

Turkey Trip

Friday, April 11, 2025

Fly to Istanbul, arriving Saturday

Saturday, April 12, 2025

The Bank Hotel, Istanbul

Funicular and tram to Taksim Square, walk back through Galata District along Istiklal street

Sunday, April 13, 2025

The Bank Hotel, Istanbul

Tram to Sultanahmed area, Archaeology Museum, Museum of Islamic Art. Subway across Bosphorus to Üsküdar

Monday, April 14, 2025

The Bank Hotel, Istanbul

Tram to Sultanahmed area. Roman Hippodrome, Blue (Sultan Ahmed) Mosque, Topkapi Palace, including Imperial Harem, Hagia Sophia Basilica Cistern

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

The Bank Hotel, Istanbul

Tram to Süleymaniye Mosque, Chora Church (Kariye Mosque), Grand Bazaar (Kapalı Çarşı), Egyptian Spice Market

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

The Bank Hotel, Istanbul

Tram to Military Museum in Harbiye, Galata (Jewish) quarter, Neve Shalom Synagogue and Jewish Museum, Italian Synagogue. Lunch near Galata Tower. Walk across Galata Bridge.

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Fly to Keyseri, drive to Uçhisar in Cappadocia region

Argos in Cappadocia hotel

Whirling Dervish performance in old caravanserai

Friday, April 18, 2025

Argos in Cappadocia, Uçhisar

Sunrise hot air balloon flight, Zelve Open Air Museum, Avanos ancient Roman city. Göreme Open Air Museum

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Argos in Cappadocia, Uçhisar

Red Valley hike, Soganli Valley, Sobessos ancient roman town, Kaymakli underground city

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Hich Hotel Konya - Konya

Pick up rental car. Drive to Konya, stopping at visit the Sultanhanı caravanserai and Çatalhöyük neolithic site. Visit Rumi's mausoleum in the Mevlana complex. Explore the bedesten (old town)

Monday, April 21, 2025

Drive to Şirince, stopping at Pamukkale / Hierapolis
Gullu Konak hotel , Şirince

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Gullu Konak hotel , Şirince
Tour Ephesus and the Ephesus Museum including the library of Celsus and the slope houses.
Basilica of St. John and House of the Virgin Mary. City of Selçuk

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Swissotel Buyuk Efes
Drive to Izmir. Take the Asaşor (elevator) up to the top of the bluff. Walk past Beth-Israel Synagogue. Visit the Kemeralti Bazaar and Havra Street, Museum of History and Art, located within the K lt rpark. Enjoy the Children’s Day festival in the park. Dinner with Emiliano and Gulhan

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Assos Kervansaray Hotel, Assos / Behram
Drive to Assos /Behramm stopping at Pergamum / Bergama. Visit Acropolis and Asclepium health.
Walk around Temple of Athena on the Assos acropolis. Dinner at fish restaurant on the beach.

Friday, April 25, 2025

Park Inn by Radisson Istanbul Odayeri
Drive to Troy (Troia/Wilusa/Hisarlik) and tour archaeological site and museum. Cross the 1915  anakkale Bridge to the Gallipoli Peninsula and visit Anzac Cove. Drive to Odayeri, near Istanbul Airport

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Taxi to Istanbul airport and fly home