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## Legendary Türkiye

from Istanbul to the Turquoise Coast

April 23-May 7, 2027

**15 days from \$7,392 total price from Boston, New York**

(\$6,795 air & land inclusive plus \$597 airline taxes and fees)



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A Special Small Group Tour for Alumni, Parents  
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**Dear Lifelong Learning Travelers,**

We invite you to join us in 2027 for an exciting and distinctive 15-day journey to Türkiye, a fascinating land where Europe and Asia meet. With its remarkable blend of ancient civilizations, dramatic landscapes, and the dazzling waters of the Turquoise Coast, Türkiye offers an unforgettable setting for discovery and shared learning.

Our exclusive W&L journey begins with four nights in vibrant Istanbul, the magnificent city once known as the “Empress of the World” and long considered Türkiye’s cultural and spiritual heart. Together we will explore some of the city’s most iconic sites—including the Spice Bazaar, the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, and Topkapi Palace—while also enjoying time to wander the Grand Bazaar, cruise privately along the Bosphorus, and discover the city at your own pace.

As our journey continues, we will cross the Dardanelles via the world’s longest suspension bridge to visit legendary Troy, immortalized in Homer’s Iliad. We will walk among the remarkably preserved ruins of Ephesus, spend time in the charming hillside village of Sirince, and experience the beauty of the Turquoise Coast during a special day cruise aboard a privately chartered yacht. In Antalya, we will encounter the remarkable remains of the ancient world, including the impressive ruins of Perge.

For those wishing to extend their adventure, an optional post-tour extension offers the opportunity to explore ancient Konya and the extraordinary landscapes of Cappadocia.

To ensure an intimate and enriching travel experience, this small-group program is limited to just 24 travelers. We hope you will consider joining us for this remarkable journey through one of the world’s most historically rich and visually stunning regions.

Warm regards,

Your Lifelong Learning Team

James Lambert  
Director

Lisa D’Amelio  
Associate Director

### THE W&L LIFELONG LEARNING RESERVATION FORM: LEGENDARY TÜRKIYE

For ease of registration, please visit our website <https://go.wlu.edu/turkey>. You may also complete this reservation form and scan it to [lifelong@wlu.edu](mailto:lifelong@wlu.edu).

Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA. Final payment is due at least 125 days prior to departure.

Send to: **W&L Office of Lifelong Learning**  
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I/We would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$650 per person.)

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour “Cappadocia & Konya” Extension:** Please sign me/us up

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*Fascinating sights, scents, and sounds reign in this land where Europe and Asia meet. From Istanbul, magnificent “Empress of the World,” to ancient ruins, stunning landscapes, and the dramatic – and legendary – Turquoise Coast, Türkiye engages and beguiles, offering us an unparalleled small group experience.*



## Day 1: Depart U.S. for Istanbul, Türkiye

**Day 2: Arrive Istanbul** We arrive in Türkiye’s cultural and spiritual heart today and transfer to our hotel located near Taksim Square, the heart of modern Istanbul. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned; we can explore the area surrounding our hotel, or simply relax. Dinner tonight is on our own.

**Day 3: Istanbul** We get our first real taste of this city straddling two continents today as we set out on a walking tour along lively pedestrian Istiklal Street, lined with boutiques, galleries, restaurants, and late Ottoman-era buildings. We see the magnificent 16<sup>th</sup>-century Suleymaniye mosque then walk along the shores of the Golden Horn. We’ll visit intimate Rustem Pasha mosque, with its exquisite Iznik tiles, followed by the renowned Spice Market. After lunch on our own here, we take a private cruise on the Bosphorus, the waterway that separates Europe from Asia. This evening we take a short walk to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner of traditional Turkish fare. *B,D*

**Day 4: Istanbul** Today we encounter Old Istanbul, beginning with the ancient Roman Hippodrome, the 3,500-year-old obelisk brought from Egypt in 390 CE. Next we visit the Blue Mosque, with its 20,000 blue Iznik tiles and signature six minarets. We then visit the renowned Museum of Turkish & Islamic Art, housing priceless artifacts from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. After lunch at a local restaurant we continue on to Hagia Sophia, the 6<sup>th</sup>-century church that was Christendom’s most important before becoming a mosque in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. *B,L*

**Day 5: Istanbul** This morning we tour splendid Topkapi, for 400 years the palace of Ottoman sultans that today ranks among the world’s richest museums. We continue on to the Basilica Cistern, the marble-columned underground chamber that provided water to Istanbul in antiquity. Our next stop is the Grand Bazaar, the covered market housing some 3,600 shops along 65 “streets.” The remainder of the day and evening is free for independent exploration. *B*

## Physical Activity Level

**3** **Moderate**

*Walk 2-4 miles per day, often on uneven terrain, especially at archaeological sites and on marble surfaces that can be slippery; many stairs of varying heights throughout tour; embarkation/disembarkation from multiple boats*

## Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Istanbul		
2-5	Istanbul	Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus	Deluxe
6	Canakkale/Troy	Doubletree by Hilton Canakkale	First Class
7-9	Kusadasi	Charisma De Luxe Hotel	Deluxe
10-11	Fethiye	Alesta Yacht Hotel	First Class
12-14	Antalya	Akra Hotel	Deluxe
15	Depart Antalya for U.S.		

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.*

Cover photo: An Antalya landmark, the Yivli Minare (fluted minaret) overlooks the Turquoise Coast.



*Celsus Library, Ephesus*

**Day 6: Istanbul/Troy/Canakkale** We travel across European Türkiye (ancient Thrace) today and cross the Straits of the Dardanelles via the world's longest suspension bridge. We're bound for Troy, once believed to exist only in Homer's epic poem until being rediscovered in the 1870s. After exploring the ruins, relics, and museum here, we continue on to Canakkale, where we spend the night. *B,L,D*

**Day 7: Canakkale/Pergamum/Kusadasi** Today we explore one of Türkiye's most spectacular ancient sites: windswept Pergamum, a major power in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> centuries BCE, with a wealth of Hellenistic ruins. Then we continue on to Kusadasi. *B,L,D*

**Day 8: Kusadasi/Ephesus** Few ancient sites compare to Ephesus, the world's best-preserved classical city that we explore today. Dating to at least 1300 BCE, Ephesus was Asia Minor's largest metropolis and principal port. Our tour includes the Terrace Houses, the recently restored "houses of the rich," with their outstanding mosaic floors and frescoed walls. Then we enjoy lunch in the rustic village of Sirince. *B,L*

**Day 9: Kusadasi/Ephesus** We return to Ephesus to visit the Basilica of St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup>-century ruins that stand over what is believed to be the burial site of John the Apostle. Then we learn about Ephesus through the ages, as we tour the Ephesus Museum, housing treasures from the archaeological site. After lunch together, we stop at a carpet factory to watch a demonstration of this age-old craft. *B,L,D*

**Day 10: Kusadasi/Fethiye** En route to Fethiye today, we stop in Dalyan, where we board a small skiff for a trip through a maze of channels. Reaching the Lake of Koycegiz, we see our first Lycian rock-cut tombs on the cliffs above. Dating to 350 BCE, the tombs number

more than one thousand along Türkiye's Mediterranean coast. Then we continue our journey to the port town of Fethiye, known for its beautiful natural harbor. *B,L,D*

**Day 11: Fethiye/Kayakoy/Cruising** This morning we coach to the Greek "ghost town" of Kayakoy, abandoned after WWI and now preserved as a historical monument. Then we board a private yacht for

### Post-Tour Extension

May 7-11, 2027

## Cappadocia & Konya

5 days/4 nights for \$1,895 total price

Single Supplement: \$495

*We visit ancient Konya then explore in depth the bizarre rock formations and underground cities of Cappadocia and the Goreme Valley.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Private motorcoach transportation Antalya/Konya/Cappadocia
- 4 nights' accommodations: one night in Konya at Hilton Garden Inn Konya (First Class), 3 nights in Cappadocia at Yunak Evleri Hotel (Superior First Class)
- 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing: Mevlana (Rumi) Museum in Konya, rock churches of Goreme Valley (including open-air museum), Kaymakli's underground city, Zelve Valley, Avanos and Troglodyte villages of Cavusin and Uchisar
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Gratuities for your Tour Director, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



IF ONE HAD BUT A SINGLE  
GLANCE TO GIVE THE WORLD,  
ONE SHOULD GAZE ON ISTANBUL.”

– ALPHONSE DE LAMARTINE

our Turquoise Coast “Blue Voyage” cruise along the stunning coastline that Antony is said to have given to Cleopatra as a wedding gift. We visit secluded coves (including Aquarium Cove, with its waters of brilliant blue and green), have the opportunity to swim and snorkel, and enjoy lunch on board. *B,L*

**Day 12: Fethiye/Antalya** We set out this morning on a scenic drive along the coastal road to Antalya, stopping along the way in Demre (ancient Myra). Here we see the Lycian-era rock tombs and Roman theatre. We visit the 6<sup>th</sup>-century Church of St. Nicholas, known for its impressive frescoes, its significance to both Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Christians, and as its namesake’s inspiration for Santa Claus. Following our visit here, we continue on to Türkiye’s premier resort town of Antalya. *B,L,D*

**Day 13: Antalya** We discover Antalya’s charming old city (Kaleici) on a morning walking tour through its narrow streets, past historic buildings, mosques, and parks. After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit the Antalya Necropolis Museum featuring exhibit halls as well as walkways that allow up-close viewing of ancient burial grounds. *B,L*



*Exquisite Iznik tiles*

**Day 14: Antalya/Perge** This morning, we tour the ruins at Perge, an ancient Roman city once among the world’s prettiest and most prosperous. We also visit the Duden Waterfalls, which tumble about 130 feet into the Mediterranean. Returning to our hotel, this afternoon is at leisure. Tonight,



*Istanbul’s majestic Blue Mosque*

we celebrate our Turkish adventure over a farewell dinner together. *B,D*

**Day 15: Depart for U.S.** This morning we board an early flight for our return to the United States. *B*

### Tour Departs: April 23, 2027

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$7,392
Chicago, Washington, DC	\$7,692
Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit, Houston	\$7,792
Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	\$7,892
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,295

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$597, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,495. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$4,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please contact Odysseys Unlimited for information on our new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

**For reservations and information, please email [lifelong@wlu.edu](mailto:lifelong@wlu.edu) or call (540) 458-8723**

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and First Class hotels
- 29 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
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**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication excursions; optional sightseeing or shore excursions, and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

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**Health and Medical issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Washington and Lee University and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

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