



Absolute Turkey with G Adventures

15 days from only

R28 897

per person sharing incl. taxes

ID # 2865

Valid: 24 Oct 20 - 08 Nov 20

Duration: 15 Days

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from Johannesburg
- Approximate airport taxes
- Discover historic cities and explore the ancient ruins of Ephesus
- Enjoy dinner in a local family home
- Gallipoli battlefields entrance and guided visit.
- Istanbul city walking tour & visit to the Göreme Open Air Museum.
- Ephesus entrance and visit.
- Troy entrance and guided visit.
- 14 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Hotels (12 nts), simple village homestay (1 nt), boat (1 nt, multi-share, hotel stay if inclement weather).
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

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DAY 1: Istanbul, Turkey

Arrive at any time. There are no activities planned until our evening welcome meeting. After the meeting, opt to join your CEO and fellow travellers for dinner. Get the most out of your time in Istanbul by pre-booking one of the following full-day activities to experience before your tour starts: Istanbul Backstreets Walk or Dolmabahçe Palace Visit and Bosphorus Cruise. If you do, we recommend booking accommodation for an extra night pre-tour. And don't worry if you can't decide now. These activities are available for pre-booking any time before your tour starts, while any of the optional activities listed can be booked independently upon arrival in Istanbul.

DAY 2: Istanbul / Bolu

Enjoy an orientation walk around Istanbul before moving on to the city of Bolu.

DAY 3: Bolu/Cappadocia

Visit the Mausoleum of Atatürk, the father of the Modern Turkish Republic, en route to Cappadocia region. Transfer to the region of Cappadocia for 2.5 days of exploring. There will be plenty of time to tour the area by bike, visit neighbouring villages, trek regional valleys or try a hot air balloon ride. During one of the evenings, travel to a nearby village and enjoy dinner with a local family.

DAY 4: Cappadocia

Day 4 & 5: Enjoy an included visit to the Göreme Open Air Museum before free time to explore this unique region. Outdoor enthusiast? Hire a bike to get around on two wheels or join your CEO on an optional trekking tour through one of the beautiful valleys of the region. If you want to go further afield, take a local bus to explore nearby villages.

DAY 5: Cappadocia

DAY 6: Cappadocia/Konya

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Explore one of the many underground cities in the region. Visit Konya before spending the night in a local Turkish village. Visit a community park and cooperative, a project supported by G Adventures. Experience a homestay as the guest of a local family. Depart Cappadocia and head to an underground city to explore. Have a quick lunch before journeying to the region of Konya. Travel about 1 hour to a local village for a cozy homestay. On the way, visit Catalhoyuk, a uniquely well-preserved Neolithic site. Upon arrival in the village, learn about local life and visit a community park and cooperative supported and developed by G Adventures before enjoying a home-cooked dinner tonight.

DAY 7: Konya / Antalya

Wander the lovely seaside town of Antalya. Arrive at Antalya around lunchtime. With a free afternoon, wander the charming cobbled hillside streets of the district of Kaleici, a great place to stop and have a drink with amazing views of the marina below. For a break from the hustle and bustle, head for the greenery and teashops at one of Antalya's beautiful parks or catch some sun at a nearby beach.

DAY 8: Antalya/Kekova

Enjoy a freshly prepared dinner before sleeping aboard a boat under the stars on the Mediterranean Sea. Drive to the beautiful coastal village of Demre for lunch. After, board our boat for an unforgettable night on the Mediterranean Sea. The boat trip includes sailing around Kekova Island, with plenty of time to enjoy the sunshine and scenery. Later, walk to Simena Castle to enjoy the views and archaeological ruins. Then opt to go for a swim in the crystal clear waters or just relax on deck.

DAY 9: Kekova/Ka?

Opt for a morning swim and some relaxation before travelling on to Ka?. Wake up on board and enjoy breakfast in the fresh morning air. Opt for a swim before returning to Demre, and continuing on to the coastal town of Ka?.

DAY 10: Ka?/Selçuk

Guided walk of Pamukkale and the ancient city of Hierapolis en route to Selçuk. Leave the beautiful sea behind and head to Pamukkale, passing through fruit orchards on the way. Visit the famous white cliffs of Pamukkale and the ancient site of Hierapolis before continuing on to Selçuk.

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DAY 11: Selçuk

Visit ancient Ephesus. Optional visits to St John's Basilica and the Mosque of Isa Bey as well as the nearby picturesque village of İrince. Visit the ruins of the ancient Roman town of Ephesus. After, head to town and enjoy some free time to explore. Opt to pre-book a traditional Selçuk cooking class, walk to the remains of St John's Basilica, visit the Mosque of Isa Bey or wander the streets of this vibrant Turkish town. Or catch a local "dolmuş" bus to the picturesque village of İrince (8 km) to sample some local wine or shop for crafts. For dedicated sunseekers, the beach at Pamucaki is also within reach.

DAY 12: Selçuk/Ayvalık

Spend the night in a converted Ottoman mansion. Visit the G-supported handicraft workshop during an orientation walk of Ayvalık, before enjoying free time in the surrounding area or opting for a boat trip or visit to the beach. Ayvalık's blend of Ottoman architecture, cobblestoned streets, and attractive harbour make this stop a highlight. The beach of Sarımsaklı is a quick bus ride away and the harbour in town offers short cruises. After exploring, head down to one of the waterside restaurants for a sunset drink or meal. Then enjoy the hospitality and beautiful views from the family-run pension in a restored Ottoman mansion.

DAY 13: Ayvalık/Çanakkale

Visit the ancient city of Troy en route to Çanakkale. Enjoy a visit to the world-famous city of Troy. After exploring the site, continue to the harbour town of Çanakkale, a busy port with a thriving student population.

DAY 14: Çanakkale/Istanbul

Guided tour of Gallipoli, including ANZAC Cove, the war cemeteries, and Lone Pine. Make an early morning visit to Gallipoli, where thousands gave their lives during WWI in the battle of the same name. Take in the sights and learn the sombre story. Continue on to İstanbul for the opportunity to finish up your sightseeing or get in some last minute shopping.

DAY 15: Istanbul

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