

Türkiye Highlights with Safranbolu Experience – 10 Days / 9 Nights

Explore Türkiye through a two-night stay in Safranbolu, artisan encounters, regional meals, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Ephesus and a Bosphorus cruise.

Duration: 10 Days 9 Nights

Category: Turkiye Tours

TOUR PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Istanbul Arrival

Meet your local representative at Istanbul Airport and transfer privately to the hotel. After check-in, relax or explore independently. Meet fellow travellers over a welcome drink and a family-style dinner of Turkish meze and regional dishes at the hotel's rooftop restaurant.

Meals: Welcome dinner at the hotel.

DAY 2

Istanbul – Amasra – Safranbolu

After breakfast, meet your professional English-speaking guide and drive to the Black Sea coast. Walk along Amasra's waterfront, explore the Ottoman houses, stone lanes and Byzantine walls of Kaleiçi, and see the daily catch at the fish market. After a lunch of fresh Black Sea fish and seasonal salads, continue to Safranbolu. Check in at Secret Sense Collection and spend the evening relaxing.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at the hotel. Lunch: fresh fish and seasonal salad in Amasra.

DAY 3

Safranbolu – Living Ottoman Heritage

Start at Hükümet Konağı Hill for views of Safranbolu's red-roofed Ottoman houses and an introduction to its Silk Road history. Visit the restored Leyla Hanım Mansion to see its handcrafted interiors and learn about traditional family life. Share a regional lunch at the mansion. Explore Arasta Bazaar, watch traditional leather shoe making in Yemeniciler Bazaar, and meet a coppersmith in Bakırcılar Bazaar. Over Turkish coffee, Murat İkiz reads the grounds and shares local stories and folklore.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at the hotel. Lunch: regional dishes at Leyla Hanım Mansion.

DAY 4

Safranbolu – Cappadocia

After breakfast, travel to Cappadocia. Explore the tunnels, churches, kitchens, storerooms and ventilation system of an underground city. See fairy chimneys and cave dwellings in Göreme Valley and animal-shaped rock formations in Devrent Valley. Watch an ebru demonstration and visit a pottery workshop in Avanos.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at the hotel. Lunch: buffet at Tandır Evi.

DAY 5

Cappadocia Discovery

Visit a handmade carpet centre, then explore Ortahisar's stone lanes and see its rock castle. Continue to Uçhisar for panoramic views of valleys and fairy chimneys. Visit a jewellery and craft centre near Pigeon Valley and walk past the cliffside dovecotes once used by local farmers.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at the hotel. Lunch: Uranus Cave Restaurant.

DAY 6

Cappadocia – Konya – Pamukkale

After breakfast, travel to Pamukkale via Konya along part of the historic Silk Road. See the white travertine terraces formed by mineral-rich thermal water. Explore Hierapolis, including the Roman theatre, Temple of Apollo, necropolis, baths and ancient streets. Visit a textile centre before checking in.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at the hotel. Lunch: Turkish set menu at Özkan Restaurant.

DAY 7

Pamukkale – Şirince – Ephesus – Kuşadası

Walk the cobbled streets of Şirince past stone houses and local shops. At a family-run winery, taste fruit wines such as blackberry, mulberry, peach, cherry and pomegranate, alongside selected regional grape wines. After lunch, explore Ephesus, including the Library of Celsus, Great Theatre, Temple of Hadrian, Roman baths, agora and ancient

fountains. Stop for Turkish delight and apple tea before continuing to Kuşadası.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at the hotel. Lunch: buffet at Hitit Restaurant.

DAY 8

Kuşadası – İzmir – Istanbul

After breakfast, enjoy free time and visit a leather outlet. Transfer to İzmir Adnan Menderes Airport for the domestic flight to Istanbul. Meet your representative on arrival and transfer to the hotel. Depending on arrival time, stroll along the Karaköy waterfront or enjoy sunset views from Galata Tower.

Meals: Breakfast at the hotel. Lunch: buffet in Kuşadası. Dinner: local restaurant.

DAY 9

Istanbul – Bosphorus Cruise and Bazaars

Cruise the Bosphorus between Europe and Asia, passing Ottoman palaces, waterfront mansions and historic fortresses. Browse spices, herbal teas and traditional sweets at the Spice Bazaar. Continue to Taksim Square and walk along İstiklal Street past historic buildings, cafés and the nostalgic tram.

Meals: Breakfast at the hotel. Lunch: fish menu at Saray Restaurant. Dinner: kebab menu at Kebab House.

DAY 10

Istanbul – Old City and Departure

After breakfast and check-out, visit the Hippodrome to see the Obelisk of Theodosius, Serpent Column and German Fountain. Visit the Blue Mosque, stop outside Hagia Sophia for photos, and explore the Grand Bazaar. After lunch, transfer to Istanbul Airport according to your flight time.

Meals: Breakfast at the hotel. Lunch: Chinese menu at Little Piece of Asia.

PRICING

Price	**Contact us for price**

HOTEL PROGRAMME

Day	City	Hotel	Stars
1	İstanbul	Wanda Vista Istanbul	★★★★★

2	Safranbolu	Secret Sense Collection	★★★★★
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4	Kapadokya	Yunak Evleri	★★★★★
5	Kapadokya	Yunak Evleri	★★★★★
6	Pamukkale	Adem Pira Thermal	★★★★★
7	Kuşadası	Signature Blue Resort	★★★★★
8	İstanbul	CVK Park Bosphorus Hotel	★★★★★
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INCLUDED IN TOUR FARE

✓ Deluxe air-conditioned transportation with free Wi-Fi access.
✓ Breakfasts, lunches and dinners as indicated in the daily itinerary.
✓ A total of 9 nights' accommodation at the hotels listed in the itinerary.
✓ Entrance fees where admission is indicated as included in the itinerary.
✓ Parking charges, highway tolls and local taxes.
✓ 1.5 L of water per four guests during meals and 0.5 L per person per day on the bus.
✓ Tips for hotel porterage at check-in and check-out and for service at local restaurants.
✓ The 2% accommodation tax applicable from 1 January 2023.
✓ One complimentary single room for the tour manager for groups of 10 or more guests.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR FARE

- Meals, transfers, tours and services not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Tips for service staff.
- Airport porterage and luggage trolleys.