

Byroads
Inspiring Escorted Journeys

Turkey Discovery





TURKEY DISCOVERY

UNCOVER THE WONDER OF TURKEY

17 DAYS

IN THE FOOTPRINTS OF EMPIRES

 DEPARTS FROM: **ISTANBUL**  MAX GROUP SIZE: **14 PEOPLE**  PHYSICAL LEVEL: **MODERATE**

Embark on a journey of discovery through Turkey and follow in the footprints of empires. A captivating canvas of diversity – historic ruins, bustling bazaars, and astounding landscapes. Come unveil Turkey’s cultural richness on this enthralling and immersive Byroad’s journey.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Hagia Sophia & Blue Mosque
- Hippodrome & Egyptian Obelisk
- Topkapi Palace & Basilica Cistern
- Islamic & Turkish Art Museum
- Istanbul Grand & Egyptian Bazaars
- Galata Tower
- Water Marbling Workshop
- Gallipoli & Anzac Cover
- Wine tasting at Suvla Winery
- The Dardanelles
- Seaside Village of Ayvalik
- Asklepion Healing Centre
- Ancient Ephesus
- Pamukkale Springs & Hierapolis
- Ghost Village of Kayakoy
- UNESCO listed Sagalassos
- Sille Stone Houses & Rumi’s Tomb
- Goreme Open Air Museum
- Uchisar Castle & Love Valley
- Ozkonak Underground City
- Dinner with a Cappadocian Family
- Ankara Mausoleum of Attaturk
- Museum of Anatolian Civilizations

MEET YOUR HOST



Every Byroads tour is supported by either Steve or Bronny – two experienced travellers with a genuine passion for people. They take care of all the nitty-gritty details to ensure your trip runs smoothly – and you can focus on enjoying the moment.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ISTANBUL

Arrive at Istanbul Airport and transfer to your hotel. Settle in and meet up with your group in the evening.

DAY 2: ISTANBUL

There is so much to see and do in Istanbul. Take a full-day guided tour today visiting the major sites. Marvel at the Blue Mosque, stroll through the stunning Ottoman treasure that is the Topkapi Palace, explore the Basilica Cistern and be astonished at the Hagia Sophia. (B)

DAY 3: ISTANBUL

Today explore the Hippodrome and Egyptian Obelisk and then discover the world's richest Islamic Art collection at the Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum. Meander around the Grand Bazaar – where everything's for sale at a haggler's price. Visit the intimate Mosque of Rusterm Pasa then stop by the Spice Bazaar. (B)

DAY 4: ISTANBUL

First stop is the iconic Galata Tower before riding the ferry to the Asian side for lunch at Çiya Sofrasi, which was featured in Netflix's Chef's Table. Walk to a studio atelier for a water marbling workshop with a local master. Ride the ferry back to the European side, and overnight in Istanbul. (B L)

DAY 5: GALLIPOLI - CANAKKALE

Today travel to Gallipoli, a place of profound historical significance and natural beauty. Be guided through its poignant history and explore the legacy of the World War 1 campaign. Later, stop for some wine tasting at Suvla Winery, before crossing the Dardanelles and settling in for the night in Canakkale. (B)

DAY 6: CANAKKALE - AYVALIK

Drive to Ayvalik, a beautiful seaside village and one of Turkey's famous culinary centres. Explore and sample the exquisite local produce, then attend an olive oil tasting session. Discover and understand Turkey's Greek Heritage influence. Overnight in an old Greek mansion. (B)

DAY 7: AYVALIK - BERGAMA - SIRINCE

Travel to the ancient and remarkable site of Asklepion, home to one of the first hospitals in history and one of the most important healing centres of the Romans. Journey on to Bergama to enjoy an educational visit to a local carpet atelier followed by a village style lunch. Arrive for the first of two evenings at Sirince. (B L)

DAY 8: EPHEBUS - SIRINCE

Drive on to ancient Ephesus. Witness the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Stroll through marble-paved streets, revealing a city frozen in time. Tonight, rest once again in the picturesque hillside village of Sirince. (B)

DAY 9: PAMUKKALE - DENIZLI

Heading eastward, we stop to explore the springs and geological phenomenon that is Pamukkale, 'Cotton Castle'. Made famous for its gleaming white calcite terraces overrunning with warm, mineral-rich waters – a photographer's delight. Next, wander through the remarkable Greco-Roman World Heritage site of Hierapolis, once a Roman and Byzantine spa city. Overnight in nearby Denizli. (B D)

DAY 10: DENIZLI - KAYAKOY

Travel onwards and then step back in time in the remarkable village of Kayakoy, known as the Ghost Village. Here, take a guided tour and learn how history delivered the town's fate. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore and photograph this abandoned village, with its haunting, yet peaceful atmosphere. (B)

ITINERARY

DAY 11: KAYAKOY - SAGALASSOS - EGIRDIR LAKE

Head north-east from Kayaköy to the Western Taurus mountain range. Stop and wander the UNESCO listed, ancient city of Sagalassos one of the most stunning archaeological sites in Southwestern Turkey. Arrive at Egirdir Lake, whose crystal-clear waters reflect the surrounding mountains for a picture-perfect stay. (B)

DAY 12: EGIRDIR LAKE - SILLE - KONYA

Leaving the lake, arrive at the village of Sille. Here, enjoy a guided tour of the town famous for its traditional stone houses and narrow, winding streets. Continue on to Konya, home to Rumi's Tomb and to The Whirling Dervishes. (B)

DAY 13: KONYA - CAPPADOCIA

Driving via Sultan Han, pass through a great variety of scenery to arrive at the heart of Cappadocia, a historical region in Central Anatolia famous for its extraordinary natural landscapes. Stop at Esentepe Panoramic vista for its incredible views. Later, go below and investigate the astonishing underground city of Ozkonak. Finally, watch artisans at work as they craft the pottery this region is famous for. (B)

DAY 14: CAPPADOCIA

Sleep in – or take an optional balloon ride this morning. This morning be captivated at the UNESCO listed Goreme Open Air Museum. Marvel at the incredible rock-cut churches and chapels adorned with vibrant frescoes. Visit Love Valley, home to the most striking and prominent fairy chimneys in the region. Next, to Uchisar Castle, the highest point in Cappadocia, and the finest example of a historic cave home. Tonight enjoy dinner tonight with a local family in their family home. (B D)

DAY 15: CAPPADOCIA - ANKARA

Today travel to Ankara, the nation's vibrant capital. Here, visit the monumental Mausoleum of Ataturk, (1881–1938), founder of the Turkish Republic. Later, enjoy the excellent Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, with its extensive collection of artefacts. This museum is perhaps the best place to unravel the complex weave of Turkey's incredible history. (B)

DAY 16: ANKARA - ISTANBUL

This morning join the fast train from Ankara to Istanbul, covering some 608km. Enjoy a free afternoon, with time to wander, to haggle, and to explore the waterway of the mighty Bosphorus, savouring the delights of Istanbul. (B)

DAY 17: ISTANBUL

Breakfast concludes your tour. Byroads can arrange a transfer or taxi on request for your onward travel. (B)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

GUIDES

- ✓ Byroads tour host and national and local guides

TRANSPORT

- ✓ Arrival transfer, private minibus, train and boat.

ACCOMMODATION

- ✓ 16 nights (3 to 4-star hotel average)

MEALS

- ✓ 16 breakfasts, 2 lunch, 2 dinners

TICKETS

- ✓ Entrance fees to indicated sites

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

We'd love to do it all for you. But there are a few things you'll need to arrange yourself. This includes your:

- Visa
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Departure transfer
- International flights
- Additional meals and drinks
- Cash for tipping kitty
- Optional tours
- Spending of a personal nature
- Laundry



GETTING THERE: FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

You can book your flights online or via your travel agent. Turkish Airlines, Emirates, Qatar and Etihad fly from Australia to Istanbul.

Your arrival transfer is included in your tour cost – however, your departure transfer is not. We can organise one upon request.

ACCOMMODATION

Byroads accommodation is a destination unto itself. We choose our hotels carefully to ensure a seamless transition from your day exploring to a night of relaxation. Think traditional architecture blended with modern comforts – and plenty of views.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



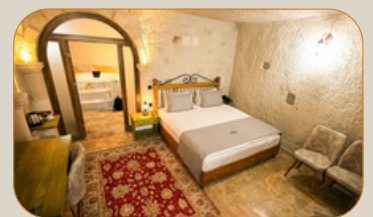
Avicenna Hotel

This 4-star hotel is brilliantly located in Sultanhamet, the historical heart of the city. The hotel features modern rooms and a garden terrace and has a sumptuous breakfast.



Nisanyan Houses

Offering stunning views of the village of Sirince and surrounding hills the hotel features a pool filled from the Nisanyan Spring, a large garden and wonderful rooms.



Majestic Cave House Hotel

Discover the magic of Göreme, where ancient history and modern comfort unite. Stay in enchanting cave rooms and explore nearby rock churches and historical sites.

THE FINER DETAILS

DATES AND PRICES

DATE	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
8 September 2025	5750 EUR	1270 EUR
Due to the volatility of international currencies, trip fees are calculated in EURO. However, you will be charged in Australian dollars. Currency conversion is based on Westpac Banking Corporation's buying rate on your balance due date.		

Additional expenses

Tipping is customary, so please allow extra funds for the tipping kitty. This will pay your local and national guides, drivers and porters.

MEALS

Breakfast is included daily. An additional 2 lunches and 2 dinners are also included. Elsewhere, you can enjoy the delicious variety of local food on offer. Meals typically cost between 10-15 EUR for lunch and 20-30 EUR for dinner.

DOCUMENTATION

Once we've received your final payment, we'll post you a comprehensive field guide. It's a physical document you can keep handy to inform your travels. It also includes all relevant tour and accommodation information you need to book your visa.

VISAS

Australian and New Zealand passport holders are required to have a visa for Turkey. These are applied for on-line.

Other passport holders, please contact us for the latest information.

READY TO PACK YOUR BAGS?

There are two ways to book:

Online
(available 24/7)

Postal booking
form (below)



Got questions? Contact us at travel@byroads.com.au

BYROADS TOUR

BOOKING FORM

Tour name: Start date:

Room type: Twin Double Single Sharing with:

Full name: Date of Birth:

Email: Mobile:

Postal address:

Emergency contact (Name and phone number):

Nationality: Passport No:

Issue date: Expiry date:

Any medical, dietary or other special requests?

Travel insurance provider:

Policy No:

Emergency assistance phone no:

PAYMENT DETAILS

The tour deposit is due at the time of booking. The final balance payment is due 60 days prior to the commencement of the tour. All payments must be made via direct bank deposit to Byroads.

Acc Name: Byroads Pty Ltd

BSB: 034-605

Acc number: 697336

DECLARATION

I have read and I understand all the information in the respective Byroads tour brochure, and agree to abide by the Standard Booking Conditions attached to this booking form. I also confirm that I am fit to travel.

Signature:

Date:

BYROADS TOUR

BOOKING CONDITIONS

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT

A non-refundable deposit of \$750 is payable on all tours. This deposit must be paid to Byroads, and each participating client must complete the Byroads Booking form. You agree to accept these conditions when paying a deposit for your tour and completing the Booking Form. Your Byroads tour booking will only be confirmed once the deposit and completed booking form have been received. These Booking Conditions form the basis of the contract between you and Byroads.

PAYMENT

All payments must be made directly to Byroads by bank transfer.

FINAL BALANCE

The balance of your tour payment is due 60 days prior to the start of your tour. If, for any reason, the balance payment is not received by the due date, Byroads reserves the right to treat such failure to pay the balance as a cancellation and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

CANCELLATION BY YOU

If, for any reason, you cancel your tour booking, Byroads shall apply the following cancellation penalties. Charges are per person:

- Cancellation up to and including 60 days prior to departure, forfeiture of the total deposit
- From 59 to 45 days prior to departure, 30% of the tour price shall be retained
- From 44 to 31 days prior to departure, 50% of the tour price shall be retained
- Within 30 days prior to departure, no refund will be made.

In addition to the above charges, cancellation fees may also apply to any domestic airfare component of your tour. No refund will be made after your tour has commenced or in respect of lost or unused tickets, hotel coupons, meals or any other services not utilized.

CANCELLATION BY BYROADS – Prior to Travel

If, for any reason, Byroads is forced to cancel a tour before it commences, Byroads may offer a transfer to an alternate departure, or all monies paid by you in respect of the tour will be refunded, less any unrecoverable costs. Unrecoverable costs may include but are not limited to monies paid to service providers, airlines, transportation companies, travel agencies and hotels associated with your tour.

AMENDMENTS

Up to and including 60 days prior to the departure of your tour, any amendment to a confirmed reservation may incur a fee of \$50 per change per file. From 59 to 30 days prior to departure, any amendment to confirmed travel arrangements may incur a fee of \$100 per change per file. Once documents have been dispatched, any amendment may incur a fee of \$150 per change per file.

TOUR PRICES

Byroads tour prices and provisional tour prices are based on tariffs and prevailing rates of exchange when tours were costed. Prices are subject to change without prior notice. In the event of fluctuations in currency exchange rates, service providers' tariffs, fuel prices or any other cost that affects the price of your tour, Byroads reserves the right to adjust tour prices at any time up to the day of departure.

TOUR OPERATION

Although Byroads will endeavour to ensure that tours are operated as advertised, an express condition of making a reservation is the acceptance by you that the tour itineraries, schedules, advertised accommodation, sightseeing and mode of transportation as outlined in the Byroads brochure and/or supplied in the pre-departure information are subject to change without prior notice.

Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, epidemic, pandemic, adverse weather conditions, floods, earthquakes, airline flight rescheduling, technical faults with transportation and road conditions may also have a consequential effect on the tour's content. Any decision made in respect of tour services provided by Byroads to reroute or amend the itinerary due to the above or similar circumstances shall be at the sole discretion of Byroads. Byroads shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events that affect the schedule and content of your tour.

If Byroads is forced to cancel your travel arrangements after your trip has commenced due to reasons outside of its control, it will provide you with a refund of recoverable third-party costs only.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Byroads operate soft adventure tours. All participants must have a reasonable degree of physical fitness and be healthy. Before travelling with Byroads, you must familiarise yourself with any health requirements applicable to the areas you will be travelling. This includes obtaining any compulsory vaccinations or medical tests that may be required for entry into your country of travel.

You are responsible for having the correct entry and exit documents for your visiting countries. Byroads will assist in providing up-to-date information but is not responsible for any changes that may be made by governments.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

You acknowledge that the nature of the tour is adventurous and that participation involves a degree of personal risk. You will be visiting places where the political, cultural and geographical attributes can present dangers and physical challenges greater than those present in our daily lives. We use information from foreign government departments and reports from our own contacts in assessing whether the itinerary should operate. However, you must acquaint yourself with all relevant travel information and your itinerary. You acknowledge that your decision to travel is made considering this information, and you accept that you are aware of the personal risks attendant upon such travel.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Ensure your passport has a minimum of six months validity remaining, as this is an entry requirement in many countries. Upon booking, visa requirements will be advised once Byroads has received your passport details. Visas are required for a number of our tours, and it is your responsibility to obtain them.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

The cost of your Byroads tour does not include international airfares, airport departure taxes, unspecified meals, optional sightseeing, additional transfers, gratuities for hotel staff, guides and tour leaders, items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, etc. or any other incidental expenses.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is an express condition of travelling with Byroads that you have comprehensive travel insurance to cover you for the duration of your tour. This should include full cover for any medical expenses and repatriation if required. It is highly recommended that you take out travel insurance when you pay the deposit to guard against any unforeseen circumstances that can lead to your need to cancel your tour. If you rely on complimentary travel insurance offered through your credit card company or bank, you should ensure that it is suitable for your tour. Some of the policies offered by these institutions may not offer adequate coverage. You must provide the policy number, insurance supplier details and emergency contact number to Byroads before your documents are issued.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

We contract with a network of companies, government agencies and individuals to assist in the running of our tours as agent for these third parties. We are not responsible for the acts and omissions of these third parties. To the fullest extent permitted by law:

(i) Any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a tour, or any breach of the Booking Conditions, is excluded;

(ii) You release Byroads and its officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of, or in connection with, your participation in a tour;

(iii) Any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these Booking Conditions (Implied Warranty) is excluded.

To the extent an Implied Warranty cannot be excluded, our liability in respect of the Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (a) the provision of a similar tour to an equivalent value or (b) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

Any claim by you is excluded to the extent that it is for indirect or consequential loss, loss of profits or economic loss (however it arises) or for indirect, special, punitive or exemplary damages.

APPLICABLE LAW

The laws of Victoria, Australia, govern these Booking Conditions to the fullest extent allowable. Any disputes in connection with a tour or these Booking Conditions must be initiated in the courts of Victoria.