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**ATHENS**



**CAPPADOCIA**

## **VERY COMPLETE 15-DAY TOUR PACKAGE**

In Turkey we visit: Istanbul, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Cappadocia, and more.

We make the crossing of countries by cruise where we will see Rhodes, Crete, Patmos, Santorini. \*Excursions on the greek islands are included.

On land in Greece we will go to Athens.

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**Departure day Sunday, Sep. 29.**

**MON DAY 01**

**ARRIVAL – ISTANBUL 30 SEP.**

Arrival, assistance and transfer from the airport (IST) to the hotel.

**TUES DAY 02**

**ISTANBUL 01 OCT.**

Breakfast. Departure for guided tour with lunch in a typical food restaurant "JEWELS OF CONSTANTINOPLE": Enter the historic center of the city, where you can observe the variety of vestiges of the different empires that shaped the current Istanbul: the imposing Topkapi Palace, residence of the sultans and the main administrative centre of the Ottoman Empire; Hagia Sophia with its majestic Byzantine architecture and mixture of Christian and Islamic religious elements; the Roman Racecourse, the centre of Constantinople's social life for thousands of years; The Blue Mosque with its more than 20,000 handmade ceramic tiles brought from Iznik; the Grand Bazaar, one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world and in which haggling is a tradition. Accommodation.

**WED DAY 03**

**ISTANBUL – FLIGHT – CAPPADOCIA 02 OCT.**

Breakfast. Departure for guided tour with lunch in a typical food restaurant "BOSPHORUS TOUR". Departure to contemplate the spectacular panorama the ancient walls of Constantinople and the Roman Aqueduct; We will also visit the old Jewish quarter in Balat and the Greek in Fener; a visit to St George's Cathedral, the main patriarchate of the Greek Orthodox Church and the seat of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, recognized as the spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christians of the world; we continue to the Suleiman Mosque The Magnificent, designed by the Ottoman architect Mimar Sinan and which has the largest dome of all mosques in Istanbul; we head to the Spice Bazaar, a place with special charm for its colorful and aromas, the place par excellence to acquire teas, herbs, nuts, typical sweets and of course spices; We finish with a tour through the Bosphorus, the strait that divides the city between Europe and Asia, we appreciate the wonderful views of the Ottoman fortresses, palaces, villas and the bridges that connect both sides of this city. After the tour, transfer to the airport to take flight (not included in the program price) to Cappadocia. Arrival, transfer to the hotel and accommodation.

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## THUR DAY 04 CAPPADOCIA 03 OCT.

Breakfast. Departure to visit this wonderful region with its fascinating and original landscape, formed by volcanic lava for more than 3 million years. Visit the Open Air Museum of Goreme, a monastery with chapels excavated in volcanic rocks and decorated with frescoes from the 13th century, Saint Paul travelled around the region which explains the existence of many churches and intense monastic life during the medieval era. We continue with the impressive valleys of Cappadocia with its landscapes "from another planet", having served as a filming set in the Star Wars films. You will also appreciate the views of the famous geological formations known as "Fairy Chimneys". We will stop to appreciate the incredible and extensive panoramic view of the Valley of the Doves, which owes its name to the numerous pigeonholes excavated in the rocks, since in Cappadocia these animals have been a source of food and fertilizer for a long time. Dinner and overnight.

Optional programs in Cappadocia: "TURKISH NIGHT" Folk dance show in a typical cave with unlimited local drinks and "BALLOON RIDE" at dawn to admire one of the most beautiful landscapes on earth.

## FRIDAY 05 CAPPADOCIA – MERSIN 04 OCT.

Breakfast. Visit an underground city, one of the many impressive engineering works built by the ancient local Christian communities to protect themselves from attacks in the course of history. Visit a jewellery and stone centre in Cappadocia and a carpet factory to learn about the production of these products. Departure to Mersin, south of Türkiye. Arrival, dinner and accommodation.

## SAT DAY 06 MERSIN – TARSUS – LISTRA – KONYA 05 OCT.

Breakfast. Transfer to Tarsus, the birthplace of Saint Paul and one of the oldest cities in the world. Visit the Well of Saint Paul and the old avenue of Tarsus, which is partially excavated. We continue to Lystra, belonging to the region of Galatia and mentioned five times in the New Testament; Paul made several trips to Lystra and it was there that he met Timothy, originally from that city. During their ministry there they healed a paralytic and as a result, the pagan inhabitants regarded the apostles as gods and made preparations to offer them sacrifices. When the apostles refused to accept divine honors, the people were offended, Paul was stoned but recovered from his wounds (Acts 14:6-21; 2 Tim 3:1). Continuation to "Iconium", city where Saint Paul and Saint Barnabas preached the Gospel in their first missionary journey (Act 14:1-6) and later capital of the Seljuks in the 12th and 13th centuries. We will visit the Mausoleum of Mevlana, founder of the philosophy of the Dancing Dervishes. Dinner and overnight.

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### SUN DAY 07

#### KONYA - ANTIOQUÍA OF PISIDIA - PAMUKKALE 06 OCT.

Breakfast. It was here that the Apostle Paul gave his first known sermon in Asia Minor (Acts 13:16 and 44). Visit the synagogues and churches of the city along with the temple and theater. Continuation to Pamukkale, where the Apostle Philip came to spread Christianity and where it is believed that he lived and was a martyr; we will visit the ancient Hierapolis and the Castle of Cotton, true natural wonder, a giant waterfall, stalactites and natural pools formed through the centuries by the passage of the thermal waters loaded with calcareous salts. Dinner and overnight.



### MON DAY 08

#### PAMUKKALE - ÉFESO - KUSADASI/IZMIR\* 07 OCT.

Breakfast. Visit Ephesus, the best preserved Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor since the 1st and 2nd centuries that holds treasures like the Roman Theatre (famous to many Christians because of the story of a goldsmith who tried to incite rebellion to overthrow Saint Paul for damaging his business by making images of Artemis); we will visit the Library of Celso and the street of Marble. We will also see a small stone building on the west corner of the city wall, known as the prison of Saint Paul, where he wrote his letter to the Ephesians. Visit of the last house of the mother of Jesus, today a place of pilgrimage. Dinner and accommodation. \* Accommodation can be in Izmir or Kusadasi in some departures.



### TUES DAY 09

#### IZMIR/ KUŞADASI -PATMOS (CELESTYAL CRUISES) 08 OCT.

Breakfast at the hotel. At the agreed time, transfer to the port of Kusadasi to board the boat of Celestyal Cruises in which we will make the cruise. In the afternoon arrival in Patmos. Optional excursion to the Monastery of San Juan. Accommodation on board.



### WED DAY 10

#### RODAS (CELESTYAL CRUISES) 09 OCT.

Arrival at the Island of Rhodes, the largest of the Dodecanese archipelago, and where was one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world "the Colossus of Rhodes". Optional excursion to the city of Lindos, located 55 Km from Rhodes, to visit its Acropolis with the ancient temple of Athena built in 300 B.C. and Doric order, from the Acropolis you have spectacular views of the port and the Coast. I. Embarkation. Full board and accommodation on the boat.



### **THUR DAY 11**

### **CRETA (HERAKLION)\* - SANTORINI (SUMMER) (CELESTYAL CRUISES) 10 OCT.**

Breakfast on board. Arrival in Heraklion at 07:00 hrs Optional excursion to the old town of Knossos. Within the city of Heraklion lies the famous Knossos Palace, the center of Minoan civilization. Departure at 11:30 hrs to Santorini where we will arrive at 16:30 hrs. The boat will remain anchored until 21:30 hrs to explore that beautiful island , the largest of the Greek islands . Optional excursion to the picturesque village of Oia with blue domes, wonderful landscapes and one of the best sunsets in the world. Accommodation on board.

\*During winter, departures from March and November are operated without visiting Crete: Breakfast on board . Arrival in Santorini at 07:00 Optional excursion to the picturesque village of Oia with blue domes, wonderful landscapes and one of the best sunsets in the world. The boat will stay anchored until 20:00 hrs to explore this beautiful island.



### **FRI DAY 12**

### **ATHENS (CELESTYAL CRUISES) – ATHENS 11 OCT.**

Breakfast on board. Arrival at the port of Lavrion early in the morning. Desembarque. In the morning panoramic visit of the Athenian Neoclassical Center (THIS EXCURSION TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY BETWEEN APRIL AND OCTOBER. IN MARCH AND NOVEMBER THE EXCURSION TAKES PLACE ON TUESDAY: Parliament, University, Library and National Academy, Ilion Palace, Temple of Zeus , Hadrian's Gate , Panathenic Study and many other mythical monuments . After the panoramic view, visit the spectacular Acropolis. Transfer to hotel with assistant. Free afternoon in the city. Overnight at the hotel.



### **SAT DAY 13**

### **ATHENS 12 OCT.**

Breakfast at the hotel. Day off in the city. Possibility of visiting Corinth, local of the famous Epistles of Saint Paul. A religious visit to Corinth will take you to places of great historical and spiritual significance, with a special connection to the Apostle Paul. In Corinth, you can explore the ancient Agora and the Temple of Apollo, sites that Saint Paul visited during his mission to spread Christianity. These historic places will allow you to feel the presence of the apostle and better understand his influence on the region Accommodation in the hotel.



### **SUN DAY 14**

### **ATHENS – DEPARTURE 13 OCT.**

Breakfast at the hotel. ( if the flight schedule and transfer allows ). Transfer to the airport and end of our services.

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