

INCLUSIONS

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AIRFARE- Return economy class airfare as per the itinerary

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ACCOMMODATION - First Class Hotels (Twin Bedded Rooms 2 People sharing)

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MEALS- Buffet breakfasts, Lunches, and buffet dinners daily

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Services of Royale Orchid Tour Manager or/ and Local Guides in Select Cities.

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SIGHTSEEING & ENTRANCE Fees, Transfers, Surface Transportation As Mentioned By A Deluxe AC/Air Cool Coach.

TOUR PRICE

CAD \$5900 / USD \$4900

EXCLUSIONS

- Any increase in Airfare, Visa Fees, Airport & Govt Taxes and the rate of exchange leading to an increase in surface transportation and land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure. The tour price is subject to increase, without notice.
- Any expenses such as Tourist Tax and of personal nature such as portorage, laundry expenses, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menus provided by us, mini-bar, telephone calls, tips to the drivers, hotel waiters, local guides etc. are to be borne by the passengers. Meals are pre-set and a choice of menu is not available.
- Anything not mentioned in "What your Tour Price Includes box"
- Any change in date of travel/ deviation from original group travel dates that will result in an increase in airfare and applicable taxes.
- Personal Insurance.
- Tips \$120USD per person

BOOKINGS AND DEPOSITS - You must complete and sign the official Royale Orchid Booking form given below and read terms and conditions of the tour below. Please enclose an initial non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person (adult / child) towards the cost of the tour. All cheques must be payable to Royale Orchid Tours and Holidays upon which you will receive an official receipt. Your receipt is written confirmation of your tour. However, it is not valid for travel on tour.

BALANCE PAYMENTS - Balance payments towards the costs of the tour must reach us at least 90 days prior to departure of the tour Date.

AMENDMENTS - A transfer from one tour to another will be treated as a cancellation from a tour and a fresh booking of another. Therefore, cancellation rules will apply. Tour Itinerary/ Hotel/ Airlines/ Flights/ routes are subject to change without prior information.

CANCELLATION - All services such as airline seats / hotel accomodation / ground transportation are pre-booked well in advance. We are liable to pay penalties to all our suppliers/ vendors if these services are released within the mentioned period.

If cancellation is made:

Over 90 days prior to departure - \$500

120-60 days - 25% retained and remainder refunded less Deposit

61-46 days - 50% retained and remainder refunded less Deposit

46 days or less - 100% retained of your tour price

TURKEY

and Greece

DAY 1- DEPART FROM CANADA /USA

Depart from Vancouver/USA to Athens

DAY 2- ATHENS / SANTORINI

Arrive in Athens and take your flight to Santorini. You will have the rest of the day free to enjoy the stunningly gorgeous Greek Isle that is rumoured in legend to be the lost city of Atlantis. Walk in the paths of Fira, the picturesque capital of Santorini; perched high up on the edge of the Caldera and enjoy the views of the volcano, ocean, white-washed buildings, and blue domed churches. Visit Oia, Firostefani and Imerovigli and relax while seeing the most beautiful sunset in the world.

DAY 3- SANTORINI (SANTORINI ISLAND AND OIA SUNSET TOUR)

Day to enjoy the unique and spectacular sights of the island, the most romantic sunset of the world and the beautiful, white-washed houses. Today you will explore this unique island with Santorini Island and Oia Sunset Tour. The first stop is Pyrgos. Situated at the highest point of Santorini, the village offers an idyllic snapshot of old-world Greece. Follow your guide along the winding paths, past the sugar cube houses and blue-domed churches and make your way to the hilltop ruins of a medieval Venetian castle. From here, gaze out over the entire island, soaking up panoramic views all the way to the village of Oia. Continue to the highest area of the island, Profitis Elias shortstop for panoramic pictures. Continue to Oia village passing through villages of Firostefani Or Imerovigli. Oia, the quintessential Greek village that is known for its incredible sunsets. Stroll along the pretty streets with your guide, learning about the village's history.

DAY 4 - RELAX IN SANTORINI

A free day for you to enjoy the stunning local beauty. Includes breakfast, lunch and dinner.

DAY 5 - SANTORINI / ATHENS

After the breakfast you leave for Santorini Airport for your flight to Athens. Arrive in Athens Airport and spend the day at leisure in Athens

DAY 6 - ATHENS

Arrive in Athens. You will visit The Constitution of Greece. The Constitutional history of Greece goes back to the Greek War of Independence. Continue to the Old Parliament House which housed the Greek Parliament. Then, you will see The National Library of Greece which holds 4,500 Greek manuscripts, one of the greatest collections of Greek scripts. Visit the Presidential Palace, the official residence of the President of the Greek Republic, where you will see the Evzones in their picturesque uniform. On Your way to the Acropolis, you will see the Hadrian's Arch, visit the Temple of Olympian Zeus, and you will make a short stop at the Panathenaic Stadium.

Then you will visit the Acropolis Museum and see the findings of the archaeological site of the Acropolis of Athens. You will also visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Erechtheion. The last stop is The Parthenon, temple in Acropolis, the harmony between material and spirit, the monument that puts order in the mind.



DAY 7 – ATHENS / ISTANBUL / KAYSERI / CAPPADOCIA

Fly from Athens to Istanbul to Kayseri Airport. Arrive Kayseri and enjoy the beautiful drive to Cappadocia with an overnight at your cave hotel.

DAY 8- CAPPADOCIA (HOT AIR BALLOON TOUR) (FULL DAY EXCURSIONS IN NORTH CAPPADOCIA, UCHISAR , GOREME OPEN AIR MUSEUM TOUR)

Start your day with a beautiful Hot Air Balloon tour in Cappadocia. Enjoy snacks and beverage service before the flight. Charmed with incredible panoramic views of the Cappadocia, the stunning volcanic rock formations as you fly up approximately 500-1000m. above the ground. Receive your flight certificate after landing.

Start with a full day tour of Cappadocia where the sights of the Fairy Chimneys the natural wonder of Cappadocia is a result of volcanic deposits being eroded away by wind and water over millions of years. These soft rocks were hollowed out by early Christians and used as secret dwellings as they were being sought first by their Roman and later by Byzantine persecutors. You will also visit many churches that have been decorated with vivid frescoes which have withstood the corrosive effects of time. The excursions will start with the natural citadel of Uchisar which will enable you to get a panoramic view of the region. And then the Goreme Valley, which is the highlight of the day. This valley houses the Goreme Open Air Museum with its cave churches hewn out of rock and unique colorful frescoes, dating back to the early Christian era.; 10.-13. Centuries. The next stop is Zelve, Pasabag (Monk's Valley) Valleys, and the caves of this ancient village, the old Greek Village called Cavusin Village. Lunch at a local restaurant will be followed by visits to Avanos which is world famous with pottery making. Afternoon visits will continue with Devrent Valley and the biggest fairy chimneys of Urgup. On your return, a carpet factory will be visited to watch how carpets are woven with old looms.

DAY 9- CAPPADOCIA / KAYSERI / IZMIR/ KUSADASI

Arrive in Izmir and travel to Kusadasi, enjoy the afternoon exploring the highlights of this prominent resort town of Turkey on the Aegean Sea on your own. Enjoy shopping time in the bazaar and stroll in the town, visit the harbor and the Pigeon Island (connected to the mainland) which gives the name to the town.

DAY 10 – KUSADASI / SELCUK (TOUR OF EPHEBUS AND HOUSE OF ST. MARY) / KUSADASI

Full day excursions to the town of Selcuk and the ancient city of Ephesus. First visit the Basilica of St. John, who came here with the Virgin Mary and wrote his Gospel. To the south west of the Basilica stands the Isa Bey Mosque and further in the same direction Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Ephesus was undoubtedly one of the most important cultural centers of the ancient world. Impressive structures we will see include the Library of Celsus, Temple of Hadrian, Theatre and Odeon. We will also visit the Museum of Selcuk. Close by is the House of the Virgin Mary where she is believed to have spent her last years. On August 18th. 1961. Pope John XXII proclaimed the House of Virgin Mary at Ephesus to be sacred. You will have a chance to take some Holy Water from the Sacred Spring.



DAY 11 – KUSADASI / DENIZLI / PAMUKKALE(FULL DAY TOUR OF PAMUKKALE AND HIERAPOLIS)

After breakfast you will drive to Denizli and arrive in Pamukkale the Cotton Castle where thermal spring waters laden with calcareous salts running off the plateau edge have formed dazzling white travertine cliffs. You will start with the tour of Hierapolis where the Romans founded a therapy center. The thermal resort was founded by a Pergamene king in 190 B.C and greatly enlarged and embellished by the Romans. The highlights of Hierapolis are Necropolis, Roman Baths, Domitian Gate, Latrina, Oil Factory, Frontinus Street, Agora, Byzantium Gate, Triton Fountain, Cathedral, Apollon Temple, Plutonium, Theater and Antique Pool.

DAY 12 – KUSADASI – ISTANBUL (BOSPHORUS CRUISE WITH TURKISH NIGHT SHOW)

After breakfast at Kusadasi, you will be depart for going Istanbul. After arrive at Istanbul, you will be transfer to your hotel. Rest well and be ready for Bosphorus Dinner cruise with Turkish night show in evening.

This exciting dinner cruise presents you the beauty of Istanbul at night while cruising the Bosphorus river. You will dine on a delicious assortment of authentic Turkish cuisine, plus you enjoy an outstanding Turkish night of entertainment which will feature traditional dances from the seven different regions of Turkey as well as an oriental belly-dance show.

This performance will include Ottoman dancers, Romany Gypsy girls, belly dancers and the Asuk Masuk comedy team etc. This is a night you will not forget. Dinner cruise ends at about midnight, at which time we will transfer you to the hotel.

DAY 13- ISTANBUL (FULL DAY TOUR OF OLD CITY ISTANBUL AND TOPKAPI PALACE)

Breakfast at the hotel will be followed by a full day tour of Old City Istanbul and Topkapi Palace. Drive to the Sultan Ahmet Center, the heart of the "Old City " from where the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires were ruled. Then visit The Museum Of Turkish and Islamic Arts, displaying art collections from different civilizations of Anatolia. Continue with the Blue Mosque, famous for its delicate blue ceramic tiles and then Saint Sophia, primarily a church – turned mosque – turned museum, which takes the breath away with the sheer architectural size of its interior and magnificent dome, continue with the visit to the bustling Grand Bazaar, biggest "souk" in the World with its more than 4000 shops and stalls. Enjoy shopping for almost anything (jewellery, antiques, carpets, textile, garments, spices, souvenirs, etc.).

Following the lunch afternoon visits will continue with the spectacular Topkapi Palace, imperial residence of Ottoman Sultans. Built on one of the seven hills of Istanbul, this huge complex commands the views of the Sea of Marmara, The Bosphorus, and the Golden Horn. Tour will continue with the Sultan Tombs; there are five tombs of Ottoman Sultans within the graveyard at Hagia Sophia.

DAY 14- LEISURE TIME

After breakfast, we will go for shopping and spend the rest of the day in Istanbul. Breakfast, lunch and dinner is included.

DAY 15 – DEPARTURE FOR CANADA

Fly back home with pleasant and unforgettable memories.

