



Vent Nouveau s.a.l.

TRAVEL & TOURISM

Since 1970

TURKEY
Istanbul & Cappadocia Program
6 - Day Itinerary



7 Mezher Street Antelias Beirut - Lebanon

Tel: +961 4 712037 Fax: +961 4 715196 P.O. Box: 60-233 Zip Code: 1241 2020 R.C. 1035 Baabda VAT No. 8721-601

www.ventnouveau.com

info@ventnouveau.com

Day 1 – Istanbul City Tour

Meet at Istanbul Airport and transfer to your hotel. Free time to explore Istanbul. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 – Istanbul - Byzantine and Ottoman Relics - Full Day Tour with lunch

After breakfast, explore the cultural treasures of the Ottoman and Byzantine Empires. Your journey starts in Sultanahmet, the heart of the Old City of Constantinople, at the famous Hagia Sophia. Hagia Sophia is the most famous museum in Turkey and one of the greatest marvels of architecture. Hagia Sophia was built as a church in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian.

Across from the Hagia Sophia is another very famous site, the Sultan Ahmet Mosque, more commonly known as the Blue Mosque because of its beautiful blue Iznik tiles. Next, we will walk around to see the remains of the Hippodrome and notable monuments including the Serpentine Column, Obelisk of Theodosius and the German Fountain of Wilhelm II.

Visit Topkapi Palace, which was the residence of the Ottoman Sultans and their families, as well as the headquarters of the Ottoman Empire, for more than 400 years. The last site to visit on today's itinerary is the Sultan Tombs where there are five tombs of Ottoman Sultans within the graveyard at Hagia Sophia.

Enjoy an authentic Turkish lunch, then proceed to the Grand Covered Bazaar, the most attractive shopping center and the biggest "souk" in the world with nearly 4000 shops selling antiques, jewellery, gold, carpets, leatherware and souvenirs

After the tour, you will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Note: *Alternative visits to Galata Tower called Christea Turris by the Genoese, is a medieval stone tower in the Galata/Karaköy quarter of Istanbul, or Istanbul's historic underground cisterns which were built in the Byzantine era to meet the city's water needs and Hagia Irene which is also called "St. Eirene" Church. It is one of the oldest Byzantine churches in Istanbul.*

Day 3 – Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Egyptian Spice Bazaar - Cappadocia

After breakfast, depart for the Bosphorus Cruise tour. Enjoy the array of sites you can see from the boat including: Egyptian Spice Bazaar. Bosphorus Cruise is a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia.

Lunch break at a Turkish restaurant.

After lunch, depart for Istanbul Airport for a domestic flight to Kayseri Airport in Cappadocia. Transfer from the airport and check in to your hotel in Cappadocia. Overnight.

Day 4 – Cappadocia Tour

After breakfast, we will get to know the Cappadocia region, a volcanic area in which the geological formation started 10 million years ago. As a result of these formations, fairy chimney pillars have come to life. The beautiful horse country Katpatuka, (as the Persians called her) is an unbelievable strip of land, enchanting and mysterious. The Cappadocia region is also famous for its arts, including ceramic and carpets.

The tour starts with Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, you visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia. Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to the 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. The next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses. After Cavusin, enjoy lunch in Avanos.

After lunch, you visit a pottery workshop, to see how pottery is made. Then you go to Pasabag where you can see three headed fairy chimneys. After Pasabag, you visit another workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Continue on to Urgup for wine tasting.

Our last stop today is to see the symbol of Cappadocia, the Three Beauties; these particular fairy chimneys seem to be topped with hats. After the tour, you will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 5 – Cappadocia - Istanbul

After breakfast, you will have free time shopping in Cappadocia. Today, we depart for Kayseri airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 6 – Istanbul

After breakfast, free time for leisure activities and shopping. Check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for your onward journey.