



Escorted Tour – Exotic Turkey and Greece

Tour begins in Istanbul on 13 April 2010

23 Days – Land content.

Flights will need to arrive into Istanbul and depart from Athens

Highlights:

- **Istanbul** – Blue Mosque famous for its mosaics, St Sophia one of the architectural marvels of the ancient world, Topkapi Palace seat of the Ottoman Sultans for 400 years, Spice Bazaar and a cruise on the Bosphorus.
- **Gallipoli and Anzac Cove**
- **Pergamon** – once one of the richest and most powerful small kingdoms in the Middle East dating from 399 BC see the Altar of Zeus, Temple of Dionyses and the spectacular theatre built into the steep hillside.
- **Ephesus** – from our base of Kusadasi, spend the day visiting Ephesus, undoubtedly one of the most important cultural centres of the ancient world. Impressive structures include the Library, Temple of Hadrian, the Theatre and the Odeon
- Ferry from Kusadasi to the Greek island of **Samos** for two nights – it has many beautiful villages of whitewashed narrow streets, including Pythagorio – home of the famous scientist Pythagoras.
- **Athens** – after flight from Samos, tour visiting monuments including Hardrian's Arch, Temple of Zeus and the Acropolis
- Four-day tour to Northern Greece including **Delphi, Olympia and amazing monasteries at Meteora.**
- Full day cruise to the islands of **Egina, Poros and Hydra.**
- Ferry to the island of **Crete** for four nights – two in **Heraklion** and two in **Chania.** Tour to Vai, Siteia and Aghios Nikolaos with their beautiful beaches and towns.
- Drive to the archaeological site of **Knossos** containing a Minoan Palace built 2000 BC, Rethymnon and on to **Chania** with its surrounding White Mountains and attractive harbour lined with old Venetian houses.
- Hydrofoil to the beautiful island of **Santorini** for a three-night stay overlooking the caldera. Visit the volcano crater and hot springs, the village of Oia and its whitewashed houses for a spectacular sunset. Visit two wineries with tasting and lunch.
- Flight from Santorini to Athens to return home or for onward flights if required.

Cost \$8915.00 per person twin/double share plus airfares
\$2750.00 single supplement

Includes: All touring and transfers

Porterage and tips

Breakfasts daily

6 Lunches

8 Dinners