

BIRLA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT GROUP TOUR
TURKEY TOUR 21-27 JAN 2018

Destination	Turkey- (Istanbul & Cappadocia)
Name of the School	Birla Public School, Doha, Qatar
Travel Dates	21 Jan- 27 Jan 2018
Nights	05 Nights
Airline	Turkish Airlines

Departure Date	Flight No	Departure City	Departure time	Arrival City	Arrival Time
21 JAN	TK 783	DOH	0640	IST	1130
27 JAN	TK 782	IST	0120	DOH	0540



DAY WISE ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Istanbul - Arrival Day – 21.01.2018 Saturday

(Indian Lunch & Turkish Dinner)

Today we meet at the School premises in Doha at 03.30 am on 21 Jan



At 04.00 am we depart to the Doha Airport to board the flight at 06.40 am

On arrival at the Istanbul airport at 11.30 am, we are transferred to our hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul or based on flight timings we visit some points of city tour and the rest on the next day.

Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 - Istanbul Old City Tour – 22.01.2018 Sunday

(Breakfast, Indian Lunch and Indian Dinner included)

After Breakfast Pick up at 08:30 am. from your hotel for a day tour of Istanbul old city.

Istanbul's Byzantine Hippodrome was the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life, and the scene of games and riots through 500 years



of Ottoman history as well. Monuments decorating the Hippodrome are; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the Bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. **Sultanahmet Imperial Mosque**, across from St. Sophia, is known as the Blue Mosque because of blue tiles surrounding the walls of interior design. Blue Mosque was built in 16th century by architect Mehmet, during the rule of Ahmed I. Its Külliye contains Ahmed's tomb, a madrasah and a hospice. The Sultan Ahmed Mosque is one of the three mosques in Turkey that has six minarets

Topkapi Palace was one of the major residences of the Ottoman sultans for almost 400 years (1465–1856) of their 624-year reign. As well as a royal residence, the palace was a setting for state occasions and royal entertainments. It is now a museum and as such a major tourist attraction. It also contains



exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures and important relics of the Muslim world, including Muhammed's cloak and sword. The Topkapi Palace is among the monuments contained within the "Historic Areas of Istanbul", which became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985. **St. Sophia**, one of the historical architectural wonders that still remains standing today, has an important place in the art world with its architecture, grandness, size and functionality. The Hagia Sophia, the biggest church constructed by the East Roman Empire in Istanbul, has been constructed

three times in the same location. When it was first built, it was named Megale Ekklesia (Big Church); however, after the fifth century, it was referred to as the Hagia Sophia (Holy Wisdom). The church was the place in which rulers were crowned, and it was also the biggest operational cathedral in the city throughout the Byzantine period.

Lunch break at 13:00pm.

After lunch we will then take you to the **Spice Bazaar (Egyptian Bazaar)**, mystical smells of different aromas of various spices. Shops selling fruits, vegetables, fish, flowers etc.

After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Please Note: Hagia Sophia is closed on Mondays, Topkapi Palace closed on Tuesdays, Grand Bazaar closed on Sundays. If your tour is on one of these days we would offer you to visit Underground Cistern instead of Hagia Sophia and Topkapi palace museum, instead of Grand Bazaar you will visit Spice Bazaar.

Day 3 - Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Istanbul to Cappadocia – 23.01.2018 Monday

TK2014 18:05 Ataturk (IST) ➔ 19:30 Erkilet (ASR) 1s 25d

(Breakfast, Indian Lunch and Turkish Style Indian Dinner included)



After an early Breakfast , Pickup time is about 08:30 from your hotel. Today we check out of the hotel & will visit: **The Grand Bazaar (Kapalıçarşı)** in Istanbul is one of the largest covered markets in the world. In this labyrinth there are 60 streets and 5,000 shops with each trade having its own area: the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers, Turkish arts and crafts, such as handpainted ceramic plates, hand-honed copperware, brassware and trays, water ewers, onyx-ware and meerschaum pipes.

Then take you to the **Bosporus Cruise**, through the water way separating the two continents, Europe and Asia, with a possibility to take photographs of marble palaces, ancient wooden villas of Ottoman architecture besides modern residential and luxurious apartments. **Rumeli Fortress** (from the boat – no



interior visit), historical armament built by the Conqueror to control and protect the Bosphorus. A unique example of military architecture.

Lunch at around 13:00 pm.

CAMLICA HILL the highest point in Istanbul. At the top of it you can rest and admire the magnificent panorama of Istanbul and the Bosphorus from the beautiful gardens, landscaped in traditional Turkish Ottoman style.

SHOPPING TOUR (after cruise) Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the

carpet weaving courses provided by The Ministry of National Education. You will get the opportunity to see jewellery, handicrafts centre and a modern leatherwear show. Enjoy the experience of shopping whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen, with Our Tour's local escort full of knowledge about how to haggle the streets of Istanbul.

After the tour transfer to Istanbul Ataturk Airport for your domestic flight to Kayseri/Cappadocia. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 4 - Cappadocia Tour with Goreme Open Air Museum – 24.01.2018 Tuesday

(Breakfast, Turkish Style Indian Lunch and Turkish Style Indian Dinner included)

After breakfast, we will be picked up approximately 09:30 We will drive you to Uchisar Castle, the highest point of Cappadocia. After Uchisar, we visit Goreme Open Air Museum, the Heart of Cappadocia.



Goreme Open Air Museum is famous for frescoes dating to 10th century describing the life of Jesus Christ and monks. Next stop is Cavusin, which is an abandoned village with old cave Greek houses.

After Cavusin we go to the restaurant in Avanos to have lunch. After lunch, we visit a pottery work

shop, to see how to make potteries. Then we go to Pasabagi where you can see three - headed fairy chimneys. After Pasabagi you visit another

workshop to see Cappadocian handwoven carpets and kilims. Next stop is Devrent Valley, which is

also called Imagination Valley, where you can see natural rock formations looking like animals. Last

stop is Three Beauties, three beautiful fairy

chimneys with their hats, which is the symbol of Cappadocia. This tour will end approximately 18:00 and you will be returned back to your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Day 5 - Cappadocia to Istanbul – 25.01.2018 Wednesday

TK2017 12:50 Erkiilet (ASR) ➔ 14:25 Ataturk (IST) 1s 35d

(Breakfast and Indian Dinner Included)

After breakfast you will have free time shopping in Cappadocia. Today we depart for Kayseri airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul. Meet at the airport and transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 6 - Istanbul - End of Tour – 26.01.2018 Thursday

(Open buffet breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)

After breakfast check out from the hotel. We visit the sightseeing's of Istanbul & will have free time for shopping.

After dinner at 21.00 hrs we will reach airport by 23.00 hrs on 26-Jan.

Our flight back to Doha is on 27 Jan early morning 01.20 am.

We will reach Doha airport by 05.40 am on 27-Jan 2018

We hope your tour was a memorable one Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing Qtravel & Tours

HOTEL	NAME
ISTANBUL	RAMADA GOLDEN HORN / SIMILAR
CAPPADOCIA	GAMIRASU CAVE HOTEL / SIMILAR

INCLUSIONS: -

- Arrival airport transfer from Ataturk airport
- Arrival airport transfer to Kayseri / Nevsehir airport
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Cappadocia-Economy Class (Baggage:15+8)
- Domestic flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul- Economy Class (Baggage:15+8)
- 03 Nights hotel in Istanbul with early check-in
- 02 Nights hotel in Cappadocia
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus Tour
- Guided Istanbul City tour
- Guided Cappadocia Tour
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking coach
- Professional English-speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees
- Return airport transfers
- International Flight from Doha-Istanbul-Doha on Turkish Airlines-Economy Class(Baggage:-30+7)
- Turkey Tourist entry visa
- Travel Insurance

TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any other expenses which are not mentioned in the section: - INCLUSIONS.

TURKEY VISA PROCEDURE: -

- Visa processing time takes 8 to 10 working days
- Visa check list will be provided at a later stage
- Passports must be valid minimum 06 months from the date of Travel
- QID must be valid minimum 03 months from the date of Travel.

WEATHER IN TURKEY IN JANUARY (APPROXIMATE)

- ISTANBUL: - Between 2 Degree C to 7 Degree C: - Wet & Cold
- CAPPADOCIA: - Between -1 Degree C to 6 Degree C: - Wet & Cold & Rainy

LOCAL CURRENCY TO BE USED IN TURKEY

TURKISH LIRA-TRY 1 TRY = 1.04 QAR