

# Legends of Turkey Tour



**Exotik**  
tours

**May 9-23 · 2012**

**15 Days · 13 Nights · 5★ Hotels · 36 meals**

**Istanbul · Urfa · Adiyaman · Nemrut Dag · Gaziantep · Antioch · Adana · Cappadocia · Konya Antalya  
Pamukkale · Ephesus · Izmir · Canakkale · Istanbul**

## The Package Includes

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From

**\$3229**

per person, double occ, +\$540 tx

 **BRITISH AIRWAYS**

**ADD 2 EXTRA DAYS IN ISTANBUL BEFORE THE TOUR STARTS : FROM \$179**

**Other guaranteed departures: April 11, 26 • May 9, 23 • June 6, 25 • July 8, 18 • August 1, 15, 29 • Sept 12, 27 • Oct 10, 24**

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## 13 NIGHTS LEGENDS OF TURKEY TOUR

### Day 1 : Canada Departure

Departure from you gateway city with British Airlines to Istanbul via London

### Day 2 : Arrival in Istanbul

You will be met at Istanbul Airport by the welcome team and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the old city, which used to be the capital of Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires. Overnight in Istanbul.

### Day 3 : Istanbul / Urfa 30 kms BLD

Stroll through Sogukcesme Street, featuring wooden houses that are excellent examples of Ottoman architecture. Arrive at Topkapi Palace, the largest and oldest of the remaining Ottoman Sultans' palaces; admire the gardens, kitchens, and treasury, as well as the terraces overlooking the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. Have a photo stop at the Fountain of Sultan Ahmet the 3<sup>rd</sup>, dating back to the XVIIth century. After lunch, visit the Blue Mosque, covered by more than 20.000 Iznik tiles, and continue to the Imperial Cemetery of Ottoman Sultans. In the afternoon, discover the handicrafts of Anatolia and shop in the labyrinth of tunnels making up the Grand Bazaar. Transfer to the airport and fly to Urfa. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Urfa.

### Day 4 : Urfa / Adiyaman 160 kms BLD

Explore Harran in the Mesopotamian plain, known for its mud brick "beehive"-like dwellings. Visit Abraham's cave and the pools of holy carp fish in old Edessa. After lunch, discover Gobeklitepe, the oldest known man-made religious structure in the world, dating back to the Neolithic period. Drive to Adiyaman. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

### Day 5 : Nemrut Dag / Gaziantep 255 kms BLD

Continue to Kahta and climb Mt. Nemrut through the steep mountain way. Upon arrival, you will find the breathtaking statues of the Gods of the Commagene civilization. Proceed to Gaziantep and visit Zeugma Museum, where you will see the mosaics saved from Zeguma before the site was flooded by the construction of a new dam. This museum is now considered the largest mosaic museum in the world. Free time at leisure in the picturesque old bazaar. Dinner and overnight in Gaziantep.

### Day 6 : Gaziantep / Antioch / Adana 380 kms BLD

Continue to Antakya (Antioch). Explore the Mosaic Museum and the Cave of St. Peter where the name "Christian" was first attributed to the first believers. Stroll through the old city where synagogues, churches and mosques still welcome people of all beliefs. Dinner and overnight at your Adana hotel.

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**Day 7 : Adana / Cappadocia**                      350 kms                      BLD

Drive to Tarsus and visit the historic St Paul's well. Cross the Taurus Mountains through antique Cylicia and continue to Nigde to discover the hidden Eskigumus Monastery. Arrive in the fabulous city of Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

**Day 8 : Cappadocia**                                      80 kms                      BLD

Explore the amazing volcanic fairy chimneys and walk through this exceptional and breathtaking scenery. Visit the carved rock churches of the Goreme Valley and admire the paintings representing scenes from Christianity before attending a cultural history of hand-woven carpets, the most important handicraft in Turkey. In the afternoon drive through the villages of Avanos and Uchisar with photo stops at Pasabaqi and Derwent Valleys. Dinner and overnight back at your Cappadocia hotel.

**Day 9 : Cappadocia / Konya / Antalya** 540 kms                      BLD

In the morning, stroll through the underground galleries of Saratli, where the first Christians hid themselves from rivals. Drive to Konya and visit the Whirling Dervishes Convent, now the Mevlana Museum. Enjoy lunch and continue to Antalya, where you will have dinner and spend the night.

**Day 10 : Antalya**                                      110 kms                      BLD

Explore the Roman harbour in Antalya city center and visit historic Aspendos theatre, dating back to the 2nd century AD. After lunch, return to hotel and the afternoon is free at leisure. Maybe you can partake in some shopping? Or to just relax by the pool at your five star resort. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

**Day 11: Antalya / Pamukkale**                      240 kms                      BLD

Drive to Aphrodisias, a cultural center of the ancient world renowned for its sculpture and It's temple dedicated to the Goddess of Beauty. Admire the large stadium which hosted athletic games and gladiator fights during ancient times. In the afternoon, proceed to Pamukkale to walk through the largest necropolis of the Antiquity at Hierapolis. Admire the beauty of Pamukkale's immense tiers of white limestone as they cascade down a barren hillside. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

**Day 12 : Pamukkale / Izmir**                      290 kms                      BLD

In the morning, drive to Selcuk and visit the house where the Virgin Mary spent the last days of her life. Discover one of the best preserved antique cities: Ephesus. You will explore the ancient agora (marketplace) dating back to the Hellenistic era, as well as Ephesus' marble streets, roman baths, Trajan Fountain, Hadrian Temple and Celsius Library. The theatre, large enough to hold 25.000 spectators, is still in perfect shape. Take a photo stop nearby at the Temple of Artemis, where only a column remains to indicate the site where one of the Seven Wonders of the World once stood. Stop at a leather factory in Selcuk to attend a fashion show and to learn more about Turkish leather. Continue to Izmir. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

**Day 13 : Izmir / Canakkale**                      335 kms                      BLD

Drive to Pergamon to visit the acropolis of the ancient city. Here lie the remains of the library which once held 240,000 scrolls, and the most impressive Hellenistic theatre of the Antiquity. In the afternoon, cross Kazdagi Chain and visit Troy, where the famous mythological war occurred - according to Homer's Iliad. Drive to Canakkale. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

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**Day 14 : Canakkale / Istanbul**                      320 kms                      BL

Ferry across the Dardanelles to reach the Gallipoli peninsula on the European side of the strait, where one of the most important battles of the 1st World War took place. Visit the museum, stop at Anzac Cove, where the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed, and see the Chunuk Bair where one of the bloodiest fights occurred. Proceed to Istanbul. Overnight at the hotel.

**Day 15 : Departure or Istanbul extension**                      B

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your onward flight and assistance with formalities.

<b>B: Breakfast</b>	<b>L: Lunch</b>	<b>D: Dinner</b>
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Departures operate with minimum 2 passengers

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Calgary, Victoria, Halifax , Winnipeg, Edmonton, and other gateway city available upon request.

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Add an extra day tour in istanbul from +\$99 per person (description bellow)
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**BOSPHORUS AND BYZANTINE TREASURES From +\$99**

In the morning, explore Saint Sophia, one of the marvels of Byzantine architecture. Enjoy a langourous boat trip along the European and Asian coasts of the Bosphorus. Lunch in a fish restaurant and stroll through the Spice Market to feel the exotism of the Orient.. In the afternoon discover Taksim, the largest square of the city and walk along the pedestrian Istiklal Street to really see and live Istanbul's daily life.

**Full day lunch included**

**Contact your Travel Agent for more details.**