



# Turkish Delight:

Istanbul, Cappadocia and Bodrum

**Prepared for:**

**Group Departure**

**Travel Dates:**

**July 14 — 24, 2022**



**TRAVEL AT WILL**

## Your Itinerary @ a Glance

Date	Activities	Accommodations
Jul 14	FLY: Houston > Istanbul	Overnight Flight
Jul 15	Welcome to Turkey! Dinner Reception	Istanbul   Radisson Blu Bosphorus
Jul 16	Ottoman Relics, Grand Bazaar Rooftops & Hamam	Istanbul   Radisson Blu Bosphorus
Jul 17	Masterpieces of Rivals & Private Dinner Cruise	Istanbul   Radisson Blu Bosphorus
Jul 18	FLY: Istanbul > Kayseri   Transfer to Cappadocia & Turkish Cooking Class	Cappadocia   Argos
Jul 19	Hot Air Balloon, Goreme Surroundings, Private Wine Tasting & BBQ Dinner	Cappadocia   Argos
Jul 20	Underground Cities, Traditional Villages & ATV Tour	Cappadocia   Argos
Jul 21	FLY: Kayseri > Izmir   Transfer to Bodrum & Tour of Ephesus	Bodrum   Susona Bodrum
Jul 22	Bodrum Castle & Gulet Cruise	Bodrum   Susona Bodrum
Jul 23	Day @ Your Leisure	Bodrum   Susona Bodrum
Jul 24	FLY: Bodrum > Istanbul > Houston	Overnight Flight

## Flight Information

Date	Depart / Time	Arrive / Time	Airline Flight#   Time
Jul 14	IAH @ 8:50pm	IST @ 4:45pm	Turkish Airlines TK034   11h 55m
Jul 18	IST @ 8:55am	ASR @ 10:15am	Turkish Airlines TK2026   1h 20m
Jul 21	ASR @ 8:35am	ADB @ 10:10am	Sun Express XQ9039   1h 35m
Jul 24	BJV @ 10:10am	IST @ 11:30am	Turkish Airlines TK2509   1h 20m
Jul 24	IST @ 2:10pm	IAH @ 7:10pm	Turkish Airlines TK033   13h

## Welcome to Turkey!

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Istanbul is the magical meeting place of East and West. The city has more tourist attractions than it has minarets, and that's a lot! The Greeks, Romans and Venetians took turns ruling Istanbul before the Ottomans stormed into town and decided to cement their hold. Reminders of each of the various former rulers can be found across the city. Istanbul was also the final leg on the legendary Silk Road linking Asia with Europe, and many merchants who came here liked it so much that they too, decided to stay. All of this migration gave the city a cultural diversity unlike any other country. When the Ottomans took over, they were quick to launch an ambitious building program. The magnificently decorated imperial mosques that they built are architectural triumphs that together form one of the world's great skylines. In recent years, local banks and businesses have reprised these grand ambitions and endowed an impressive array of galleries, museums and festivals for all to enjoy. The city's cuisine is just as diverse as its heritage, and delicious too. Locals take their eating and drinking very seriously. Restaurants in Istanbul are the best in the country. You can find everything from Asian dishes to Italian classics, but most visitors prefer to sample traditional Turkish dishes. Some ancient cities are the sum of their monuments, but Istanbul brings a lot more into the equation. One of the city's main attractions is the locals, who have an infectious love of life and welcoming generosity. Interacting with the locals at a Tea Garden or Turkish Tavern may very well be the highlight of your experience.

Cappadocia looks like it was plucked from a whimsical fairytale and set down upon the Anatolian plains. Its a geological oddity of honeycombed hills and towering boulders of otherworldly beauty. The fantastical topography is matched by the human history here. Locals have long utilized the region's soft stone, seeking shelter underground and leaving the countryside scattered with unique cavern architecture. The fresco-adorned rock-cut churches of Göreme Open-Air Museum and the subterranean refuges of Derinkuyu and Kaymaklı are the most famous sights, while staying in one of Cappadocia's cave hotels is an experience in 21st-century cave living. Whether you're drawn here by the hiking trails, the history and culture or the bragging rights of becoming a modern troglodyte for a night, it's probably the moon like panoramas that you'll remember the most. This region's ridged valleys are the stuff of psychedelic daydreams.

Bodrum attracts more than a million tourists to its sunny beaches, boutique hotels, trendy restaurants and vibrant clubs each summer. It's a town that never seems to lose its cool. More than any other Turkish seaside city, Bodrum has a modest elegance that flows through the surrounding peninsula. From the iconic Bodrum Castle and its glamorous marina, to its flower-filled cafes and white-plastered backstreets. Even on the most hectic days during the peak of summer, there's always little corners of serenity to be found in town. Urban planners have sought to preserve Bodrum's essential Aegean character, which was influenced by the Cretans who moved here during the population exchange of the 1920s. Laws restrict building heights and the whitewashed houses with bright-blue trim evoke a lost era that looks more like somewhere in the Greek Isles than anywhere in Turkey. The impressive castle and the city's other ancient ruins also help to elevate Bodrum decisively above the rest.



## Istanbul Hotel

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### Radisson Blu | Premium Room w/Partial Seaview Terrace

The Radisson Blu Bosphorus Hotel, Istanbul is located on the banks of the Bosphorus River in the buzzing Ortaköy neighborhood. With excellent transport options you can easily reach an array of world-famous destinations, like the Grand Bazaar and Topkapı Palace. Fantastic on-site dining options include the Et Cetera grill restaurant, which serves delectable meats, mezzes and mouthwatering house-created gourmet burgers against the backdrop of the glimmering Bosphorus Bridge. Head to the Cruise Lounge Bar before or after dinner for an array of cocktails, beers and wines. Keep up your workout regime or treat yourself to a massage or a session in the sauna at our wellness and spa center. The Radisson Blu Bosphorus Hotel, Istanbul features 139 rooms for business or leisure travelers, complete with free Wi-Fi and in-room coffee and tea facilities.



## Cappadocia Hotel

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### Argos in Cappadocia | Deluxe Room

Argos in Cappadocia is the most special hotel of the land in which underground cities were carved into thousands of years ago, millions of pigeons considered to be the safest nest, and monks retreated to for centuries. The hotel offers an unparalleled stay with a unique value offering from one-of-a-kind room options to an enchanting history, from staff to food & beverage varieties, from decoration to architecture and from eco-consciousness and pet friendliness to a meaningful contribution to the region. This smoke-free hotel features an attached winery, an outdoor pool, and a restaurant. Daily breakfast is provided, as well as free WiFi in public areas, free valet parking, and a free manager's reception. Additionally, a bar/lounge, a poolside bar, and a snack bar/deli are onsite. All 51 rooms boast fireplaces and offer free WiFi and iPod docks. Guests will also find minibars, room service, and coffee makers.





## Bodrum Hotel

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### Susona Bodrum: LXR Hotels & Resorts | Deluxe Room w/Partial Seaview

Susona Bodrum, LXR Hotels & Resorts is a unique luxury sea-front destination hotel located near Torba, Bodrum area on the south-western coast of Turkey. The hotel features 76 rooms, suites and villas with stunning sea views, in-room media hubs with various entertainment options, patios, and sun decks. Discover the jetties built into the sea, a rooftop relaxing pool area, the-state-of-the-art spa center, 24/7 fitness center, dining and cocktail options at our signature restaurants & bars featuring rich menu contents prepared with fresh & local products around the Aegean region.



## Detailed Itinerary

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### 14 July | FLY: Houston > Istanbul

The adventure begins today! In the evening, make your way to IAH Airport to catch your flight to Istanbul. This is an overnight flight. It's about 12 hours to Turkey so lay back and enjoy your flight!

**Overnight Flight | Meals:** Inflight

### 15 July | Welcome to Turkey! Dinner Reception

You will arrive in Istanbul in the late afternoon. Upon arrival, your driver will meet you just outside the baggage area to transfer you to your hotel. At the Radisson Blu, you will be greeted and assisted to your room. You will have some free time to rest or explore on your own before dinner. In the evening, meet in the lobby of the hotel to go for a welcome dinner.

**Overnight:** Istanbul @ Radisson Blu | **Meals:** Inflight and Dinner







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### 16 July | Ottoman Relics, Grand Bazaar Rooftops & Hamam

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel in the early morning. After breakfast, meet your guide in the lobby to begin your tour. During this private tour you'll visit Topkapi Palace, the Harem of Topkapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar Rooftops. Topkapi Palace was the official residence of the Ottoman Sultans and functioned as the head of the state. One of the largest and oldest covered bazaars in the world, the Grand Bazaar is a mind-boggling labyrinth of 4000 shops selling jewelry, antiques, carpets, leatherwear and souvenirs. The tour will end with a private access walk across the rooftops of the Grand Bazaar. After the tour, enjoy a relaxing Hamam experience at the oldest Turkish Bath in Istanbul. Once your foam massage and scrubbing treatments are complete, you will be transferred back to the hotel. You will have the rest of the evening to spend at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Istanbul @ Radisson Blu | **Meals:** Breakfast.

### 17 July | Masterpieces of Rivals & Private Dinner Cruise

Breakfast is available at the hotel in the early morning. In the morning, your guide will meet you in the lobby to begin your tour. This walking tour will take you to Istanbul's most important sites, including The Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Basilica Cistern & The Spice Bazaar. Istanbul's Hippodrome ruins were once the heart of Constantinople, it was the largest of its kind. The Sultan Ahmed Mosque is popularly known as the Blue Mosque for the blue tiles adorning the walls of its interior. Hagia Sophia is a magnificent architectural landmark, a monument that was important for both Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. You will have some free time to freshen up after the tour. In the evening, enjoy a Private Dinner Cruise along the Bosphorus. After returning to the hotel, you will have the evening to spend at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Istanbul @ Radisson Blu | **Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner.



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### 18 July | FLY: Istanbul > Kayseri | Transfer to Cappadocia & Turkish Cooking Class

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel in the early morning. After breakfast, your driver will meet you at the hotel lobby to transfer you to the airport for your flight to Kayseri. The flight will take about 1.5-hrs. Upon arrival in Kayseri, your driver will meet you near the baggage claim and transfer you to the hotel. Enjoy some free time to explore on your own or rest before dinner. In the evening, meet in the lobby to go for your Turkish Cooking Class. Learn to cook local dishes using traditional techniques and secrets from "Mother Havva", then enjoy the meal you prepared. Once dinner is over, the rest of the night is yours to enjoy at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Cappadocia @ Argos | **Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner.

### 19 July | Hot Air Balloon, Goerne Surroundings, Private Wine Tasting & BBQ Dinner

Today you will set out early in the morning for a hot air balloon ride. To-go breakfast packs will be prepared for the transfer to the balloon launch site. Enjoy a 1-hour balloon ride over the out this world terrain. After the balloon ride, you will start your tour of the valley surrounding Goreme by visiting Esentepe. Admire the magnificent landscape that has been formed from solidified lava streams, ash and tuff stone. From here you will head to the Goreme Open Air Museum, a UNESCO world heritage site, to see the complex of medieval painted caves. Next, visit the town of Avanos before ending this tour in Uchisar. The Village of Uchisar is situated at the highest point in Cappadocia, offering spectacular views of the valley. Cappadocia is known to be one of the earliest birthplaces of winemaking in the world. Enjoy a special wine tasting experience in a 1,200-year-old chapel, followed by a traditional BBQ dinner. After dinner, you will have the rest of the evening to spend at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Cappadocia @ Argos | **Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner.







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### 20 July | Underground Cities, Traditional Villages & ATV Tour

Breakfast is available at the hotel in the morning. After breakfast, meet your guide in the lobby. Begin your tour by visiting Kaymaklı Underground City, one of the most interesting underground cities in Cappadocia. Next, visit Guvercinlik Valley (Pigeon Valley), named for the thousands of pigeon houses carved into the soft tuff in ancient times. Then, explore the villages of Ortahisar, Cavusin (the old Greek town) and Uc Guzeller (Three Graces) fairy chimneys. After the villages tour, embark on a fun-filled ATV tour over and through the beautiful hills, valleys, dunes and trails of Cappadocia. In the evening, return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Cappadocia @ Argos | **Meals:** Breakfast.

### 21 July | FLY: Kayseri > Izmir | Transfer to Bodrum & Tour of Ephesus

To-go breakfast packs will be ready for you in the morning. Early in the morning, your driver will meet you in the lobby to transfer you to the airport for your flight to Izmir. The flight will take about 1.5 hours. On arrival in Izmir, your driver will meet you near the baggage claim and begin your transfer to Bodrum. The drive will take about 3 hours total but en route we will stop at the ancient city of Ephesus. Learn about the 4,000 years of history of the city as you tour the Temple of Artemis and the House of Virgin Mary. Once the tour is completed, continue your journey on to Bodrum. At Susona Bodrum, check-in to your room and enjoy the evening at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Bodrum @ Susona Bodrum | **Meals:** Breakfast.





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### 22 July | Bodrum Castle & Private Gulet Cruise

Enjoy breakfast at the resort in the morning. After breakfast, your guide will meet you in the lobby to begin your castle tour. Bodrum Castle stood as a stronghold for over six centuries and was one of the strongest military garrisons. Today the castle has been turned into a historical museum. After your tour, head over to the marina to set sail on your Private Gulet Cruise. Hit the open sea, cruising past the surrounding islands of Turkey and Greece. Enjoy an opportunity to snorkel, kayak and enjoy other watersports. A special lunch with open bar will be served onboard. As the sun begins to set, begin your journey back to the marina. Once you have returned to the hotel, you have the rest of the night to enjoy at your leisure.

**Overnight:** Bodrum @ Susona Bodrum | **Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch.

### 23 July | Day @ Your Leisure

Breakfast is available at the resort in the morning. Today you have the entire day to enjoy Bodrum at your leisure. Spend the day at the beach, lounge at by the pool at Frankie Beach Club or head into town to do some shopping. This is a great time to grab some souvenirs, if you haven't already done so. Enjoy your last night In Turkey.

**Overnight:** Bodrum @ Susona Bodrum | **Meals:** Breakfast.



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### 24 July | Say Goodbye to Turkey! FLY: Bodrum > Istanbul > Houston

Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel In the morning. The journey back to Houston begins In the early morning. Your Turkish Airlines flight back to Istanbul departs just after 10am. The flight will take about 1.5 hours. You will then be in transit in Istanbul for about 2.5 hours before catching your connecting flight to Houston. The flight to Houston is a 13 hours overnight flight. Lay back, relax and enjoy your flight. You will arrive back in Houston around 7pm on the same day. Thank you for sharing this experience with us!

**Overnight Flight | Meals:** Inflight

## End of Services





## Inclusions

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### What Is Included

- Roundtrip Turkish Airlines Economy Class Airfare from Houston > Istanbul > Houston
- Turkish Airlines Economy Class Airfare from Istanbul > Kayseri
- Sun Express Economy Class Airfare from Kayseri > Izmir
- Turkish Airlines Economy Class Airfare from Bodrum > Istanbul
- Transfer from IST Airport > Radisson Blu
- 3 nights in Istanbul @ Radisson Blu
- Premium vehicle with English speaking chauffer
- Welcome Reception Dinner
- Full-Day Tour: Ottoman Relics, Grand Bazaar Rooftops & Hamam
- Full-Day Tour: Masterpieces of Rivals
- Private Dinner cruise
- Transfer from Radisson Blu > IST Airport
- Transfer from ASR Airport > Cappadocia
- Turkish Cooking Class
- 3 nights in Cappadocia @ Argos
- Full-Day Tour: Hot Air Balloon, Goerme Surroundings, Private Wine Tasting & BBQ Dinner
- Full-Day Tour: Underground Cities, Traditional Villages & ATV Tour
- Transfer from Argos > ASR Airport
- Transfer from ADB Airport > Bodrum
- Tour of Ephesus
- 3 nights In Bodrum @ Susona Bodrum
- Tour of Bodrum Castle
- Private Gulet Cruise
- Transfer from Susona Bodrum > BJV Airport
- All meals listed on the itinerary
- Entrance fees to all experiences

### What Is Not Included

- Meals not listed on the itinerary
- Drinks not listed on the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature + souvenirs
- Tips & gratuities for guides / staff
- Any additional expenses not listed above

**Price:** \$8,259 per person (\$11,599 per couple or 2 people shared rooms)

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**Deposit:** \$2,478 per person is due immediately to secure spot.

**Remaining balance must be paid by June 14, 2022.**

**Expiration:** This proposal and all pricing is valid for booking through June 01, 2022 or until all the group spots have been sold. After that date or in the event of a sellout, we are happy to re-price this proposal for you. Due to high demand on the hotels and services included in this proposal, it is possible that the price of the trip may increase and/or that the hotels listed will no longer be available if the trip is not booked by the date listed above.

**Travel Insurance:** Travel insurance is not included but is **strongly recommended**. Please contact us to learn more about why you should consider purchasing travel insurance.

## Legal Information

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### Cancellations by You & Refunds

Cancellation penalties imposed by TRAVEL AT WILL's suppliers are per person for land tour arrangements. To cancel your booking, you must send written notice to us by email at: [contactus@travelatwill.com](mailto:contactus@travelatwill.com). The following cancellation terms apply effective as of the date TRAVEL AT WILL receives written notice of cancellation:

Days Prior to Departure: Penalty

- More than 90 days prior to departure date: 25% of trip price
- 90—61 days prior to departure date: 50% of trip price
- 60 days or fewer prior to departure date: 100% of trip price

No refunds will be provided for any unused portion of a tour once the tour begins, including if you leave a tour for any reason or are removed from a tour. There are no exceptions to this cancellation and refund policy, including for reasons related to weather, terrorism, civil strife, personal, family or medical emergencies or any other circumstances beyond our control. You will not be reimbursed for any personal expenses such as airfare, hotel, or other travel expenses due to changes in itineraries or tour cancellations. For this reason, we strongly encourage you to purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance.

### Cancellations or Changes by Us & Flexibility

We reserve the right to cancel, change, or modify any tour without prior notice for the safety and/or comfort of clients. You acknowledge that any aspect of your trip and itinerary may change without prior notice due to local circumstances or events, which may include mechanical breakdown, flight cancellations, illness, strikes, political disputes, weather, and other unforeseeable factors. If, prior to departure, we make a significant change because of a problem with a supplier, we will notify you of available alternatives as soon as reasonably possible. Any changes may require a supplemental payment from you or result in a refund less any cancellation fees and nonrefundable deposits. If we cancel, which is rare, a refund check will be issued to you less any airline ticket cancellation fees and nonrefundable deposits paid to local suppliers. This refund will constitute full settlement of claims you may have arising out of our cancellation. No refunds under this paragraph will be provided due to cancellations or changes due to Force Majeure. You will not be reimbursed for any personal expenses such as airfare, hotel, or other travel expenses due to changes in itineraries or trip cancellations.

### Force Majeure

TRAVEL AT WILL will not be deemed in breach of this agreement or otherwise liable to you, by reason of delay in performance or nonperformance of any of its obligations under this agreement to the extent that any such delay or nonperformance is due to any Force Majeure. "Force Majeure" means any circumstances beyond the reasonable control of TRAVEL AT WILL, including without limitation acts of God, terrorist activities, insurrection, explosion, flood, tempest, forceful wind, fire or accident, war or threat of war declared or undeclared, sabotage, civil disturbance, labor strikes, requisition, sickness, quarantine, government intervention, weather conditions, and unforeseen circumstances. If TRAVEL AT WILL and/or any of its suppliers are affected by Force Majeure, they shall be entitled to, and may in their sole discretion, vary or cancel any itinerary or arrangement in relation to the tour. Regarding civil unrest, once TRAVEL AT WILL has investigated the prevailing situation, as it deems fit, it shall remain in TRAVEL AT WILL's sole and absolute discretion whether to proceed with the tour.

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