

# TURKEY & GREEK ISLAND ODYSSEY



## WHY THIS TRIP?

Start off in Istanbul's massive bazaar, continue sightseeing around the jewels of Southern Turkey and end with a sweet taste of the paradisiacal Greek Islands.



**10 DAYS • 2 COUNTRIES** FROM **US\$1925** <sup>PP\*</sup> **US\$193** <sup>P/DAY\*</sup>

**SAVE** PAY EARLY & SAVE UP TO US\$195

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



### NIGHTS

6 nights twin or triple-share hotel accommodation, 3 nights on board a cruise ship



### INCLUDED MEALS

9 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L), 7 dinners (D)



### INCLUSIONS

Unlimited soft drinks package on board the cruise ship

See p.173 for more info on our standard inclusions.



### ME TIME OPTIONS

**M** Turkish Bath Experience, Istanbul

**M** Islands & Volcanoes, Santorini



### NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Blue Mosque, Galata Bridge & spice markets in Istanbul
- See one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World – a locally guided trip of Ephesus
- See the famous Santorini spectacle of an Oia Sunset



### WIFI

Available to purchase on-board

**DAY 1: Arrive Istanbul.** Check in to your hotel & meet up with your Contiki Team & fellow travellers this evening in Istanbul, a busy metropolis where East literally meets West. (D)

**DAY 2: Istanbul.** You'll see an incredible mix of sights in this diverse city. There's the opportunity to go local & take a traditional Turkish bath or for something really different, try an optional dinner complete with belly dancing! (B)

- Visit the Blue Mosque, the Grand Bazaar & the Spice Market with a Local Guide
- See the Hagia Sofia, Topkapi Palace & Suleymaniye Mosque

**M** Belly dancing show & dinner

**DAY 3: Istanbul to Canakkale.** Pay your respects as you take a pilgrimage to the historic Gallipoli battlefields, before boarding a ferry across the Dardanelles to the quaint port city of Canakkale. (B,D)

- Journey along the Sea of Marmara
- Visit Lone Pine Cemetery
- See Anzac Cove

**DAY 4: Canakkale to Izmir.** Tread among the legendary ruins of Troy, setting of Homer's 'Iliad' & 'Odyssey'. Journey along Turkey's beautiful coastline to see the ancient city of Pergamum. Tonight we stay in Homer's birthplace of Izmir & enjoy the buzzing nightlife. (B,D)

- Scenic mountain drive to Pergamum, ancient capital of Asia Minor

**M** Guided trip of the centuries-old ruins

**DAY 5: Izmir to Pamukkale.** Today there's your chance to see the ancient spa

town of Hieropolis & opt for a relaxing soak in the famous hot, bubbly pools of Pamukkale. (B,D)

**M** Visit to the site of the thermal pools & hot springs

**DAY 6: Pamukkale to Kusadasi.**

Get a feel for ancient Roman life in the classical city of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient cities on the beautiful Mediterranean. Later, explore the port town of Kusadasi. (B)

- Visit a Turkish carpet factory
- See Kusadasi's shopping bazaar & promenade

**DAY 7: Kusadasi to Rhodes.** Board your cruise ship & set sail to Rhodes via Patmos in the Greek Islands. (B,D)

**DAY 8: Rhodes.** Arrive at the sunniest island in the Aegean & spend the day exploring medieval towns & cool little shops or relaxing on the stunning beaches. (B,L,D)

- See the fortified town of Rhodes
- M** Tour of the traditional fishing village of Lindos & the medieval city of Rhodes

**DAY 9: Cruising to Santorini via Crete.** Drop by Crete en route to the quintessential Greek island, Santorini, world-famous for its blue & white buildings, spectacular island sunsets & breathtaking natural scenery. (B,L,D)

- Visit Heraklion Town on Crete
- See the spectacular volcanic islands surrounding Santorini
- Visit Santorini's main town of Fira
- See the sunset from Oia

## HOW MUCH & WHEN

SUMMER 2017 CODE: BBSL

Start	Finish	Port Taxes & Gratuities	Twin Out	Twin Out Total Cost	Twin In	Twin In Total Cost
Istanbul	Athens	US\$ pp*	US\$ pp*	US\$ pp*	US\$ pp*	US\$ pp*
<b>2017</b>						
May 10	May 19	340	1915	2255	1585	1925
May 31	Jun 9	340	1915	2255	1585	1925
Jun 14	Jun 23	340	1915	2255	1585	1925
Jun 28	Jul 7	340	1959	2299	1625	1965
Jul 5	Jul 14	340	1959	2299	1625	1965
Jul 12	Jul 21	340	1959	2299	1625	1965
Jul 26	Aug 4	340	1959	2299	1625	1965
Aug 9	Aug 18	340	1959	2299	1625	1965
Aug 23	Sep 1	340	1915	2255	1585	1925
Aug 30	Sep 8	340	1915	2255	1585	1925
Sep 13	Sep 22	340	1915	2255	1585	1925

\* Prices above are based on twin-share.

If you're travelling solo, we can share you with a same sex roommate at no extra cost (either twin or triple-share). Or take a single supplement option: Add US\$489 to twin-share price for an inside cabin (plus add port taxes for total price) or US\$569 to twin-share price for an outside cabin (add port taxes for total price).

Trip starts 7:00pm in Istanbul & ends approx. 8:00am in Athens.

For more ways to save see p.11.

For departure points & stay longer accommodation options see [contiki.com/staylonger](http://contiki.com/staylonger).

For travel insurance see p.171.

**M** Guided trip of the Minoan Palace of Knossos

**DAY 10: Arrival into Athens.** Return to Athens & enjoy breakfast before transferring into central Athens where the trip ends. Or, if you're feeling up for it, there's also an opportunity to opt in for a guided tour of the Acropolis. (B)

**Please note:** Days 1 & 10 have been designed to allow you to start & finish the trip without needing extra nights accommodation.