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## **Classic Turkey Tour & Yacht Cruise #2 2024 Itinerary**

### **May 14, 2024 - Jun 1, 2024**

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.

## May 14 - Pre-Tour Day

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### Pre-night accommodation at Levni Hotel

Ankara Caddesi No: 12 Sirkeci – Istanbul

Phone: +90 212 519 10 19

Levni Hotel check-in time: 2:00 PM (local time)

## May 15 - Day 1

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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



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## May 16 - Day 2

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### 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



### Levni Hotel

## May 17 - Day 3

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### 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



### Levni Hotel

## May 18 - Day 4

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### 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



### Karlik Evi Hotel

Karlık Mah. Karlık Sok. No:1, Uçhisar - Kapadokya - Nevşehir (HARITADA GÖR)

Phone: +90 384 219 29 95

Karlik Evi Hotel check-in time: 2:00 PM (local time)

## May 19 - Day 5

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### 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



### Karlik Evi Hotel

## May 20 - Day 6

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### 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



### Hotel Kalehan

Ataturk Cad. No: 98 Ephesus Selcuk Turkey

Phone: +90 532 677 79 88

Hotel Kalehan check-in time: 2:00 PM (local time)

## May 21 - Day 7

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### 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 22 - Day 8

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### 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



### Candan City Beach Hotel

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

Phone:

Candan City Beach Hotel check-in time: 2:00 PM (local time)

## May 23 - Day 9

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### 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 24 - Day 10

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### Marmaris

After breakfast in our hotel, enjoy a free day to explore Marmaris. There is so much to do in this beautiful seaside village, you will very much enjoy your free time here.



### Breakfast



### Candan City Beach Hotel

## May 25 - Day 11



### Dalyan - Kekova - Embarkation

We will transfer from Marmaris 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, and 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.

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. We will stop for an included lunch here. After viewing the ruins of Caunos, you will return again by boat to Dalyan and continue to Kekova and embark our cruise.

On our way to Kekova we will visit Dalyan.



### Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### ES Canada

## May 26 - 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 27 - 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 28 - Day 14

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### **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 29 - Day 15

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### **Ekincik Bay**

Spend the day sailing and end in Ekincik Bay.

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

## May 30 - Day 16

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### **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 31 - Day 17

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### **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**

## June 1 - Day 18

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### **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 2:00 PM.



### **Breakfast**



### **Post-night accommodation at Dalaman Airport Lykia Thermal & Spa Hotel**

Ege Mah. Kenan Evren Bulvarı Susam Sok. No:21 Dalaman / Mugla

Phone: +90 0850 885 07 28

Dalaman Airport Lykia Thermal & Spa Hotel check-in time: 2:00 PM (local time)