

TRAVEL PACKAGES

ISTANBUL - EPHESUS - CAPPADOCIA







Pre-Race Packages 17 - 23 October 2016

17 October

Welcome you at Istanbul Ataturk or Sabiha Gokcen Airport and transfer you to your hotel in old town "Sultanahmet" or Sirkeci.

Overnight in Istanbul

18 October

Meet with your guide after breakfast at your hotel around 09:30 and We start our day in Istanbul by strolling to the great square which was once the Byzantine Hippodrome. Now it is a great park like area surrounded by the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, and the Underground Cistern, commonly called the Basilica Cistern. After lunch at a local restaurant, we retrace our steps and visit Istanbul Archaeological Museum. We end our day with a visit to Grand Bazaar.

Overnight in Istanbul

19 October

On Second day of your Istanbul visit, we first walk to the Rustem Pasha Mosque, then visit Spice Market, where the Genoese and Venetian goods used to be sold at a time where there was no Suez Canal, and all spices from the East were also brought here after being loaded on vessels in Egypt. After Spice Market, we get on board and take a leisurely Bosphorus Cruise from Eminonu. After having lunch, we visit Topkapi Palace. More than a palace, it is an assemblage of museums containing the collections amassed by the Sultans over almost five centuries. Transfer to Ataturk Airport and fly to Izmir at 19:00. Welcome you at Izmir Airport and transfer to Kusadasi, stay overnight in Kusadasi.

20 October

Meet with your guide after breakfast at 10:00, and we first drive to the Virgin Mary's House; after that we visit Ephesus which was founded in the eleventh century BC by the Ionians. Strolling through the streets of Ephesus, we will witness the perfection of the Greco-Roman Art. Later in the afternoon we will visit St John's Basilica, believed to be the tomb of the Apostle John, Christ's beloved disciple. From the basilica, we will be able to look down on the remains of the Temple of Artemis. We end the day with our visit to the Isa Bey Mosque. Transfer to Izmir Airport and fly to Cappadocia at 19:45 and lands at 21:10, transfer from airport to your Hotel in Cappadocia.





21 October

The tour begins with a descent towards the centre of the earth, with a trip to the underground city of Kaymakli, one of the largest and deepest of Cappadocia's many such settlements. From here we drive to the famous Goreme Open Air Museum to see the best examples of Byzantine art in Cappadocia. These are found in rock-cut churches with frescoes and paintings dating from as early as the 10th century. From here we pause at Avanos, a centre of terracotta art since 2,000 BC, for a demonstration in a traditional pottery workshop. After lunch in Avanos, we visit Pasabag's "fairy chimneys", where the voice of the wind harmonizes with the songs of the fairies. We end the tour with a visit to Sarihan







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Caravanserai, a very fine example of the Turkish Seljuk art, built in the early 13th century on the legendary Silk Road, for the accommodation of the traders and their camels. We will stop over at Race HQ and pickup our race bags and complete the registration before head back to your hotel.

Overnight in Cappadocia



22 October

Pick you up from your hotel and transfer to start point at Race Village. After you finish the race, massage and open buffet will be waiting for you at Race HQ.

Overnight in Cappadocia



23 October

Transfer from your hotel to Nevsehir or Kayseri Airport for any flight back to Istanbul.

Alternative Hot Air Balloon Ride for the runners & supporters

At five in the morning, smoke is beginning to rise from the village chimneys below you. The barking of dogs, startled by the balloon, attracts sleepy villagers outside to wave enthusiastically. The weird twisted landscape of corroded rock to which you have partially become accustomed from the ground level,



becomes even more unearthly when viewed from several hundred feet above. A 90-minute hot air balloon flight culminating in a champagne breakfast on landing. In two words? Breathtaking and Unforgettable!

Options and Prices:

90 minute deluxe flight (maximum 12 people in the basket): Euro 250 per person, (Euro 230 if paid in cash).

60 minute comfort flight (maximum 16 people in the basket): Euro 180 per person, (Euro 170 if paid in cash).

60 minute standard flight (up to 24 people in the basket): Euro 160 per person, (Euro 150 if paid in cash).

Please let me know the option you prefer.

Price includes:

- Airport transfers in Istanbul
- 2 nights accommodation in Istanbul
- · Domestic flight fom Istanbul to Izmir
- 1 night Accommodation in Selcuk/Ephesus
- Guided Tour in Ephesus including lunch, entrance fees and transfers
- Izmir Airport Transfers
- Domestic Flight to Cappadocia
- Airport Transfers in Cappadocia
- 3 nights Accommodation in Cappadocia
- Guided Tour in Cappadocia including lunch, entrance fees and transfers

Price 1: 1129 Euros

per person sharing double room with breakfast İstanbul - Acra Hotel / Ephesus - Charisma Deluxe Hotel Cappadocia - Urgup Evi Cave Hotel or similiar

Price 2:959 Euros

per person sharing double room with breakfast Istanbul - Erboy Hotel - Sirkeci / Ephesus - Kayhan Bey Hotel Cappadocia - Akuzun Hotel or similar





