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# Highlights of Turkey

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10 DAY(S) | 1 COUNTRY(IES)

**Day 1** 04 September 2026

## Welcome to Istanbul

Meet at the crossroads of East and West – the effervescent capital of Istanbul launches your journey of discovery through centuries of turmoil and triumph. Spend the day exploring after being transferred to your hotel. Later, you'll meet your Travel Director and travel companions for dinner.

**Arrival Transfer:** Depart Istanbul Airport (IST) at 13:30, 16:30

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director at 18:30

✂ Dinner |

🏨 Novotel Istanbul Zeytinburnu

**Day 2** 05 September 2026

## Discover Colorful Istanbul Dive Into Culture

Delve into the treasures of the Ottoman Empire, strolling through the exquisite Topkapi Palace with its spellbinding views of the Bosphorus. Visit Hagia Sophia, the Byzantine Hippodrome, to see where thundering chariots once raced to victory before viewing the Blue Mosque – its six minarets and beautiful blue Iznik tiles are a sight to behold. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the museum of Classical Turkish Music. The evening is yours to further explore the city.

✂ Breakfast |

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**Day 3** 06 September 2026

## Journey to Gallipoli and Çanakkale

Remember the heroism of the many thousands of men who fought bravely at Gallipoli. You'll see Lone Pine Cemetery and the battlefields that today still hold special significance for the Turkish, Australian and New Zealand nations. Spend a quiet moment commemorating the lives lost at Anzac Cove and Chunuk Bair, where some of the fiercest fighting took place during World War I.

✂ Breakfast, Dinner |

🏨 Kolin

**Day 4** 07 September 2026

## Off to Troy and Izmir Connect with Locals

Visit a land of Trojan legends, an ancient city immortalized by Homer in the stories of King Priamus, Hector, Paris and the beautiful Helen. Admire the archaeological excavations at Troy revealing nine separate periods of settlement and the symbolic replica wooden Trojan horse commemorating the epic war machine constructed by the Greeks to end a lengthy siege. This afternoon, Connect With Localsover lunch in the village of Demircidere at a Be My Guest experience.

✂ Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |

🏨 Kaya Izmir Thermal & Convention

**Day 5** 08 September 2026

## Admire the Ruins of Ephesus and on to Pamukkale

Journey into antiquity and explore the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus admiring the well-preserved façade of the Library of Celsus and its famous Temple of Artemis. Visit the House of the Virgin Mary, the Temple of Hadrian guarded by Medusa's head, and the Great Theater, built by the Romans in the 2nd-century and still in use today. You'll learn about the intricate heritage and art of carpet weaving during a visit to a Turkish carpet emporium.

✂ Breakfast, Dinner |

🏨 Colossae Thermal

**Day 6** 09 September 2026

## Onwards to Hierapolis and Konya

This morning, enjoy a leisurely visit to the ancient ruins of the Holy City of Hierapolis, imagining ancient patrons seeking revival and rest within their limestone-laden thermal springs. Visit the Mevlana Museum and Mausoleum in Konya, a former dervish lodge of the Mevlevi order, which reveals the origins of Sufism.

✂ Breakfast, Dinner |

🏨 Dedeman

**Day 7** 10 September 2026

## Continue to Cappadocia Dive Into Culture Stays With Stories

Continue your journey to Cappadocia, you'll see a 13th-century caravanserai and underground city of Saratli on the ancient Silk Road. Then Dive into Culture to learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos. Later, consider joining an Optional Experience to watch the Whirling Dervishes then enjoy a Regional Meal at a local restaurant.

✂ Breakfast |

🏨 Exedra

**Day 8** 11 September 2026

## A Day to Explore Spectacular Göreme

The whimsical landscapes of Cappadocia take center stage today as you embark on a full-day excursion that will see you visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum, the Paşabağı and Kızıl Vadi valleys.

✂ Breakfast, Dinner |

🏨 Exedra

**Day 9** 12 September 2026

## Return to Istanbul

Take a short flight this morning to Istanbul, Dive into Culture as you shop for souvenirs at Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, one of the largest covered markets in the world with 60 streets and over 5,000 shops. The rest of the day is yours to explore the city your way. Enjoy a sensory explosion at the vibrant Spice Market.

✂ Breakfast, Dinner |

🏨 Novotel Istanbul Zeytinburnu

**Day 10** 13 September 2026

## Farewell Istanbul

Say a fond farewell to Turkey and newfound friends as you prepare to depart to the airport for your flight home.

✂ Breakfast |