

Customize your tour of “Turkish Adventure”



YOU’VE GOT OPTIONS—OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS THAT IS.

Go Ahead’s optional excursions are the best way to customize your tour by doing as much—or as little—as you prefer. These excursions may be reserved up to 20 days prior to departure or during your actual tour (unless otherwise noted). But why wait? You’ll lock in the current low price* when you reserve today. So exercise your options and call your tour consultant at 1-800-206-9871 to get started!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

- DAY 3:** Istanbul by Night
- DAY 6:** The Village of Sirince
- DAY 8:** Aphrodisias
- DAY 10:** Aspendos & Perge
- DAY 11:** Whirling Dervishes
- DAY 12:** Cappadocian Folklore Show
- DAY 13:** Underground City Tour
- DAY 14:** Bosphorous Straits Cruise

EXTENSION

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

- DAY 16:** Hammam Bath & Massage
- DAY 16:** Turkish Delights Dinner

Optionals will run subject to a minimum of 10 participants.

International travel is, by its very nature, unpredictable. We must therefore reserve the right to change this itinerary without advanced notice to meet with local conditions at the time of travel. We appreciate your understanding. Please refer to the current catalog for terms & conditions, dates and prices. All prices are in U.S. dollars. If you book any optionals while on tour, please be advised that it may take up to two months for your payment to be processed.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

DAY 3: ISTANBUL BY NIGHT

(4 hours, departs in evening, \$65)

Join your tour director for an evening walking tour of Istanbul. Then enjoy dining and entertainment in one of the city’s popular nightclubs. The unique art of belly dancing is just one of the exotic attractions that awaits you during this captivating performance of Turkish music and dance.

DAY 6: THE VILLAGE OF SIRINCE

(3 hours, departs in afternoon, \$25)

The peaceful village of Sirince lies in the hills outside of Ephesus. Known for its homemade wines, olive oils and needlecrafts, Sirince offers a taste of rural life far removed from the bustle of Turkey’s cities. On a walking tour led by your tour director, stroll past some of the country’s best-preserved 19th-century architecture and enjoy panoramic views of peach orchards and olive groves.

DAY 8: APHRODISIAS

(4 hours, departs in afternoon, \$29)

In the late 1st century B.C., the Roman Empire granted autonomy to the city that honored Aphrodite, goddess of love. Ancient sculptors created works of stunning beauty out of the glowing marble they found in the nearby mountains. Today Aphrodisias is one of Turkey’s best-preserved archaeological sites. On your visit to Aphrodisias, marvel at the excavated ruins that bear testimony to this age-old artists’ colony.

DAY 10: ASPENDOS & PERGE

(4.5 hours, departs, \$30)

After the Trojan Wars, some of the victorious Greek forces stayed in Asia Minor and established new towns for Greek colonists. One of the most suc-

cessful of these was Perge, a town that prospered under the patronage of Alexander the Great. Later, St. Paul preached his first sermon here. The ancient remains of this proud city are extensive, and you’ll have a chance to explore the Great Theatre, Hellenistic Gates, Roman bath houses and the impressive stadium. Then visit the Roman theater at Aspendos, the center of classical drama in the 1st century A.D.

DAY 11: WHIRLING DERVISHES

(1.5 hours, departs in evening, \$45; seasonal)

The Muslim sect known as the Whirling Dervishes was founded in the 13th century by Mevlana Celaludin Rumi. They were named after their elaborate dance-like ritual, which honors the movement of the earth. Learn more about this fascinating ancient sect and its modern-day practitioners during this special cultural performance of dance, music and tradition.

DAY 12: CAPPADOCIAN FOLKLORE SHOW

(3 hours, departs in evening; \$45)

An authentic Cappadocian restaurant carved out of sheer rock provides the setting for an evening of snacks, drinks and entertainment. Taste delicious Turkish wine, beer and snacks while a troupe of traditional dancers perform.

DAY 13: UNDERGROUND CITY TOUR

(3 hours, departs in morning; \$29)

Some of the most interesting cultural riches in Cappadocia are the 150-200 known underground cities of varying sizes. The ancient Hittites, who came to area from east of the Black Sea around 2,000 B.C., are believed to have begun the excavation here. It is believed that these underground cities were

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enlarged during early Christians times to provide refuge from invaders and persecutors. Today, you can take an optional half-day tour an underground city in Cappadocia. Please note: there may be low and tight entranceways during this tour.

DAY 14: BOSPHOROUS STRAITS CRUISE

(5 hours, departs in mornin;, \$55)

Journey through the Bosphorus Straits on this half-day cruise excursion. View decadent Ottoman palaces and imposing medieval castles as you journey through this narrow waterway, which separates Europe and Asia. Then stop on shore to explore the Rumeli Fortress, where Mehmet the Conqueror planned his siege of Istanbul. Lunch is included.

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DAY 16: HAMMAM BATH & MASSAGE

(2.5 hours, departs in morning; \$65)

Today, embark on a cultural experience that is as cultural as it is lavish. Back in the days when Istanbul was Constantinople, the Romans introduced one of their favorite pastimes: the communal bath. Here, men and women could bathe while catching up on the latest gossip, get side-by-side massages in the open bathing forum and simply enjoy some rest and relaxation. Today, these bath houses look much as they did in Roman days—women on one side and men on the other—except for the addition of modern plumbing and dressing rooms. You'll visit one of the best know Hammams in Istanbul, Cagaloglu Hamami, to experience the traditional bath house and enjoy a cup or Turkish tea.. A guided sightseeing of the spice market is also included in this excursion.

DAY 16: TURKISH DELIGHTS DINNER

(3 hours, departs in evening; \$85)

Enjoy an evening surrounded with festive Turkish cuisine and spirits, as you savor a meal carefully prepared to evoke the flavors of this country. From the vibrant spices of nutmeg, black pepper and allspice to cinnamon and galangal, Turkey's abundant selection of spices will amaze you!