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# FROM ISTANBUL TO ATHENS

11 or 14 days | Turkey | Greece | Extension to Italy

Experience Istanbul, Turkey's largest and most fascinating city, which lies in both Europe and Asia. See how the past meets the present; the Blue Mosque and the ancient Grand Bazaar stand within a modern developing city. In Troy and Pergamon critical moments in history took place, and in Athens the classical monuments never fail to strike awe.

### EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 6 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (10 with extension); 1 walking tour
-  **Entrances:** Ayasofya; Blue Mosque; Pergamon Acropolis; Ephesus; House of the Virgin Mary; Acropolis; Ancient Corinth; *With extension:* Delphi site; Delphi Museum; Pompeii Roman Ruins; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum
-  **weShare**, our online platform that taps into each student's interests for a more engaging learning experience
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; Ferry; 2-day Greek island cruise (Cruise staff gratuities included); *Night ferry with extension;* 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (9 with extension); 2 nights cabin accommodations (3 with extension); European breakfast and dinner daily; 3 meals daily during cruise
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Anyone can see the world.

# YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your **Tour Director** in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our online learning platform, **weShare**, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. **Expert local guides** will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

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— MELISSA, TRAVELER



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Delphi



 Via Instagram

## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly overnight to Turkey

#### Day 2: Istanbul

– Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Istanbul. Nestled between the Black Sea and the Dardanelles, Istanbul is the world's only city spanning two continents, Europe and Asia. As you wind through Istanbul's ancient streets and past remnants of the glorious Byzantine and Ottoman empires, keep in mind that the city's history dates back to the 7th century B.C. Discover the ancient Hippodrome, which once served as the public center of Byzantium. Visit the breathtaking Blue Mosque, built by Sultan Ahmet and decorated with exquisite blue Iznik tiles, before continuing on to the Hagia Sophia. Your visit will conclude with a stop at Istanbul's legendary Grand Bazaar, where you can browse treasures of all kinds, from brassware to spices

#### Day 3: Istanbul

– Take an expertly guided tour of Istanbul: Hippodrome  
– Visit Ayasofya  
– Visit the Blue Mosque  
– Visit the Grand Bazaar  
– Time to see more of Istanbul or  
➦ Enjoy a Bosphorus cruise

#### Day 4: Troy | Bergama region

– Travel by ferry to Canakkale  
– Continue to Troy  
– Take an expertly guided tour of Troy  
– Travel to Bergama region

#### Day 5: Pergamon | Kusadasi

– Travel to Pergamon  
– Take an expertly guided tour of Pergamon  
– Visit the Pergamon Acropolis  
– Travel to Kusadasi

#### Day 6: Ephesus | Kusadasi

– Travel to Selcuk  
– Take a guided excursion to Ephesus  
– Visit the House of the Virgin Mary  
– Return to Kusadasi

#### Days 7-8: Kusadasi | Crete | Santorini

– Board your cruise ship and set sail on a two-day Greek cruise from Kusadasi, Turkey, to Athens, Greece. First you'll voyage to Patmos, a small island off the coast of Turkey that maintains its Greek roots despite many years of foreign rule. Continue to Crete, the largest and most populous of the Greek islands and home of the Minotaur, a mythical half-man, half-bull creature. From there, sail on to Santorini, where breathtaking views of the volcanic Caldera cliffs await you. Your cruise finishes in Athens, a cradle of Western civilization. At points of disembarkation you may choose to participate in additional excursions offered by the cruise line.

➦ Shore excursions will be offered by the cruise line

➦ **Optionals and excursions**

### Day 9: Athens

– Disembark in Athens and discover the ancient city named for Athena, goddess of war and wisdom. During your stay you'll visit the Acropolis to view the Parthenon, perhaps the world's greatest architectural feat. See the Temple of Athena Nike, which once housed a gold statue of the goddess, her wings clipped to prevent her from deserting the city. Snap a picture of the Presidential Guard in traditional costume, then pass the stadium that hosted the first modern Olympics in 1896. You'll also have the chance to see the Temple of Olympian Zeus, built in 515 B.C. to honor the most powerful of all Greek gods.  
– Take an expertly guided tour of Athens: Olympic Stadium  
– Visit the Acropolis: Parthenon; Temple of Athena Nike  
– Take a walking tour of Athens  
– Enjoy a free evening or  
➦ Attend a Greek Evening

### Day 10: Corinth | Athens

– Take a guided tour of Corinth  
– Visit Ancient Corinth  
– Make a stop at the Corinth Canal

### Day 11: Depart for home

### ➦ 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Days 11-13: Delphi | Pompeii | Rome

– Take an expertly guided tour of Delphi  
– Visit the Delphi Museum  
– Travel by night ferry to Brindisi  
– Take an expertly guided tour of Pompeii  
– Visit the Pompeii Roman Ruins  
– Travel to Rome  
– Take an expertly guided tour of Vatican City  
– Visit the Sistine Chapel  
– Visit St. Peter's Basilica  
– Visit the Colosseum  
– Visit the Roman Forum

### Day 14: Depart for home



*Ephesus, Turkey!*  
#eftours #efsummer  
#turkey#ephesus#ruins

– MICHAEL, TRAVELER



Via Instagram

*Having traveled on student tours for 7 years to various destinations, I can say without any hesitation that our EF tour to Turkey, was one of the best trips I've ever taken.*

– THOMAS, GROUP LEADER



Tour review

## TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY OR EXPLORE

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—CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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