



Price starts @  
**US\$2258**  
LAND ONLY

# ICONIC TURKEY & GREECE

Departure Dates: Every Tuesday (Valid from APRIL - OCTOBER 2016)

**Day 01**

**ARRIVAL ISTANBUL**

Arrival at Istanbul airport and transfer to the hotel in Istanbul. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay in your hotel.

**Day 02**

**ISTANBUL CITY TOUR (B)**

Today we will be exploring the city of Istanbul. Our first stop will be the Topkapi Palace, the largest and oldest of the remaining palaces where Ottoman Sultans used to live. During our guided visit we will have the opportunity to admire the gardens, kitchens, the treasury sections as well as terraces overlooking the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. Next, we will be exploring Saint Sophia, one of the marvels of Byzantine architecture. We continue to the Blue Mosque covered by more than 20,000 Iznik tiles and the Roman Hippodrome. After our included lunch, our day will conclude to the labyrinth tunnels of the Grand Bazaar, where you will have the opportunity to discover the handicrafts of Anatolia and free time to shop. Return to our hotel for overnight stay.

**Day 03**

**BOSPHORUS – ISTANBUL - ANKARA (BD)**

In the morning, you can enjoy some free time in the historical Spice Market to feel the exoticism of the Orient. Later, enjoy a languorous boat trip along the European and Asian coasts of the Bosphorus. In the afternoon, we depart and drive to Ankara where we will have dinner and settle for the night.

**Day 04**

**ANKARA - CAPPADOCIA (BD)**

This morning we will be visiting the archaeological museum of Ankara, with its unique collection including Paleolithic, Neolithic, Hittite, Hittite, Phrygian, Urartian and Roman works and Lydian treasures. Our day continues with a short stop at the Mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, founder and first president of the Turkish Republic. Later we continue our drive to Cappadocia where we will visit the underground city. Check in to your hotel in Cappadocia, dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 05**

**CAPPADOCIA (BLD)**

The entire day is dedicated to exploring Cappadocia. We will admire the natural beauty and the cultural depth of this unique region. We will explore the frescoed interiors of Goreme's cave churches dating from the 8<sup>th</sup> century, and take a walk in Avclar, Pasabagi and the Valley of Derwent where we will admire the chimney like volcanic formations. After our included lunch, we continue for a brief photo stop at Uchisar, and in the afternoon, we will discover the unique artifacts of Cappadocia such as pottery, onyx, etc. Dinner and overnight in our hotel.

**Day 06**

**CAPPADOCIA – KONYA – PAMUKKALE (BD)**

Today we will be driving through the Silk Road to Konya to visit the Whirling Dervishes Convent which is now the Mevlana Museum. We will also be visiting a Caravanserai from 12<sup>th</sup> century. In the afternoon, we continue our drive to arrive at Pamukkale for dinner and overnight.

**Day 07**

**PAMUKKALE – EPHEBUS / IZMIR (B)**

This morning we will be discovering the ancient city of Hierapolis and enjoy the unique splendor of its cascading, hot springs in Pamukkale. Later we drive to Ephesus and explore the ancient city by strolling along its 2,000 year old marble streets and exploring the famous theatre and the Celsus Library.

We continue our day with a stop at a leather factory in Selcuk to attend a fashion show and to learn more about Turkish leather. Our last visit of the day is to the House of the Virgin Mary. Early in the evening, we will arrive at Izmir, the third biggest city of Turkey. Dinner and overnight stay in your hotel in Izmir.

**Day 08**

**KUSADASI – PATMOS / ON CRUISE (BLD)**

After our breakfast, we will be transferring to the port of Kusadasi, to embark on Celestyal cruises cruise ship for a 3 night sailing to the Aegean islands. Early in the afternoon, the ship will arrive in Patmos with the famous monastery of St. John and the Grotto of the Apocalypse. Overnight on board.

**Day 09**

**RHODES ON CRUISE (BLD)**

Arrival in Rhodes early in the morning. The whole day will be at leisure to explore Rhodes or follow optional excursions (not included). Overnight on board.

**Day 10**

**HERAKLION – SANTORINI ON CRUISE (BLD)**

Arrival in Heraklion early in the morning. Possibility for a shore excursion to the Minoan Palace of Knossos. In the afternoon, we will arrive at the unique island of Santorini. Free time to explore the island or optional shore excursions (not included). Overnight on board.

**Day 11**

**LAVRION – ATHENS CITY TOUR (B)**

Arrival at Lavrion port early in the morning. Breakfast on board. Disembark the boat and transfer to your hotel in Athens. In the afternoon, you will have a city tour in Athens. We begin with a panoramic tour to the most important monuments and landmarks of the city including the Panathinaikon stadium, the Zappeion, the temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, Syntagma Square, the Parliament, the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Schliemann's house, the Academy, the University, the National Library, and the old Parliament. Next we head for our guided visit to the Acropolis, including Propylae, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Parthenon, the Erechtheion. Rest of the afternoon at leisure.

**Day 12**

**ATHENS – DELPHI – KALAMBAKA (BD)**

After our breakfast, we depart towards Delphi, which used to be the most sacred spot in the world and a pilgrimage center for many centuries in the antiquity. You will admire the Sanctuary of Apollo, walk the Sacred way, and visit the Temple of Apollo, home of Pythia (the oracle). We continue to the local museum with the famous bronze statue of the Charioteer. In the afternoon, we will be crossing the mountains of central Greece to arrive in Kalambaka for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 13**

**KALAMBAKA – METEORA – ATHENS (B)**

This morning we will be visiting Meteora. Amazing rock formations, like towers of sandstones, stand ageless, and have provided sacred retreat for monks over the centuries. A number of monasteries are hidden on top of Meteora. The view over the plain is breathtaking. Meteora is considered among the most beautiful areas of mainland Greece and belongs to UNESCO's list of World Heritage Monuments. After our visit, we will take the road back to Athens. On the way, we will make a short stop at Thermopylae, to admire the statue of Leonidas, King of Sparta.

**Day 14**

**ATHENS DEPARTURE (B)**

Morning at leisure until transfer to Airport for your continuing flight.

**DATES & RATES**

APR 12:	\$ 2,258
MAY 03, 10:	\$ 2,368
JUN 14, 21:	\$ 2,328
JUL 12, 19:	\$ 2,308
AUG 16, 23:	\$ 2,328
SEP 13, 20:	\$ 2,408
OCT 11, 18:	\$ 2,358

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Roundtrip Airport Transfers
- Hotel Accommodation in specified hotels
- Meals as per itinerary
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- English Speaking Guide
- 4Days Cruise (Celestyal Cruises)
- Deluxe AC Coach

**NOT INCLUDED**

- \* INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE
- \* Airline Taxes
- \* Shore Excursions
- \* Visa Fee: **Schengen - PHP 6,500**  
**Turkey - PHP 4,000**
- \* Port Taxes - \$180.00
- \* Tips & Gratuities
- \* Travel Insurance
- \* Beverages during meals
- \* Personal expenses
- \* ALL ITEMS NOT MENTIONED ABOVE

**VISA REQUIREMENTS**

- 3 pcs passport size pictures
- (White background)
- Bank Certificate and Bank Statement (Within 3 months)
- Passport valid for 6 months (old & new passport)
- Marriage contract
- Affidavit of Consent (traveling w/o spouse)
- Income Tax Return
- Certificate of Employment with Leave of Absences
- Business or SEC Registration

**HOTEL LISTS:**

Istanbul:	Barcelo
Ankara:	Holiday Inn
Cappadocia:	Peri Tower
Pamukkale:	Tripolis
Izmir:	Ramada Plaza
Athens:	Divani Palace
Kalambaka:	Amalia

\*\*similar hotels may be used