



BULGARIA

Black Sea

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# TURKEY

- ★ National capital
- Province capital
- Town
- ✈ Airport
- International boundary



Ankara

Istanbul

Yerevan

Agri Dagı (Mt. Ararat 5166 m)

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# Turkey

Türkiye

October 2023 – Gulet tour program



**Continental**  
**Travel Group**





# Tour program

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- 07 October : Arrival to Istanbul (4 nights in **Istanbul** at Sultanhan Hotel).
- 11 October : Flight from Istanbul to Kayseri (3 nights in **Uçhisar** at Taskonaklar hotel).
- 14 October : Flight from Kayseri to Dalaman, via Istanbul. (4 nights on the **Gulet**)
- 18 October: Flight back to Canada.

All tours include English speaking guides.





Arrival date :  
Saturday,  
October 7<sup>th</sup>

- Arrival to Istanbul Airport and transfer to your hotel.
- Daryl and Jocelyn will offer a walk in the area of the hotel so you can familiarize yourself with the area and later they will take you to dinner at a nearby restaurant (dinner included).
- Overnight in **Istanbul**.

# Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

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- Visit to **Dolmabahce Palace**, which is famous for its great collection of European antiquity, furniture and a 4.5 ton chandelier. The palace has 285 rooms and 46 halls and is the recent residence for Ottoman Sultans.
- Visit the **Spice Bazaar** (Egyptian Bazaar) where you will find shops that sell spices, fruits, vegetables, fish, flowers, etc.
- Then, we will take a **Bosporus river tour** with Regular Public Ferry through the waterway separating the two continents, Europe and Asia. You will have the possibility to take pictures of marble palaces, ancient wooden villas of Ottoman architecture besides modern residential and luxurious apartments. Also see the Rumeli Fortress (from the boat – no interior visit).
- Afternoon is free time in **Istiklal Street** where you will have the opportunity to sight seeing and shopping.
- Breakfast and lunch included.
- Overnight in **Istanbul**.



# Monday, October 9th

Our guided tour today includes:

- **Hagia Sophia:** One of the most visited museums and most prominent monuments in the world in terms of art and the history of architecture. It has also been called “the eighth wonder of the world” by East Roman Philon as far back as the 6th century.
- **Topkapi Palace:** Residence of ottoman sultans exhibiting imperial treasury.
- **Hagia Irene:** Located in the outer courtyard of Topkapi Palace which is the oldest church of the Eastern Roman Empire(Byzantine).
- **Hippodrome:** Center of sportive events and political activities of the old city. Then visit the Serpentine column, follow by the obelisk of Theodosius and finally the German fountain of Wilhelm that are the monuments decorating The hippodrome.
- **The Blue Mosque,** called Sultanahmet Camii in Turkish: It is known as the Blue Mosque because of blue tiles surrounding the walls of interior design.
- Free time in **Grand Covered Bazaar,** the most attractive shopping center and the biggest "souk" in the world with nearly 4,000 shops selling antiques, jewelry, gold, carpets, leatherwear and souvenirs.
- Breakfast and lunch included and Overnight in **Istanbul.**





Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

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- Free day in **Istanbul**.
- Daryl and Jocelyn will provide special options on this day.





Wednesday,  
October 11<sup>th</sup>

- Early morning flight to **Kayseri**.
- Pick up from the Airport to proceed to a day tour in **Cappadocia**.
- Then walk through the “**Fairy Chimneys**” in Devrent Valley, Paşabağ (Monks’) Valley and practice pottery.
- The day continues to visit **Göreme**, an “open-air museum” holding the earliest churches and chapels carved in fairy chimneys presenting finest examples of frescoes.
- Then visit the **Uçhisar Castle**, the highest point in the region.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the hotel included.
- Overnight in **Uçhisar**.



# Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

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- Departure from the hotel to a **hot air balloon tour** followed by breakfast and a guided Cappadocia tour.
- Enjoy a panoramic view of the **Hospital Monastery**. Then, walk into the “wonderland” at Kızılçukur (Red Valley) and the village of Çavuşin. Continue to visit the underground City of Kaymaklı. Then explore the rock formations in Çatalkaya follow by a fantastic overview of the fairy chimneys from Esentepe. Lastly, visit the Pigeon Valley, greatest collection of pigeon nests in the world.
- At night, dinner at **Evrinos** Restaurant including a traditional Turkish folklore show.
- Breakfast and lunch included.
- Overnight in **Uçhisar**.



# Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Visit **Derinkuyu Underground City**, walk through the amazing Ihlara Valley.

Lunch at **Belisırma**.

Later, visit to the monasteries at **Yaprakhisar and Selime**.

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- Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
  - Overnight in **Uçhisar**.



# Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

Fethiye, Gemile Adası.

- After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Kayseri Airport to fly to Dalaman Airport via Istanbul.
- Arrive to Dalaman Airport at and transfer to the **gulet**.
- Embark to the gulet at Fethiye port.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

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**Gulets** (pronounced goo-lets) are wooden schooners that have been used for fishing and sponging around the Mediterranean for many years.

From the 1970s onwards they became a popular way to ferry tourists around the bays of the Aegean region from Bodrum and Marmaris, and more recently are used for private charters.

A gulet may have from 3 to 12 two-person cabins (for 6 to 24 people). (The 2- or 3-person crew usually sleeps in a lazarette at the bow.)





# Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Ölüdeniz, Ağ Limanı, Batikhamam.

Gulets can explore parts of the coast that larger boats cannot – like tiny, floating, boutique hotels. Often known as 'Blue Cruises' in a nod to the sea and the sky which surround you, gulet cruises are a tantalising mix of tradition, luxury and sublime relaxation.

Enjoy beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

Enjoy tasty dishes for a cruise lunch – before you jump into the sea.

Jump into the amazingly clear turquoise sea.

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Gulet cruise including breakfast, lunch and dinner.





Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Tersane Adası, Bedri Rahmi, Göcek.

Eat delicious food.  
Experience old towns.  
Take part in some sailing.

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Gulet cruise including breakfast, lunch and dinner.



A wooden gulet boat with two masts is on the water. The background shows a blue sky and a distant island with a bridge. The text is overlaid on the image.

# Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Domuz Adası and Turunç Pınarı.

Visit the wonders of ancient ruins.

Disconnect from the world. Escape the masses.

Visit a small picturesque village.

Spend the night on anchor – away from civilization.

Jump into the sea whenever you feel like it.

Gulet cruise including breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Back  
Home

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Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
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Arrival to Fethiye port.

After breakfast, disembark from the gulet and transfer to **Dalaman** Airport to fly back to Canada.





# Prices



SINGLE

CAD \$ 8.440 PER PERSON

**Limited singles available**



DOUBLE CAD

CAD \$ 6.320 PER PERSON

## Included:

- Airfare within Turkey.
- English speaking guides.
- All breakfasts.
- 8 lunches and 8 dinners.
- Most tipping.

## Not included:

- Airfare from Canada to Turkey.
- Visa.