

# Travel Itinerary sample for Istanbul - Pamukkale – Antalya – Cappadocia – Izmir

You have a wonderful trip to look forward to!

Your itinerary includes these exclusive amenities, just for you!

- Daily Breakfast in all hotel Accommodations
- Special Welcome Amenity
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Complimentary Upgrade, Early Check-in and/or Late Check-Out subject to hotel availability
- 24/7 Local Assistance via mobile phone, text and email
- Restaurant and Local Recommendations

Additionally, your guides and drivers have been hand selected and are fully screened to ensure the right fit, a high level of service, and English fluency.

**Please note :** Entry into the European countries in the Schengen area requires that your passport be valid for at least six months beyond your intended date of departure.

<b>Tuesday - May 3rd</b>	Private Transfer · Transfer from Istanbul New Airport to Istanbul City   Accommodation · Gezi Hotel Bosphorus ( 3 nights )
<b>Wednesday - May 4th</b>	Private Tour with Car · Byzantine and Ottoman Istanbul Day Tour
<b>Thursday - May 5th</b>	Private Tour with Car · Immersive Tour of Istanbul
<b>Friday - May 6th</b>	Private Transfer · Transfer from Istanbul City to Istanbul New Airport   Flight · Istanbul Airport to Denizli Airport   Private Transfer · Transfer from Denizli Airport to Denizli   Accommodation · Richmond Pamukkale Thermal ( 1 night )   Private Tour with Car · Tour of Hierapolis & Pamukkale Travertines
<b>Saturday - May 7th</b>	Private Transfer · Transfer from Denizli to Fethiye City   Accommodation · Seaview Faralya Boutique Hotel ( 1 night )   Semi-Private Guide Service · Parasailing over the Blue Lagoon
<b>Sunday - May 8th</b>	Private Transfer · Transfer from Fethiye City to Antalya City   Accommodation · Rixos Downtown Antalya Hotel ( 2 nights )
<b>Monday - May 9th</b>	Private Tour with Car · Day Excursion to Duden and Kursunlu Waterfalls
<b>Tuesday - May 10th</b>	Private Transfer · Transfer from Antalya City to Antalya Airport   Flight · Antalya Airport to Sabiha Gökçen Airport   Flight · Sabiha Gökçen Airport to Nevsehir Airport   Private Transfer · Transfer from Nevsehir Cappadocia Airport to Cappadocia City   Accommodation · Mithra Cave Hotel ( 2 nights )
<b>Wednesday - May 11th</b>	Semi-Private Guide Service · Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Experience   Private Tour with Car · Cappadocia Discovery Tour
<b>Thursday - May 12th</b>	Accommodation · Museum Hotel Cappadocia ( 2 nights )   Guide Service · Sunset Horse Riding Experience   Private Tour with Car · Whirling Dervish Ceremony
<b>Friday - May 13th</b>	Private Tour with Car · Tour of Lake Tuz
<b>Saturday - May 14th</b>	Private Transfer · Transfer from Cappadocia City to Kayseri Erkilet Airport   Flight · Kayseri Erkilet Airport to Izmir Airport



**Private Transfer:** Transfer from Istanbul New Airport to Istanbul City



**Accommodation:** Gezi Hotel Bosphorus

In Istanbul, all roads lead to Taksim Square., the vibrant center of modern Istanbul pulses with lively cafés, bustling offices, and exciting shops. Only a few steps away from the high-key buzz of the square, an air of calm prevails at the Gezi Hotel Bosphorus, a property that offers its guests a retreat right in the heart of Istanbul. Located directly across from Taksim Gezi Park, the green-certified hotel cultivates beauty inside and out with soothing rooms that offer breathtaking views of the strait, the park, and the property's own garden. The high-quality wood and leather used in furnishings throughout provide a warm, cozy atmosphere that is amplified by a contemporary design ethos that fuses the rich color-blocking style of Piet Mondrian with high-tech flourishes. Gezi Hotel Bosphorus offers notable samples of modern Turkish and Mediterranean cuisines. 24 hour room service and even personal cooking upon request.





### **Private Tour with Car:** Byzantine and Ottoman Istanbul Day Tour

**Description:** Today's tour will allow you to uncover some of the most renowned sites in Istanbul. You will start by visiting the Hippodrome and the remains of the giant arena that functioned as the site for sporting events and political activities of the old city in the Roman and Byzantine eras. From there, you will head to the Blue Mosque. Just opposite St. Sophia, this exquisite mosque built in the name of Sultan Ahmet is famous for its blue Iznik (Nicean) tiles and is unique for having six minarets. You will also explore St. Sophia (the Church of Divine Wisdom) and one of the greatest marvels of architecture. This monument was constructed as a basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian. Please note that St. Sophia is closed for tourists on Friday, and this part of the tour will be replaced by the Basilica Cistern, one of the magnificent ancient buildings of Istanbul located in the southwest of Hagia Sofia.

Constructed for Byzantium Emperor Justinianus I this big underground water reservoir is called "Yerebatan Cistern" by the locals because of its underground marble columns. You will then continue to the Topkapi Palace, the former location of the Imperial offices and residence of Ottoman Sultans and now a magnificent museum exhibiting the imperial treasury, Chinese porcelain, weapons, calligraphy, and countless other artifacts. Please note that Topkapi Palace is closed for visitors on Tuesdays, in which case this part of the tour will be replaced by a wonderful Bosphorus cruise. Your final destination for the day will be the Grand Bazaar, a historical shopping center that ranks as the biggest souk in the world, with nearly 4000 shops featuring antiques, gold, carpets, and leatherwear.

**Duration:** 8 hours

**Inclusions:** Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees Set Menu Lunch (excluding Beverages)

**Disclaimer:** Please Note: Ladies must wear a head covering upon entering the mosques (offered free of charge outside entrance).



### **Private Tour with Car:** Immersive Tour of Istanbul

**Description:** After breakfast, you will meet your English-speaking guide at the hotel lobby for your private full-day experience. Your first destination will be Fener, which was historically the most important Greek quarter of the city. It flourished after the capture of Constantinople by the Ottomans when the Sultan encouraged the Orthodox people to settle there, and it became a prosperous district, as evidenced by a plethora of superb buildings. Fener is also home to several places of worship, some of which are fundamental, such as the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, which houses the Church of St. George. Another building not to be missed, located on a hill overlooking the Golden is the imposing Greek Orthodox High School in red bricks. Right next to the Fener district is Balat, the former Jewish quarter of Istanbul, which developed in 1492 when the Jews persecuted under the Spanish Inquisition were welcomed by the Sultan who even sent his fleet to Spain to rescue them. You will then enjoy a public cruise on the Bosphorus, the narrow strait of water separating the Asian and European continents and the lifeblood of Istanbul. Passing along the shores of the Bosphorus you will view magnificent palaces, restored Ottoman villas, impressive fortresses, and the waterside residences of Istanbul's elite. Your next stop will be at the cavernous Egyptian Spice Bazaar where tastes and aromas from the orient will captivate your senses. The Spice Bazaar continues to be an exotic trading house for dried herbs, spices, and exotic condiments. You can also find colorful local produce, fresh cheeses, pickles, and other Turkish specialties such as sucuk (chorizo-like sausages) and pastirma (cured beef). At the end of the tour, your driver will transfer you to the hotel.

**Duration:** Full Day

**Inclusions:** Private Transportation, Guide, Entrance Fees, Set Lunch Menu,





**Private Transfer:** Transfer from Istanbul City to Istanbul New Airport

**Flight:** Passengers departing from Istanbul Airport to Denizli Airport

**Private Transfer:** Transfer from Denizli Airport to Denizli



**Accommodation:** Richmond Pamukkale Thermal

With 315 rooms, thermal springs, and grounds set among pine trees, Richmond Pamukkale Thermal invites you to rejuvenate both physically and emotionally. Located just 3 kilometers from Pamukkale, this thermal hotel has been providing all the comforts of home to guests traveling for business, health, or pleasure for 25 years. This unique destination is just one hour from Denizli's Çardak Airport.





**Private Tour with Car:** Tour of Hierapolis & Pamukkale Travertines

**Description:** After your breakfast at 9:00am, you will meet with your professional guide at the hotel lobby for your private sightseeing of the charming Hierapolis, famous for its unique landscape. These otherworldly formations are travertines, limestone cliffs slowly created over 400,000 years by the bubbling up of mineral springs. As the water flows down the hillside it degasses, leaving behind a vast deposit of bright white calcium carbonate that's almost 3km long and 160m high. Also known as the Cotton Castle, Hierapolis was founded by the Attalid kings of Pergamon at the end of the 2nd Century BC before being taken over by the Romans in 133 AD. Under Roman rule, it became a thriving spa town; by the 3rd Century, visitors were coming from all over the Empire to admire the landscape and bathe in the supposedly healing waters. The success of the city is still visible in its impressive arched entrance gate, its colonnaded main street, and its beautifully restored amphitheater, all built from the same local travertine that glows golden in the hot Turkish sun. The Necropolis is the largest ancient cemetery in Anatolia with approximately 1,200 graves. The Theater is a 2C AD building in Roman style with many reliefs depicting scenes representing the Emperor Septimus Severus and the life of Dionysus.

**Duration:** 8 hours

**Inclusions:** Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees



**Private Transfer:** Transfer from Denizli to Fethiye City





**Accommodation:** Seaview Faralya Boutique Hotel





**Semi-Private Guide Service:** Parasailing over the Blue Lagoon

**Description:** Feel the adrenaline rush as you embark on an exciting parasailing experience. After meeting your driver and the rest of the group, you will meet the boat captain and your parasailing instructor that will go over all the safety procedures and fit you for your parasailing equipment. Then all that's left for you to do is to fly above the waves and soak up the amazing scenery unravelling below your feet.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Inclusions:** Shared Roundtrip Transportation



**Private Transfer:** Transfer from Fethiye City to Antalya City



**Accommodation:** Rixos Downtown Antalya Hotel

**Description:** Rixos Downtown Antalya offers guests a fabulous juxtaposition; an urban resort in the center of Antalya where city and nature collide. With views over the Mediterranean Sea and the Taurus Mountains, the picturesque setting of the Rixos Downtown Antalya makes it a natural choice for anyone seeking rich and varied culture in a resort setting. From the yacht-filled harbor to Hadrian's Gate, a powerful reminder of Turkey's role in the creation of civilization, it is easy to see the allure of Antalya.

Clear blue skies, lush green mountains, and the sparkling sea create a colorful backdrop for activities within the resort or sightseeing beyond it. Rixos Downtown Antalya boasts excellent resort facilities in an urban setting.

**Inclusions:** Free Entrance to The Land of Legends Theme Park (extra services to be paid locally)





**Private Tour with Car:** Day Excursion to Duden and Kursunlu Waterfalls

**Description:** Today, you will immerse yourself in pristine nature. Your professional guide will meet you at the lobby of the hotel and you will commence your journey to the majestic Düden Waterfalls. The river originates in the Taurus Mountain range, it descends rapidly overland and underground through villages and vast hills to reach the glistening waters of the Turkey's Mediterranean Sea. Further along Antalya's coastline, the Lower Duden Falls cascade into the sea from 40-meter-high cliffs. The Park itself is filled with lush grass and vibrant plants; picnic benches are dotted about on one side of the falls while on the opposite bank wooden seats occupy the shade of large leafy trees. You will then continue to the Kursunlu Waterfall, a unique place where a cascade connecting seven ponds falls from an 18 m in height against a backdrop of green nature. It is one of the most attractive landscapes in Antalya

**Duration:** 8 hours

**Inclusions:** Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees

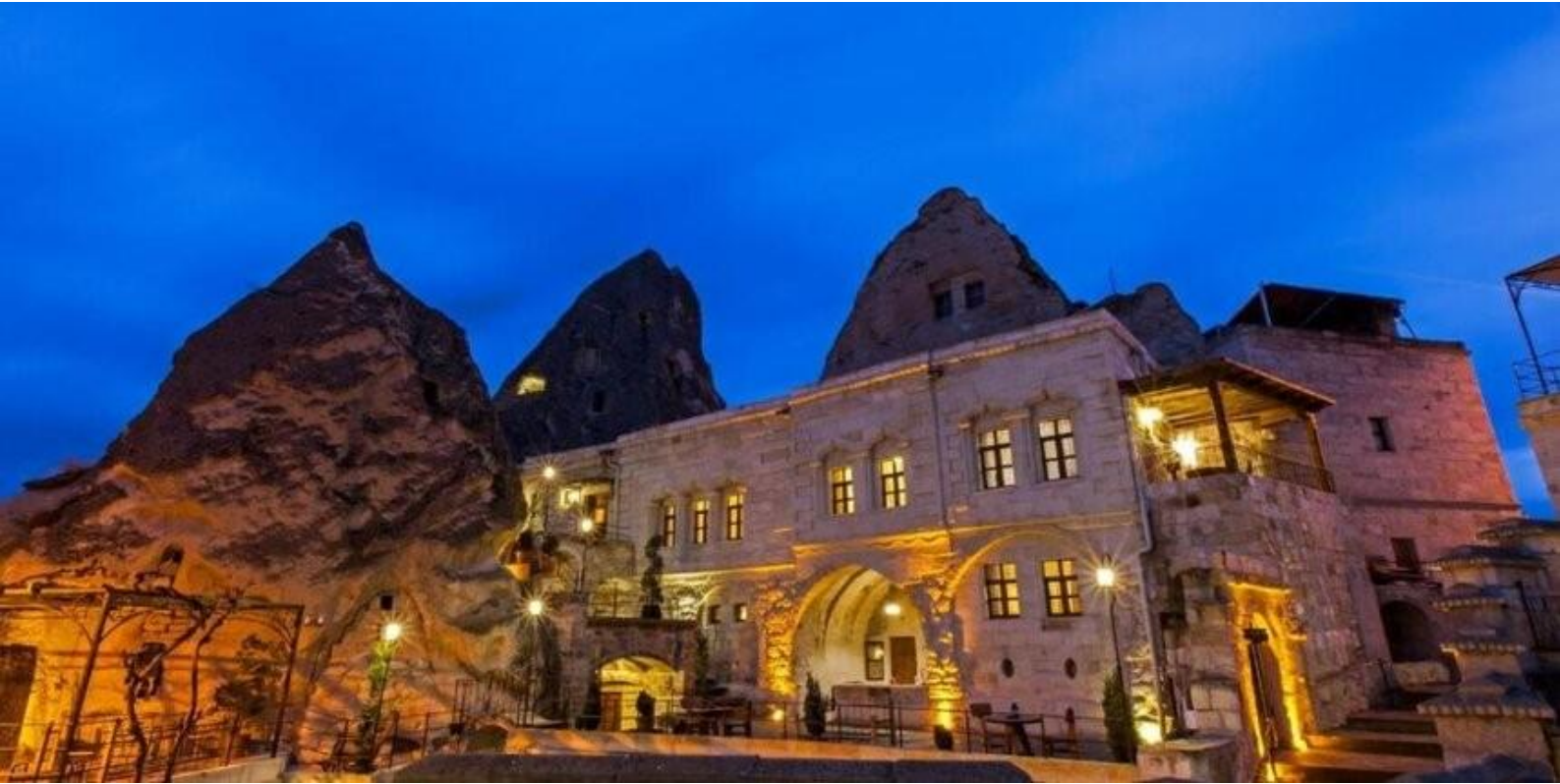


**Private Transfer:** Transfer from Antalya City to Antalya Airport

**Flight:** Passengers departing from Antalya Airport to Sabiha Gökçen Airport

**Flight:** Passengers departing from Sabiha Gökçen Airport to Nevşehir Airport

**Private Transfer:** Transfer from Nevşehir Cappadocia Airport to Cappadocia City



**Accommodation:** Mithra Cave Hotel

Situated in the heart of Cappadocia, this cave hotel features a terrace with beautiful views of the surrounding villages and valleys. The hotel offers authentic rooms equipped with luxurious amenities and free Wi-Fi. Mithra Cave Hotel has cave rooms and rooms with Ottoman and Greek styles. They are all traditionally decorated with handicrafts, carpets, and curtains. Each morning, a rich breakfast buffet is served at the terrace accompanied by a beautiful sunrise. Guests can also enjoy the view of hot air balloons rising over the valley. Goreme town center is only a 5-minute walk from Mithra Cave Hotel. Nevsehir Airport is 40 km away.





**Semi-Private Guide Service:** Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Experience

**Description:** Enjoy an unforgettable experience as you embark on a shared hot air balloon ride over the nature-formed valleys. Starting off early in the morning (5.30 am), you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the open fields for a delicious breakfast before heading to the selected launch site for your hot air balloon experience. You will appreciate the tranquility of your morning over the colorful valleys and rock formations, gliding in your balloon. Concluding your experience, enjoy a glass of champagne to celebrate the joy of seeing Cappadocia from the air and get transferred to your hotel approximately by 8.30 am.

**Duration:** 3 hours

**Inclusions:** Shared Roundtrip Transportation, Safety Briefing from Pilot, Tea, Coffee and Cookies, 1 hour Shared Hot Air Balloon Flight Experience, A Champagne (non-alcoholic) Ceremony upon landing

**Disclaimer:** The balloon flights will be confirmed depending on availability and could be cancelled depending on weather conditions.





### **Private Tour with Car:** Cappadocia Discovery Tour

**Description:** After breakfast, you will begin your explorations of the famous and intriguing valley of Cappadocia, a unique region in which nature has created an incredibly majestic and colorful world of cones, columns and needles that were shaped by the wind and water erosion of the area's volcanic tuff. Some of these strange shapes are as tall as 100 ft. But it is not just the natural landscape that is awe-inspiring, throughout history residents have used the soft features of the stone to carve out this fantasy-like environment into homes, stables, shops and churches creating an unforgettable and intriguing world. Many early Christians painted the walls of their chapels with their own renditions of the Biblical stories. Some of these frescoes are incredibly beautiful, attesting to the skills and religious fervor of the faithful. Among the places you will visit during this tour are Goreme, Uchisar, Kaymakli, Pasabey and Avanos, the latter providing you with the opportunity to purchase some of the hand-turned pottery that has been shaped here for millennia.

**Duration:** 8 hours

**Inclusions:** Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees, Set Menu Lunch (excluding Beverages)



**Accommodation:** Museum Hotel Cappadocia

Situated in a unique geographic region in Cappadocia, the Museum Hotel, a member of Relais & Châteaux, has been designed and created from a distinctive combination of the land and historical features and ruins, some intact and some beautifully restored to their original glory. The hotel features 30 rooms & suites, each of them exceptional in its own inimitable way. No room can be alike, with each room having its own special ambiance, contributing to Museum Hotel's evident character and charm.

Steeped in thousands of years of history, there is a special feel to the hotel. Our unique 'living museum' concept means our cave rooms and specially restored traditional rooms are all decorated with priceless antiques and feature stunning views of Cappadocia. The hotel was meticulously restored and renovated from ruins, caves, and houses to become the first luxury hotel in Cappadocia and has since become a prominent establishment in the Cappadocia region.





**Guide Service:** Sunset Horse-Riding Experience

**Description:** Get ready for an unforgettable experience as you explore the area on horseback. The valleys covered during the day will depend on the weather conditions and your riding experience. You will cover the areas around Rose/Red Valleys, Sword Valley, Love Valley, and White/Honey Valley – as these are the most beautiful trails to ride and they allow you to reach many remote and tranquil locations away from the crowds – with spectacular views throughout the entire ride. You can opt between early day rides starting around 10:00 and late afternoon or sunset rides.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Inclusions:** Shared Transportation,



**Private Tour with Car:** Whirling Dervish Ceremony

**Description:** Discover the Mevleviye, renowned for their of whirling dances and dervishes by witnessing a Sema, one of their dancing ceremonies. The Mevlevi Order, or the Whirling Dervishes as they are known all over the world, was founded by Mevlana Rumi in the 13th century. Mevlevi believed that during the Sema, the soul was released from earthly ties, and able to freely and jubilantly commune with the divine. After a welcome drink and complimentary Turkish delight upon your arrival, the main program will start at 7 PM with a short traditional Turkish orchestra performance followed by a 45 minute Sema ceremony under the amazing lighting and mystic atmosphere of Hodjapasha .

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

**Inclusions:** Private Transportation, Local Guide, 1 hour Dervish Ceremony



#### **Private Tour with Car:** Tour of Lake Tuz

**Description:** Another discovery tour awaits today as you visit the Tuz Lake with your private guide. Your first stop will be the Tatlarin Underground City, 22 kilometers (13 miles) to Nevsehir. Located in the Tatlarin district, this city has many similarities with the Özlüce and Maz? Underground Cities. Tatlarin underground city, which was one of the most important underground cities of the Cappadocia region, could only be discovered in 1975 because its original entrance had collapsed and had gone underground to be opened to the visits of tourists in 1991 and only a small portion of it is available for touring. You will then drive to Tuz Golu (Salt Lake), a saline lake occupying a vast area in the arid central plateau of Turkey. The lake is formed by two streams however it has no outlet, which increases the saline content in the water, giving it the beautiful pink color. With the huge quantity of salt deposits, when the Sun shines brightly on the lake's water, it presents a mirror-like an image reflecting the sky in its surface, making this salt lake in Turkey as one of the most wonderful sights to witness.

**Duration:** 8 hours

**Inclusions:** Private Transportation, Licensed Guide, Entrance Fees





**Private Transfer:** Transfer from Cappadocia City to Kayseri Erkilet Airport

**Flight:** Passengers departing from Kayseri Erkilet Airport to Izmir Airport