



Timeless Turkey

8 Days/7 Nights by Air & Motorcoach

Departure Dates in Europe:

19th May, 2012

8th June, 2012

8th September, 2012

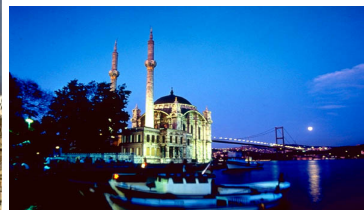
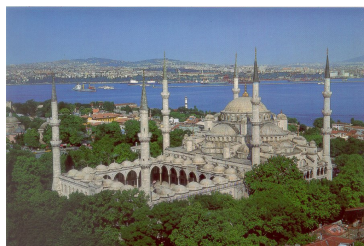
14th October, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Small groups
- Professional Gutsy Women Travel Director
- Welcome dinner in the flower market in Istanbul
- Belly-dancing class
- Visit the home of a Turkish woman and learn about rural life
- Folk-dancing and belly-dancing show
- Cruise on the Bosphorus
- Farewell dinner at the Capari Arif restaurant in Istanbul
- A glass of wine with every dinner

8 DAY TIMELESS TURKEY ITINERARY

Welcome to Turkey, a crossroad of history and culture which offers rich pickings for even the most discerning traveler. Enjoy all the sights of cosmopolitan Istanbul and the natural beauty of Anatolia.

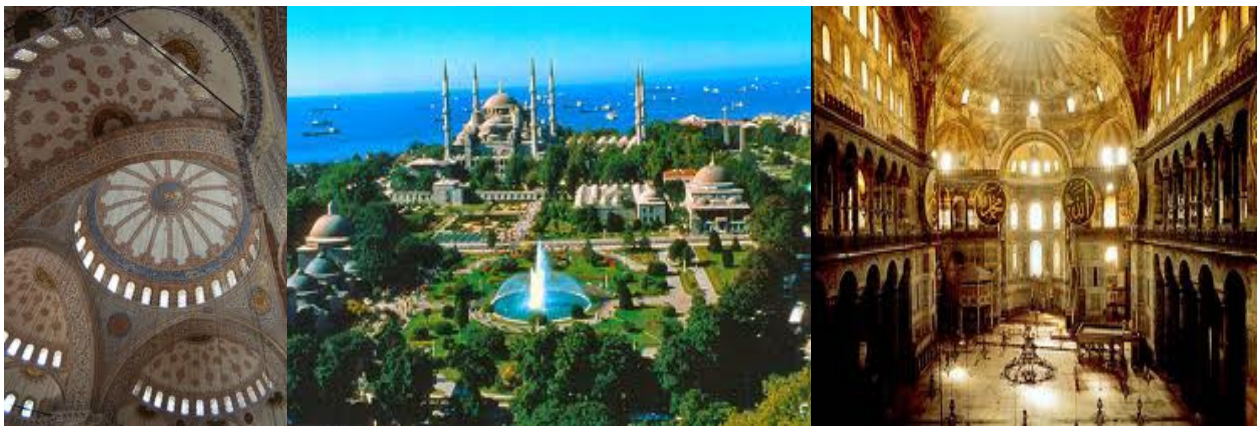


Day 1: Arrive Istanbul

Welcome to one of the most interesting and dynamic cities in the world - Istanbul! In the evening join your fellow Gutsy Women travelers and Travel Director and enjoy a walking tour in Beyoglu, before heading to Ikinci Bahar restaurant in the flower market for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

Day 2: Istanbul

This morning see what a vibrant city this is as you join a local guide and visit the Topkapi Palace, the museum of Hagia Sophia and the magnificent Blue Mosque. Later, discover some Eastern moves as you join one of the best belly dancers in the city for a fun-filled lesson. Then a free evening so you can explore and find a local restaurant with some friends for dinner. (B)

**Day 3:** Istanbul to Ankara

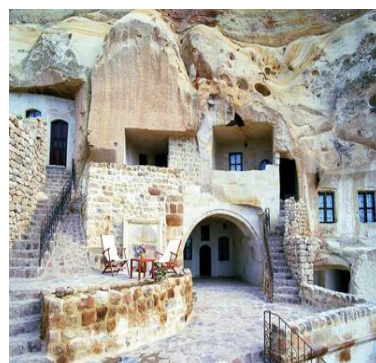
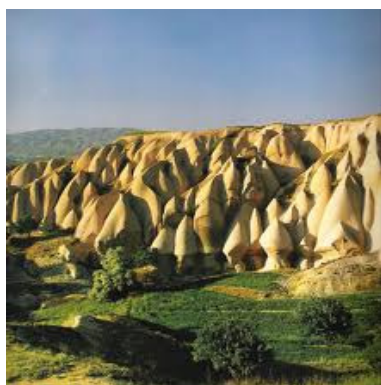
Enjoy picturesque scenery as you travel via Kosekoy and Bursa to Turkey's modern capital, Ankara. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Ankara to Cappadocia

Sightseeing includes a visit to the Hittite Museum, portraying the fascinating history of Asia Minor from earliest times, a visit to Anit Kabir, the mausoleum of Ataturk, Turkey's greatest leader in modern times and the mausoleum of Sufi philosopher Haci Bektas before heading to Cappadocia. Upon arrival there's a truly special experience as you visit a nearby village and spend time with a local woman drinking tea, chatting and learning about rural Turkish life. Finally, arrive at one of the most unique hotels that you'll ever stay at in your life - one of the famous cave hotels, literally built inside caves where people have lived for thousands of years. (B,D)

Day 5: Cappadocia

Begin the morning with a walking tour through the village of Uchisar and finish in a small rock canyon away from the roads and tour buses. Climb through tunnels to the top of the rock citadel of Uchisar, the highest point in the region, and enjoy the spectacular panoramic view. Enjoy lunch at the Somine restaurant before proceeding to the Goreme Open Air museum. Cappadocia's most famous attraction, the museum complex consists of numerous cave churches decorated with exquisite frescoes and paintings dating back to the 10th Century. Tonight enjoy dinner at the Elai Restaurant, which has received several culinary awards for its unique contemporary Cappadocian dishes, before finishing the day with a mystical and enchanting performance by Whirling Dervishes accompanied by a glass of wine. Watch in awe as they perform the Sema, a ceremony representing a man's spiritual ascent through mind and love to perfection. (B,L,HD)



Day 6: Cappadocia to Istanbul

This morning, visit the unparalleled Kaymakli underground city, a multi layered complex carved into the hillside by the Hittites nearly four thousand years ago. This incredible site was then expanded by the Assyrians, Persians, and Romans as each civilization conquered the region. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight back to Istanbul and on arrival see the city from a different perspective as you cruise the Bosphorus and have free time to find a local restaurant for dinner. (B)



Day 7: Istanbul

Visit the lively and colorful spice market, a dreamland for spice lovers and bursting with shoppers perusing the small side streets. This afternoon, visit the amazing Grand Bazaar, a labyrinth of over 4000 stores selling everything from slippers, antiques, and gold to spice and, of course, carpets. Tonight enjoy a seafood Farewell Dinner with your fellow Gutsy Women travelers at the Capari Arif restaurant, look back on the wonderful experiences of the past week and plan your next Gutsy Women trip. (B,FD)



Day 8: Depart Istanbul for USA

This morning after breakfast it's time to bid farewell to Turkey as you return home with wonderful and enduring memories. (B)

TOUR INCLUDES:

- ❖ Transfers will be provided for passengers who have advised Trafalgar of their flight details.
- ❖ Welcome Drink and dinner on first night with Gutsy Women Travel Director and fellow travelers
- ❖ First Class hotels listed or similar; hotel taxes, service charges and baggage handling
- ❖ 7 Full Breakfasts (B), 3 Dinners (D), 2 Lunches, 1 Highlight Dinner (HD) & 1 Farewell Dinner (FD) – total 2 Lunches & 5 Dinners
- ❖ Services of a professional female Gutsy Women Travel Director
- ❖ Private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and a restroom
- ❖ Sightseeing, special features and scenic highlights as indicated in the itinerary, including admission charges where applicable
- ❖ Internal flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul
- ❖ Bottled water throughout the tour
- ❖ Gratuities to Local Guides and Driver

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

4 Nights Istanbul - Eresin Taxim Premier

<http://www.eresin.com.tr/eresinpremier/>

1 Night Ankara – Limak Ambassade

<http://www.limakhotels.com/ambassade/en/>

2 Nights Cappadocia – Uchisar Kaya or Goreme Kaya

<http://www.uchisarkayahotel.com/eng/> or <http://www.goremekayaotel.com/>

PRICING (LAND ONLY):

\$2,959 single

\$2,499 per person, shared

\$2,499 per person, twin