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Prices are subject to confirmation

Taxes included

Single Supplement \$750

Included in this price ...

Return international/domestic airfare
20 nights' accommodation
All meals noted on the itinerary
Admission to all sites noted on the itinerary
The services of a guide/director
40 seat air-conditioned luxury bus
A Travel Society host

Not included in price ...

Visitor's visa to Turkey (US\$45.00)
Tips for guide and driver
Meals not scheduled on the itinerary

40 Meals:

19 Breakfasts
7 Lunchs
14 Dinners



Highlights ...

Istanbul, Bosphorous cruise, Ankara, Kapadokya (with optional hot air balloon ride over this remarkable landscape), Konya, Antalya, Pamphylia, Termessos, Aphrodisias, Ephesus, the Aegean coast, Pergamum, Bursa, the Princes' Islands.

Day One

Depart your home town enroute over night to Istanbul via London.

Day Two

After arriving at Istanbul's fine new airport this afternoon, we'll take you to your charming hotel on the Bosphorous. Take some time for a rest and a stroll before joining the rest of the group for an opening reception and a light supper in the hotel. **D**

Day Three

This morning, after a leisurely breakfast, board your private boat for a morning cruise of the Bosphorous - that legendary stretch of water which separates Europe and Asia. The magnificent old summer houses on the edge of the water, along with military forts and castles, will enthral you. After the cruise, enjoy lunch in a restaurant on the

shores of the Bosphorous. You are free for the rest of the afternoon and evening. **BL**

Day Four

Today, leave Istanbul and drive to Ankara. This trip, most of which is in the Black Sea Mountains, is very pleasant and takes about six hours. Ankara is the very modern capital of Turkey, and the highlight of an afternoon tour is the street of beautiful foreign embassies and then the very impressive mausoleum of Ataturk, the founder and first president of the Republic of Turkey. Check into the hotel and have dinner tonight. **BD**

Day Five

This morning, go to the wonderful Museum of Anatolian Civilizations. This museum (one of the world's finest) has a rich and fascinating collection of art and artifacts, some of which date as far back as 7,500BC. A delicious lunch

will be served in an atmospheric restaurant in the walls of the old city. After lunch, drive south and east to encounter the legendary landscapes of Kapadokya. Arrive in Urgup in the late afternoon, and check into your hotel, your home for the next three nights. Dinner is in the hotel tonight. **BD**

Days Six & Seven

For the next two days, using Urgup as a base, explore all the sights of this unique area. Visit underground cities and abandoned monasteries, enjoy the wonderful food and wine of the region, and take time to poke around its unique and charming towns. There will be an opportunity to visit a carpet atelier, and a pottery workshop. On the morning of Day Six, you can also take an optional sunrise hot air balloon ride. This is a perennial highlight of our tours. On the



evening of Day Five, enjoy dinner and a wonderful nightclub show in a traditional cave restaurant. **BD, BL**

Day Eight

This morning, leave for Konya. The route today, following the old Silk Road, takes you past a kervanseray near the village of Sultanhani. Built by the Selcuk Turks in the fourteenth century it offered people on caravans a safe haven. Arrive in Konya and have some free time for lunch. Visiting the Mevlana Museum and the wonderful Kataray Medrese this afternoon will give you a wonderful introduction to Jelaluddin Rumi, the great scholar and mystic, currently the most read poet in America, who founded the whirling dervishes. It will also give you a hint of what this city must have been like during the times of the Selcuks, before the Mongols destroyed it. Tonight, after dinner in a local restaurant, take in a performance of the Sema, the whirling dance of the dervishes. **BD**

Day Nine

Today, leave the interior plateau of Anatolia, and drive through the rugged Taurus Mountains to Antalya. On the way, stop for lunch in Egirdir a pleasant town on the edge of one of the loveliest fresh water lakes in Turkey. After lunch, drive through the mountains to Antalya, your home for the next three nights. Dinner in the hotel tonight. **BD**

Day Ten

The cities of Pamphylia, according to legend, were founded by people who came from the Trojan wars. Today visit two of them: Perge, and Aspendos. Perge is a handsome Roman city with wonderful vistas and the theatre at Aspendos, one of the finest Roman theatres extant, is still used for performances today. Have lunch in Aspendos before visiting the excellent museum in Antalya where you see all the sculpture from Perge. A free evening in Antalya tonight. **BL**

Day Eleven

Early this morning, climb up a valley in the Taurus range to Termessos, one of the most mysterious cities in Turkey and one of Turkey's most beautiful ruins. This is one of the few cities of the world that Alexander could not conquer. We arrive here early to enjoy the lovely air and bird songs of early morning. Return to Antalya in the late morning for a free afternoon before a dinner on the walls overlooking the harbour. **BD**

Day Twelve

This morning we cross the Taurus mountains again on the way to Aphrodisias, the city of Aphrodite and one of the loveliest ruins in Turkey. Arrive here in time to enjoy a pleasant lunch in a delightful outdoor cafe before you explore the site. This afternoon, you drive through the famous valley of the Menderes River on your way to Selcuk, a pleasant city named after the first Turks, who established this town near the ruins of Ephesus. The hotel here has a wonderful pool, so enjoy a swim before dinner which will be in the hotel tonight. **BLD**

Day Thirteen

Today is the day of Ephesus, the 'grandmother' of ruins in Turkey. Begin at the Church of St John, a site overlooking the ancient temple to Artemis - one of the seven wonders of the world - and the Isa Bey Mosque, built by the Selcuks. After time for lunch in Selcuk, drive up to Meryemana, the shrine dedicated to the Virgin Mary who, according to legend, spent her last years here. You spend the rest of the afternoon in Ephesus, one of the largest and most famous ruins in the world. It will not disappoint. Tonight, drive to the lovely wine-making village of Sirince where you have dinner in a local restaurant. **BD**



Day Fourteen

This morning, drive out to the fabled Aegean coast. The first stop will be the immense Temple of Apollo at Dydimia. This temple, which would have been the eighth wonder of the ancient world had it been completed, has a fascinating history. After a delicious fish lunch against the walls of a Roman Aqueduct visit Priene - one of the first completely designed cities in Anatolia and still one of the loveliest classical Greek ruins in Turkey. Then return to Selcuk to enjoy a fee evening in this very pleasant town. **BL**

Day Fifteen

Today's destination is Bergama, home of the wonderful Hellenistic city of Pergamum. On the way, you have a chance to drive through Izmir, the third largest city in Turkey. Arrive in Pergamum in the late morning and tour the wonderful acropolis of the city. After free time for lunch in the city, visit the fascinating Askeplion, the hospital of Galen, which pioneered treatments for mental illness. Your day ends at a pleasant resort hotel in Ayvalik. Time for a swim in the Aegean Sea if you so choose. Dinner is in the hotel tonight. **BD**

Day Sixteen

This morning, leave the Aegean cost and drive to delightful Bursa, spiritual home of the Ottomans. On the way, you will stop and visit the legendary city of Troy, easily one of the most fascinating ruins in the world. You will drive to Cannakale, the strategically located port townon the narrowest point of the legendary straits of the Dardanelles, for lunch. After lunch, you will drive along the south shore of the Sea of Marmara on your way to Bursa. You will have dinner in your hotel tonight. **BD**

Day Seventeen

This morning you visit the wonderful, historic tombs and mosques of this handsome mountain city. Then you have a free afternoon to explore the Koza Han - The Silk Bazaar. The bazaars and markets of Bursa are wonderful and varied, and well worth experiencing. Tonight, enjoy a seafood dinner in the city's atmospheric old Jewish quarter - a real treat! **BD**



Day Eighteen

This morning you leave Anatolia en route to Istanbul. On the way, you visit Iznik (once Nicea) a leafy, quiet town which still has the original walls which surrounded the once-more-important city which played such an influential role in the development of the Christian Church. Then you drive back to the Sea of Marmara and the port of Yalova, where you will have time for lunch. Then you board a ferry to cross Marmara and enter the wonderful city of Istanbul by sea. As you approach its magnificent skyline from the water, you will agree that this sight has been worth the wait. There will be a reception and dinner on the roof of our hotel tonight. Welcome to Istanbul. **BD**

Day Nineteen

This morning you will do the famous sites of the city: The Hippodrome, Hagia Sofia, and the amazing Topkapi Palace. You will have lunch in a restaurant on the Palace walls overlooking the Golden Horn and the Bosphorous. You then have a free afternoon and evening to explore and enjoy the city on your own.



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Day Twenty

Today begins with a drive around the city walls, starting at the Sea of Marmara. About half way to the Golden Horn, you will enter the Edirne Gate and go the Kariye Museum which offers you some of finest Byzantine Mosaics and frescoes extant. Then your tour of the Walls continues as you drive down to the Golden Horn. The bus will stop close by the Egyptian (Spice) Bazaar, close to the tram station, for those who wish to start their free time here. It will then take you across the Golden Horn to Taksim Square where you can enjoy a completely contemporary, much more European section of Istanbul. You have another free afternoon and evening. To help plan your time, note that today is Sunday, and the bazaars will be closed. Tomorrow, many (but not all) museums will be closed **B**

Day Twenty-one

This a completely free day so that you can decide on your own what you might want to do--from browsing through the Grand Bazaar, to visiting some of the cities amazing mosques, churches and museums, there will be no shortage of options. Tonight you convene for a farewell dinner in Agatha Christie's Pera Palace Hotel **BD**

Day Twenty-two

This morning you transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT OUR "SMALL PRINT"

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YOUR TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- All flights and ground transportation as described in the itinerary.
- Accommodations based on two persons sharing a double room, with private bathroom, at the hotels listed in the itinerary or similar. Single supplement will apply in the case of single occupancy. Sharing can be arranged.
- Transfers between airports and hotels will be provided when travelling with the group. Alternative transfers will be the tour member's responsibility. No refunds will be made for unused services.
- Meals at selected restaurants or hotel dining rooms as specified in the itinerary. Alternative meals, if desired, will be at the member's own expense. There will be no refunds for the forfeited meal.
- Baggage transfers; limited to two pieces of luggage per person. Carry-on luggage and check-in baggage dimensions must conform to the regulations set forth by the airlines used. All excess baggage charges are the sole responsibility of the passenger. Baggage handled at owner's risk.
- Most service charges at hotels and restaurants.

YOUR TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Medical Insurance out of Province/Country – Do not travel outside your province or Canada without medical insurance.
- Cancellation & Interruption insurance – It is a requirement to have Cancellation & Interruption insurance with ALL The Travel Society tours.

UNUSED AND AMENDED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS:

- Unused accommodation, tour features and services are non-refundable and non-exchangeable for other accommodation, services or features. Should there be reason to change features of the tour; any additional costs will be charged to the tour members.

THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- The non-refundable deposit of C\$500 per person is payable at time of booking.
- Full payment is due 60 days prior to departure, a 'Final Payment Request' will be couriered/express-mailed/e-mailed to you around that time along with any other relevant information.
- All payments made by a credit card (we accept Visa & M/C only) are subject to a nominal convenience charge.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- All cancellations must be sent to The Travel Society in writing without delay. The following cancellation fees will apply:
 - From reservation up to 60 days prior to departure ~ cancellation fee: the full deposit
 - 59 to 31 days prior to departure ~ cancellation fee: 60% of the tour price
 - 30 days or less prior to departure ~ cancellation fee: 100% of the tour price
- Important: With ALL reservations made with The Travel Society Cancellation & Interruption Insurance is required.

LATE HANDLING FEE:

- Bookings made within 30 days of departure may be subject to a late handling fee of \$50 per person.

OTHER TERMS:

- Unforeseen circumstances may require an adjustment to the itinerary. In such a case, increased or decreased costs will be fairly pro-rated. We reserve the right to cancel the tour before departure. In the unlikely event that this is necessary, full refund of all payments will constitute complete settlement.

RESPONSIBILITY:

- The Travel Society makes arrangements with tour operators, airlines, hotels, transfer operators and other independent parties to provide travel and tour services. The Travel Society uses its best efforts to make these arrangements and cannot therefore be held responsible for their acts, omissions or force majeure.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure.

My cheque is enclosed payable to The Travel Society Inc, or charge my credit card: Visa M/C

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I/We have read & agree The Travel Society Terms & Conditions

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