



ADEPT EXPEDITIONS PRESENTS:

TOUR OF TURKEY

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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Arrival in Istanbul, Turkey

DAY 2 - Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome

DAY 3 - Fly to Adiyaman: Mount Nemrut (at sunset)

DAY 4 - Adiyaman / Urfa: Nevali Cori (original location), Göbekli Tepe, Urfa Archaeological Museum, VIP Private visit to Sayburc

DAY 5 - Karahan Tepe, Sogamtar, Bazda Cave Quarry, Harran & Beehive Houses

DAY 6 - Fly to Ankara: Anatolian Civilization Museum

DAY 7 - Ankara: Hattusa, Yazilikaya, Cappadocia

DAY 8 - Cappadocia: Derinkuyu, Fairy Chimneys

DAY 9 - Cappadocia / Konya: Çatlhoyuk, Private meeting and discussion with Authentic Dervish + Whirling Dervish performance

DAY 10 - Fly to Istanbul: Bosphorus (Private boat cruise) + Farewell Dinner

Day 11 - Transfer to airport

FRIDAY, OCT 4TH

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY



You arrive at the Airport in Istanbul (Airport code: IST). A representative of Adept Expeditions company will welcome our guests at the Istanbul Airport, then assist with checking in to the hotel in Istanbul.

After the check-in process at the hotel, our guests will have time to rest.

*Overnight: Overnight: **Novotel** - (Dinner).*

SATURDAY, OCT 5TH

DAY 2: ISTANBUL: HAGIA SOPHIA, BLUE MOSQUE, HIPPODROME



After breakfast, we will leave the hotel and visit the Sultanahmet district, called the “historical peninsula”. You will see the **Blue Mosque**, the most important mosque in Istanbul with it more than 20,000 handmade ceramic tiles and 200 stained glass windows. Next we will discover and enjoy the iconic Byzantine monuments including **Hagia Sophia**, the former Byzantine Church, considered to be the greatest surviving example of Byzantine architecture. We will also **Byzantine Hippodrome** where we will see the obelisks and columns from the Egyptian, Greek and Roman periods. In the evening, we will return to the hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Overnight: **Novotel** - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner).

SUNDAY, OCT 6TH

DAY 3: FLY TO ADIYAMAN: MOUNT NEMRUT AT SUNSET



After breakfast, we will check out of the hotel and Fly to Adiyaman. We will experience and admire **Mount Nemrut** at sunset.

This is a world-famous ancient megalithic site and one of the most interesting tourist attractions in Turkey considered by many to be the 8th Wonder of the Ancient World. At the summit of this approximately 2,000-meter high mountain we discover the ruins of the ancient Commagene Kingdom, which was at its height of power during the 1st century B.C. It is here we find the most remarkable Giant stone heads of ancient gods. It is said to be the King's tomb, although no grave has ever been discovered. The question is inescapable. Who built it and why? How far back does it date? It remains a mystery even today. After our sunset visit we will drive back for dinner.

Overnight: Overnight: [Dedeman Park, Adiyaman](#) - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

MONDAY, OCT 7TH

DAY 4: ADIYAMAN TO URFA: NEVALI CORI (ORIGINAL LOCATION), GÖBEKLI TEPE, URFA ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM



After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and travel to Urfa. First we will see the biggest dam in Turkey, built on the Euphrates River. We will see the original location of **Nevali Cori** which no longer remains. Then we will drive to **Gobekli Tepe**, the incredibly old, yet extremely sophisticated site, predating the conventional date for Stonehenge by 6,000 years. Gobekli Tepe is considered to be the worlds oldest stone temple complex.

In the afternoon, we will visit the **Urfa Archaeological Museum** to examine a number of ancient artifacts, including incredible stone sculptures from Gobekli Tepe and a complete stone-by-stone reconstruction of Nevali Cori, transported from its original location.

Overnight: [Dedeman, Urfa](#) - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

TUESDAY, OCT 8TH

DAY 5: KARAHAN TEPE, SOGMATAR, BAZDA CAVE ROCK QUARRY, HARRAN



After a delicious breakfast, we will visit the pre-pottery Neolithic store of **Karahan Tepe**, Gobekli Tepe's sister site where some of the most extraordinary discoveries anywhere in the world are being made right now! We will explore its astronomically aligned stone enclosures and bear witness to its estimated 250 T-shaped pillars. We will drive to the rarely visited ancient city of **Sogmatar**. It was once a cult center in which the people of Harran worshiped the moon goddess and planet gods during the Abgar Kingdom. It is said that the historical well in Sogmatar was the well of Moses. We will also explore the **Bazda Cave Rock Quarry** before visiting Harran.

Harran is was once the center of Egypt's Hermetic tradition. We will see its "Astrological tower", citadel, and charming local village including the beehive houses before returning for dinner.

Overnight: [Dedeman](#), [Urfa](#) - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

WEDNESDAY, OCT 9TH

DAY 6: FLY TO ANKARA: ANATOLIAN CIVILIZATION MUSEUM



We visit the **Ankara Anatolian Civilization Museum** to examine its many finds from excavations at Hattusa and Catalhouk, which will help you to develop a deeper understanding for these sacred places.

*Overnight: **Hotel Crown Plaza** - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

THURSDAY, OCT 10TH

DAY 7: ANKARA: HATTUSA, YAZILIKAYA, ALACA HOYUK



After breakfast, we will set off from Ankara to explore the Hittite capital of **Hattusa**, dating back to the late Bronze Age. Set in what were once rich agricultural fields and among scenic, rolling hills, the city has some fine examples of early ancient architecture. The city was destroyed, along with the Hittites themselves, in the 12th century BC. By the 20th century, the principle remains of Hittite inscriptions were found on over 10,000 tablets. We will also see **Yazilikaya** and **Alaca Hoyuk** along the way.

*Overnight: **Hotel Ramada** or **Mustafa Resort Hotel** (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

FRIDAY, OCT 11TH

DAY 8: CAPPADOCIA: DERINKUYU, FAIRY CHIMNEYS



After breakfast, we will explore **Derinkuyu**, the enormously large and deeply mysterious underground city with numerous stories.

We will also see immense landscape dominated by conical rock towers known as **Fairy Chimneys**, a result of the rock remains protecting the underlying rock directly beneath it from erosion. The mineral-rich volcanic soil lends to Cappadocia's reputation as a rich agricultural region.

Overnight: [Hotel Ramada](#) or [Mustafa Resort Hotel](#)- (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

SATURDAY, OCT 12TH

DAY 9: CATALHOYUK, VIP PRIVATE MEET WITH DERVISH, WHIRLING DERVISH PERFORMANCE



After breakfast, we will visit **Catalhoyuk** - one of the world's earliest known cities dating back nearly 10,000 years! It is the largest and best-preserved Neolithic settlement currently known and is considered one of the key sites for understanding human prehistory. It is an active archaeological site rarely visited by typical tourists.

Konya is one of the most important religious and mystical sites in Turkey. We will also be treated to a private meeting with authentic Dervish before enjoying a **whirling Dervish** performance.

*Overnight: **Hotel Dedeman** - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

SUNDAY, OCT 13TH

**DAY 10: FLY TO ISTANBUL, BOSPHORUS CRUISE
(PRIVATE YACHT)**



Fly to Istanbul and check-in at the hotel.

In the evening we will take a **Private Boat Cruise** on the **Bosphorus Strait**.
During the sunset we will have our farewell dinner.

*Overnight: Overnight: **Novotel** - (Breakfast, Dinner).*

MONDAY, OCT 14TH

DAY 11: DEPARTURE



Breakfast, followed by final departure.

Our local representative will transfer you from hotel to the Airport in time for your international flight.

Goodbye, Turkey! — though if past experience is any indicator, for many it's only a goodbye for now!



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