ES Canada

May 21 - Day 12



Demre - Kas

Kas is everything that a typical Mediterranean seaside resort in Turkey should be. White washed houses cascade down the winding mountain roads to show the way to beautiful beaches and a harbor that reminds you that life is in fact quite good and while in Kas, the best thing to do is to adapt quickly to the Mediterranean lifestyle. Explore this quaint village or relax on the yacht, the day is yours to enjoy. On the way to Kas we will view the sunken city.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**ES Canada**

May 22 - Day 13



Kas - Kalkan - Gemiler Island

On your way to Gemiler Island you will enjoy the morning in Kalkan, a beautiful and lively resort town. Explore, shop or relax. Welcome to Gemiler Island, this historical island is filled with history, incredible views onto the Mediterranean and is even thought to be the birthplace of Saint Nicholas (Father Christmas!) Here we will have a self-guided tour – they will drop us on the island approximately 1.5 hours before sunset where we will climb to the top of the island. As we climb you will walk past all the ruins. Once on top, at the lighthouse, we will enjoy a spectacular sunset.

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner****ES Canada**

May 23 - Day 14



Tersane Island

Tersane Island is the largest island in the gulf of Fethiye and is often also called Dockyard Island. Today you can still find the ruins of abandoned homes over this picturesque island.

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner****ES Canada**

May 24 - Day 15



Ekincik Bay

Spend the day sailing and end in Ekincik Bay.

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner****ES Canada**

May 25 - Day 16



Loryma Bay

Today we will visit the lovely Bay of Laryma. This large, sheltered bay is easily identified by the ancient citadel on the western headland as you approach. This bay is perfect for a relaxing afternoon swimming, paddle boarding or snorkelling.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ES Canada

May 26 - Day 17



Sogut Bay

Enjoy a day in this beautiful secluded bay with crystal blue waters. This is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the many water activities offered by the yacht.



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ES Canada

May 27 - Day 18



Sogut - Depart

It is time to say good-bye to this beautiful destination and fabulous new friends. Please make sure flights are booked for after 2 PM.



Breakfast



Departure Transfer Information

On May 27 your cruise will end in Sogut and your transfer will be waiting for you to take you to Dalaman Airport. Your departure will be early in the morning after breakfast.

All flights are from Dalaman to Istanbul on TK2557 departing at 2:15 PM



2:00 PM

Post-night accommodation at Menalo Hotel Premium Istanbul Airport

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