

TURKEY DELIGHT

08 Nights / 09 Days

Nov 01, Monday Bombay / Istanbul

Upon arrival at Istanbul Ataturk Airport , you will be transferred to your hotel (early check-in subject to availability). Later, depart for the Full day Istanbul sightseeing tour with lunch at Indian restaurant, including the **Topkapi Palace Museum**, the **Blue Mosque**, and the **Grand Bazaar**. Overnight at **Istanbul**.

Nov 02, Tuesday ISTANBUL

After breakfast at the hotel, visit to **St Sophia** and then proceed for your half day **Bosphorus cruise** (by regular ferry). Visit the **Egyptian Bazaar** which is also known as Spice Market from 17th century. Then the guests embarque the regular boat for their **Bosphorus Excursion** which lasts approx. 2 hours. The cruise takes you past the last palaces of the Ottomans, the Dolmabahçe and Beylerbeyi palaces, as well as 19th and 20th century, beautiful wooden mansions and modern villas that form the elegant section of the city. This, evening, depart for the **Turkish Night Tour at Gar Nightclub**. In an Oriental atmosphere, enjoy the "Kanun", a typical Turkish musical instruments; discover the delights of a typical "Fasil" orchestra; and then a program extravaganza to experience the flavour of words and customs of our folklore and belly dancing. Have a Turkish coffee in a Turkish home furnished with lacework all around. And as a final, enjoy a nostalgic journey into the very heart of entertainment. Optional Dinner at Gar Nightclub with Show. Overnight at **Istanbul**.

Nov 03, Wednesday ISTANBUL

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for the **Princess Island tour**. Today's Adventure begins with a nice cruise to the Prince's Island (Known also as Big/Grand Island) departing from European Side of Istanbul passing by the old city, along the asian coast and other islands next to Prince's Island. The Princes' Islands are popular spots for one-day visits or for residing in a summer house. Motorized transportation being prohibited on the islands, horse carriages are used. The cruise lasts approx. 1 hr 15

minutes. Upon arrival disembark and discover the beautiful architecture and scenery of the Island. Seafood lunch at a local restaurant(on own). After lunch, tour of the island with the horse carriages (Max. 4 pax at each horse carriage) to enjoy the lovely nature of the island. Afterwards free time at leisure and late in the afternoon embark the boat to return back to Istanbul. Overnight at **Istanbul**.

Nov 04, Thursday Istanbul / Kayseri / CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast at the hotel. Hotel pick-up at 05:30am and transfer to Istanbul Ataturk Airport to take TK2010 IST/ASR at 07:20am. Upon arrival at Kayseri Apt at 08:40am meet with our guide and transfer to Cappadocia. Upon arrival in Cappadocia visits to **Goreme Open Air Museum, Pasabag Valley** and **Avanos Village**. Overnight at **Cappadocia**.

Nov 05, Friday CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour of Cappadocia. Visiting the natural **Citadel of Uchisar** and the **Underground city of Kaymakli**. Continue to **Pigeon Valley, Old Cavusin Village** and **Esentepe Region** for panoramic view. Return to the hotel. Overnight at **Cappadocia**.

Nov 06, Saturday Capadoccia / Konya / PAMUKKALE

Breakfast at the hotel. Early departure for Konya. On the way, visit the 13th century Seljukian Caravanserai "**Sultanhan**". Then on to Konya, which is famous for the **Mevlana Museum** and the **Theological School** of Whirling Dervishes. Drive on to Pamukkale. Overnight at **Pamukkale**.

Nov 07, Sunday Pamukkale / Aphrodisias / KUSADASI

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning visit to the ancient city of **Hierapolis**, the ruins of the **Necropolis Graveyard**, Roman Baths, Basilica and Calcium cliffs. Drive on to

Aphrodisias. After lunch free time for lunch, visit the Greco-Roman settlement, an ancient city is dedicated to the Goddess of Love, **Aphrodite**. Drive on to Kusadasi. Overnight at **Kusadasi**.

Nov 08, Monday Kusadasi / Sardis / KUSADASI

After breakfast at the hotel, Today we visit to Sardis. **Sardis** was founded in the middle of the fertile valley of the Gediz (Hermus) in 1200 B.C. Sardis was an ancient political and cultural center of Anatolia on Royal Road built by the Persians in the 6 c B.C. It was 2.575 km/1.600 miles long. Sardis was the capital of strong and rich Lydian Kingdom, once celebrated for its proverbial (as rich as Croesus) wealth and for its sanctuary of Artemis. Croesus was the last king of Lydia (560-546 B.C.). He was very rich. Much of the wealth of Sardis is from a gold-bearing stream that ran through the city. The most popular and valuable invention of humankind coinage (coined money) was invented in Sardis. The Lydian Kingdom had dominated much of the Aegean area before the Persians came (546 c B.C.). The city continued to flourish through the periods of the Romans and the Byzantines. The town was the site of one of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor. The principal ruins of Sardis are spread over a large area. The Roman- Byzantium Gymnasium and Bath Complex, the Synagogue, once was part of the Gymnasium Complex and converted into a synagogue in the 3 c A.D. There is some evidence that the

Safarid Jews had settled in Sardis as early as 547 B.C. We also visit the Temple of Artemis, which was once among the four largest in Asia Minor. It was built by King Croesus of Lydia in the 6c B.C. overnight at **Kusadasi**.

Nov 09, Tuesday Kusadasi / Ephesus / Izmir / Istanbul / BOMBAY (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Meryemana and visit the **House of Virgin Mary**. Continue to **Ephesus**, the Roman Capital of Asia Minor. Visit the ruins of Odeon, Hercules Gate, the Temple of Handrian, the Library, the Agora and the unique Greco-Roman Theatre, visit the **Basilica of St.John** and then drive to Izmir Airport to take your flight to Istanbul and connecting flight to India. Bon Boyage.