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Türkiye Holidays

Istanbul/Antalya-6 nights/7 days
November 2023 to March 2024

Day 1:

On arrival in Istanbul, you will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Please share the details of your arrival with us.

Stay at 5-star serviced apartments in Maslak without breakfast.
https://www.discoverasr.com/en/somerset-serviced-residence/turkiye/somerset-maslak-istanbul?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=HQ-google-organic-alwayson-20230628-all-en-meati-tr-somersetmaslakistanbul-eme-gbp or similar hotels depending on the availability at the time of final booking.

The serviced apartment is fully equipped with kitchen, laundry room and a sitting room apart from the bedrooms. For breakfast you can buy the stuff from the nearby supermarkets or have it at the nearby places outside the facility with plenty of options.

No tour will be organized today for you to take rest and relax.

Day 2: Istanbul

Pick up from the hotel after breakfast at 9.30am. An English-speaking tour guide will be available today to visit the following sites:

- **Topkapi Palace:** This palace was built in 1460 by Fatih Sultan Mehmet, the conqueror of Istanbul. It is used as an official administration center and residence of the sultans with separate quarters for women called “Harem”. In 1856 the sultans moved to Dolmabahce. *2 hours. (Closed on Tuesdays’, alternatively we will take you to visit Dolmabahce Palace).*
- **Highia Sophia Mosque:** This structure was built in 537 by Byzantine Emperor Justinian as basilica which was converted to a mosque in 1453 when Sultan Mehmet

captured Istanbul in 1453, Ata Turk converted this into a museum in 1935 and again in 2019 it was converted into a mosque. *1 hour*

- **Blue Mosque:** The Blue Mosque (Called Sultanahmet Camii in Turkish) was built during the reign of Sultan Ahmet in 1616. It is also known as Blue Mosque because of blue tiles surrounding the walls of interior design. *1 hour*
- **Basilica Cistern:** The cistern was built under the Byzantine Emperor Justinian. The cistern is a large underground structure that held about 100,000 tons of water to supply water to the residents of Constantinople. It occupies a rectangular area equal to 140 meters in length and 70 meters in width. Inside the tank there are 336 columns with a height of 9 meters each, which form 12 rows of 28 columns each. *1 hour.*
- **Hodjapasha:** The SEMA ceremony is a spiritual journey of whirling dervishes for divine love. Starts at 7.00pm to last for one hour.

45 minutes lunch break. Back to the hotel at around 8.00pm

Day 3: Istanbul

Pick you up from the hotel at 9.30 after breakfast to visit.

- **Covered Market:** Built in 1456 this is one of the largest and oldest covered market in the world, with 61 covered streets and over 4,000 shops, attracting between 250,000 and 400,000 visitors daily. The shops sell Carpets & Kilims, Colorful Lamps & Lanterns, Ceramics, Turkish Metalware, Gold and Silver Jewelry, leather Jackets etc. Price bargains are customary at most of the shops which could be in the range of 10% to 40%. *2 hours. (Closed on Sunday's alternatively we will take to the Spice Bazaar).*
- **Dolmabahce palace:** Dolmabahçe Palace was built between years 1843-1856 by the Empire's 31st Sultan Abdulmecid I. The palace was home to six Sultans from 1856, when it was first inhabited, up until the abolition of the Caliphate in 1924. It has 285 rooms, 46 halls, 6 baths and 68 toilets. The world's largest Bohemian crystal chandelier is in the Ceremonial Hall having 750 lamps and weighs 4.5 tons. Dolmabahçe has the largest collection of Bohemian and Baccarat crystal chandeliers in the world. *2-hours (Closed on Mondays, alternatively we will take you to Topkapi Palace).*
- **Taksim/Istiklal Street:** İstiklal Avenue, historically known as the Grand Avenue of Pera is one of the most famous avenues in Istanbul, Turkey, visited by nearly 3 million people in a single day over the course of weekends. It is a 1,5 km. long colorful pedestrian street and grand boulevard cutting through Beyoglu and full of all kinds of shops, restaurants, cafes, street shows, and it is located by the Taksim Square. The nostalgic tram runs through the length of the İstiklal Street.

45 minutes lunch break. Back to the hotel at around 8.00pm.

Day 4: Istanbul/Antalya

About Antalya:

With the slogan “Three seasons of Spring and one season of Summer” Antalya is spreading sustainable tourism throughout the year, over 60,000 tourists fly into Antalya every day.

Pick up from the hotel after breakfast at 9.00am to be transferred to Istanbul airport for flight TK 2414 at 11.00 to reach Antalya by 12.25.

You will be picked up from the airport to be transferred to the hotel. You can have lunch on way to the hotel.

Stay at Pacco Hotel & spa, a 4-star hotel with breakfast, located right on world famous Konyaalti beach <https://www.paccohotel.com> or similar hotels depending on the availability at the time of booking.

No tour will be organized today, you will be on your own to explore the areas around the hotel or at the beach.

- **Konyaalti Beach:** It is a 13-kilometer beach on the Turkish Riviera is the most popular beach in the city and one of the most popular destinations in the Antalya region. In addition to sea, sand, and sun, Konyaalti Beach offers a lot of entertainment including restaurants, tea, coffee, and patisseries It has a “Blue Flag” status, which confirms the good water quality. A great place to spend the evening.

Day 5: Antalya:

Pick up from the hotel at about 10.00am to visit:

- **Duden Waterfall:** The Waterfall is one of the best recreational areas and it's located only about 12 kilometers northeast of Antalya. It's a magnificent natural beauty where you can breathe in the fresh air and take in the beautiful shades of green.
- **Old Fort City:**
 - **Hadrian's Gate** is the only remaining gate from the former city walls of Antalya. It has served as the entrance gate to Antalya's old town, to Kaleiçi, for 1,900 years.
 - **The Marina:** Walk around the marina for a beautiful view of the Mediterranean city.
 - **Bazaar:** You can find one souvenir store after another lining the narrow cobblestone streets. Antiques, paintings, and high-quality carpets are also

sold here. The houses themselves are also worth seeing, some dating back to the Ottoman era.

- **Agora Shopping Mall:** Agora Antalya is the largest shopping and entertainment center in the Mediterranean. Enjoy the pleasant experience shopping at Agora Square with its unique architecture, indoor and outdoor shopping area where you can take a breath of fresh air. Agora presents the world famous and Turkish brands, delicious tastes & fun activities in the amusement park "Agorix. Life is in full swings. The Newest, The Largest Shopping & Entertainment Center of Mediterranean.

Back to the hotel at around 8.00pm.

Day 6: Antalya

Pick up from the hotel at about 10.00am to visit:

- **Tunektepe Telefereik (Cable Car):** With a length of 4,350 meters, the Olympus Telefereik cable car is one of the longest cable cars in the world. The ride up the 2,365-meter mountain takes about 10 minutes; the panorama is stunning.
- **Perge & Aspendos:** First you will visit Perge, an ancient Greek city founded in the southwest of Anatolia, approximately 9 miles east of modern day Antalya. During the Hellenistic period Perge was the capital of Pamphylia, and one of the 4 great cities that also included Aspendos, Side, and Sillion. It was one of the richest and most beautiful cities in the ancient world, most famous for its temple dedicated to Artemis, the beautiful goddess of wilderness. Home to the renowned Greek mathematician Apollonius of Perge, according to legend, it was also the birthplace of beer. For approximately 450 years, Perge was under the control of the Greeks until the Persians conquered it in 546 BC. 200 years later the armies of Alexander the Great entered Perge, ending the Persian reign. From that time, until the fall of the Roman Empire, Perge was under the patronage of the Romans. With its long history and its combination of 3 different cultures, the ruins are a delight to explore.

Continue to Aspendos, approximately 25 miles east of Antalya. Another of the great cities of Pamphylia, Aspendos was located on an important trade route. Alexander the Great's armies had the city in their sight, finally conquering it in 333 BC. Aspendos then fell under Roman patronage in 930 BC until the end of the Roman Empire. The theatre, built between 161-180 AD during the reign of Marcus Aurelius, is considered one of the world's best-preserved theaters from antiquity, and is an immensely popular tourist attraction.

Back to the hotel at around 8.00pm.

Day 7: Antalya/Istanbul /Home Country

Leave for Antalya airport at 7.00 to catch an onwards flight TK 2419 at 9.15 to Istanbul reaching at 10.45 for your ultimate destination.

END OF THE TOUR

Prices:

- **Group Tour (Minimum of 12 Persons):**

- a. **Double Room: USD 970.00**
- b. **Triple Room: USD 900.00**

- **Tour for number of persons:**

	Number Of Persons				
	2	3	4	5	6
Adults Over 6 Years					
USD Per Person	1,505.00	1,220.00	1,100.00	1,055.00	1,035.00
Children Under 3-6	1,355.00	1,100.00	990.00	950.00	930.00

Children Under 3: \$350

- **Payment:** The full amount needs to be paid 10 days prior to the start of the tour.
- **Refund:** 70% of the amount paid will be refunded in cancellation is made between 10 to 5 days prior to the start of the tour, 60% of the amount paid will be refunded if the cancellation is made 3 to 5 days prior to the start of the tour. No refund be made if the cancellation occurs within 3 days from the start of the tour.

Inclusions:

- Hotel accommodation in Istanbul and Antalya in 5/4-star hotels for 6 nights.
- Transportation by luxury air-conditioned Van or minibus with driver, petrol, car park and highway tolls for:
 - sightseeing in Istanbul and Antalya
 - Airport pick and drop in Istanbul and Antalya.

- A qualified/Licensed English-speaking tour guide will be provided for one day in Istanbul.
- Airfare from Istanbul to Antalya and back.
- Museum entrance fees
- Dervish Dance in Istanbul.

Exclusions:

- Air ticket from/to from your home country to Turkiye.
- Visa and related expenses
- Lunches, Dinners, and drinks
- Tips to the driver
- Medical Insurance and cost incurred due to medical condition and emergency medical treatment.
- Force majeure

Notes:

- We strongly advise you to get Travel Insurance policy to safeguard against any contingencies.
- We also advise you to take care of your personal belongings, Mavi Tours is not responsible for the loss of baggage or personal items during the duration of the tour.
- Please give tips to the supporting staff including concierge at the hotel, driver, and other staff for helping you with the luggage and other support services provided. It is normal practice in Turkey to give a tip of around 10% of the bill at the restaurants.