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Turkish Delight
21 Days
Fully Escorted
Departs 12 May – 1 June 2025

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Blue Mosque & Hagia Sophia Church
- Bosphorus Cruise
- Spice Bazaar
- ANZAC Cove
- Kusadasi
- Ephesus
- Sirince Village Cooking Class
- Bodrum
- Hierapolis Pamukkale
- Konya
- Cappadocia
- Ankara

INCLUDES:

- International Economy class airfares with Emirates Airlines including taxes*
- Domestic Economy class airfare with Turkish Airlines including taxes*
- **Private single rooms** in quality accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary - 18 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 18 Dinners
- **Sightseeing** tours and airport transfers by private A/C vehicle as per itinerary
- **Tour Host**– travels with group from/to Brisbane
- Local English speaking escort guide and driver
- Tipping (Guides, Drivers, Meals)

EXCLUDES:

- Any flights, transfers, meals, sightseeing, tipping or gratuities other than mentioned above
- Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc
- Compulsory Travel Insurance
- **Required Turkey E-Visa**

From \$15,125* per person

Terms and Conditions apply. Price is per person, sole use, with flights* departing Brisbane Melbourne, Perth or Sydney and is subject to availability. Air taxes included to the value of \$250. Price is correct as at 01/11/2024. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fees, taxes or currencies change. Solo Connections is constantly striving to improve our itineraries and inclusions. If such improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right at any time to vary itineraries and to substitute inclusions of equal value. Beverages, additional meals, hotel mini bars, laundry, phone calls, any items of personal nature not included. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



Day 1 & 2: Monday, 12 – Tuesday, 13 May 2025
Depart Australia – Arrive Istanbul, Turkey (via Dubai)

D (Day 2)

Today our Brisbane passengers will meet with our Tour Host at Brisbane International Airport for the flight to Dubai and ongoing to Istanbul. Interstate passengers will meet the group in Dubai. When we arrive at Istanbul International airport, our local guide and driver will be waiting to transfer us to our hotel to check in. This evening we meet for a **Welcome Dinner**.

Accommodation: Elite World Taksim or similar (4 nights)

Day 3: Wednesday, 14 May 2025
Istanbul

B-D

We venture to **Piere Loti** for a photo opportunity and a morning coffee before our sightseeing tour which will include visits to **Suleymaniye Mosque**, **Golden Horn**, and the **Old City**, where the practitioners of three distinct religions lived together harmoniously in one single neighbourhood.

Day 4: Thursday, 15 May 2025
Istanbul

B-D

This morning, we will visit the famous **Topkapi Palace** and the nearby **Blue Mosque** and **Hagia Sophia Church** turned Mosque, turned Museum, and turned Mosque again. Have some free time in the afternoon.

Day 5: Friday, 16 May 2025
Istanbul

B-L-D

Today we are changing continents by travelling from Europe to Asia as we cross the **Bosphorus Bridge** and drive to Camlica Hill for a scenic Bosphorus photo opportunity. We take a **Bosphorus cruise**, disembarking for lunch at a local restaurant, before visiting the **Egyptian Spice Bazaar**.

Day 6: Saturday, 17 May 2025
Istanbul - ANZAC Cove - Canakkale

B-D

After checking out, we visit **Gallipoli**, **ANZAC Cove**, the landing site, Ceremonial Platform and **Lone Pine** as well as many trenches. We'll hear some legendary stories, reflect and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice here. We continue on to Canakkale and go straight to dinner before checking in for the night.

Accommodation: Kolon Hotel or similar (1 night)

Day 7: Sunday, 18 May 2025
Canakkale – Bergama - Kusadasi

B-D

We depart early to **Pergamon**, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. We then continue to **Bergama** to the **Asclepion** and **Acropol**, a famous healing centre, where methods of treatment included blood transfusions, music therapy and meditation. We arrive in **Kusadasi** this afternoon.

Accommodation: Korumar Hotel or similar (3 nights)



Day 8: Monday, 19 May 2025
Ephesus

B-D

Enjoy an entire day at **Ephesus**, one of the Ancient Wonders of the World! We'll spend plenty of time walking the ancient roads, exploring the temples, gymnasiums and the amphitheatre, in which the riot of 'Acts 19' took place. We will also visit the famous **Library of Celcus** and view the remains of the **Temple of Artemis**, as well as the **Basilica of St. John the Evangelist**.

Day 9: Tuesday, 20 May 2025
Sirince Village

B-D

Today we visit **Sirince village** and see 200 years old Greco-Turkish houses and enjoy a traditional **cooking class**. Turkish cuisine, like its cultural mosaic, is very colorful and contains countless different tastes. After tasting the food which you prepare, Turkish tea or coffee will be served before we return back to hotel.

Day 10: Wednesday, 21 May 2025
Kusadasi – Miletus - Bodrum

B-D

Today we will drive to **Miletus**, where Paul met with the Ephesian elders and made his farewell address. The size and the magnificence of the Theatre is striking, originally standing right on the port and it accommodates 15000 spectators. After touring we will drive **Bodrum**.

Accommodation: Hillstone Bodrum or similar (2 nights)

Day 11: Thursday, 22 May 2025
Bodrum

B-L-D

We will have a short drive to get on board to our **Gulet** in Bodrum Marina. Enjoy two swimming breaks at **Tavsan** and **Green Bay**, before lunch is served on the boat. After lunch we will continue sailing and stop at **Karaada**, **Yildirim**, and **Goktasi** bays. Our final stop will be **Camel Beach** and then the boat will take us back to our pier.

Day 12: Friday, 23 May 2025
Bodrum - Pamukkale

B-D

Today we depart for **Pamukkale**, a beautiful and spectacular natural site, unique in the world with its fairy-like, dazzling white cascade. We visit the Roman city of **Hierapolis** with its **Apollo-Temple** competing with **Delphi**, the monumental Nympeum, a 4th century Basilica and the Theatre. We then visit the best preserved **Necropolis** before being transferred to our hotel.

Accommodation: Doga Thermal Hotel or similar (1 night)

Day 13: Saturday, 24 May 2025
Pamukkale - Konya

B-D

We have travel day today as we drive to **Konya**. Upon arrival we will visit **Mevlâna Museum** before checking into our hotel.

Accommodation: Bayir Diamond or similar (1 night)



Day 14: Sunday, 25 May 2025
Konya - Cappadocia

B-D

We have early departure for **Cappadocia** today. En route, visit the 13th century **Caravanserai of Sultanhan**. The caravanserai provided to the traders, both foreign and native, with heated rooms, food, medical attention, equipment repair and many other common conveniences. We continue to **Neveshir** in Cappadocia where we will arrive in the evening.

Accommodation: Nujelm or similar (2 nights)

Day 15: Monday, 26 May 2025
Cappadocia

B-D

Today we can enjoy a full day at leisure* to explore the area. You could begin the day very early on an hot air balloon ride that takes you soaring over the magnificent Cappadocian landscape or take a full day visit to the Goreme Open Air Museum to see the best examples of Byzantine art in Cappadocia or perhaps visit the Ozkonak Underground city. Your tour host and local guide will be able to assist with any arrangements that you may need. ****all activities today are at passengers own expense***

Day 16: Tuesday, 27 May 2025
Cappadocia - Ankara

B-D

We depart today to the Turkish capital of **Ankara**. Upon arrival see the **Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk**, founder of the modern Turkish Republic and visit **Museum of Anatolian Civilizations**.

Accommodation: CP Ankara or similar (1 night)

Day 17: Wednesday, 28 May 2025
Ankara - Istanbul

B-D

Departing from the hotel this morning we travel to Ankara airport and catch a flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival we transfer to the hotel and spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

Accommodation: Elite World Taksim or similar (3 nights)

Day 18: Thursday, 29 May 2025
Istanbul

B-D

The day is yours to explore the local boutiques or taste the culture through Turkish favorites before coming together again for dinner

Day 19: Friday, 30 May 2025
Istanbul

B-D

This morning we visit the **Grand Bazaar**. It's a marvelous place with 60 streets and over 4000 shops where you will be enchanted by the colourful atmosphere. For our final evening together we meet and enjoy a **Farewell Dinner**.

Day 20 & 21: Saturday, 31 May & Sunday, 1 June 2025
Depart Istanbul - Arrive Australia (via Dubai)

B (Day 20)

After checking out of our hotel we are transferred to Istanbul international airport for our flights home.