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Treasures of Turkey

17 Day Conducted Tour

for $7,440 per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

This is amazing value for such a fascinating country. The price includes:

- Return Economy Class air fares with Singapore Airlines from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to Istanbul.
- A wonderful 15 day tour of historical Turkey, including Istanbul, Troy, Pergamon, Ephesus, Aphrodisias, Pamukkale, Catahoyuk, Ankara and Cappadocia. The tour also visits Gallipoli and Anzac Cove.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3½ - 4 star.
- Many meals and entrance fees to most attractions.
- All transport and transfers.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and driver.
- Services of a local tour guide and if there are 15 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

Turkey is a nation straddling eastern Europe and western Asia with cultural connections to ancient Greek, Persian, Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. The country has stunning scenery and a rich historic legacy. Join Macleay Valley Travel on this exclusive tour, limited to a maximum of about 25 passengers.

If you don't have anyone to share with but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra cost of $1690.

Tour departs Australia
27th April and returns on the
13th May 2027

Itinerary for Treasures of Turkey Tour

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

27.04.27 **Australia - Singapore**

Depart Brisbane at 6.10pm on SQ 266, arriving in Singapore at 00.10am.
Depart Melbourne at 6.25pm on SQ 208, arriving in Singapore at 00.15am.
Depart Sydney at 6.00pm on SQ 242, arriving in Singapore at 00.15am.

28.04.27 **Singapore - Istanbul, Turkey**

Transfer to your next flight.
All passengers depart Singapore at 02.15am on SQ 392, arriving in Istanbul at 8.30am. We are met at the airport and taken on a city tour of Istanbul.
We explore the old city of Istanbul and visit Topkapi Palace. It was first built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1453 and was the home of the Sultan until the 19th century. Later we are transferred to the hotel for a three night stay.
Accommodation: Holiday Inn Istanbul City or similar

29.04.27 **Istanbul**

(B) Today we visit the Hippodrome of Constantinople, which was the sporting and social centre of the city. We visit the Blue Mosque, which was commissioned by Sultan Ahmet in 1603 and was constructed with the deliberate intention of rivalling the St. Sophia. Following this we visit St. Sophia, which was built by the Roman Emperor Justinian and was completed in 537 A.D. For more than 1,000 years it was the largest Christian church in the world.
Later we will visit the Grand Bazaar in the old city.
Accommodation: Holiday Inn Istanbul City or similar

30.04.27 **Istanbul**

(B) In the morning we visit the Rustem Pasha Mosque with its exceptional tiles and the spice market. We then take a Bosphorus cruise on a private boat to see the spectacular historical palaces, houses and fortresses. In the afternoon we visit the Mosque of Suleyman the Magnificent.
Accommodation: Holiday Inn Istanbul City or similar

01.05.27 **Istanbul – Gallipoli – Dardanelles – Canakkale**

(B/D) This morning we leave Istanbul for Canakkale. On the way, we will visit Gallipoli to see the World War I memorial and battlefields such as ANZAC Cove, Chunuk Bair and Lone Pine Cemetery. Afterwards, we will take a ferry to Canakkale, a small city on the Dardanelles across from Gallipoli. Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Iris Hotel or similar

02.05.27 **Canakkale – Troy – Pergamon - Kusadasi**

(B/D) This morning we will visit the legendary city of Troy and have the opportunity to see a replica of the Trojan horse. We will see nine different city settlements of ancient Troy in the same location, each one built on top of the other. Afterwards, we will drive to Pergamon to see the Asklepion, which was perhaps the world's most famous

ancient medical centre. We will drive to Kusadasi and check into our hotel for a two night stay. Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Ramada Hotel & Suites or similar

03.05.27 Kusadasi – Ephesus - Kusadasi
(B/D) Today we will drive to the incredible city of Ephesus and see its colossal Greek Theatre, which is still used for performances today. Among the many things we will be seeing are the Marble Road, the Celsus Library and the Temple of Diana. We will also visit the house where Virgin Mary lived her final days and the Ephesus Museum in Selcuk. Following this we return to our hotel in Kusadasi. Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Ramada Hotel & Suites or similar

04.05.27 Kusadasi – Aphrodisias – Laodicea - Pamukkale
(B/D) Today we will drive to Aphrodisias, the city of art and beauty, dedicated to the Goddess Aphrodite. We will see the ancient temple, the marble theatre and the immense stadium, which is the largest and best preserved in the world and seats over 35,000. We will also visit the spectacular museum of Aphrodisias. Afterwards, we will continue to Pamukkale. On the way we will visit Laodicea, which is one of the Seven Churches of Revelation, referred to in the bible. The site exhibits a spectacular ancient Roman temple, agora and ancient theatre.
We continue to Pamukkale, staying in a spa hotel, where we can swim in the heated pools of enriched mineral water. Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Pam Thermal Hotel or similar

05.05.27 Pamukkale - Hierapolis - Antalya
(B/D) This morning we visit the incredible ancient city of Hierapolis, which is world famous for its white calcium travertines. The Hierapolis has an incredible ancient necropolis (city of the dead), a spectacular Roman city gate, ancient agora and Roman baths. Afterwards we drive to Antalya. On the way we see the beautiful Salda Lake. This crater lake has a peaceful atmosphere with amazing views and colours. We arrive in Antalya in the late afternoon for a two night stay. Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Adonis Hotel or similar

06.05.27 Antalya
(B/D) Today we will tour the city, as well as visit the ancient ruins of Aspendos and Perge. Aspendos dates back to the time of the Hittites, yet the only visible remains are from the Roman period. The restored theatre is the best in all of Turkey. Perge reached its height under the Romans and Alexander the Great. Today, what remains are the ruins of a great theatre, a stadium and the colonnaded main street. In the afternoon we visit the excellent Antalya Archaeology Museum and the old city in the harbour.
Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Adonis Hotel or similar

07.05.27 Antalya – Konya
(B/D) This morning we will drive to Konya to visit the Whirling Dervish Museum, a very holy place for Turkish Muslims. There are exhibits of Dervish costumes, instruments, illuminated manuscripts and various ethnographic artefacts. We will

also visit the Karatay Madrasa, a 13th century school, now a museum displaying historic ceramics and archaeological relics. We have an overnight stay in Konya. Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Bayir Diamond Hotel or similar

08.05.27 Konya – Catalhoyuk - Cappadocia

(B/D) Today we will visit Catalhoyuk, which is the best preserved and largest Neolithic site and is considered by archaeologists to be the oldest communal living city in the world. Two hills form the 37 hectare site on the Southern Anatolian Plateau. The taller Easter Mound contains eighteen levels of Neolithic occupation between 7,400 and 6,200 B.C. Layer by layer, archaeologists have excavated this tumulus/mound and put a cover over their excavations.
We then continue to Cappadocia. On the way we will visit the Sultan Han Caravanserai, which is a 13th century Seljuk Turkish monument on the ancient Silk Road. We will have a two night stay in Cappadocia. Dinner this evening is included.
During our stay in Cappadocia, there should be an optional hot air balloon ride over Cappadocia for those who wish. This is a spectacular experience and suitable for people of all ages. The optional tour is booked locally through our tour guide. The estimated cost is 300 Euros per person, payable directly to the balloon company when in Turkey. The price is subject to change. Please note that the optional hot air balloon ride is subject to weather and operational conditions. In the event the balloon ride is cancelled, the balloon company will refund customers directly.
Accommodation: Dinler Hotel or similar

09.05.27 Cappadocia

(B/D) In Cappadocia we will enjoy the unique landscape of volcanic rock formations, eroded by the wind and rain. We will tour the amazing underground churches and cities carved into the rocks by early Christians. Going off the tourist track, we will have wonderful strolls where we visit small villages and discover the unknown parts of Cappadocia. Today we will visit Magic Valley to see incredible red coloured rock formations, followed by Zelve Open Air Museum, which was once an amazing cave town. We will also visit the Pasabag Valley with unique conical rock formations and the White Valley, also known as Akvadi, to see how the rock formations geologically formed in Cappadocia. Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Dinler Hotel or similar

10.05.27 Cappadocia - Ankara

(B/D) Today we visit the Goreme Open Air Museum to see the best preserved ancient Christian frescoes in rock churches and monasteries. We will visit an underground city where early Christians took refuge and produced wine. We also see Uchisar rock fortress. In the afternoon we will visit some local handcraft manufacturing workshops to see carpet and ceramic production.
Later we drive to Ankara for an overnight stay. Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Downtown Ankara Hotel or similar

11.05.27 Ankara – Istanbul

(B) In the morning we visit the Mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founding father of modern Turkey. Following this we explore the spectacular Museum of Anatolian Civilizations. In the afternoon we drive to Istanbul for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Istanbul City or similar

12.05.27 **Istanbul – Singapore**

(B) After breakfast this morning we transfer to the airport for our flights home.
All passengers depart Istanbul at 1.10pm on SQ 391, arriving in Singapore at 4.55am the next morning.

13.05.27 **Singapore – Australia**

Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 7.20am on SQ 265, arriving in Brisbane at 4.55pm.
Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 7.15am on SQ 241, arriving in Sydney at 4.45pm.
Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 7.50am on SQ 207, arriving in Melbourne at 5.10pm.

Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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Tour Difficulty Level 4

This tour rating typically involves an above average level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, walking distances of up to 2 kilometres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as early departures. Unfortunately this tour rating is not recommended for individuals who cannot walk unaided.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Treasures of Turkey Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of $400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 10 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline. Any refund for a cancelled booking will not be paid until the airline(s) have provided said refund.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance that includes medical coverage for Covid-19 is required. Please contact your preferred travel insurance provider. The responsibility to obtain adequate travel insurance rests with the passenger. Proof of your travel insurance is required to be presented to us on or before the final payment date of the tour.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. At present no visas or Evisas are required for Australian passport holders for this tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance and departure taxes. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1.2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for payments made using American Express.

Airline Seating – All seating requests will be passed onto the airline, however please note that Macleay Valley Travel has no direct control over group seating and requests are not guaranteed.

Breakaway - All prices are based on group travel and post tour extensions may be permitted. Please contact our office.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices.

Limitation of Liability concerning Covid-19 - It is possible that there may be outbreak(s) of Covid-19 during this tour. Whilst we take necessary safety precautions, Macleay Valley Travel cannot be held responsible for any quarantines or other associated costs brought about by quarantines, border closures and/or travel delays. You are aware that Covid-19 is a highly contagious and potentially dangerous disease that may result in significant illness and even death. You acknowledge that you are voluntarily participating in the tour with knowledge of the inherent risks of Covid-19, and you agree to assume all risks.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. It is strongly recommended that you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, but this is not mandatory. Passengers must comply with any specific Covid-19 requirements that may be imposed by airlines and/or authorities of the destinations visited.

Twin Share Bookings – If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Disclosure of fees or commissions received from third parties - Macleay Valley Travel Pty Ltd may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third parties under this contract.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, pandemics, endemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally, you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour :_____ Departure Date:_____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport)_____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth:_____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport)_____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age:_____ Date of Birth:_____

Postal Address: _____

_____**PostCode**_____**Email**_____

Telephone / Fax Number:_____**Mobile**_____

Passport Number:_____Expiry Date:_____

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Passport Nationality:_____Preferred Name:_____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1:_____ Passenger 2:_____

Optional Extensions:_____

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1:_____ Passenger 2:_____

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name:_____ Relationship:_____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of $400 per person and the health & fitness form.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details and severity:_____

2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No

3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No
If no, please provide details about these limitations:_____

4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details:_____
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5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them:_____

6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details:_____

7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details:_____
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8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended):_____

9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No

10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No

11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here:_____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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