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Turkey is a country with an incredibly rich history and culture, and its popularity as a destination has never been greater. Istanbul, the capital, straddles the line between Europe and Asia, and it brims with remnants of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. Around the country, history and myth converge at ancient sites like Troy, Pergamon and Ephesus.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

Full-time Tour Director

Sightseeing: 7 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides

Entrances: Ayasofya; Blue Mosque; Spice Bazaar; Pergamon Acropolis; Ephesus; House of the Virgin Mary; Hierapolis; Pamukkale Springs; Grand Bazaar



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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.

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– MELISSA, TRAVELER





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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 Ayasofya before continuing on to the breathtaking Blue Mosque, built by Sultan Ahmet and decorated with exquisite blue Iznik tiles. 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 a guided tour of Istanbul: Hippodrome
- Visit the Ayasofya
- Visit the Blue Mosque
- Visit the Spice Bazaar
- Time to explore on your own or
 Bosphorus cruise

Day 4: Eceabat | Canakkale | Troy

- Travel to Eceabat
- Take a ferry to Canakkale
- Continue to Troy
- Take a guided tour of Troy
- Continue to Bergama

Day 5: Bergama

- Take a guided tour of the Pergamon Acropolis. High above the Aegean Sea sit the ruins of Pergamon, once a great city in three different ancient empires: Greek, Attalid and Roman. Today, the stunning cliffside views are the backdrop as you take a guided tour of the city's famous Acropolis. The cascading complex, still well-preserved, is full of treasures for you to explore, including the Hellenistic Theater, which features a seating capacity of 10,000 and a seating bowl that was the steepest in the ancient world. Visits to a collection of temples, including the Temple of Trajan, and the altar said to be "Satan's Throne" from the Book of Revelation make it easy to see how this city earned its place in the history books.
- Travel to Kusadasi

Day 6: Kusadasi

- Take a guided tour of Ephesus. At its peak the greatest city in Asia Minor, Ephesus is one of the Mediterranean region's best-preserved classical cities. Famous in antiquity as the home of the Temple of Artemis, one the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, Ephesus today boasts a wealth of ancient artifacts and historical sites. During your visit you'll see the Thermal Baths of Scolastika, the famous Temple of Hadrian and the Great Theatre, still renowned for its remarkable acoustics. Take in the Forum and the Odeon and marvel at the iconic Library of Celsus. Just outside the city, you'll see another of history's treasures-the House of the Virgin Mary, where the Virgin Mary is said to have spent her last days.
- Visit the House of the Virgin Mary
- Travel to Pamukkale

Day 7: Pamukkale

- Take a guided tour of Hierapolis
- Visit Pamukkale Springs

Day 8: Bursa

- Travel to Bursa
- Take a guided tour of Sardis

Day 9: Bursa | Istanbul

- Take a guided tour of Bursa
- Travel to Istanbul
- Visit the Grand Bazaar

Day 10: Depart for home



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

– MICHAEL, TRAVELER



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



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-CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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