**TURKEY ITINERARY**

**Oct 30 (Friday)**

**ISTANBUL**

Hotel Kuk

30-31 October 2015 (1 night)

*Euro 50 total with free breakfast*

Pick up pocket wifi device from hotel

**Oct 31 (Saturday)**

Flight to Izmir leaves at 12NN, arrives at 1:10PM

Train to Selcuk leaves at 1:51PM, arrives at 2:43PM

**SELCUK**

Amazon Antique Hotel

31 Oct - 2 Nov (2 nights)

*Euro 61.56 total with free breakfast*

Ephesus Museum

open 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

USD 7.50 entrance for 2

Basilica of St. John

spend around 30 mins here

Isa Bey Mosque (Isa Bey Camii)

down the hill from St. John's Basilica

Ayasuluk Fortress (near St. John's Basilica and Isa Bey mosque)

Roman Aqueduct (between Ayasuluk hill and train station, nesting storks until aug)

Mehmet and Ali Baba Kebab House Restaurant (DINNER)

Ataturk Mah. 1047 Sok. No: 4 / A (near Ephesus Museum)

kebabs, chocolate crepes

Around USD 20 for two (w/o drinks)

**Nov 1 (Sunday)**

Temple of Artemis

quick stop on the way to Ephesus

Ephesus

3 km from Selcuk (30-40 min walk)

spend at least 2-3 hrs here, best in AM

USD 22.50 entrace for 2

USD 11.30 cost for 2 to see mosaics

Meryemana (Virgin Mary's house)

cost for 2 for taxi + entrance around USD 43

Ejder Restaurant (LUNCH)

9 Cengiz Topel Cad.

stuffed aubergine

Around USD 18 for two (w/o drinks)

Sirince Village

8 km east of Selcuk

beautiful town famous for olive oil, fruit wines

minibuses leave from Selcuk otogar (bus station) every 20 mins

last bus back to Selcuk leaves at 8PM

Sedir Manti & Borek Evi Restaurant (DINNER)

4 #2 Saglik Ocagi, Sirince

Around USD 15 for two (w/o drinks)

**Nov 2 (Monday)**

Trains from Selcuk to Denizli, USD 14 one-way for 2

9:01AM - 12:01PM

10:18AM - 1:15PM

**PAMUKKALE**

Bellamaritimo Hotel

2-3 Nov (1 night)

*Euro 23.40 total with free breakfast*

Travertines

from Pamukkale town entrance, 30 mins walk through calcium travertines to the plateau

USD 15 entrance for 2

Hierapolis Ruins

spend 1-2 hrs here

Antique Pool (sacred pool)

cost to swim is USD 26 for 2 (with locker), bring towels

around 2 hrs

Archaeological Museum

USD 4 for 2

around 1 hr

Roman Theater

about 10 mins from Antique Pool

White House Restaurant & Cafe (DINNER)

Ataturk Cad. Pamukkale Mah. No 7

salad, kebabs, lamb chops, yogurt

Around USD (?) for two (w/o drinks)

**Nov 3 (Tuesday)**

Laodicia, Aphrodisias, Kaklik Cave

Private transfer arranged by Bellamaritimo Hotel (USD 150 for 2)

Pickup from hotel at 9:40AM

215 TL (Euro 65) each inclusive of all entrance fees

KEBAPCI BAKI Restaurant (?) (DINNER)

Eski Saraykoy Cd. No:15/B Bayramyeri Denizli | Kaleici/Bayramyeri, Denizli

kebaps

Around USD (?) for two (w/o drinks)

9 hr overnight Suha Turizm bus to Goreme leaves from Denizli otogar at 11PM

**Nov 4 (Wednesday)**

**GOREME**

Arrive by bus at 8AM

Natureland Cave Hotel

4-7 Nov (3 nights)

*Euro 90 total with free breakfast*

Cafe Safak Restaurant (BREAKFAST)

Muze Cadessi no 28

best coffee

Around USD (?) for two (w/o drinks)

Nazar Borek & Cafe Restaurant (LUNCH)

Muze Cad. No:30 | Nevsehir Merkez

turkish borek

Around USD (?) for two (w/o drinks)

Topdeck Cave Restaurant (DINNER)

Hafiz Abdullah Efendi Sokak 15, come early at 6PM

Around USD (?) for two (w/o drinks)

**Nov 5 (Thursday)**

Hot Air Balloon Tour by Voyager Balloons (USD 335 for 2)

Pickup from hotel at 5:30AM

**Cappadocia Highlights** with BOTWT (USD 78 for 2)

Pickup from hotel at 9:40AM

Cevizli

Uchisar Castle

Love Valley

Goreme Open Air Museum

Avanos

Pashabagi (Monk's Valley)

Devrent Valley (Imagination Valley)

Urgup winery

Omurca Art Cave Cafe Restaurant (DINNER)

NEVSEHIR Goreme KasabasI , Orta Mahalle , KazIm Eren Sokak , No : 27

Around USD (?) for two (w/o drinks)

**Nov 6 (Friday)**

Discover Cappadocia with BOTWT (USD 100 for 2)

Pickup from hotel at 9:40AM

Goreme Panorama

Derinkuyu (largest underground city)

Ihlara Valley

Lunch at Belisirma Village

Selime Monastery

Yaprakhisar

Pigeon Valley

Traditional Turkish Night Show with BOTWT (USD 89 for 2) (DINNER)

Pickup from hotel at 7:30PM

**Nov 7 (Saturday)**

Airport transfer to Nevsehir airport, USD 22 for 2

Flight to Istanbul leaves at 12:50PM, arrives at 2:20PM

Antique House Istanbul

7-12 Nov (5 nights)

*USD 195.50 total with free breakfast*

Byzantine Hippodrome (At Meydani)

Spend around 30 mins here

Open air park with interesting monuments

Blue Mosque (Sultanahmet Mosque)

Spend around 30 mins here

Basilica Cistern (Yerebatan Sarnic)

Spend around 1 hr here (closes at 5:30PM)

USD 7.50 for 2

Hagia Sophia (Ayasofya)\*

Spend around 1 hr here (closes at 7PM)

Don't miss the mosaics on the upper level

Matbah Ottoman Palace Cuisine Restaurant (DINNER)

Caferiye Sokak No 6/1 | Sultanahmet

ottoman palace cuisine, unusual dishes
Around USD 55 for two (w/o drinks)

*\*included in Istanbul Museum Pass, buy at Hagia Sophia for USD 64 for 2*

**Nov 8 (Sunday)**

Topkapi Palace\*

Go early and spend around 2-3 hrs here

Go to Harem first, additional USD 11.30 for 2

Istanbul Archaeological Museums\*

Spend around 2-3 hrs here

Hocapasa Restaurant (LUNCH)

Hocapasa Sok. No.19

pide
Around USD 10 for two (w/o drinks)

Museum of Turkish & Islamic Arts (Ibrahim Pasa Palace)\*

Spend around 1-2 hrs here

Tarihi Sultanahmet Köftecisi Selim Usta (DINNER)

Divanyolu Caddesi No.12, Sultanahmet

best kofte (turkish-style meatballs), piyaz (white bean vinaigrette)
Around USD (?) for two (w/o drinks)

**Nov 9 (Monday)**

Divan Yolu

Main avenue through historic old Istanbul

Start at Sultanahmet Square and Hippodrome and head west to Beyazit Square and Grand Bazaar (about 1 hr to Grand Bazaar). Road changes names as it goes.

Grand Bazaar

Spend 2-3 hrs here, lunch

Istanbul Bazaar Walking Tour

From Grand Bazaar, walk north along Yaglikcilar Caddesi until you exit the Gand Bazaar. Walk north downhill on Carsi Caddesi, which becomes Uzuncarsi Caddesi (Longmarket St). Follow Uzuncarsi Caddesi all the way to the bottom of the hill until you reach Rustem Pasha Mosque.

Suleymaniye Mosque

Spend around 30 mins here

Rustem Pasha Mosque

Beautiful mosque, quick stop

Turn right upon exiting to continue to Egyptian Spice Bazaar

Egyptian Spice Bazaar

Spend around 1 hr here

Chora Church (Kariye Museum)\*

Spend around 1-2 hrs here

Closes at 5PM, last admission at 4:30PM

Siirt Seref Buryan Kebap Salonu Restaurant (DINNER)

Itfaiye Caddesi 4 | Fatih

büryan kebabi, perde pilavı
Around USD 16 for two (w/o drinks)

**Nov 10 (Tuesday)**

Galata Bridge

Walk across Galata Bridge into Beyoglu

Galata Tower

Spend around 1 hr here

Istiklal Caddesi (Independence Avenue)

Great place for strolling, lots of shops and restaurants

Durumzade (LUNCH)

Kalyoncu Küllük Caddesi 26/A, Beyoğlu

best wraps

Around USD 10 for two

Taksim Square

At Northeastern end of Istiklal Caddesi

Spend around 30 mins here

Kizilkayalar Restaurant (SNACK)

Sıraselviler Caddesi 6, Taksim Square

wet burgers, doner kebap

Around USD 8 for two

From Taksim Square, take the funicular downhill to Kabatas ferry docks then walk to Dolmabahce Palace

Dolmabahce Palace

Spend 1-2 hrs here

USD 22.20 for 2

Shake Shack - Tunel (DINNER)

Arap Cami, İstiklal Cad. (Independence Ave.), No:251, Beyoğlu

Around USD 17 for two

**Nov 11 (Wednesday)**

Full Bosphorous Cruise (Uzun Bogaz Turu) by Sehir Hatlari

USD 18.50 for 2

Dock at Eminonu at 10:35AM and get off at Anadolu Kavagi for lunch

Return ferry leaves Anadolu Kavagi at 3PM

Ciya Sofrasi Restaurant (DINNER)

Guneslibahce Sokak 43 | Kadikoy

changing menu (called "best restaurant in Istanbul" by Istanbul Eats)

around USD 28 for two (w/o drinks)

Walter's Coffee Roastery (COFFEE/DESSERT)

Caferaga Mah. Badem Altı Sk. No:21/B

Drop off pocket wifi device at hotel front desk before midnight

**Nov 12 (Thursday)**

Leave for airport by 9AM, 2:05PM flight

**street food**

kebap - skewered meats

doner - like shawarma

borek - flaky pastry with filling

pide - flatbread pizza

lahmacun - turkish-style pizza

balik ekmek - fish bread (try it at eminonu pier)

simit - ring-shaped roll with sesame

acma - turkish-style donut

pogaca - flaky, savory pastry

midye dolma - stuffed mussels

kokorec - grilled sheep intestines roasted on a skewer

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