

# Amazing

# March 18 - 30, 2016

# TURKEY & GREECE

**MANILA, ISTANBUL, ADANA, ANTAKYA, ADANA, CAPPADOCIA, KONYA, PAMUKKALE, KUSADASI, ISTANBUL, ATHENS, SANTORINI, ATHENS, MANILA**

# \$3479.00

## TWIN SHARING

### INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip Economy International Airfare
- Domestic Economy ticket in Turkey
- Ferry Boat (Athens / Santorini)
- Domestic Economy ticket (Santorini / Athens)
- Pick up and drop of at Airport and port
- 11 Nights Hotel accommodation (4\*)
- Meal as per itinerary (B-breakfast & D-dinner)
- Modern A/C bus for sightseeing
- English speaking guide during sightseeing
- Applicable entrance fees
- Filipino Tour Escort

### EXCLUSIONS:

- Airline & Airport Taxes (PH & Terminal Fee) (Approx -\$130)
- Tips to guide and Driver (USD 10.00 pp/day)
- Porter fee at airport, port and hotel
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Beverages during meals and sightseeing
- Personal expenses

### REQUIRED VISAS:

- TURKEY VISA – PHP 4,000 (Single Entry)
- GREECE VISA – PHP 5,500 (Multiple Entry)

### TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- Non Refundable / Non Transferable deposit of **USD 500.00** pp upon booking
- Full Cancellation will be applied to any cancellation made 3 weeks before departure.
- If the group fall below 20 your travel Agent has the right to cancel or reschedule the tour, otherwise a supplement may apply.
- **Minimum 20 pax to run this tour**

**There is no refund for unused services**

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### DAY 1 / MAR 18 - ISTANBUL ARRIVAL

Arrival at Istanbul airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

### DAY 2 / MAR 19 - ISTANBUL (B,L)

Following breakfast, we drive to the 'Old City' where we will visit the Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque, famous for its delicate blue ceramic tiles and Hagia Sophia. This church - turned mosque - turned museum takes the breath away with the sheer architectural size of its interior and magnificent dome. Next we will visit the spectacular Topkapi Palace that was built on one of the seven hills of Istanbul. This huge complex commands views of the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. It was the seat of government for the Ottoman Empire for many centuries (1453-1852). We will see the extravagant Treasury, the priceless Chinese porcelain. We will finish up the day in the bustling Grand Bazaar that is an attractive shopping center and biggest "souk" in the world.

### DAY 3 / MAR 20 - ISTANBUL / ADANA / ANTAKYA (B,D)

We will take the early flight to Adana, ancient Cilicia, and drive straight to Tarsus, the birthplace of St. Paul. During St. Paul's time Tarsus was a university city surpassing Athens and Alexandria. Cicero was a governor here in 51-50 BC and the romantic meeting between Cleopatra and Mark Anthony took place in Tarsus. Highlights here will be St. Paul's well, the recently excavated ancient main street and Cleopatra's Gate. Continue to Antakya or Antioch-on-the-Orontes for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 4 / MAR 21 - ANTAKYA / ADANA (B,D)

Antioch is thought to have been founded in 300 BC among all the cities in the ancient world. Antioch offered the most fertile ground for new ideas, philosophies and religions. First to preach here was St. Peter followed by St. Paul and Barnabas whose extensive efforts proved to be very fruitful for Christianity. Incidentally, the word "Christian" was first coined in Antioch. The strong and wealthy community of Antioch contributed financially to the Christian community of Jerusalem. Highlights include the museum which houses a superb collection of mosaics from Antioch, Daphne and Seleucia Pieria and St. Peter's Grotto, the cave church came to be known as the meeting place of the early Christians. According to the legend, ancient Daphne was the sacred grove where Apollo tried to rape a nymph of the same name whom Eros struck with an arrow thus making her incapable of loving neither a god nor a mortal. Apart from being dedicated to Apollo, Daphne was also a place of carnal pleasures and any soldier caught in the area was dismissed from service. The next site we will visit today is Seleucia Pieria which was the port city of Antioch in ancient days. The most interesting monument here is the Tunnel of Titus which is a tremendous water canal dug for the purpose of diverting waters of Orontes river. Another highlight here will be the rock tombs with their impressive facades pertaining to the Hellenistic period. Return to Adana for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 5 / MAR 22 - ADANA / CAPPADOCIA (B,D)

After an early breakfast, we drive north to Cappadocia and first stop at Derinkuyu or Kaymakli. This is an underground city, carved into soft rocks resembling a huge labyrinth of tunnels, rooms, kitchens, wine cellars and passageways. A huge chimney ventilates this 8-levelled dwelling which was used by Christians to hide from their Roman and Byzantine persecutors. Further on we come to central Cappadocia. What Turks commonly call "Fairy Chimneys" are jutting pieces of volcanic rocks that have been beaten and shaped by the wind and rain. Highlights will be The Apple Church, The Serpent and Sandal Churches and the Church with a Buckle in Goreme. Their colorful frescoes remain as vibrant as when they were first made. Dinner and overnight.

### DAY 6 / MAR 23 -- CAPPADOCIA / KONYA / PAMUKKALE (B,D)

Early in the morning, we drive to Konya stopping by and viewing the Seljuk Sultanhanı Caravanserai on the way. We visit the Mausoleum of Mevlana in Konya. Lunch will be served on the way. Arrive in Pamukkale and enjoy the sunset with its unique formation of petrified calcium cliffs. Dinner and overnight.

### DAY 7 / MAR 24 -- PAMUKKALE / KUSADASI (B,D)

After breakfast, we visit the ancient city of Hierapolis in detail. Necropolis, Nymphaeum, Main Street and calcified travertine. Continue to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 8 / MAR 25 - KUSADASI / ISTANBUL (B,L)

In the morning, we visit the house of Virgin Mary. Continue to the Ionian city of Ephesus, the Roman Capital of Asia Minor. We visit the ancient city covering Bouleuterion, Prytaneum, Celcius library, Hadrian's temple and theater. We will enjoy a fashion show on leather goods during the day. Drive to Izmir airport for your flight to Istanbul. Transfer to your hotel for overnight.

### DAY 9 / MAR 26 - ISTANBUL / ATHENS HALF DAY CITY TOUR (B,D)

After breakfast, transfer to Istanbul airport for flight to Athens. Meet in the arrival's hall at Athens airport and transfer to the city and the hotel. Then proceed to half day tour of the Greek capital. With an English speaking guide, see Syntagma Square, the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the National Library and Hadrian's Arch. See the Temple of the Olympian Zeus and stop at the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896. On the Acropolis visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the Parthenon. Transfer back to the hotel. Overnight.

### DAY 10 / MAR 27 - ATHENS - SANTORINI - OIA TOUR (B,D)

Breakfast in the hotel or, Box breakfast. Transfer to the port of Piraeus and depart on the boat to the amazing island of Santorini. Meet on arrival and transfer to the hotel. At the given time, depart on tour. Drive to the north of the island, to Oia. Oia hosts the most magnificent views of the island with a picturesque road with cliffs on one side and sea on the other. Wander round the town and enjoy the view to the volcano. Completing, return back to Fira. The tour completes with a walk round the town seeing the old world charm blended with the modern day comforts. Return back to the hotel. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 11 / MAR 28 - FREE DAY SANTORINI (B,D)

Breakfast in the hotel. Free day to explore the Island of Santorini. Overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 12 / MAR 29 - SANTORINI - ATHENS DEPARTURE (B)

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the port or, airport for the journey back to Athens, then connect the flight to Manila.

### DAY 13 / MAR 30 - ARRIVAL MANILA