

April 20 - 27, 2024

8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS

Turkey - Istanbul + Cappadocia

(TRADITIONAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCE)



Traditional Travel with Sisters Traveling Solo

Sisters Traveling Solo traditional trip experiences are fun and experiential tours that are designed for those sisters wanting to visit popular tourist destinations. These tours are great for beginners to the most experienced travelers. Be sure to bring your camera because we plan these trips to be packed with post-worthy Instagram moments.

Be sure to tag us @sisterstravelingsolo on Instagram.

Country Overview

Turkey is a large peninsula that occupies a unique geographic position, lying partly in Europe and partly in Asia. It is surrounded by sea on all three sides. The Mediterranean in the south, the Aegean in the west, and the Black Sea in the north.



Istanbul, Turkey (4 nights)

Istanbul has it all: over 2500 years of history, culture, and traditions, amazing landmarks, vibrant nightlife, and breathtaking views. This transcontinental metropolis is a fast-paced cultural melting pot you can't afford to miss.

Cappadocia, Turkey (3 nights)

Cappadocia is located in the historical region of Central Anatolia. The city is nestled on a high plateau over 1000m altitude pierced by volcanic peaks. This region is famous for its photogenic landscapes, scenic hot air balloon trips, underground cities, cave churches, and houses carved directly into the rock. This historical region attracts crowds year-round from all over the world.



General Information:

CURRENCY:	Turkish Lira (TRY)
CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE:	1 USD = 13.62 TRY
AIRPORT CODE(S):	IST (Istanbul International Airport)
HISTORICAL WEATHER TEMPERATURE	66°F - 87°F
PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS?	https://travel.state.gov/
VISA REQUIRED?	www.visahunter.com
VACCINE(S) REQUIRED FOR ENTRY?	www.CDC.gov
REGISTER FOR STEP:	The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service to allow U.S. citizens and nationals traveling and living abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. https://step.state.gov/

Tentative Itinerary



DAY 1 - ARRIVAL

You will be transported via one of our group transfer times to our hotel upon arrival in Istanbul. Look for our driver in the arrivals hall after collecting your luggage.

After check-in, rest the afternoon at leisure, rewinding from the long flight. Later this evening, we will meet for a group dinner.

Hotel Check-In: 3 PM local time.

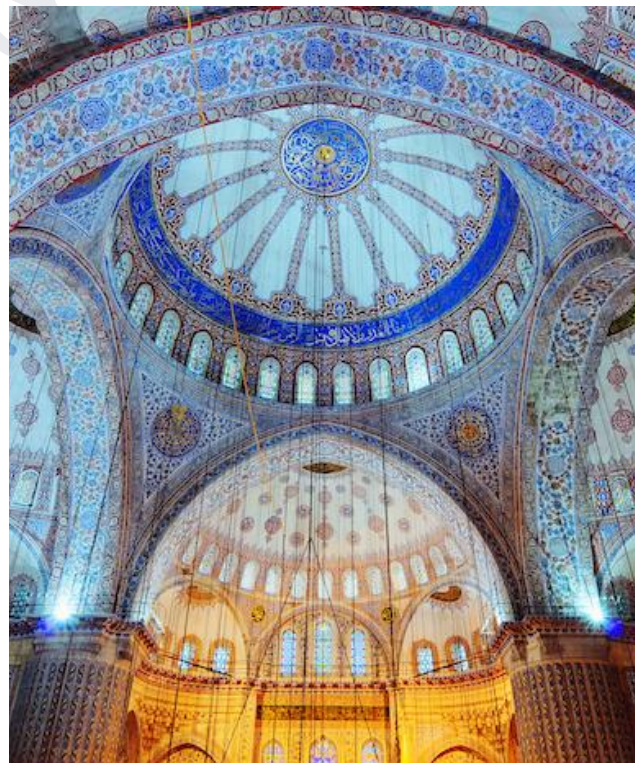
Meal(s) Included:
Dinner

DAY 2 - ISTANBUL CITY TOUR

Experience Istanbul's timeless sights on a full-day tour of the city's stunning historic places.

Spot the distinctive tiles of the Blue Mosque. See the Byzantine mosaics and minarets of Hagia Sophia, then follow in the footsteps of powerful sultans, courtiers, and generals at Topkapi Palace. We will finish our tour in the vibrant Grand Bazaar, browsing bright displays of handicrafts, carpets, and souvenirs.

Meal(s) Included:
Breakfast, Lunch



DAY 3 - ISTANBUL CITY TOUR (part II)

Today after breakfast, we will see the Egyptian Spice Market, visit Turkism Square, and cruise along the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn waters. View the Asian and European sides of Istanbul and admire the palaces, wooden villas, bridges, and unique maritime landscapes.

Meal(s) Included:

Breakfast



DAY 4 - TRANSFER TO CAPPADOCIA/ FREE DAY

DAY 5 - CAPPADOCIA TOUR

After breakfast, we will visit the center of Cappadocia for a tour: Uchisar Castle, Goreme Open Air Museum, Avanos, Valley of Monks (Pasabaglari), and Devrent Valley.

After a full day of tours, we will return to our hotel.

Meal(s) Included:

Breakfast

DAY 6 - HOT AIR BALLOON FLIGHT

Today we will be picked up from the hotel for an early morning 1-hour hot balloon flight. We will participate in one of Turkey's most famous tourist attractions, soaring above the city's beautiful Stoney landscapes.

After landing, we will head back to our hotel for breakfast.

Later that morning, we will depart for the Cappadocia tour, visiting Kaymakli Underground City, Sobesos Roman Bath, Taskinpasa Madrasah, and Mustafapasa - Sinasos.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch





DAY 7 - TRANSFER BACK TO ISTANBUL

In the morning, we will depart our hotel in Cappadocia and transfer to the airport for a flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival in Istanbul, we will be transferred to our hotel near the airport.

Later this evening, we will meet for a farewell dinner.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8 - DEPART

We hate that our time with you has not ended, but we hope to see you on another Sisters Traveling Solo experience.

After enjoying breakfast at our host hotel, we will transport you to the airport—the final transfer departing at the hotel check-out.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast



What's Included:

4-Star Accommodations - All booking includes standard single and double rooms. Each room has (1) queen or (2) twin beds and private bathrooms. Accommodation details are provided 4-6 weeks before trip departure.

Hagia Sophia - (Ayasofya, Santa Sophia), Built in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian, played a significant role in the Christian and Islamic World.

Blue Mosque - Built in the early 1600s for Sultan Ahmet I of the Ottoman Empire, the Blue Mosque is truly a magnificent masterpiece of architecture.

Topkapi Palace - Topkapi Palace is an excellent monument of Oriental architecture that resembles the power of the Ottoman Empire.

Grand Bazaar - (Kapali Carsi) One of the world's largest and oldest covered markets with over 4,000 shops with colorful products of ceramic, leather, rugs, carpets, handicrafts, clothes, and gold.

Spice Market - a colorful indoor bazaar with many shops offering various spices, purses, flavored teas, Turkish delights, nuts, ceramics, and small souvenirs.

Bosphorus Cruise - Take the public ferry for Bosphorus Cruise to see Istanbul's European and Asian sides, Galata Tower, Dolmabahce Palace, Beylerbeyi Palace, the Rumeli Fortress, old Ottoman villas, Bosphorus bridges, and mosques.

Taksim Square - Taksim square is a great place defining modern Turkey, which witnessed critical historical moments.

Domestic Flight - Round Trip flight from Istanbul to Cappadocia

Uchisar Castle - Uchisar Castle is located in Uchisar and stands proudly as the highest point in Cappadocia.

Hot Air Balloon Flight - Soar over Cappadocia while participating in one of the region's most popular tourist attractions.

Goreme Open Air Museum- Visit the Unesco World Heritage site museums, which contain the remains of many churches carved into the famous Cappadocia stone.

Meals - Breakfast is provided daily. Meals outlined in the itinerary include (1) bottle of water.

Airport Transfers - Round trip airport transfers are provided on a tour's start and end dates.

Tours & Activities - Tours and activities as listed in the trip itinerary

STS Apparel - First-time trip attendees will receive an STS bag and white t-shirt.

What's NOT Included: International flights, gratuity, travel visa, travel insurance, or any other cost not listed in the "what's included" section.