

Embark on the ultimate culinary journey through Turkey, where vibrant flavours and rich history come together and create a once in a lifetime adventure.



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Overview

Turkey offers history in abundance, from the old city of Istanbul to the fairy tale cave villages of Cappadocia. Mediterranean cuisine and climate, turquoise waters and sun drenched beaches all make Turkey the perfect destination.

Embark on the ultimate food and adventure experience in Turkey, a journey that blends rich culture, exhilarating activities, and unforgettable flavours. From staying in charming boutique hotels to sleeping in unique cave hotels in Cappadocia, this tour offers an immersive experience like no other. Our expert guides will take you on a journey though ancient cities, revealing hidden gems and fascinating history along the way.

Indulge yourself with hands on cooking classes where you'll learn the secrets of traditional Turkish cuisine, followed by visits to local backstreet food markets to savour authentic dishes. Experience the vibrant street food culture and get a taste of the everyday life of the locals.

For the adventurous spirit, soar high above the stunning landscapes of Cappadocia in a hot air balloon, or set sail on a traditional gullet cruise along Turkeys stunning coastline.

In Istanbul, your adventure continues with a rooftop experience above the Grand bazaaran exhilarating "James Bond" moment with panoramic views of the city.

Whether you're tasting delicious Turkish delights, exploring Ancient Ruins, or discovering the magic of Turkey's natural wonders, this curated journey offers a perfect balance of relaxation, adventure and culinary delights ensuring a once in a lifetime experience.







Our stopover enroute to Turkey

Imagine this... a whirlwind 2-day stopover adventure in Singapore.

Stroll through the stunning Gardens by the Bay, then ascend to the Marina Bay Sands Observation Deck for jaw-dropping city views. Dive into the vibrant streets with food and art tours, savoring Singapore's culinary and creative pulse. Explore the rich flavors and culture of Little India and Chinatown. Finally, indulge in some retail therapy on Orchard Road,

the shopping haven and of course indulging in a classic Singapore Sling at the iconic Raffles Hotel. Optional free time to explore this stunning sity at your own pace and every moment is a blend of luxury, adventure, and exploration—perfect for a group of fearless and fun-loving travelers!











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Itinerary



♀ Istanbul arrival

III Dinner

Upon arrival at the airport you will be transferred to your hotel. Tonight you will have welcome briefing and orientation followed by dinner at an authentic local restaurant.

Day 2

9 Istanbul

Street food experience & Backstreets tour

Y1 Breakfast, Lunch

Today we will meet our tour director at our hotel for a full day unique Istanbul experience. We will walk down through the narrow streets of the old town to a world famous Spice Bazaar, with shops selling sticky Turkish delight, baklava, dried fruit, nuts. We will continue walking on to Galata Bridge which has fantastic views of the old city. We will taste Turkish coffee cooked on charcoal, sesame pretzels and roasted chestnuts on the way to Beyoglu. Then we will take the world's oldest funicular system to Taksim. We will then weave through the backstreets of Taksim / Beyoglu, dotted with historic buildings, old churches, hip cafes, swanky restaurants, and market stalls. We will try sherbet (spice juice), Turkish Delight and nuts. We will experience the smells and the colours of Istanbul. Beyoglu has little labyrinth like streets with hidden tastes of different Greek mezes, Blacksea style Turkish pizza, fried mussels, pickles and tripe soup to name a few. We will conclude out tour with desert, either mastic rice pudding, elastic ice cream or Beyoglu chocolate. Next we head to Galata Tower and climb up to experience a 360 degrees panoramic view of Istanbul. Then we will return back to our hotel.











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Day 3

9 Istanbul

→ Main Landmarks & James Bond Experience

T Breakfast, Dinner

After breakfast at our hotel we begin a full day sightseeing tour of Istanbul. Visit Topkapi Palace; the former imperial residence from where the Great Ottoman Empire was ruled, today a spectacular museum that has one of the largest collections of Chinese and Japanese porcelain and the very famous treasury of the royal family. Then we will continue to the ancient Roman Hippodrome, the former center of Constantinople's sporting and political activities. During the visit you'll be able to see an Oblelisk from Egypt. a Serpentine Column from Delphi and a fountain of Wilhelm II.

After lunch, experience some of the incredible scenes from James Bond & Liam Neeson famous movies. Discover the trail along the rooftops of the Grand Bazaar (maximum 30 minutes). A delight for the eyes, experience varied views of this wonderful city with all its contrasting light and colors, domes, skyscrapers, seas, and bridges.

Finally we will see the outside of Hagia Sophia, a magnificent Byzantine Church noted as one of the finest and largest architectural works of art in the world. Tonight we will have an authentic Turkish dinner at Hamdi restaurant.

Day 4

♀ Istanbul to Cappadocia

→ Iconic Landmarks & Dervishes

T Breakfast, Dinner

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Kayseri. We will then drive to Kaymakli Underground City where early Christians lived in fear and faith. Then on to visit the panoramic Pigeon Valley where pigeons contributed to the lives of locals with their manure to fertilise the vineyards. You will also taste Cappadocia wine in a local winery.

Finally we will visit impressive rock-carved churches at the Göreme Open Air Museum. We will then drive to our hotel and tonight we will attend a Cappadocian Dervish Show performance.









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Day 5

Q Cappadocia

- → Light Hiking & Home Cooking
- **III** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning there will be an optional Hot air balloon trip over Cappadocia.

After this we will have a full day tour of Cappadocia beginning with Derinkuyu, an abandoned underground city then onto the Ihlara Canyon where you will be able to enjoy nature, history and gentle hiking.

Lunch will be at a local at a local Cappadocian home today where you will also learn Turkish cooking. Stop by Selime, a village with cave houses at the end of the canyon and a "star wars" like landscape. Return to your hotel.

Day 6

♀ Cappadocia – Izmir

- → Bicycle or ATV Experience
- Breakfast, Dinner

In the morning you will have time to ride a bicycle in Cappadocia or use ATV vehicles along the valleys. Then you will be transferred to Kayseri airport for the flight to Izmir. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel in Kusadasi.

Day 7

Q Ephesus / Virgin Mary

- → Ephesus & Mother Mary
- Breakfast, Dinner

Today we will visit the ancient city of Ephesus. We will also see the **Terrace Houses of Ephesus**, the luxurious private houses behind the shops near the Library of Celsus. Occupied from the 1st century to 7th century AD, the Terrace Houses have been compared to the 1st century villas of Pompeii in importance. Finally, we will visit **House of Virgin Mary**. The Vatican has recognized this small house in the Solmissos Mountains as the final resting place of the Virgin Mary. A small shrine dedicated to Mary was found when the ruins of the house were first discovered. Then we will be transferred to our hotel.









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Day 8

♀ Şirince

→ Village Visit, Light Hiking Experience & Urla Winery

T Breakfast, Dinner

Today we will visit the charming village of Şirince. An ancient mountain village, inhabited since the Hellenic era, with pretty houses in stone, stucco and wood and a long tradition in the production of wine. It is today a renowned Turkish and international tourist resort.

We then hike through vast forests, experiencing the spectacular views of the Şirince region. Then we will return to our vehicle and drive to Urla which is also famous for its vineyerds. Learn about the 3,000 year history of wine in Turkey while tasting beautiful wines. Discover the unique flavours, gained by combining the sea, nature and fragrant fertile lands of the region, during your wine tasting. Return to Kusadasi for overnight.

Day 9

→ Priene - Miletus - Didyma

Breakfast

Discover the ruins of Priene. Today in a dramatic mountainous setting, Priene was once an active coastal port before the geography changed. The Hellenistic ruins are today conceded to be the most spectacular surviving example of an ancient Greek city.

Next we proceed to Miletus which provided the alphabet to the rest of the classical world. It was the hometown of several philosophers and sages. Then stop at Didyma, a sacred place of pagan worship, where you will see the Temple of Apollo from the 7th century BC. This was one of the sacred places of antiquity where well-known oracles were consulted. Return drive and drop off to the hotel.

We will drive to Bodrum for overnight.









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Day 10

9 Bodrum

- → Private Gulet & Degustation / Winery Experience
- **III** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning, embark on a traditional gulet cruise and view the city and the Gulf while enjoying the sparkling Aegean Sea. Refreshments included. (Information about the gulet is attached separately). Later this afternoon, visit the traditional familyowned boutique Karnas Vineyard, located on a hillside on the Bodrum Peninsula.

This award-winning organic vineyard has a focus on Syrah, Cabernet Franc and Vermentino varieties. A wine tasting degustation meal is included, including wines with each course, plus a one-hour private cellar tour.

Day 11

- → Dalyan Experience
- **III** Breakfast, Dinner

Dalyan and Caunos are generally considered two of the most striking spots in this area. Arriving first at the tiny village of Dalyan, you will board a motorboat that will take you down the rivers winding canals and through a maze of reeds on the Dalyan River delta. Cotton plantations and fields, alternating with little islands covered in reed thickets will unroll before your eyes. During your journey down the river, you will see the famous temple-tombs of the ancient kings carved into the rocky cliffs before arriving in ancient Caunos. Here, you will walk up the bare hillside to the ruins of the ancient city where you will see the Roman theatre surrounded by other buildings and a Roman bath. In the 5th Century BC, Caunos was a thriving city with its own port. However, the silting of the ancient harbor ended the affluence of the city. After visiting the ancient city, the motorboat will take you back to Dalyan where you will enjoy lunch in a local seafood restaurant. After the tour drive to your hotel in Fethive.









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Day 12

♀ Fethiye

→ Kayakoy Experience

III Breakfast, Dinner

This morning we drive to Kayakoy, an abandoned Greek 'ghost village'. It's damaged 3,500 year old buildings comprise the biggest open air museum in the world. Walk through the mysterious streets to the rock-cut tombs of the ancient kings. All in a beautiful mountainous setting. Return back to your hotel in Fethiye.

Day 13

♀ Fethiye – Kas

→ Lycian Walk

T Breakfast, Dinner

Today we will have 9.3km walk along the Lycian Way from Faralya to Kabak via the Butterfly Valley. Guided by a local, we will learn about the flora and fauna of the region. We will each plant a tree in the Lycian forest to take part in this global fight against drought. Then we will drive to Saklikent Canyon to explore this amazing formation and enjoy soft river rafting. Drive to Kas for overnight.

Day 14

→ St. Nicholas

T Breakfast, Dinner

Today visit the Church of Saint Nicholas, the one we refer to as Santa Claus. Then drive to Dalaman airport for your late afternoon flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Farewell dinner at an authentic restaurant.

Day 15

X Departure

Breakfast

Transfer as we bid farewell to Türkiye.









OPTIONAL GREEK ISLANDS EXTENSION

Extend your Epicurean journey from Turkey with an optional unforgettable week in the Greek Islands, designed for fun loving female travellers seeking charm, history, and indulgence.

Begin with two captivating nights in Athens, where ancient wonders like the Acropolis meet the vibrant pulse of lively backstreets and irresistible Greek cuisine. Let the city's timeless allure set the stage for the adventure to come.

Next, bask in the tranquillity of Naxos for 4 days and three nights, a serene gem offering a perfect blend of history, adventure, and laid-back charm. Discover sun-drenched beaches, cooking classes, explore ancient ruins, and wander through picturesque mountain villages.

Naxos' culinary delights alone will steal your heart! A day aboard a private catamaran awaits, sailing to secluded coves, snorkelling, and savouring refreshing delights under the Mediterranean sun.

With additional island experiences to enhance this dream extension, it's the perfect conclusion to your Turkish adventure.

More details and pricing to come-stay tuned!













Tour package inclusions and exclusions

Tour package includes:

- Return International Flights ex Auckland
- Pre Departure Strata Lounge Entry
- Full hosing throughout from Lisa Cameron
- All accommodations, transfers. Local taxes and service charges
- · Meals as specified
- Professional english speaking guides throughout the tour
- A/C 15 seater Mercedes Coach transport
- All internal flights Istanbul/Kayseri-Izmir/ Dalaman-Istanbul
- 2 nights stopover Singapore

Tour package excludes:

- · Personal Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses
- Tips for guides & driver
- Optional Balloon Flight in Cappadocia NZD\$585 per person
- Singapore day tour options not included. We will offer this to you with a pricepoint nearer departure.
- Greek Islands optional extension is not included.
 We will share itinerary and pricing late 2025.



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Trip costs

TOTAL PACKAGE COST

Share Twin NZD \$16,995

PAYMENT DATES

In order to meet the necessary arrangements and preparations with our travel partners and agents we request the following payment schedule:

Deposit Payment:

NZD \$3,995

Due at time of booking

Progress Payment:

NZD \$7,000

Due Friday 28th November 2025

Balance Payment:

NZD \$6,000

Due Friday 30th January 2026

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bank Account details for payment are as follows:

Dream It NZ

02-0492-0136659-00

Invoices will be sent to you via email.

REQUIRED NEXT STEPS

Upon receipt of your deposit payment we will require the following to confirm your booking:

- Scanned copy of your Dream It Client Form.
 This will be emailed to you.
- Scanned copy of your passport. Please ensure that your passport is valid at least 6 months from the start of your trip.
- Scanned copy of your travel insurance cover.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This package is based on the following terms and conditions.

- Group departures are based on reaching the minimum number of 10 participants being reached. Maximum group size of 12.
- 2. Inclusions as specified.
- 3. All prices are subject to change until paid in full and prices are all subject to availability. Prices are for cash or bank transfer. There will be a 2.5% surcharge for Visa/Mastercard payments and a 3.5% surcharge for Amex/Diners. Your name on your electronic ticket must be exactly the same as on your passport and you must have at least 6 months validity on your passport upon your return to New Zealand. All prices are subject to currency fluctuation and are based on prevailing travel pricing conditions in May 2024.
- 4. Prices quoted are for Economy return airfare and twin share accommodation. Single supplement and flight upgrades are available on request.
- 5. Itinerary subject to change.





NO REGRETS

For Dream It to succeed, so must you. Our ultimate goal is to give you an amazing and epic Dream It adventure in the best possible way with no regrets. At Dream It, our no regrets policy is all about ensuring you get the most out of your adventure by being well prepared and informed.

We will prepare a pre departure event for our Dream It family so we all get the chance to meet one another before we depart. We will also set up a closed facebook group specific for this trip to provide regular travel updates and information plus advice and guidance leading into our epic trip.

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