



**Safari Type:** Turkey Express Tour – 9 Days / 7 Nights  
**Safari Description:** Istanbul, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Konya and Cappadocia

**Tour Code:** LivingSocial ESCAPES Turkey Deal  
**Number of Travellers:**  
**Dates of Travel:** Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, Mar 16<sup>th</sup>, Apr 19<sup>th</sup>, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Sep 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Vehicle Details:** Private 4 WD, Tour Guide  
**Citizenship:** U.S  
**Special Requests:**

**Safari Summary:**

Day	Location	Accommodation	Meals
1	Overnight Flight	Delta Airlines or similar	
2	Arrive in Istanbul	Barcelo Eresin Topkapi	
3	Istanbul	Barcelo Eresin Topkapi	B
4	Ephesus Tour	Fantasia De Luxe Hotel	B,L,D
5	Pumakale Tour	Richmond Thermal Hotel	B,L,D
6	Konya / Cappadocia	Dedeman Hotel	B,L,D
7	South Cappadocia	Dedeman Hotel	B,L,D
8	Istanbul	Barcelo Eresin Topkapi	B
9	Check Out - Departure		B



**Tanzania Office Locations**  
**Corporate Office**

TDFL Bldg, Opp. Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel  
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**Kilimanjaro Kempinski Branch**  
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**Mayfair Plaza Branch**

**Mwanza Branch**

**Arusha Branch**

**Downtown Zahra Tower**



### **DAY 1: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT**

You will depart from New York on Delta Airlines or similar for the overnight flight to Istanbul. We can arrange for connecting flights from other departure cities as well.

*If you wish to purchase your flights using your Skymiles; we can provide Land Only package.*

### **DAY 2: Arrive Istanbul**

On arrival at Istanbul airport, you will be met and assisted by our staff and transferred to your city hotel.

Istanbul - Its original name is Byzantium then Constantinople. It is a most fascinating city, which actually crosses two continents Europe and Asia. It is a city of amalgamation of bazaars, minarets, mosques, churches, palaces, and restaurants catering to every one's taste, museums, customs and twelve million people.

You will enjoy a panoramic bus drive showing the various highlights of this cosmopolitan city such as the Byzantine Walls of Constantinople, the Sea of Marmara and Bosphorus shorelines. Your day will be at leisure and rest at your 5-Star hotel with endless amenities



### **DAY 3: Full Day Istanbul Tour**

After breakfast, our journey begins in Istanbul, the only city in the world situated on two continents. Byzantium, Constantinople, Istanbul - its three names span more than 2600 years, nearly 1600 of them as the capital of two of the greatest empires the world has known, Byzantine and Ottoman.

We visit the Topkapi Palace, home to Ottoman sultans for 400 years; Hagia Sophia, the basilica-turned-mosque-turned-museum; The Blue Mosque, named for its countless blue tiles that adorn its interior; and the Hippodrome, where chariot races and the Byzantine riots took place. By tour's end, we'll be browsing the exotic halls of the Grand Bazaar, and endless maze of 1,200 shops along 58 covered streets brimming with kilims, jewelry, pottery, spices, and all things Turkish.



### **DAY 4: Full Day Ephesus Tour**

You will prepare for an early departure to Izmir. You will be transferred to Istanbul airport after breakfast; you will be received by our guide in Izmir and start your journey in this ancient city of Ephesus.

Ephesus is considered one of the spectacular outdoor museums in Turkey, and perhaps the world - and one of the highlights of any visit to Turkey. On this guided tour,





the city will come alive as you walk through 2,000 year-old marble streets to admire the Library of Celsius, one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World", Temple of Artemis, the Fountains of Trajan, Polio, The Temples of Hadrian and Domitian, Vedious and Scholastic Baths, Bouloterion, and the Great Theatre with capacity of 24.000 spectators. You will also visit the house of Virgin Mary where Mary had spent her last day, the Basilica of St. John where is believed that the evangelist St. John had spent his last years in the region around Ephesus and buried in the southern slope of Ayosolug Hill.

### Overnight in Kusadasi.

### DAY 5: Full Day Pamukkale Tour (Cotton Castle)

Today, you will prepare to drive early morning for your tour in Pumakkale. **Pamukkale** which means cotton castle is the result of limestone formations built over thousands of years. Warm calcium rich mineral water flowed over the cliffs and as it cooled it deposited the calcium into the formations that are seen today. Pammukale is now a world heritage site.

Our first stop will be the Cotton Castle 'Terraces'; we will also tour Hierapolis, the ancient spa city fed by the same hot springs that created the surrounding white fairyland. Admire its bowled Theatre, Apollo Temple and sprawling Necropolis. After lunch we visit ruins and museum.

*"Temple of Apollo - It's a must. We did visit this site in the evening. It is nicely illuminated and it's definitely worth a visit."* TripAdvisor Review

**Hierapolis** was founded as a healing care centre in 190 BC, taking advantage of the mineral waters in the area. It was one of the most important intellectual, artistic, religious and commercial centres of the Roman Empire. It eventually had a large Jewish and Christian community. and during the Christian era the city of Laodiceia, one of the Seven Churches written of in Revelation, was founded 8 km away. **Overnight in Pamukkale.**

### DAY 6 : Konya Tour / Cappadocia

En route to Cappadocia, we visit the Mausoleum of Mevlana, the famed mystic and poet known to many as Rumi. Later, we admire the beautiful tiles of the Karatay Theological School. After lunch, stop at the 13th-century Sultanhan Caravanserai, a masterfully constructed travelers' inn from the Seljukian dynasty. You will arrive in Cappadocia in the evening and overnight at your hotel.





#### **DAY 7: Full Day / South Cappadocia Tour**

Join an early-morning, **optional hot-air balloon ride (\$180)** over Cappadocia for a breathtaking view of this spectacular, otherworldly landscape. The experienced pilots take you deep into the valleys and rise as high as 2000 feet. A short flight is 45 minutes minimum.

After breakfast, we head to Goreme's remarkable Open Air Museum. Start the day with a visit to some early Christian churches adorned with unique frescoes depicting biblical scenes. After lunch, we take time to explore the breathtaking Kaymakli Underground City, a vast network of 100 tunnels where early Christians hid from persecutors. We'll also see the Zelve Monastery artfully carved into a hillside, and then stop in Avanos to shop for its famed earthenware pottery.



#### **Optional Tours in Cappadocia (Refer to the Optional Tours tab for more details):**

[Traditional Turkish Folklore Evening Cappadocia](#)

[Hot Air Ballooning Cappadocia](#)

[Turkish Bath Cappadocia](#)

[Whirling Dervishes show in Cappadocia](#)



#### **DAY 8: Cappadocia - Istanbul**

After breakfast at the hotel transfer to Nevsehir or Kayseri Airport according to your flight time to Istanbul. On arrival at Istanbul airport, your guide will be ready to assist and transfer to you to your hotel in the city for the night.

#### **DAY 9: Departure**

After breakfast check-out from the hotel and transfer to Istanbul airport for your flight back home.

#### **Package Includes:**

- Round Trip Airfare from JFK – Turkey on Delta Airlines
- 7 nights accommodations based on bed, breakfast and dinner ( Bed and breakfast just in Istanbul )
- Professional licensed English speaking guide
- 7 breakfast, 4 lunch and 4 dinner
- Domestic flight tickets ( Istanbul to Izmir - Kayseri/Nevsehir to Istanbul )
- All airport transfers by private vehicle and transportation by A/C 'NO SMOKING' vehicle
- All entrance fees to the sites stated above the itinerary