

16/19 Days Fantasy of Turkey & Greece

with Island Hopping Cruise 🕠



Istanbul, Magic Cappadocia, Ancient Athens and dreaming Santorini

Trip Code 16-Day Tour: TP16TC Trip Code 19-Day Tour: TP19TC

9/14 Nights 4-5 Star Hotel + 5/3 Nights Cruise

31/33 meals Small to Medium Group

Coach, Cruise, Flight

Airfare included

Daily Sightseeing



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Experience the tranquil allure of Turkey and Greece in a more laid-back manner. Following an immersive exploration of Turkey, embark on a leisurely island-hopping cruise spanning 4 or 5 days. Delight in the exploration of each island, savoring delectable local cuisine aboard a charming floating hotel, and relish moments of relaxation amidst the beauty of the Mediterranean.

- Explore the continent-straddling metropolis of Istanbul, and step backin time to the Grand Bazaar, the majestic Blue Mosque, and in the taste of real Turkish Delight.
- Get up close and personal with the fairy chimneys of Cappadocia.
- Feast your eyes on Turkey's most spectacular sight, the 'CottonCastle'. and paddle through the magical healing hot springs at Pamukkale.
- Option to explore thousands of years of history hidden in theremarkable ruins of
- Uncover thousands of years of civilization in Athens with a visitto Acropolis. With its boutique culture, gorgeous beaches, and thumping nightlife, the chic isle of
- Mykonos invites you to embrace your hedonistic side.
- The sight of a Santorini sunset can turn even the most hardened of souls into a
- Walk along the volcanic rim of the island, passingthrough picturesque white villages that cling to plunging cliffs.



Day 1 **Depart for Turkey**

Istanbul Day 2

Day 3 Istanbul

Istanbul-Safranbolu Day 4

Day 5 Safranbolu-Cappadocia

Day 6 Cappadocia

Cappadocia-Konya

Day 8 Konya-Pamukkale

Day 9 Pamukkale-Kusadasi

Day 10 Kusadasi

16-Day with 4 Nights Cruise

Day 11 Kusadasi (Embark) - Patmos

Day 12 Athens - Mykonos

Day 13 Santorini

Day 14 Rhodes

Day 15 Kusadasi (Disembark) - Istanbul

Day 16 Istanbul - Canada

19-Day with 3 Nights Cruise

Day 11 Kusadasi-Pergamum-Canakkale

Day 12 Canakkale-Troy-Istanbul

Day 13 Istanbul - Athens

Day 14 Athens

Day 15 Athens

Day 16 Athens (Embark) - Mykonos

Day 17 Santorini

Day 18 Kusadasi - Patmos

Day 19 Athens (Disembark) - Canada



Day 1: Depart for Turkey

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Day 2: Arrive Istanbul

Arrive in Istanbul, at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 3: Istanbul

Spend your day delying into Istanbul the only city that straddles two continents, where modern and ancient coexist. Your tour includes a short briefing and the picture stop at the courtyard of the Blue Mosque, a 17th century Ottoman Mosque famous for its six minarets and magnificent interior made of blue tiles. Continue to the Hippodrome, an ancient Grecian stadium for horse racing and chariot racing during the Roman period. Then, gain insights into the Ottoman Empire's power during your guided tour of the Topkapi Palace and see the 4th century Egyptian obelisk. Today, you may join the Optional Half Day Istanbul with St. Sophia & Underground Cistern with Lunch (USD\$69). This tour's highlights include the Underground Cistern - water source of the Byzantine and Ottoman periods. Then visit St. Sophia, the great Byzantine Basilica built in the 6th century, which remained the largest cathedral in the world for almost a thousand years, it was later converted to a mosque.

Overnight in Istanbul. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

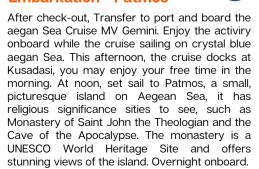
Day 4: Istanbul-Safranbolu

After breakfast you may join the half-day day optional tour to Bosphorus cruise; Spiced Bazaar : Grand Bazaar (USD\$60). Visit the Spice Market with its unforgettable aromas. Then take the boat cruise along the Bosphorus, the winding straits separating Europe and Asia. The humble fishing villages and contrasting suspension bridges set against the dramatic outline of the Strait demonstrates the link between the East and West. Then continue to the Grand Bazaar, Day 7: Cappadocia-Konya where you can shop for carpets, jewelry, leather and more. Then transfer to Safranbolu.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

16-Day Tour with 5 Days Cruise:

Day 11: Kusadasi **Embarkation - Patmos**



Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Safranbolu-Cappadocia

Today explore Safranbolu's UNESCO-protected Old Town with its charming cobblestone streets and Ottoman timber-framed mansions. Stop for photos at the restored Cinci Hammam and the historic Koprulu Mehmet Pasa Mosque. Take a glimpse of the trade route history at the Cinci Han Caravanserai. Stroll through Safranbolu Bazaars for traditional crafts. Enjoy a Turkish coffee experience at Levla Hanim Mansion before transferring to Cappadocia. . Alongside your profesional guide, enjoy learning the craft of coffee production at a shop, plus sip delicious coffee at local coffee shop. Then trasnfer to Cappadocia. A region of surreal rock formations and incredible cultural heritage, Overnight in Cappadocia.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6: Cappadocia

This morning you may join the Hot Air Balloon Ride (USD\$380). Then begin the day very early on a visit the Open Air Museum in Goreme. It's a monastic complex composed of churches, rectories and dwellings, and one of the earliest centres for religious education. There are at least 10 churches and chapels in the museum area, dating between AD900 and 1200. Later, visit the Ozkonak or Kaymakli Underground City. The city has many strata made up of volcanic granite. Its larger areas are connected to each other by tunnels. Underground city had a built-in communication system of pipes on each of its levels, which have no such systems. Each carved out room had ventilation provided by holes when the city was closed against enemies. Lastly, visit the village of Avanos that is famous for its beautiful old houses, pottery and onyx. Today you may join the Optional Jeep Safari Tour (USD\$120) and Traditional Turkish Night Dance Show with unlimited drinks (USD\$75).

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Cappadocia is home to rock-cut temples, ancient underground cities, and unparalleled landscapes. Visit "Fairy Chimney"-its iconic volcanic cones. The thick clusters of rosv rock take on peculiar shapes-look for a dolphin, Napoleon's hat, or the Virgin Mary as you gaze upon them.

Your guide explains how the formations were naturally carved. You may also see the remarkable mushroom-shaped, chimney like rock formations that monks used as shelters. Then depart to Konya. En route, visit the 13thcentury Caravanserai of Sultanhan, a large abandoned city and shelter in Cappadocia, built on the Silk Road, whose main portal gate is considered a fine example of Turkish Seljuk art.

Continue to Konya, a city renowned for its

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Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8: Konya-Pamukkale

Whirling Dervishes". Overnight in Konya.

Today explore the Mausoleum of Mevlana featuring its unique turquoise-tiled fluted dome. Discover the works of Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi. a prominent 13th-century leader and mystical poet of Islam, whose teachings inspired the founding of the Mevlevi Sufi order. Then transfer to Pamukkale. Then relax and enjoy the blissful thermal pools at your hotel before dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9: Pamukkale-Kusadasi

After breakfast visit Pamukkale, the Necropolis, and the ancient city of Hierapolis ("Holy City"); a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city's hot springs have drawn people since the 2nd century BCE as it is known for its healing and therapeutic properties. Next. vou will visit Pamukkale, known as "The Cotton Castle" which is best described as a calcium cascade of snowy white stalactites reminiscent of a frozen waterfall. It is recognized as the 8th Wonder of the World by Turkish people. Then transfer to Kusadasi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10: Kusadasi

Today is free time at your leisure. You may join the Optional tour to Ancient Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary & Basilica of St John with Lunch (USD\$89), considered one of the greatest ancient cities of the world. Here, vou'll meander through the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, visit the House of the Virgin Mary, Basilica of St. John, the library of Celsius, temple of Hadrian, the theater, and the Odeon, overnight in Kusadasi.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12: Athens - Mykonos



This morning, arrive in Athens, where offers a captivating blend of antiquity and modernity. Its iconic landmarks include the Acropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with the Parthenon temple, the Ancient Agora, and the Temple of Olympian Zeus. Enjoy your half-day self-exploration. At noon, set sail to Mykonos. Tonight, the cruise will dock a Mykonos, you may join the shore excursions onboard or selfexplore the nightlife scene on the island. Town Chora is the epicenter of the island's nightlife, with numerous bars and pubs that stay open late into the night. You can explore the narrow streets of the town and discover cozy cocktail bars, wine bars, and traditional Greek tavernas that turn into lively spots after dark. Dinner and Overnight onboard Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13: Santorini



Breakfast onboard. This morning, the cruise arrive Santorini. This is the supermodel of the Greek islands, a head-turner whose face is instantly recognizable around the world: multicolored cliffs soar out of a sea-drowned caldera, topped by drifts of whitewashed buildings. With its reputation for dazzling panoramas, romantic sunsets and volcanic-sand beaches, it's hardly surprising the island features on so many travelers' bucket lists. At leisure on this amazing island of Santorini (formed by the eruption of the volcano 1600 BC). The sight is the most breathtaking of all Greek islands and perhaps of the world. Explore and enjoy all that the island has to offer. History and nature combine to make Santorini unforgettable. Set sail at 17:00 for Rhodes. Overnight onboard.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14: Rhodes



Breakfast onboard. This morning, the cruise arrive Rhodes, Key highlights of Rhodes include its well-preserved medieval Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which boasts impressive fortifications, ancient ruins, and charming cobblestone streets. The Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Rhodes is a standout attraction within the Old Town. The island is also famous for its beautiful beaches, with crystal-clear waters and a variety of water sports and recreational activities.

You will have a whole day-time to enjoy the island. In the evening, set sail to Kusadasi. Overnight onboard.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15: Kusadasi Disembarkation - Istanbul

Breakfast onboard. This morning, disembark at Kusadasi, then transfer to the airport to board the flight to Istanbul.

Meal: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 16: Istanbul - North America

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board the flight back home.

Meal: Breakfast

19-Day Tour with 7 Days Athens & Cruise:

Day 11: Kusadasi-Izmir-Pergamum-Canakkale

This morning take a visit to the Leather factory where you can see the popular leather fashion show. Next, drive to Pergamum, a powerful kingdom during the ancient Hellenistic period. You will discover the Ancient City of Pergamon, an important cultural center and the east capital of the Roman Empire. Then visit Asklepion, the ancient Roman spa center.

Overnight in Canakkale **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12: Canakkale-Troy-Istanbul

This morning, proceed to the classical city of Troy. Tour this 4000-year-old city and legendary center of the Trojan War, made immortal by Homer's epic poem The Iliad. See the symbolic replica of the famous Wooden Horse that the Greeks used to break their siege of this ancient city. Transfer to Istanbul "Crossroads of Europe and Asia" and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. Today, you may join the Optional Half-day Tour to Bosphorus cruise & Spiced Bazaar & Grand Bazaar (USD\$60). Visit the SpiceMarket with its unforgettable aromas. Then take the boat cruise along the Bosphorus, the winding straits separating Europe and Asia. The humble fishing villages and contrasing suspension bridges set against the dramatic outline of the Strait demonstrate the link between the East and West. Then continue to the Grand Bazaar, where you can shop for carpets, jewelry, leather and more. Overnight in Istanbul.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 13: Istanbul - Athens

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight to Athens. Upon arrival, meet in the arrival hall at Athens airport & transfer to the city hotel. Overnight in Athens.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 14: Athens

Breakfast in the hotel. Pickup from the hotel for your half day morning tour. See Syntagma Square, the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Athens Academy, the University, the National Library and the Hadrian's Arch. Pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus and visit the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896.

On the Acropolis visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the Parthenon. Continue and visit the place where at last the statues found their home and admire the wonders of the classical era, the museum of Acropolis. At the end of the tour, drop off at the hotel or at the city centre. Remainder of theday at own leisure. Overnight in Athens.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 15: Athens

Breakfast in the hotel. Enjoy your free day.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 16: Athens Embarkation - Mykonos



After Breakfast. Transfer to Port and board the aegan Sea Cruise MV Gemini and set sail to Mykonos at noon. Tonight, the cruise will dock a Mykonos, you may join the shore excursions onboard or self-explore the nightlife scene on the island. Town Chora is the epicenter of the island's nightlife, with numerous bars and pubs that stay open late into the night. You can explore the narrow streets of the town and discover cozy cocktail bars, wine bars, and traditional Greek tavernas that turn into lively spots after dark. Dinner and Overnight onboard.

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Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 18: Kusadasi - Patmos



Today, the cruise docks at Kusadasi, you may enjoy your free time in the morning. At noon, set sail to Patmos, a small, picturesque island on Aegean Sea, it has religious significance sities to see, such as Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse. The monastery is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and offers stunning views of the island. Overnight onboard.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 19: Athens Disembarkation - North America

After breakfast, disembark at Athens and transfer to the airport to board your flight back home.

Meal: Breakfast

Package Includes

- International Airfare from Toronto in economy class
- Airport taxes
- Flight: Istanbul to Athens (19-day) / Kusadasi to Istanbul (16-day)
- 4-5 Star hotel accommodation
- 3/4 Nights Aegean Sea Cruise Standard Interior Cabin
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- All transportation in the destination
- · Meals as indicated in the program

Package Does Not Includes

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Gratuities: Prepaid tipping 16 Days: US\$224/person 19 Days: US\$266/person

(includes gratuities for tour guides, tour escort, drivers etc.)

 Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

MV Gemini

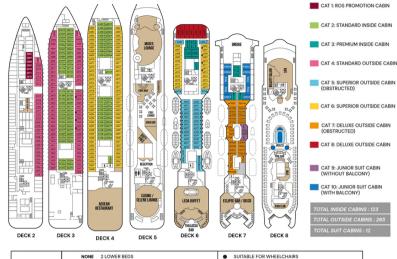












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★ 2 LOWER BEDS + SOFA CABINS WITH PORTHOLES	
▲★ 1LOWER BEDS + SOFA (2 PAX) CABINS WITH OBSTRUCTED VIEW	

Cruise Cabin Upgrade from \$199 /person





Exterior Cabin

Superior Cabin

Optional Tours

Hot Air Balloon Ride US \$380/p



over the charming landscape during sun rise time. One of the most exciting adventures in Cappadocia in exploring the region at sky. Our balloon will take you to the hard-to-find places.

Jeep Ride Explore Tour US \$120/p



one of the most exciting adventures in Cappadocia in exploring the region in an off-road vehicle. Our jeeps will take you to the hard-to-find places and away from the crowds forspectacular views and excitement of traveling off-road in the unique landscapes of Cappadocia – all in one activity.

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Half Day Istanbul and St. Sophia with lunch	US \$69/p
Traditional Turkish Night Dance Show with unlimited drinks	US \$75/p
Full Day Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary with lunch	US \$79/p
Bosphorus cruise & Grand Bazaar with lunch	US \$60/p
Santorini 2 Hours Shore Excursion to Oia Village & Fira	US \$70/p
Mykonos Shuttle to City Center	US \$12/p
Rhodes 4 Hours Shore Excursion to Grand Master's Place & Old Town	US \$70/p (16-day tour only)

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Gross Tonnage	19,093.00 t.
Length	163 Meters
Passengers	1,074
Total Cabins	400
Service Speed	19 Knots

2024 Departure Dates

Depart	18-Apr	09-May
	23-May	12-Sep
	26-Sep	03-Oct

Price Notes

 Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation. Single room supplement fee:

16 Days: \$1,699, 19 Days: \$1,999

- Add on airfare from other cities: Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria from \$500, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$500, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John and other cities from \$600
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.
- Cruise Cabin Ugrade Fee:

	Exterior Cabin	Superior Cabin
3 Nights	\$ 199/p	\$ 259/p
4 Nights	\$ 249/p	\$ 339/p