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In Istanbul, the days are free for you to choose the rides that interest you or just enjoy and experience this amazing city. There is too much to discover! By plane we go to Ankara, capital of Turkey and then to Cappadocia by land. In Cappadocia, according to the program we visit an underground city, valleys with a landscape similar to the lunar topography, the open-air museum of Göreme with its churches carved in the rock and make the balloon ride (optional). We also visit Konya, Pamukkale, House of the Virgin Mary and Ephesus. On the last night of the trip, overnight is in Kusadasi or in Izmir. On the day of departure, the transfer is to the airport.

Departures on Thursdays.

ESSENCIAL TURKEY (8 days / 7 nights)	
Thu	DAY 1 - COUNTRY OF ORIGIN - ISTANBUL Arrival, reception and transfer from airport to hotel. Accommodation.
Fri	DAY 2 - ISTANBUL Free day. Optional excursion - BOSPHORUS TOUR AND TWO CONTINENTS (lunch included): Sailing along the Bosphorus Channel that separates Europe and Asia continents, you can see a wonderful view of the strait with its palaces, forts and summer houses. Visit to the Spice Market, built in the 17th century, its shops sell typical products such as pashmina, saffron, spices, dried fruits, teas, delicacies, perfumes and much more! Visit to the Beylerbeyi Palace in neoclassical style, summer palace of the sultans. Hill of Camlica, one of the highest points of Istanbul with beautiful panoramic view. Accommodation (breakfast).
Sat	DAY 3 - ISTANBUL Free day. Optional excursion - HEART OF CONSTANTINOPLE TOUR (lunch included): visit to the Roman Hippodrome, place of horse racing and later became center of civil activity of the Byzantine Empire and nowadays conserves the Obelisk of Theodosius. Visit to the Blue Mosque, built in 1616 and known for its interior decoration with 21,000 Iznik tiles. Visit to Saint Sophia Cathedral which is considered a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture, and is now a museum. Visit to the Topkapi Palace which was the residence of the Sultans between the 15th and 19th centuries. Visit to the famous Grand Bazaar which is a 15th century covered market, comprising 5,000 shops, and considered one of the first shopping centers in the world. Accommodation (breakfast).
Sun	DAY 4 - ISTANBUL - ANKARA - CAPPADOCIA Transfer to Istanbul airport for flight bound to Ankara. Arrival in Ankara, reception. Visit to the Hittite Museum and Mausoleum of Ataturk. Travel overland to Cappadocia,

	stopping by the Salt Lake. Arrival at hotel. Accommodation (breakfast, dinner). Flight TK 2108 08: 00-09:15.
Mon	DAY 5 - CAPPADOCIA Optional - BALLOON FLIGHT. After breakfast excursion in the region of Cappadocia, which is located between three cities of Turkey: Kirsehir, Nigde, Kayseri. Visit to the underground city and small troglodyte villages of Uchisar, a natural fortress. Visit to Göreme Valley, an incredible Byzantine monastic complex composed of rock-cut churches with beautiful frescoes. Pasabag Valley with its Fairy Chimneys and Avanos, village of ceramics. Accommodation (breakfast, dinner).
Tue	DAY 6 - CAPPADOCIA - KONYA - PAMUKKALE Early in the morning, trip to Konya. On the way visit to a Kervansaray, a fortification used as a dormitory by the vendors of the ancient silk road. In Konya visit to the Monastery of the Dancing Dervishes founded by the great philosopher and mystic poet Mevlana Rumi. Arrival in Pamukkale. Accommodation (breakfast, dinner).
Wed	DAY 7 - PAMUKKALE - KUSADASI or IZMIR Breakfast and visit to ancient Hierapolis and Cotton Castle, natural wonder of gigantic white waterfalls, stalactites and natural pools formed over the centuries by the sliding of waters loaded with limestone salts from hot springs. Travel by land, arrival and visit to the House of the Virgin Mary. Visit Ephesus, the Roman capital of Asia Minor, visiting the ruins of Odeon, the Gate of Hercules, Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent library, the Agora and the fantastic Greek-Roman theater. At the end of the visits transport to your hotel in Kusadasi or Izmir. Accommodation (breakfast, dinner).
Thu	DAY 8 - KUSADASI or IZMIR - DESTINATION COUNTRY Breakfast. At the scheduled time, transfer to the airport to travel to the country of destination (breakfast).

HOTELS OR SIMILARS

Istanbul	Black Bird Hotel Yigitalp Hotel
Cappadocia	Perissia Hotel
Pamukkale	Hierapak Hotel
Kusadasi	Neopol Deluxe Hotel

CONDITIONS

The package includes:

- 7 nights stay in planned or similar hotels;
- Local guide speaking English for program visits;
- Visits and entries mentioned in the program;
- Meals mentioned in the program;
- Transfer and transport of the program in an air-conditioned vehicle.

The package price does not include:

International and domestic flights;

Rates of international and national airports, travel and health insurance;

Optional excursions;

Beverages and personal expenses and all items not mentioned as included;

Tips for the guide, the driver and the porters.

Notes:

The order of visits may be changed without prior notice;

Hotels will be confirmed on booking.