





Turkish Delights
19 Days
Fully Hosted
27 April – 15 May 2027

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:

- **Private single rooms** in Luxury[^] accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary - 18 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 18 Dinners
- **Sightseeing** tours with Whisper Headsets
- Tours and airport transfers as per itinerary
- Domestic Economy class airfare with Turkish Airlines
- **Tour Host**– travels from/to Brisbane
- Local English speaking tour guide and driver
- Tipping (Guides, Drivers, Meals)
- Porterage

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 \$14,220* per person

Terms and Conditions apply. Price is per person, sole use. Luxury accommodation is considered 4-5 Star properties. International Flights are NOT included. Price is in AUD and correct as at 10/07/2026. 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: Monday, 27 April 2027
Arrive Istanbul, Turkey

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Upon 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: Burdock Hotel Istanbul - 4 star - or similar (5 nights)

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Day 2: Tuesday, 28 April 2027
Istanbul

B-D

Following breakfast this morning we will venture to **Piere Loti** for a photo opportunity and a morning coffee.

We then proceed to the **Suleymaniye Mosque**, masterpiece of famous architect Sinan, built during the reign of Sultan Suleyman the Magnificent.

Continuing our touring we are taken to the beautiful **Golden Horn**, the perfect introduction to the splendours of Christendom that crowned Istanbul's cityscape.

From here we explore the wooden buildings at the base of the towering ramparts of the **Old City**, where the practitioners of three distinct religions lived together harmoniously in one single neighbourhood.

We return to the hotel and have time to freshen up before meeting for dinner.

Day 3: Wednesday, 29 April 2027
Istanbul

B-D

This morning, enjoy breakfast before we visit the famous **Topkapi Palace**, built as the home of the Ottoman Sultans. The world famous treasury sections will be visited to view the impressive collection of jewels and artefacts.

We will also visit the nearby **Blue Mosque** and **Hagia Sophia Church** turned Mosque, turned Museum, and turned Mosque again.

We will also visit the **Basilica Cistern** built in 532 by the emperor Justinian to provide water to Hagia Sophia. It is underground and its roof is held up by 8-metre-high ornate pillars, some 336 of them!

We'll have some time at leisure this afternoon once back at the hotel and then come together for dinner.



Day 4: Thursday, 30 April 2027
Istanbul

B-L-D

Today we will enjoy a later start after a leisurely breakfast.

We'll also be 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 and then continue by boat from Camlica on a **Bosphorus cruise**.

After disembarking we'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

The **Egyptian Spice Bazaar** is our next adventure, to experience the smells of cinnamon, cloves and thyme rising from every store, the same smells that filled the air over 400 years ago.

Following the tour we drive back to hotel, have time to freshen up and meet for this evenings dinner.

Day 5: Friday, 01 May 2027
Istanbul – ANZAC Cove - Canakkale

B-D

After breakfast we check out, board the coach and cross the strategic waterway called the Dardanelles on our journey to **Gallipoli**, historically famous for being the site of many battles during WWI.

We will visit **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, which is a journey of approx. 5 hours' drive, and go straight to dinner before checking into our hotel for the night.

Accommodation: Kolin Hotel - 5 star - or similar (1 night)

Day 6: Saturday, 02 May 2027
Canakkale – Bergama - Kusadasi

B-D

Following an early breakfast we check out and depart to **Pergamon**, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation where we will examine the remains of the church. This was one of the principle towns where Christianity spread quickly.

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, check into our hotel and come together for this evening's dinner.

Accommodation: Korumar Hotel - 5 star - or similar (3 nights)



Day 7: Sunday, 03 May 2027
Ephesus

B-D

After breakfast today we will enjoy an entire day at **Ephesus**, one of the Ancient Wonders of the World!

Located just 15kms from Kusadasi, we'll spend 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**.

Returning to our hotel in the afternoon, take time to freshen up before we meet for dinner.

Day 8: Monday, 04 May 2027
Sirince Village

B-L-D

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we journey approx. 30mins to **Sirince village**.

Arriving in the village we are greeted by 200 year old Greco-Turkish houses where we have about half an hour to explore the village before making our way by foot to a **cooking class**, which will be held in a typical village house.

As you may know; Turkish food is renowned as one of the top three world cuisines. Turkish cuisine, like its cultural mosaic, is very colorful and contains countless different tastes. Since the Turkish cooking tradition has a unique historical heritage and makes use of an incredibly rich variety of natural ingredients; this has all led to a unique fusion of East and West. Different tastes in every region contribute to the complexity of Turkish cuisine.

Under local guidance we will have chance to create a variety of delicious foods from simple recipes with quality ingredients. In wonderful surroundings with a view of the old village we'll sit down and taste what we've prepared followed by a Turkish tea or coffee.

Upon returning to our hotel, have some time to relax before come together for this evening's dinner.

Day 9: Tuesday, 05 May 2027
Kusadasi – Miletus - Bodrum

B-D

After breakfast and checking out, today we will drive to **Bodrum**.

Enroute we stop at **Miletus**, where Paul met with the Ephesian elders and made his farewell address, poignantly described in Acts 20:13-37. The size and the magnificence of the Theatre is striking, originally standing right on the port and it accommodates 15000 spectators.

We continue on to Bodrum, checking in upon arrival and then meeting for dinner.

Accommodation: Hillstone Bodrum - 5 star - or similar (3 nights)



Day 10: Wednesday, 06 May 2027
Bodrum

B-L-D

This morning following breakfast we have a short drive to the Bodrum Marina where we board our **Gulet boat** which will be waiting at the 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.

Transferring back to the hotel there will be time to freshen up before dinner.

Day 11: Thursday, 07 May 2027
Bodrum

B-D

After breakfast, we visit **Bodrum Underwater Archeological Museum**.

When **The Knights of Rhodes** built the castle in honor of St. Peter (1415-1437), they used some of the marbles of the Mausoleum which was destroyed by an earthquake in 14th century. There are five main towers in the castle, reflecting the architectural styles of the nations by whom they were constructed, they are the English Tower, French Tower, Spanish Tower, Italian Tower and German Tower. The museum collections are housed in those towers.

After the castle visit we will see the **Myndos Gate** of ancient Halikarnassus (Bodrum Peninsula) which dates from 364 B.C. The 7 km long city wall surrounded the town from the west side of the harbour to Göktepe. We then visit the **Mausoleum of Halicarnassus**, built between 353 and 350 BC for Mausolus, a satrap in the Persian Empire and Artemisia II. of Caria, who was both his wife and his sister.

Returning to the hotel, we have some time to relax before meeting for dinner.

Day 12: Friday, 08 May 2027
Bodrum - Pamukkale

B-D

After breakfast today we check out and depart for **Pamukkale**, a beautiful and spectacular natural site, unique in the world with its fairy-like, dazzling white cascade.

Pamukkale's terraces are made of travertine, which is a sedimentary rock deposited by water from hot springs. We will see the thermal spring water plunging down the mountain side which has created this natural formation of stalactites, cataracts and the basin. The thermal water has been used since the Roman period for its therapeutic powers.

We also visit the Roman city of **Hierapolis** with its **Apollo-Temple** competing with **Delphi**, the monumental Nymphaeum, a 4th century Basilica and the Theatre.

We then visit the best-preserved **Necropolis** before being transferred to our hotel to check in and enjoy dinner together.

Accommodation: Doga Thermal Hotel - 5 star - or similar (1 night)



Day 13: Saturday, 09 May 2027
Pamukkale - Konya

B-D

Following this mornings' breakfast we check out and board the coach for a full travel day driving to **Konya**.

Upon arrival we will visit **Mevlâna Museum** which started life as the dervish lodge of the Mevlevi order, better known as the Whirling Dervishes. It houses the mausoleum of Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi, a Persian Sufi mystic.

We'll then make our way to the hotel, check in and meet in the evening for dinner.

Accommodation: Bayir Diamond - 5 star - or similar (1 night)

Please note: Konya is the most traditional town in Turkey. Konya is not a "dry" city in the sense that alcohol is completely prohibited, but it is known for being a more religiously conservative city where alcohol consumption is less common and less visible than in other major Turkish cities. While alcohol can be purchased in some local stores, it is not available at the hotel nor is it openly consumed as in more secular areas of Turkey. Any pre-purchased alcohol needs to be consumed in your room.

Day 14: Sunday, 10 May 2027
Konya - Cappadocia

B-D

We have early breakfast before departing for **Cappadocia** today. Enroute, we 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 **Nevşehir**, in Cappadocia, where we will arrive in the evening. We'll meet for dinner once we've settled into our rooms.

Accommodation: Barcelo - 5 star - or similar (3 nights)

Day 15: Monday, 11 May 2027
Cappadocia

B-D

This morning *you could* begin the day very early on a hot air balloon ride* that takes you soaring over the magnificent Cappadocian landscape

Following breakfast, we enjoy a full day exploring the unique landscapes and attractions of Cappadocia with a visit the **Göreme Open Air Museum**, home to some of the finest examples of Byzantine art in Cappadocia, including rock-cut churches decorated with frescoes and paintings dating back as early as the 10th century.

We then continue with a visit to the **Özkonak Underground City**, an impressive underground settlement offering insight into the region's unique history and heritage.

Early evening we come together for dinner at the hotel.

***Hot Air Balloon rides are at passengers' own expense and will be offered by the Tour Guide at the beginning of the tour, with payment being made direct. These are subject to weather conditions on the day.**



Day 16: Tuesday, 12 May 2027
Cappadocia

B-D

After breakfast today we take the **Cappadocia Tour**.

Our first stop is the **Soganli valley**, which was one of the earliest settlements in Cappadocia. After this, we drive to **Urgup** through the unspoiled villages of Cappadocia, surrounded by the “table-top” mountains.

On the way there we will visit the **Medrese** in Taskinpaşa, a Theological School of the Seljuk Turks.

We continue towards **Mustafapaşa** (Sinassos), an ancient Greek town with spectacular old Greek houses: a very fine example of late Greek settlement and architecture.

Following lunch (at own expense) in Mustafapaşa we return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure.

We'll meet again this evening as we go out for dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 17: Wednesday, 13 May 2027
Cappadocia - Ankara

B-D

Following breakfast this morning we depart to the Turkish capital of **Ankara**.

Upon arrival we will see the **Mausoleum of Kemal Atatürk**, founder of the modern Turkish Republic.

We also visit **Museum of Anatolian Civilizations**. The museum has the finest archaeological collection in all of Turkey and contains records of every civilization that passed through Anatolia, which are priceless items from as far back as 7,500 years.

We arrive at our hotel, check in and then meet for dinner tonight.

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Ankara - 5 star - or similar (1 night)

Day 18: Thursday, 14 May 2027
Ankara - Istanbul

B-D

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we check out and are transferred to Ankara airport for our flight to Istanbul.

Upon arrival we are transferred to the **Grand Bazaar**. In addition to its historical importance, it's a marvelous place with 60 streets, over 4000 shops where you will be enchanted by the glancing colorful atmosphere.

We then check in to the hotel before our final evening together at a local restaurant for a **Farewell Dinner**.

Accommodation: Burdock Hotel Istanbul - 4 star - or similar (1 night)



Day 19: Friday, 15 May 2027
Depart Istanbul

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After breakfast we enjoy some time at leisure and a late check out before a final lunch and then being transferred to Istanbul international airport.

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