



GROUP TRIP

CAVES & CATHEDRALS

MARCH 2026

A 7-Day Journey Discovering Turkey's Biblical Roots

Join us on a seven-day journey through Turkey to explore the origins of Christianity and immerse yourself in the rich layers of history, culture, and faith. We'll begin in Istanbul, walk through the halls of the Hagia Sophia, and wander the ancient streets of the old city. Then we'll travel to Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient cities tied deeply to early Christian history. Finally, we'll experience the otherworldly landscape of Cappadocia, staying in a unique cave hotel and taking a sunrise hot air balloon ride over the fairy chimneys. This trip is perfect for anyone fascinated by history, intrigued by religious and cultural heritage, and eager to learn more about the roots of Christianity in these historic lands.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 6 nights in local Boutique Hotels
- Guided adventures and tours (tickets included)
- Daily Turkish breakfast (at hotel or restaurants)
- In-country transportation
- Airport transfers to and from the Airport
- Detailed day-by-day itinerary



LANDMARKS

- Hagia Sophia
- Grand Bazaar
- Blue Mosque
- Ancient Ephesus
- House of Mary
- Cave Churches

PRICE:

\$1,750

Before Sept. 30, 2025

\$2,000

After Sept. 30, 2025



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Day 1: Arrival & Welcome to Istanbul

- Arrival at Istanbul Airport (IST or SAW)
- Private group transfer to boutique hotel in the Old City
- Check-in & freshen up
- Welcome dinner at a traditional Turkish restaurant with group orientation

Evening Activity: Optional walk around the Hippodrome of Constantinople, including brief views of the Blue Mosque and Obelisk of Theodosius
Overnight in Istanbul

Day 2: The Spiritual Heart of Istanbul

Morning:

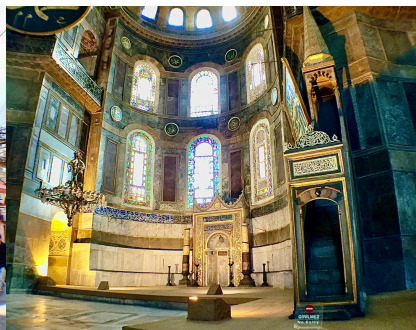
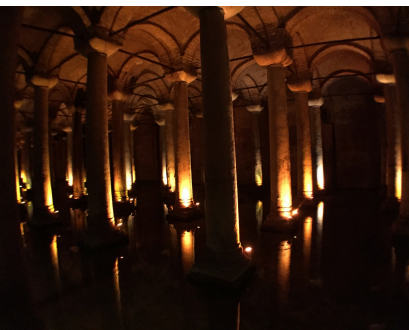
- Guided tour of Hagia Sophia – explore its Christian and Islamic history
- Visit Blue Mosque and Basilica Cistern

Afternoon:

- Explore the Grand Bazaar – shop for textiles, ceramics, jewelry, and spices
- Free time for local exploration or coffee

Evening:

- Sunset Bosphorus River Cruise with commentary on landmarks
- Overnight in Istanbul



Day 3: Travel to Ephesus Region

Morning:

- Breakfast at hotel and early check-out
- Domestic flight to Izmir (1 hr 15 min)

Upon Arrival:

- Private bus transfer to Selçuk (45–60 min)

Afternoon:

- Visit House of the Virgin Mary
- Check-in at hotel in Selçuk

Evening:

- Group dinner with scenic views
- Overnight in Selçuk

Day 4: Ancient Ephesus Exploration

Full-Day Guided Tour of Ancient Ephesus:

- Library of Celsus
- Great Theater
- Temple of Hadrian
- Marble Road
- St. John's Basilica
- Temple of Artemis

Afternoon:

- Lunch in nearby village (e.g., Şirince)
- Free time for shopping or wine tasting

Evening:

- Farewell group dinner with optional entertainment
- Overnight in Selçuk



Day 5: Travel to Cappadocia

Morning:

- Early Breakfast at hotel and early check-out
- Domestic flight and Bus to Cappadocia (5 hr 30 min)

Evening:

- Check in to cave hotel
- Dinner
- Overnight in Cappadocia

Day 6: History of Cappadocia

Morning:

- Slow Rise: sleep in, flexible breakfast

Afternoon:

- Göreme Open Air Museum
- Ancient cave churches, and underground cities

Evening:

- Dinner on your own or with your partner
- Overnight in Cappadocia

Day 7: Wonder of Cappadocia

Morning:

- Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Rise
- Check out of Hotel

Afternoon:

- Bus + Flight to Istanbul

Evening:

- Farewell Group Dinner (Istanbul)
- Overnight in Istanbul