

15 Days Tour of Turkey & Greece

DAY 1: Arrive in Istanbul, Turkey

Arrive in Istanbul. Welcome and assistance upon arrival at the airport by your local English-speaking professional guide. Later transfer to hotel. In the afternoon, visit Grand Bazaar which is one of the World's largest and oldest medieval century Bazaar. You will visit the New City Taksim District and enjoy the walk through the famous bustling streets of Istanbul. **Overnight at hotel in Istanbul**

DAY 02: Istanbul

After Breakfast, proceed on full Day Tour of Istanbul Explore the Topkapi Palace, which served as The Palace of the Ottoman Sultans between the 16th And 19th centuries. Visit Hagia Sophia (St. Sophia's Basilica) built by Constantine the Great and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century with one of the biggest domes of the world. Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmet Camii), famous for its six minarets, its beautiful blue iznik tiles, unique architecture and marble lattice work. Byzantine hippodrome, the center of byzantine life for 1000 years.

Overnight at hotel in Istanbul

DAY 03: Istanbul

Explore the ancient underground wonder of Istanbul, the Basilica Cistern, discovering the largest surviving Byzantine cistern in Istanbul. Marvel at the 336 marble columns and intricate carvings and learn about the history and architecture of this 6th-century wonder. See the famous Medusa head columns and learn their story and enjoy the eerie atmosphere and soft lighting of the underground cistern. Later enjoy a cruise: Starting from Kabataş, this special boat tour allows to experience the unparalleled views of Istanbul at sunset. Over the span of two hours, the Bosphorus and Golden Horn Sunset Tour offers an opportunity to create unforgettable memories amidst the historical and natural wonders of the city An experienced guide will provide in-depth explanations of historical and natural sites such as Dolmabahçe, Ortaköy Mosque, Bosphorus Bridge, Maiden's Tower, Topkapı Palace, and the Golden Horn. **Overnight in Istanbul.**

DAY 04: Istanbul – Cappadocia (Flight)

After breakfast, check out and transfer to airport for flight to Cappadocia. Arrive and Today enjoy a day tour of Cappadocia to explore its lunar landscape like surroundings. Visit the Pasabag Valley, with its surreal mushrooming Pinnacles and Avanos renowned for Its Handmade Pottery. Visit the stunning Valley of Goreme and the Open-Air Museum, where the remains of churches and early christian Dwellings, hewn from the Rock, dates back to thousands of years. Begin your discovery of Cappadocia with Goreme's "Caves of God", A UNESCO World Heritage Site. Monasteries and churches Hewn into Volcanic Rock reached their peak between 7th And 13th centuries. You will see the ongoing erosion on the Fairy Chimneys of Pasabagi.

Overnight in Cappadocia

DAY 05: Cappadocia

Early morning sunrise **the hot air balloon ride is included** over the lunar like landscapes of Cappadocia. Visit the Derinkuyu Underground City. First, enjoy a panoramic view of Göreme and marvel at some of the best views in the region. Afterwards, visit Underground City which is the biggest and deepest underground settlement. It has 8 levels connected with narrow tunnels. You will visit stalls, stores, churches, wineries, kitchens and the other sections which are open for visitors. **Overnight in Cappadocia**

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DAY 06: Cappadocia – Kusadasi (Izmir)

After breakfast at the hotel, we check out & take a flight to Kusadasi. Upon arrival, then visit the House of Virgin Mary and the Impressive Collections at The Ephesus Museum. Explore and enjoy the charm of Kusadasi. **Overnight at hotel in Kusadasi.**

Day 07: Day trip to Pamukkale

Proceed to Pamukkale, start your day with a visit to the ancient city of Hierapolis. Hierapolis was rebuilt during the reign of the Roman emperor Tiberius and survived until 1334, when it was abandoned after an earthquake. Extensive ruins, excavated since the 19th century, include baths, a gymnasium, an agora, and a Byzantine church. Hierapolis was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1988. After exploring Hierapolis, head to the famous Pamukkale Thermal Pools, renowned for their stunning white travertine terraces. This area has been drawing visitors to its thermal springs since the time of classical antiquity. The Turkish name refers to the surface of the shimmering, snow-white limestone, shaped over millennia by calcite-rich springs. Dripping slowly down the mountainside, mineral-rich waters collect in and cascade down the mineral terraces, into pools below. Enjoy the amazing calcium-rich hot springs, the famed white outdoor pools and soak up not just healthy waters but historical traditions. **Overnight at hotel in Kusadasi**

Day 8: Kusadasi to Santorini, Greece (Flight)

After breakfast, visit the premiere Greco-Roman city of the ancient world, Ephesus. Explore the Temple of Hadrian, the famous Celsus Library, Great Theatre, Temple of Artemis and other Roman sites. Later transfer to Izmir to take an evening flight to Santorini via Athens. Arrival and check in to hotel. **Overnight in Santorini.**

Day 9: Santorini

After breakfast at the hotel and begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. **Overnight at hotel in Santorini.**

Day 10: Santorini

Spend a full day at leisure in Santorini. Thousands of years ago, one of the most devastating volcanic eruptions in history occurred here. This event is believed to have led to the demise of the ancient Minoan culture and inspired several Greek myths. Walk through the small, white cave houses dug into the volcanic rock. **Overnight at hotel in Santorini.**

Day 11: Santorini – Mykonos by ferry

We transfer by high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you cruise across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. Arrive and transfer to hotel Poseidon or similar category. In the afternoon, a walking tour of Mykonos town and discover its charm and cultural roots. View white-washed churches, picturesque windmills where the grain used to be milled for bread flour, and stroll along narrow winding streets. Visit the island's "Little Venice," where houses and cafes have been built directly at water level. **Overnight at hotel in Mykonos**



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Day 12: Mykonos - Delos Tour

After breakfast, take a boat ride to the archaeological Site of Delos. With your expert historian guide you will discover the myths and legends of ancient Greece in Delos. Visit the ancient monuments of the Temple of Apollo and the Sacred Way. Also visit the Windmills of Mykonos. From the 16th century one of the most recognized landmarks of Mykonos have been the windmills. Due to its geographic position, Mykonos was situated on major sea trade-route which at one time joined Venice, the gateway of Europe, to Asia. **Overnight at hotel in Mykonos.**

Day 13: Mykonos – Athens (by ferry) – City tour

Today proceed to Athens by Ferry. Upon arrival in Athens, enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, tour of the incredible Acropolis & visit the National Archaeological Museum, home to the world's most significant collections of Greek artifacts transfer to your hotel.. **Overnight in Athens**

Day 14: Athens - Delphi – Athens

Depart on a day trip to Delphi. Immerse yourself in the myths and monuments of classical Greece on this full-day tour of Delphi from Athens. Explore the UNESCO-listed archeological site of Delphi with an expert guide and learn how the city was considered the 'Center of the World' in ancient Greece. Stand in awe before the dramatically situated Temple of Apollo, then discover long lost wonders at the Delphi Archeological Museum, including the Charioteer of Delphi and the Sphinx of Naxos. **Overnight at hotel in Athens.**

Day 15: Athens

After breakfast, enjoy some free time and transfer to airport for your flight back to the USA with happy memories of Turkey & Greece.

Package Cost & Details

Cost based on min 25 people

Land Package cost: \$4395.00 Per person on twin share

Departure Dates 2026: May 14 / May 28/ Sept 15 / Oct 1

<u>Inclusions:</u>	<u>Exclusions:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Deluxe 4* Hotel Accommodation▪ All Transfers, Sightseeing, Entrance fees as per the itinerary▪ Hot Air balloon ride is included▪ 14 Breakfast, lunch , dinner (Indian/ Local)▪ Jain meals upon request▪ Services Of Maxim Tour Escort▪ 2 Water bottle (500 ml) per person per day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ International Airfare▪ Internal Airfare – Approx \$730 (1 carry & 1 chk in bag incl)▪ Expenses of personal nature such as laundry, shopping, drinks, phone & items of personal nature▪ Any incidental Charges at the Hotel▪ Cost of Visa if required▪ Tips: Eur 6 Per Person Per Day



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TERMS & CONDITIONS

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- ❖ There will be no refund for any unutilized services (e.g., meals, entrance fees, optional tours, hotel and sightseeing) on the tour due to unavoidable circumstances.
- ❖ Airline rates are approx. and subject to change at the time of booking. Any payments made to Maxim Tours towards any airline are non-refundable. Flights and schedules are subject to change even after booking. Confirmed tour itinerary will be adjusted accordingly. No additional services or compensation will be provided.
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- ❖ The tour will operate with a min. group size of 25 passengers. Please note that Group operating less than 25 passengers may incur a supplement cost of Approx. 5- 10% on the original land tour package. Also, local tour manager assistance upon arrival to the destination country for group size less than 25 passengers
- ❖ The package price is subject to change if there is fluctuation in currency exchange.
- ❖ Passengers joining this tour must travel to/from the hub city at their own expense.
- ❖ We advise to book 60 days prior to the date of Departure as the internal ticket rate may increase closer to the departure date, result an increase in the tour cost.
- ❖ Any damages caused to the hotel/coach during your stay shall be payable by the passengers. Maxim is not responsible for the same.
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- ❖ Jain and Special Meals may be limited.
- ❖ Published packages and prices are valid for our fixed departures only. Rates quoted for any other travel dates are subject to change based on availability, blackout dates, major holidays, trade fairs, sporting events, citywide or nationwide events, special event periods, or other peak travel seasons.
- ❖ Hotel confirmation and airline reservation will be provided 7-15 days prior to the departure.
- ❖ In case of a triple room, the 3rd person in the room will get a rollaway bed. The room size may be the same as the double room.
- ❖ The standard check in time at all hotel is 3:00 pm and check out time is 11:00 am.
- ❖ Due to major international events and convention the hotels may be blocked out in advance. In view of this you may have to stay in hotels further away from the cities/different city and the itinerary may have to be altered/ amended.
- ❖ Luggage compartment of coach and internal flight regulations, we strongly recommend you to carry 1 medium size bag of 20 kg for check-in and 1 carryon bag of 7 kg per person.



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- ❖ We recommend you to possess an overseas travel insurance policy before you travel on your tour.
- ❖ Please refer to our detailed "Terms & Conditions" on our website at <http://www.maximtours.net/tos/>

Payments:

**\$1500 per person Deposit non refundable (includes internal airline deposit)
Balance payment due 60 days prior to the departure date**

Cancellation Charges:

Cancellation 45 days or more prior to the departure date: Non-Refundable Booking deposit, airline charges and cancellation fees.

Cancellation 44-31 days prior to the departure date: 50% of the land package cost after deducting deposit.

Cancellation 30 days or less prior to the departure date or a 'NO SHOW' on the tour: 100% of the total tour cost.

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