

**ITINERARY FOR THE  
TURKIC COUNCIL MODERN SILK  
ROAD JOINT TOUR PACKAGE  
COUNTRY TOUR**

**TURKEY**

**Day 1:**

**Arrival in Turkey**

2 pm onwards: check in to our hotel in Sultanahmet and free time at the hotel.

**Day 2:**

After breakfast at the hotel we will meet our guide in the lobby before departing for a walking tour of Sultanahmet. We will visit Sultanahmet Mosque (due to Friday prayers we will not be able to enter the mosque), Yerebatan underground cisterns and the Hagia Sophia Museum. After lunch at the traditional Turkish restaurant Köfteci Selim Usta we will walk to the Spice (or Egyptian) Bazaar and the Grand Bazaar. We round the day off with a boat tour on the Bosphorus and return to the hotel by around 6 pm, where we will have free time before dinner in the hotel.

**Day 3:**

After breakfast at the hotel we depart for Istanbul Atatürk Airport for our Turkish Airlines flight to Konya. On arrival in Konya, we will take a bus tour around some of the city's most important sights from the Seljuk Empire era, including the Karatay Madrasa (museum), Ince Minaret Museum and Mevlana Museum, where we will see the Tomb of Mevlânâ Celâleddîn-i Rûmî, the famous Sufi poet. After lunch at Cemo Restaurant, we will check in to our hotel around 2 pm and have the rest of the afternoon free. At around 7

pm we will take a short bus trip to the Mevlana Culture Center, where we will watch a Mevlevi Sema Whirling Dervish show. Afterwards we return to the hotel for dinner.

#### **Day 4:**

After breakfast we check out from our hotel in Konya and depart by bus to Sultanhanı Caravanserai, where we will visit the Carpet Repair Workshop Atelier and Sultanhanı Caravanserai. Lunch will be at the caravanserai or Aksaray Orhan Ağa Station. After lunch we transfer to Kaymaklı Underground City, where we will have a guided tour. We will then check in to our hotel, where we will have an hour or two to rest before departing for dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **Day 5:**

Today there is an early morning balloon ride (optional and extra) over Cappadocia before breakfast at the hotel. We then check out before visiting the Göreme Open Air Museum, Paşabağı and Devrent Valley. Lunch is at Hanedan Restaurant in a historic caravanserai. Afterwards we visit the Hacı Bektaş Veli Museum before driving to Kayseri for a visit to the Gevher Nesibe Hastahanesi (Medical Museum). After a bus tour of the city we depart for Kayseri airport for our evening flight to Istanbul Atatürk Airport on Turkish Airlines.

The tour of Turkey will end, and the guests will depart for their chosen destinations.

#### **INCLUDED:**

- ✓ 4 star hotels accommodation on full board basis in double room (single room will be charged with single supplement)

- ✓ Istanbul- Konya and Kayseri-Istanbul flight tickets
- ✓ Transfers and sightseeing on modern and air-conditioned buses
- ✓ Professional local guides
- ✓ Meals and one soft drink in local restaurants
- ✓ Traditional music and dance performances
- ✓ Boat tour

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- ✓ Visa fees
- ✓ Travel insurance fee
- ✓ Hot air balloon ride in Cappadocia
- ✓ Hotel extras such as mini bar, laundry, telephone calls and tips
- ✓ International airfares (arrival to and departure from Istanbul)
- ✓ Airport-hotel transfer in Istanbul
- ✓ Extra activities and services not-mentioned in the program
- ✓ All items not specifically stated in the itinerary