

## **2012 Constantinople to Hellas Turkey/Greece 12 day**

### **Day 1            Saturday                            Istanbul**

Welcome to Istanbul! You will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours free to explore. Overnight Istanbul

### **Day 2            Sunday    Istanbul Old City**

After breakfast, you enjoy a fully guided tour of the only city to span two continents, visiting the Blue Mosque, the Aya Sofya, Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome. Tonight you get to know your travelling companions a little better at your welcome dinner. Overnight Istanbul (B,D)

### **Day 3            Monday    Gallipoli Battlefields**

One of the most emotionally touching places in Turkey, today we visit the WWI Battlefields of Gallipoli including Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Memorials, ANZAC Cove, Johnston's Jolly, original trenches and tunnels, The Nek and the Gallipoli Museum. Overnight Canakkale (B, D)

### **Day 4            Tuesday    Troy, Acropolis of Pergamum**

This morning, step back in time as we visit Troy, home of the famed Trojan Horse and then tour the magnificent acropolis of Pergamum. Its impressive temples and library made Pergamum a renowned cultural and political centre in its time. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

### **Day 5            Wednesday    Ephesus, Kusadasi**

Absorb yourself in history today with a guided tour of Ephesus and a visit to the site of the Temple of Artemis. Feel the mystical atmosphere of the ancient city and theatre before continuing to the house of the Virgin Mary. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and at the carpet village we learn how the carpets are made by hand and what determines their value. Overnight Kusadasi (B, D)

### **Day 6            Thursday    Kusadasi, Samos**

Leaving Turkey, we take a ferry to Samos and depending on ferry schedules; we may head straight for Mykonos or spend a day exploring lush-green Samos. Overnight Samos or Mykonos (B)

### **Day 7            Friday    Mykonos, Delos**

Spend the day on the beach or take an optional day trip to the neighbouring island of Delos. This Mecca of Ancient Greece is today an island wide, open-air museum. Overnight Mykonos (B)

### **Day 8            Saturday    Mykonos to Santorini**

Revitalize with an early morning swim and wander the charming white-washed narrow alleyways of Mykonos Town before an afternoon ferry to Santorini. Overnight Santorini (B)

### **Day 9            Sunday    Santorini optional boat trip**

Take an optional boat trip in the world's biggest volcanic crater above sea level. Visit the active volcano, swim in the warm thermal waters and take a therapeutic mud bath. Overnight Santorini (B)

### **Day 10          Monday    Santorini to Athens**

Soak up the sun on the black sand beaches before we board an afternoon ferry to the mainland. Overnight Athens (B)

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**Day 11      Tuesday                                  Athens Old City**

This morning you will have half day tour and visit Acropolis, stop at the stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held. Admire the Olympian Zeus and Hadrians Arch. At the Acropolis visit the museum, the towering entrance of Propylaia, the Temple of Nike and the most famous of Greek relics, the Parthenon. Overnight Athens (B)

**Day 12      Wednesday                                  Athens**

After breakfast, we say goodbye to our new friends before being transferred to the airport. (B)

(B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner)

*\*Please note: Itinerary is subject to change depending on Greek ferry schedules.*

**Tour Includes**

- Inbound airport transfer – Istanbul
- Outbound airport transfer - Athens
- Transportation by ferries between the Greek islands and a fully air-conditioned non-smoking bus in Turkey
- Transfers between ports and hotels
- Services of an English-speaking professional tour guide in Turkey and English speaking tour leader throughout the Greek Islands.
- Entrance fees - Turkey
- 11 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- 11 nights 4 star accommodation in Turkey & C Class in Greece

**Tour does not Include**

- Entrance fees - Greece
- Any visas or port taxes