



# CAPPADOCIA, PAMUKKALE, IZMIR & CANAKKALE 6 Days / 5 Nights

Istanbul, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Ephesus, Izmir, Pergamon, Troy, Çanakkale and much more. From € 814.79

Guaranteed departures on Fridays all year round.

Free cancellation up to 48 hours in advance except for the air tickets

## What is included in this Tour

- 2-nights accommodation in Cappadocia in 4\* or 5\* hotels.
- 1-night accommodation in Pamukkale in 4\* or 5\* hotels.
- 1-night Accommodation in Izmir in 4\* or 5\* hotel.
- 1-night Accommodation in Cannakale in 4\* or 5\* hotel.
- Entrance fees to the archaeological sites as per description
- Air ticket Istanbul- Cappadocia (15 kg + 8 kg)
- Official English-speaking guide
- All transfers as mentioned in this itinerary
- ✓ 24/7 emergency phone line
- Daily breakfast
- Local taxes
- Complimentary Health & Cancellation Insurance Greca Advance

## Not included Tour + & Optionals

- + Ask for extensions to Greece
- + Click on the <u>FAQ</u>s for more information on hotels and rates
- + Gratuities (optional) and Personal expenses





# Itinerary Cappadocia, pamukkale, izmir & canakkale



## FROM ISTANBUL TO CAPPADOCIA

Start your day with a delightful breakfast at your hotel, followed by a **hassle-free transfer to Istanbul airport**, where you'll board your **flight to Cappadocia**, a mesmerizing region of Turkey. Upon arrival, we will arrange a smooth transfer to your hotel. Rest and relax before indulging in a delicious dinner and settling into your comfortable accommodations.

**Greca Tip:** Don't miss the opportunity to savor a refreshing drink while taking in the breathtaking scenery from the terrace of your hotel.



## DISCOVERING CAPPADOCIA

On this day, you will focus on exploring the beautiful **region of Cappadocia**. After a satisfying breakfast, your first stop will be the Göreme Valley. Here, you can visit the open-air museum and witness the ancient villages where cave dwellers lived in prehistoric times. You will also have the opportunity to explore the underground cities.

The **Göreme Valley** holds historical significance as it is where St. Basil the Great and his Christian brothers brought together the ideas of Christianity. You can explore the various churches, chapels, and monasteries in the area, which feature ancient frescoes painted on their walls.

Next, you will head to the **Troglodyte Village of Uçhisar** and the **Avcilar Valley**, which offer breathtaking landscapes. The unique

rock formations in these areas will leave you in awe. Continuing your journey, you will pass through the **Devrent Valley**, also known as the **Imaginary Valley**. Here, you will encounter peculiar rock formations that resemble mushrooms and other animal shapes.

To complete your day, you will visit local artisan workshops, including carpet-making and jewelry shops that specialize in translucent onyx stones, which are highly sought after. After a fulfilling day of exploration, you will return to your hotel, where you can enjoy a delicious dinner and spend the night. **Greca Tip:** While in Cappadocia, a hot-air balloon ride over the historic cave dwellings of Goreme Town is simply a must!



## FROM PAMUKKALE TO KUSADASI OR IZMIR

After breakfast, we will visit Hierapolis, an ancient Hellenistic city declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We will explore the ruins of the Necropolis and the ancient Roman baths, as well as the natural park known as the "Cotton Castle," which, due to its natural beauty and the properties of its thermal waters, has been attracting visitors since pre-Christian times.

Later, we will enjoy some free time for lunch, and then we will head to Meryemana, where we will visit the House of the Virgin Mary, the supposed last residence of the mother of Jesus. We will continue to Ephesus, the ancient Roman capital of Asia Minor, where Cleopatra, Mark Antony, and the Apostle Saint Paul walked. In Ephesus, we will visit the ruins of the Odeon, the Arch of Hercules, the Library of Celsus, the Greco-Roman Theatre, as well as the Agora and the Basilica of Saint John.

In the late afternoon, we will arrive at the hotel for check-in and dinner.

**Greca Tip**: The word Kusadasi means "Island of the Birds." Although cruises dominate the scene!



## PAMUKKALE - EPHESUS - IZMIR

Breakfast at your hotel and, at the agreed time, you will visit the archaeological site of **Ephesus**, the vast and beautiful Greco-Roman city, a vibrant metropolis.

In Ephesus, you will visit the ruins of the Odeon, a small roofed theatre for plays and concerts, the Temple of Hadrian, the Library of Celsus, which once held nearly 12,000 scrolls, the Greco-Roman theater as well as the Agora and the Basilica of Saint John, built during the reign of the emperor Justinian in the 6th century. A major tourist attraction is **Maryemana**, a house that is believed to be the last resting place of the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Afterward, you will stop at a leather production center, where you can pick the 'silk leather' item that you like at much-reduced prices. You will continue to **Izmir**, have dinner, and then rest. **Greca Tip:** You can also visit the **Ephesus Archaeological Museum** with the finds from the ancient city, including an exquisitely carved Artemis statue and the Gladiator Room.

## **IZMIR - PERGAMON - TROY - ÇANAKKALE**

After breakfast and at the time indicated by your guide, you will depart for the ancient city of **Pergamon** (current Bergama), one of the cultural, commercial, and medical centers of the ancient world in Asia Minor.

The name of the city continues to live as a distortion of Pergamon, "pergamini" or 'parchment', which was the paper that resulted from the treatment of sheepskins and rivaled papyrus for writing purposes.

In Pergamon, you will **visit the Acropolis**, the steepest theater in the world, Asclepius, and you will have a panoramic view of the **Altar of Zeus**, mentioned in the Book of Revelations.

Another important place that you will visit is the **Library of Pergamum**, which, according to archaeologists, competed with that of Alexandria, with more than 200,000 written records. After the visit, you will continue to **Troy**, a fascinating place that evokes Homer's epic poem, the Iliad.

After visiting this famous archaeological city of history and literature, you will continue to **Cannakale**, located on the southern coast of the Dardanelles, at their narrowest point. Here you will check in at your hotel, have dinner, and spend the night. **Greca Tip:** Don't miss ascending the interior tower of **Kilitbahir Castle** for views of the storied waterway.



## 6 CANAKKALE - GALLIPOLI - ISTANBUL

After a delicious breakfast, you'll head to the **Dardanelles Strait**, formerly known as the **Hellespont**.

From there, you'll take a ferry to the **Gallipoli Peninsula**, one of the most emotionally evocative places in Turkey due to its significance in World War I.

Today, the historic site is dotted with cemeteries and war memorials, including Brighton Beach, the Beach Cemetery, Anzac Cove, Ariburnu Cemetery, the Anzac Commemorative Site, and the Respect to Mehmetik Statue, dedicated to a brave young Mehmet who saved a Kiwi soldier. Other memorials include the Lone Pine Australian Memorial, the Nek, and the Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial.

After about a five-hour drive, you'll **reach Istanbul** and be transferred to your hotel for check-in and an overnight stay. **Greca Tip:** At the **Gallipoli Battle Museum**, you'll find soldiers' uniforms, ammunition, photographs, personal effects, and letters they wrote to their families, providing firsthand accounts of their battlefield experiences.



## What other travelers say about us

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#### **Excellent Personal Service**

I went on a tour of Delphi and Meteora with GRECA VIAJES and my experience was exceptional. The tour took place according to plan, very punctual, our guide Maria was in charge of making the trip very pleasant with her stories and anecdotes about Greece and especially all the information she gave us about the sites themselves, highly recommended.



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