



Tailor-Made Turkey Adventure



Our Travel Style

Our global network of local experts deliver the types of experiences that can't be Googled. Immersive trips that enable you to explore authentic local culture in a sustainable, experience-rich way. We love the highlights, but the real magic for us happens well away from a beaten path, the real life experiences you won't find in a search engine.

Comfort: a little more... comfortable

We've smoothed away some of adventure travel's rougher edges to craft a style of travel that has a few more pleasantries included. Enjoy a more relaxed pace of travel, inviting accommodation, more included activities and many meals along the way.



Accommodation

Comfortable hotels at a 3-to-4-star level, with private amenities and often plenty of local character. Some itineraries also feature homestays or unique accommodation.



Transport

Primarily uses private transport, sustainable where possible. Local transport is occasionally used when it adds to the experience, like hopping on the back of a camel in the Sahara.



Inclusions

We've taken the hassle out of travelling, by including many of the activities, meals and an arrival transfer from the airport (if specified in your inclusions). Your experienced local leader or guide will also have plenty of tips for how best to fill your free time.

Tailor-Made Turkey Adventure

10 days/ 9 nights

About Your Trip

Start Location

Istanbul

Finish Location

Istanbul

Accommodation

9 nights Hotel

Rooming Requirements

Double/Twin Share

Included Meals

Breakfast - 9
Dinner (3)

Transport

Istanbul - Public Transport
3 Domestic Flight - Day 4 , Day 7 ,
Day 9
Private Vehicle Throughout

Leader/Guide

English Speaking Leader
throughout

Included Activities

Per Daily itinerary

Entrance/Admission Fees

Where applicable with
included activities

Airport Transfers

Arrival and departure transfers are
included on an individual basis

Flight details required 45 days
prior

Support

24-hour support from our local
office

Exclusions

- International Flights
- Any visas required
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Late check out at hotels
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Tips for leaders, guide and driver
- Expenditure of personal nature
- Personal Insurance
- Optional activities

We offset these emissions on your behalf. But we know that is not enough, so we also have a [carbon reduction target](#).

Safe and responsible travel, always.

Our health and safety policies follow recommendations from the World Health Organization and the World Travel & Tourism Council's (WTTC) Safe Travel protocols for tour operators. Before we operate trips in any destination, our itineraries undergo a comprehensive risk assessment and audit.



Who we are

For over 30 years we've been taking travellers around the globe, on small group tours with like-minded Intrepid people.



Safe travels

We're with you every step of the way through our value chain - from our suppliers, to our on ground operations and leaders.



Certified B Corp

When we became certified as the world's largest travel B Corp in 2018, it was not only our official pledge to be a responsible business, but also a promise to be the best travel company for the world.

About your Tour Leader

Tour leader

On this trip you will be accompanied by one of our tour leaders. The aim of the tour leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible.

Your leader will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the places visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We aim to support local guides who have specialised knowledge of the regions we visit. If you were interested in delving deeper into the local culture at a specific site or location then your leader can recommend a local guide service in most of the main destinations of your trip.

Tailor-Made Turkey Adventure Itinerary

Day 1 / Wed 3 Jun 2026

Istanbul

Meals included: n/a

Hosgeldiniz! Welcome to Turkey. Your adventure kicks off in Istanbul, the continent-straddling metropolis that the Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, and Ottomans have all called home. Meet your leader and fellow travellers at a 6 pm welcome meeting and after, maybe head out together for a dinner and get to know your fellow travellers.

Included Activities

- Individual Airport Transfer
- Welcome meeting 6pm

Accommodation

Hotel

Day 2/ Thu 4 Jun 2026

Istanbul

Meals included: Breakfast

Today, embark on your adventure to uncover the treasures of Istanbul. Start your day at the Hippodrome of Constantinople, once the social and sporting heart of the Byzantine Empire. Imagine the roar of the crowds during chariot races as you walk among ancient monuments like the Serpent Column and the Obelisk of Theodosius. Next, step into the serene beauty of the Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmet Camii), one of Istanbul's most iconic landmarks. Marvel at its cascading domes, six elegant minarets, and the interior lined with over 20,000 handmade İznik tiles in shades of blue. Then, follow the aroma of spices and leather to the bustling Grand Bazaar — one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world. Lose yourself in a maze of over 4,000 shops selling everything from carpets and ceramics to jewelry and sweets. It's a shopper's paradise and a cultural experience rolled into one. Let your guide lead you through hidden backstreets and lesser-known corners of the city. Perhaps you'll pause for a fresh simit and a glass of Turkish tea, or sit down for a strong Turkish coffee paired with flaky, sweet baklava. Today is all about soaking up the local rhythm. Live the city like a local. Finally, see the city from a whole new perspective — from the water. Sail along the majestic Bosphorus Strait, the natural boundary between Europe and Asia and the lifeblood of Istanbul. This scenic cruise offers breathtaking views of opulent Ottoman-era mansions, the dazzling Dolmabahçe Palace, charming shing villages, and the city's three intercontinental bridges. The breeze, the skyline, and the rhythmic sway of the boat combine to give you a magical end to your day.

Included Activities

- Old City Orientation Walk / Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Grand Bazaar
- Private Bosphorus Cruise

Accommodation

Hotel

Day 3 / Fri 5 Jun 2026

Istanbul

Meals included: Breakfast

This morning, after breakfast, step into the grandeur of Topkapi Palace. Perched above the sparkling waters of the Bosphorus, this opulent complex was the heart of the Ottoman Empire between 1453 and 1839. As you wander through its courtyards, pavilions, and ornate chambers, your guide will share colourful tales of the sultans who once called this place home. Next, descend into the mysterious depths of the Basilica Cistern. This underground wonder, supported by hundreds of marble columns, once stored the city's water supply during Byzantine times. It's not only an impressive feat of engineering but also steeped in legend — keep an eye out for the Medusa heads! You'll learn about its crucial role in Istanbul's survival and its transformation over centuries. Your final stop for the day is the magnificent Grand Hagia Sophia Mosque. Prepare to be awestruck by this architectural marvel commissioned by Emperor Justinian the Great. Towering gracefully over the city for more than 1,500 years, Hagia Sophia has served as a church, a mosque, a museum, and now, once again, a mosque. Its grand dome and intricate mosaics speak volumes about the layers of history and culture woven into Istanbul's fabric.

Included Activities

- Topkapi Palace
- Basilica Cistern
- Hagia Sophia

Accommodation

Hotel

Day 4 / Sat 6 Jun 2026

Cappadocia

Meals included: Breakfast , Dinner

This morning, arrive in Cappadocia after a 1-hour flight. Once you arrive, it may feel as if you landed on another planet. Over millions of years, rain and wind have shaped the soft white volcanic rock of the plain into an otherworldly landscape of dripping cones, pillars, pinnacles, and fairy chimneys soaring more than a hundred feet into the sky. Follow your leader on an orientation walk. Tonight, you'll stay in a cave hotel! Tonight, you'll be warmly welcomed into a local cave home. The family will prepare a special home-cooked dinner for your group. Sit down to a feast made with passion, enjoy a friendly chat with your host and perhaps top off the night with some Turkish delight.

Included Activities

- Cappadocia Orientation Walk
- Homecooked Dinner

Special Note:

Occasionally Nuray (local cave home) is unable to accommodate our groups due to family commitments. In that case we will visit Oznur and her family for a home-cooked meal. They relocated to Cappadocia after losing their home in Hatay in the devastating earthquake of 2023. Our visit helps a local family rebuild their lives.

Accommodation

Hotel

Day 5 / Sun 7 Jun 2026

Cappadocia

Meals included: Breakfast

This morning you have the option to take a hot air balloon flight, a once-in-a-lifetime experience to watch on as the sun illuminates the skyline dotted with balloons. Even if you'd prefer not to take a flight, it's still worth waking up for this truly incredible sight. Later in the morning, head out to the Goreme Open Air Museum, a monastic complex and Christian sanctuary of carved houses, churches and monasteries. The museum was one of the earliest centres for religious education and there are at least ten churches and chapels in the complex, dating between AD 900 and 1200. Enter the cave chapels and witness the exquisite colour of the biblical frescoes found within. The Dark Church has a particularly stunning interior, which you may choose to visit at an additional cost. Later this morning, enjoy a scenic walk through the valleys with your leader, featuring fairy chimneys, deserted rock-cut homes and cave churches. Next, you'll visit a carpet weaving cooperative that empowers women by giving them the tools to produce one-of-a-kind traditional rugs. Hear local insight into the history of traditional carpet weaving and see how the intricate pieces are made.

Included Activities

- Goreme Open Air Museum
- Valley Walk
- Carpet Demonstration

Optional Activities

- Hot Air Balloon
- The Dark Church

Accommodation

Hotel

Day 6 / Mon 8 Jun 2026

Cappadocia

Meals included: Breakfast

Today start your day with Kaymakli Underground City. There are 36 underground cities in Cappadocia and the widest one is Kaymakli underground city. Kaymakli underground city is built under the hill known as the Citadel of Kaymakli and was opened to visitors in 1964. The people of Kaymakli (Enegup in Greek) village have constructed their houses around nearly one hundred tunnels of the underground city. The inhabitants of the region still use the most convenient places in the tunnels as cellars, storage areas and stables, which they access through their courtyards. The Kaymakli Underground City has low, narrow and sloping passages. While the underground city consists of 8 floors below ground, only 4 of them are open to the public today, in which the spaces are organized around ventilation shafts. Then take a soft valley walk. You can spend your afternoon however you like. Trying the region's famous pottery kebab and attending a Whirling Dervish performance could be a good option.

Included Activities

- Kaymakli Underground City
- Soft Valley Walk

Optional Activities

- Whirling dervish performance

Accommodation

Hotel

Day 7 / Tue 9 Jun 2026

Selcuk

Meals included: Breakfast

This morning, catch a flight to Izmir. Occasionally, a connecting flight may be required when direct options aren't available. Upon arrival in Selçuk, join your leader for an orientation walk around the slopes of Ayasoluk Hill, where history surrounds you at every turn. You'll pass the Isa Bey Mosque and the towering Byzantine citadel known as the Grand Fortress. Just below lie the atmospheric ruins of the Basilica of St John, built by Emperor Justinian I in the 6th century. Spend the rest of your day soaking up the charm of Selçuk – mingle with friendly locals, browse quaint shops, and sample delicious regional flavours at your own pace.

Included Activities

- Selcuk - Leader-led orientation walk
- Basilica Of St. John

Optional Activities

- Ephesus Museum

Accommodation

Hotel

Day 8 / Wed 10 Jun 2026

Selcuk

Meals included: Breakfast , Dinner

This morning, start the day with a short distance out of Selcuk is one of the ancient world's Seven Wonders – the Temple of Artemis – although, sadly, only a single column (of 127 originally) remains. Then , visit the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus – one of the best-preserved Greco-Roman classical cities in the world. Once the capital city of Roman Asia Minor, the city has a fascinating history, which really comes alive with a local guide. Considering their age, the ruins are in incredible shape, and it's not difficult to imagine them in their full glory over 2000 years ago, equipped with running water, public toilets, a medical institute and Roman baths. The theatre is well preserved and regularly hosts concerts, but it's perhaps the magnificent library that is the most striking. Then, drive to the nearby village of Sirince to taste locally produced fruit wines. This authentic Greek Ottoman village seems to have been overlooked by modern development and the unique architecture makes for a great photo. When you return to Selcuk, for dinner head to a restaurant run by a local woman and enjoy some local traditional dishes. Hatice started her journey when her husband's business went bankrupt. Until that time, she had been a housewife for 18

years and had never worked outside home. She first started cooking Gozleme on the roadside where her own restaurant is located today and is now a well-known local chef providing opportunities to other local women in the region.

Included Activities

- Selcuk - Artemis Temple Visit
- Ephesus - Archaeological site visit
- Sirince - Village visit and fruit wine tasting
- Women-owned business - local homecooked dinner

Accommodation

Hotel

Day 9 / Thu 11 Jun 2026

Istanbul

Meals included: Breakfast , Dinner

After breakfast, say goodbye to Selçuk and transfer to Izmir Airport for an early flight back to Istanbul. Once you've checked in to your hotel, get ready to explore a different side of the city. In the evening, take a short ferry ride across the Bosphorus to the vibrant Asian side, arriving in the bustling district of Kadıköy. Kadıköy, meaning "Village of the Judge," was once a separate settlement facing ancient Byzantium. Today, it's one of Istanbul's liveliest neighbourhoods — a cultural hotspot known for its youthful vibe, rich history, local markets, art scene, and countless cafés, pubs, and restaurants by the sea. Wander the colourful streets, pop into boutique shops, and sample local street food favourites as you soak up the local atmosphere. This is a perfect chance to reflect on your journey and wrap up your adventure with your group. Choose a local spot for a memorable farewell dinner with your guide. As night falls, catch the ferry back to the European side and enjoy the magical city lights of Istanbul from the water — a truly special way to end your trip.

Included Activities

- Asian Side - Kadikoy Walking & Street food tasting

Accommodation

Hotel

Day 10 / Fri 12 Jun 2026

Istanbul

Meals included: Breakfast

Your Turkey adventure comes to an end after breakfast, and there are no activities planned. However, if you'd like to spend more time in Istanbul, we're happy to arrange additional accommodation (subject to availability).

Included Activities

- Individual Airport Transfers

Package Price

In order to confirm your spot, individual deposit of \$400 is required. The remaining balance will need to be supplied at 65 days prior to departure.

Pricing <u>per person</u> (twin share basis)	Price
Price per person based on a twin share room basis	\$3,440.00

Additional Services	Price Per product
Single Supplement Single Supplement is compulsory for all single rooms	\$810.00
Additional Pre-Night Accommodations - Single/Double	\$170.00
Additional Post-Night Accommodations - Single/Double	\$170.00

Travel Insurance

UK Residents:

For UK residents we have partnered with [InsureFor](#) to provide you with a travel insurance policy that includes Covid-19 cover. Please call our reservation team on 0808 274 5111 for an exclusive discount on your policy.

North America Residents:

For US residents we have partnered with [Allianz Global Assistance](#). Covid coverage is available through Allianz, please speak with one of their agents for information. You can contact the Allianz reservations team on 1866-884-3556.

For Canadian residents we have partnered with [Allianz Global Assistance](#). Covid coverage is available through Allianz, please speak with one of their agents for information. You can contact the Allianz reservations team on 1800-491-0851.

Australia Residents:

For Australian residents we have partnered with [nib](#) to provide you with a travel insurance policy that includes Covid-19 cover. Please contact your Tailor-made consultant for a quote.

Special Conditions

Final Balance

- Final balance payment is required 65 days prior to travel.

Cancellation by the traveller

- Cancellation prior to 65 days; we will hold the deposit amount as a credit.
- Cancellation 64 days or inside prior to travel will incur 100% cancellation fees
- No shows will be treated as a cancellation and will incur 100% cancellation fees.

Cancellation by Intrepid

- Cancellation is in line with those detailed in the standard Intrepid booking conditions in clause 8.

Payment Options

Credit Card - Please email tailormadana@intrepidtravel.com to receive a payment link.

Booking Conditions

By booking this Intrepid Travel Tailor-Made Adventure, you agree to the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/au/booking-intrepid/booking-conditions> and any deviations specified below that apply to your Tailor-Made booking as set out below.

If you are making a booking on behalf of a group, you must ensure each traveller has read and agrees to our Booking Conditions before making the booking.

- You must provide a travellers' name list and details including name as per passport, passport number and expiration date, nationality, DOB, gender, rooming requirements, dietary requirements, medical concerns at least 60 days prior to departure of the trip.
- All rates are per person, based on indicated numbers travelling together as one movement. Any changes to the group size at any time before or after confirmation of services will require the trip to be repriced.
- The details set out in your proposal are a quotation only. The pricing and itinerary are subject to availability of accommodation, transport, leaders, and other suppliers at time of booking. We reserve the right to amend and requote itinerary if such suppliers are not available.
- By making your payment, you are agreeing to the most recent itinerary and price quote. All revisions will be subject to requote and additional approval.
- A contract will exist when we accept your deposit.
- If we, or a third-party operator, is required to make amendments to your original proposal, subsequent pricing may become applicable to your booking.
- Any changes to the itinerary made by you AFTER services have been confirmed will require a revised quote and may be subject to an additional charge (as levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines). No additional changes are permitted within 30 days prior to departure.
- Hotels listed in the quote are indicative only and are subject to change. If the hotel listed in the quote is unavailable, we will confirm an alternative hotel of similar standard.
- If complimentary transfers are included, (on a group basis) they are only applicable if going to accommodation booked through us. Please advise flight arrival details (flight number and arrival time) at least 30 days prior to departure if you wish to have this transfer provided. There is no guarantee we can arrange this transfer if we receive these details within 30 days of departure.
- Some Tailor-Made tours, such as our Tailor-Made Australia trips, may have cancellation terms that deviate from those set out in the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions. Your Tailor-Made consultant will advise you of the cancellation conditions that apply to your booking prior to you paying your deposit.
- You acknowledge that you are choosing to travel at a time where you may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure your safety and may require you to follow additional safety protocols before and during your trip. Depending on the most recent health information available to us, we may require you to comply with mandatory health policies, including the need for proof of vaccination or medical tests. More information can be found on our Covid-19 Customer Information page [here](#). Please note that these policy requirements are subject to change following advice from relevant authorities.