



Athens to Istanbul

21 OCT - 10 NOV 2023 21 DAYS - 7 ROUNDS OF GOLF THE
LUXURY
COLLECTION

# WHEN TOURING WITH GO GOLFING, IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU

Bringing golfers together for the best time of their lives is our mission at Go Golfing. And at the core of this mission is <u>YOU</u>. Your safety, comfort and joy will always come first in everything we do.

We start spoiling you from the time you get in touch. We help you with flights, insurance, visas and a packing checklist which brings comfort that you've got everything you need. The excitement starts from the time you say YES and regular tour updates build the anticipation of what's coming on tour.

Discover the magic in the itinerary. We guarantee you'll play the best private and resort courses. You'll stay in central hotels so you can explore freely. We've done the hard yards to bring you hand-picked and curated experiences, sightseeing and cultural immersion that we know you'll love.

Go Golfing's 27 years of experience travels with you. Our hosts undertake accreditation and destination training to ensure the tour is delivered to the highest standards. They'll make you feel welcome, introduce you around, organise the golfing competition and take care of your luggage and clubs. And when it comes to fun, they'll be the ringleaders. Local guides passionately share stories that connect you with their countries history, rich culture and way of life.

On tour strangers quickly become friends. In fact, we make sure you get to know a little about everyone on tour before you even leave home. 52% of travellers are female and 66 is the avg age. 72% are couples and 28% are singles. We even have a solo travellers club for singles looking to room share. There's been 17 marriages from couples who met on tour and countless friendships.

You'll be joining a wonderful community of golf-travellers, adventure-seekers and fun-lovers. 88% of clients have toured with us more than once, and incredibly, 57 travellers have now racked up more than 25 Go Golfing tours.

Go Golfing tours more countries than any other golf travel company in the world. We go above and beyond so you come home asking "Where to next?"

This tour is AMAZING, we hope you can join us.



Founder & Chief Entertainment Officer

FOR THE LOVE OF GOLF AND TRAVEL







Greece and Turkey are two slices of heaven when it comes to mixing mythical history, iconic ancient ruins, jaw-dropping scenery and incredible cuisine. Add to the mix the best golf these countries offer and this fully-hosted luxury golf tour will have you asking for one thing: More. We start our tour in Athens, where we'll pay homage to the Acropolis before our island-hopping adventures across the Greek Aegean Sea with Crete and Santorini on the itinerary. Next is Istanbul, a magical place where East meets West, followed by the ancient city of Ephesus, the iconic Pamukkale white thermal pools and Hierapolis. Our final resting place will be the Turkish Riviera known for its 5-star resorts and spectacular golf courses. There, we'll enjoy a week of fully inclusive luxury, golf, sightseeing and relaxation.





DAY 1 Arrive in Athens, Greece

21 Oct, 2023

**Welcome to the city of gods!** You'll be greeted at **Athens International Airport** for a private transfer to the Wyndham Grand Hotel, in the heart of **Athens**. After you settle in, make your way to the **rooftop bar** where you can savour a **360-degree view** of Athens, with the iconic Acropolis the highlight.

Tonight, your Go Golfing host will give you a warm welcome over a drink and introduce you around.

(Drinks) HOTEL: Wyndham Grand Hotel, Athens

#### DAY 2: Athens, Greece

Today, we go on a **tour of Athens** and its most renowned treasures. You'll be transported back in time to the **Golden Age of Athens** as you venture through the **Acropolis**, Athens' ancient citadel, to discover the **architectural masterpieces of centuries** gone by. We'll finish with one of the world's greatest monuments and enduring symbol of Ancient Greece: **the Parthenon**. This evening, we get together for our welcome dinner. There is no better way to get to know each other than dining together over Greek food in a traditional Greek taverna. You'll be serenated by Greek music and end the evening with some fun **plate smashing**.

(B, D, Drinks) Hotel: Wyndham Grand Hotel, Athens

## DAY 3: Athens to Crete, Greece

Today we **fly to Crete** where we explore the narrow streets of **Heraklion** with a **walking food tour** through the historic Old Town. It is the best way to experience the city and indulge in local sweets. We check into the **Crete Golf Club Hotel,** offering an intimate heaven amongst the **Cretan hills**. Settle in with a glass of wine on the terrace below the 18th.

(B) Hotel: Crete Golf Club Hotel, Crete

#### DAY 4: Crete, Greece

After breakfast, you'll be keen to tee it up on the Crete Golf Club.

#### **DESERT STYLE: Crete Golf Club**

Designed by the golf course architect Bob Hunt in 2003, the desert 18-hole course is surrounded by a spectacular and breathtaking landscape of mountains. Golfers can expect a challenge as the immaculate course calls for every aspect of their repertoire.

**Non-golfers** are free to relax by the hotel pool with the day at leisure.

This evening, we make our way to the **Olive Oil Festival** where we discover how olive oil is made, taste the local wines, and enjoy a buffet style home-cooked dinner and local music and dance.

(B, D) Hotel: Crete Golf Club Hotel, Crete





DAY 5: Crete, Greece This morning, you'll enjoy a second round at the Crete Golf Club.

#### **SECOND ROUND: Crete Golf Club**

The course truly tests every aspect of the golfer's repertoire, however the feature that will make all visitors fall madly in love with this golf course – whose 6th is its signature hole – is the unique sense of freedom and tranquility felt when arriving at the justifiably popular 11th, which offers an unrivalled view of the Lasithi Mountains and the unique Cretan countryside. Now that you've gotten to know the course, you can work on perfecting your score - game on!

**Non-golfers** will discover the surrounding area with a **half day tour to Elounda**, a handsome fishing harbour.

(B) Hotel: Crete Golf Club Hotel, Crete

DAY 6: Crete to Santorini, Greece Enjoy a leisurely morning before **boarding the ferry to Santorini**. Our excitement will grow as the island's multi-coloured cliffs appear upon our arrival. Up above sits our hotel, the **Orama Hotel**, commanding impressive views over Santorini's volcano. After we check in, there is an easy 10-minute walk to **Fira**. You'll be greeted by the iconic white **Cycladic houses** that line Santorini's cliff tops and that are sprinkled over the terraced rock. Be ready, it will take your breath away... And then there's the sunsets, the **glorious sunsets**. You've got two evenings in Santorini so be sure to catch one while you're on the island. You'll see some pretty great ones from Fira, or you can make your way to **Oia Castle**, for that quintessential sunset experience.

(B) Hotel: Orama Hotel, Santorini

DAY 7: Santorini, Greece This morning we set **sail along the shores** of Santorini. You'll be mesmerised by the massive sea cliffs along the island. You'll enjoy a cool sea breeze as we glide over sparkling waters toward the **Caldera Hot Springs** and take a dip at the **Red and White Beaches**. This afternoon is all yours to explore Fira at your leisure. The town is a delightful warren of narrow streets packed with shops, bars and restaurants with stunning views of the Caldera.

(B) Hotel: Orama Hotel, Santorini



# Blue Mosque - Interior Bosphorus Dinner Cruise

Day 8: Santorini, Greece to Istanbul, Turkey It's time to say goodbye to Santorini as we catch our **flight for Istanbul**. It is a magical place that **blends tradition and modernity** with centuries old churches and markets juxtaposed with trendy restaurants and galleries. We'll check in to the historical **Bank Hotel** where you'll step into a world of luxury in the heart of Istanbul.

(B) Hotel: The Bank Hotel, Istanbul

Day 9: Istanbul, Turkey We'll visit the iconic **Blue Mosque**, one of the grandest mosques in the world. Named after its brilliantly **blue-tiled interior**, the Blue Mosque is an exquisite example of **Turkish architecture**. Next is **Aya Sofya**, a majestic **Byzantine basilica** and one of the world's most beautiful buildings before taking a stroll through the **Hippodrome**. There, you'll find monuments from 2nd century AD still standing including the racetrack that endured centuries of chariot races cheered by thousands of spectators. This evening we'll journey where the Black Sea meets the Sea of Marmara on a **dinner cruise along the Bosphorus**. Sit back and relax as we drift past the elaborately detailed Ottoman summer palaces that line the waters edge.

(B, D) Hotel: The Bank Hotel, Istanbul

Day 10: Istanbul, Turkey Feel the excitement this morning for your first taste of **golf in Turkey**.

#### **MUST PLAY: Kemer Country Golf Club**

Ranked among the most prestigious country clubs in Turkey, Kemer is the headquarters of the Turkish PGA and the training center for the Turkish National Team. The course, designed by Joan Dudok Van Heel, winds through the rolling hills of Belgrad Forest.

**Non-golfers** will be taken on a **half-day shopping tour** of Istanbul's **Grand Bazaar**, a labyrinthine market that spans more than 60 covered streets. (Included).

(B) Hotel: The Bank Hotel, Istanbul





Day 11: Istanbul to Kusadasi, Turkey **Fly to Izmir** before driving up into the hills passing grapevines and fruit orchards to Sirince, a former Greek village showing off a perfect collection of stone-and-stucco houses with red-tiled roofs. Then it's onto **Kusadasi**, a beach resort town, where we check in to our hotel, across the marina. Tonight, we can step out of our hotel to find a selection of cafes and restaurants for a dinner at leisure.

(B) Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, Kusadasi

Day 12: Kusadasi, Turkey Today we take a **guided tour** of the Ancient Greek city, **Ephesus**, where Greek and Roman gods were adored. We'll see one of the **Seven Wonders of the Ancient World**, the **Temple of Artemis**. The area is known for its **traditional Turkish carpet-making**. We'll explore the carpet village and learn how the carpets are created by hand and how their value is determined.

(B) Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, Kusadasi

Day 13: Kusadasi to Pamukkale, Turkey This morning you'll be introduced to **locally handcrafted leather goods** before making our way to **Pamukkale** - made eternally famous by the gleaming white calcite **travertines** (terraces) overrunning with warm, mineral-rich waters. Just nearby lies **Hierapolis**, once a Roman and Byzantine spa city. You'll get to **swim amongst ruins** of the original marble **pillars in the waters** that many believe restore good health. Tonight, we rest up at the **Spa Colossae Thermal Hotel**.

(B) Hotel: Colossae Thermal Hotel, Pamukkale



## DAY 14: Pamukkale to Antalya, Turkey

After breakfast, we drive south towards **Belek on the Turkish Riviera** where Turkey's top golf courses abound. The town has steadily established itself as a prime golf destination both in Turkey and around the world with an exclusive array of quality courses. We check in to **The Dome**, our 5-star beachfront home for the remainder of our tour. With a **luxury all-inclusive package\***, you can spoil yourself from the moment you walk in.

All inclusive package inc. drinks\*

(B, D) Hotel: Kempinski Hotel The Dome Belek

## DAY 15: Antalya, Turkey

This morning, you are in for a treat playing Turkey's no. 1 golf course.

#### TURKEY'S #1: Carya Golf Club

Its creators achieved what many called impossible by developing an English-style heathland course on Mediterranean soil – a collision that doesn't disappoint. The result is an exceptional layout with fantastic conditioning that makes for a seamless round. From your first tee, you'll understand why this course keeps drawing golfers back for more.

**Non-golfers** may wish to indulge in a **Turkish bath**, also known as a **Hammam** at the The **Dome Sanitas Spa**. (Own cost).

All inclusive package inc. drinks\*.

(B, L, D) Hotel: Kempinski Hotel The Dome Belek

## DAY 16: Antalya, Turkey

Today you have direct access to the **Antalya Golf Club**, home to the **PGA Sultan Course and the Pasha Course**.

#### MUST PLAY: Antalya Golf Club - Pasha Course

Shake up your rhythm of play with Antalya's shorter course. Beware, though 700 yards shorter than its sister course, Pasha does not lack in challenge. With tight fairways, tricky undulating greens and carefully placed hazards that defend the green, Pasha Course is a thrill from start to finish.

**Non-golfers** can enjoy a day at leisure to **explore Antalya**. Feel free to indulge in some retail therapy at **Antalya Migros Shopping Mall** or take a leisurely stroll through the **Antalya Aquarium**. (Own cost).

All inclusive package inc. drinks\*.

(B, L, D) Hotel: Kempinski Hotel The Dome Belek



#### DAY 17: Antalya, Turkey

Enjoy a day at leisure. You have the option to luxuriate around the resort or choose to take a **half-day tour of Kaleici\***, Antalya's old town, a quirky labyrinth of cobbled streets that are full of life. The pretty town will charm you with its colourful display of culture and array of detailed **mosques**, **markets**, **ancient ruins** and bustling harbour. (Optional - additional costs apply).

(B, L, D) Hotel: Kempinski Hotel The Dome Belek

## DAY 18: Antalya, Turkey

You're ticking off all of **Turkey's best courses** with **Cornelia Golf Club** ranked 2nd in Turkey.

#### TURKEY'S #2: Cornelia Golf Club - King Course

Designed by world-renowned golfer and course architect, Sir Nick Faldo, the Cornelia Golf Club is one of the finest in Turkey. The mature and lush King Course sweeps through pine forests and blends seamlessly with the natural sandy environment. This layout is all about accuracy and never fails to provide the 'wow' factor.

**Non-golfers** will enjoy a scenic drive through the **Beydaglari National Park**, then ride the **Olympos Cable Car** for a jaw-dropping panorama of the pine-clad **Taurus Mountains** and glittering **Mediterranean Sea** on one of longest cable car journeys in the world. (Included).

All inclusive package inc. drinks\*.

(B, L, D) Hotel: Kempinski Hotel The Dome Belek

## DAY 19: Antalya, Turkey

This morning is your last chance to **follow in the footsteps of gladiators**, conquerors and gods with a **tour to Side and Perge**. (Optional - additional costs apply).

\*\*All inclusive package inc. drinks\*.

(B, L, D) Hotel: Kempinski Hotel The Dome Belek





## DAY 20: Antalya, Turkey

Today you'll take on Antalya Golf Club's star, the PGA Sultan Course.

#### MUST PLAY: Antalya Golf Club - PGA Sultan Course

The 4th best course in Turkey, PGA Sultan packs an even bigger punch than Pasha. Golfers prepare to take some brave shots off the tee as risk-takers are rewarded. Take a moment to bask in the beauty of the layout that makes its path along tall woods, up and over sandy banks and around crystal-clear water hazards.

**Non-golfers** can enjoy a day at leisure before we all come together for a **farewell dinner and drinks** to celebrate our fabulous journey and toast our victors and newfound friendships.

All inclusive package inc. drinks\*.

(B, L, D) Hotel: Kempinski Hotel The Dome Belek

## Day 21: Antalya, Turkey

Today you can choose to **extend your Aegean Odyssey to Cappadocia** a truly unique and fascinating wonderland, or be transferred to Antalya Airport for your onward flights.

(B, L, D) Hotel: Kempinski Hotel The Dome Belek

#### Legend

B: Breakfast L: Lunch

NGL: Non-Golfer Lunch

D: Dinner





## 14 nights 5\* accommodation, incl breakfast:

- 2 nights at 5-star Wyndham Grand Hotel. Athens
- 3 nights at 5-star Crete Golf Club Hotel, Crete
- 2 nights at 5-star Orama Hotel, Santorini
- 3 nights at 5-star The Bank Hotel, Istanbul
- 2 nights at 4-star DoubleTree by Hilton, Kusadasi
- 1 night at 5-star Colossae Thermal Hotel. Pamukkale
- 7 nights at 5-star Kempinski Hotel The Dome Belek\*

#### **Golfer Inclusions:**

- 7 rounds of golf, including carts:
  - Crete Golf Club, Crete x 2 rounds
  - Kemer Country Golf Club, Istanbul
  - Carya Golf Club, Antalya
  - Antalya Golf Club Pasha Course, Antalya
  - Cornelia Golf Club King Course, Antalya
  - Antalya Golf Club PGA Sultan Course, **Antalya**

#### Non-golfer Inclusions:

- Half-day tour of Elounda
- Half-day shopping tour at Istanbul's Grand **Bazaar**
- Beydaglari National Park and Olympos Cable Car ride

#### **Breakfast daily**

- 6 lunches
- 10 dinners, including:
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners with **Drinks**

#### Sightseeing / Highlights:

- Half-day Athens tour inc. Acropolis visit
- Food Walk in Heraklion Santorini Island Cruise
- Guided tour of Istanbul & Blue Mosque
- Dinner Cruise along Bosphorus
- Guided tour of Ephesus
- Pamukkale Thermal Pools and Hierapolis Olive Oil Festival and dinner

#### Other Inclusions:

- Private transfers to and from the airport at the beginning and end of your tour
- Commemorative polo shirt for both golfers and non-golfers
- Luxury air-conditioned coach transfers throughout
- Individual and team competition with prizes
- Accompanied by a Go Golfing accredited host
- 3 Internal Flights (30kgs check-in baggage, 7kg carry-on baggage incl.)

\*Additional baggage can be purchased at the airport for AUD 10 per kg













# **BOOKING INFORMATION**



Ready to book?

Visit our website or call +61 7 5508 2250 and one of our travel experts will be happy to assist you with your booking and answer any questions you may have.

# **Pricing**

Golfer Twin Share	EUR €8,877 pp
Golfer Single	EUR €11,395 pp
Non-Golfer Twin Share	EUR €8,027 pp

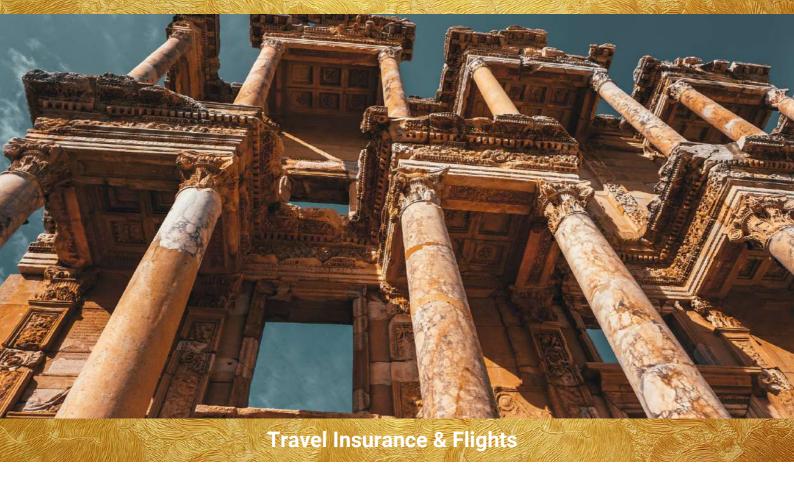
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# **BOOKING INFORMATION**



If you would like to receive a quote for flights and/or travel insurance, tick the box on your booking form and we will have our partner travel agent get in touch with you to provide some options.

Did you know that **Go Golfing members** who fly domestically with **Virgin Australia Airways** can bring their golf clubs for free?

Terms and conditions apply, check out the website for more details.

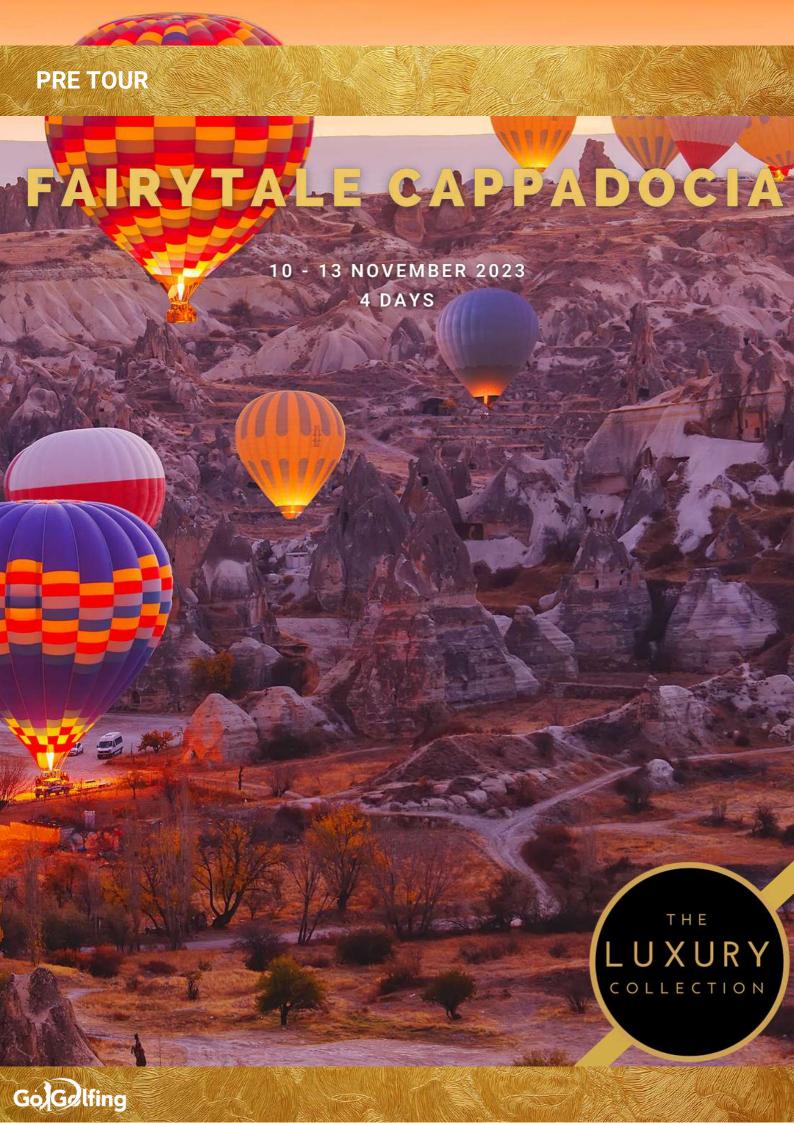
# **Special request?**

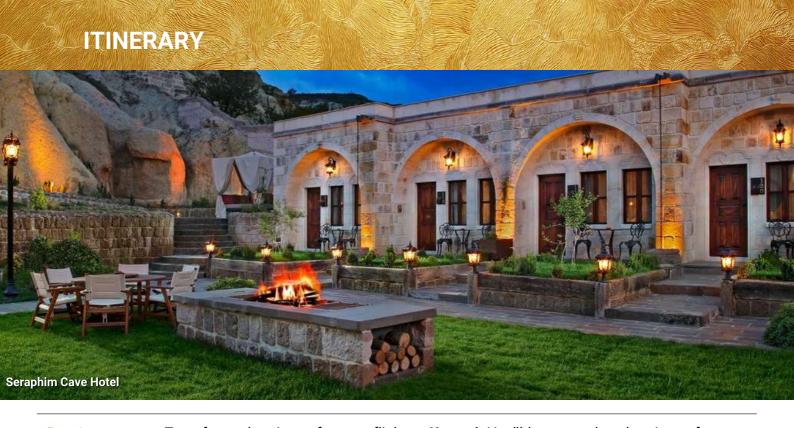
We can tailor your tour to suit you - add an extra night or more, swap out one experience for another, just let us know in the **Special Requests** section of your booking form and we'll confirm the details with you.

# **Deposits & Final Payments**

- An initial deposit of AUD \$2,500 pp to accompany your booking form.
- Alternately, you can elect to pay in full.
- Second deposit of AUD \$5,000 is due by 24 May 2023.
- Final payment is then payable on or before 11 August 2023.
- Full booking terms and conditions can be found on the Go Golfing website or the tour booking form.







Day 1: Antalya to Cappadocia, Turkey Transfer to the airport for your flight to **Kayseri**. You'll be greeted at the airport for your transfer to Turkey's national treasure, **Cappadocia**. Cappadocia is like something out of a **fairy tale** with a vast **stone landscape** of peaks and ravines. You'll settle into **Seraphim Cave Hotel**, a historic mansion built into the soft stone landscape. Take some time to relax in your private garden before retiring to your cave or stone room, both rustic and **luxurious**, for the authentic Cappadocia experience.

(B) Hotel: Seraphim Cave Hotel, Cappadocia

Day 2: Cappadocia, Turkey Start the day exploring **Esentepe** before visiting **Uchisar Castle**. You'll feel on top of the world at the centuries-old citadel that rises above the **rocky townscape** of Cappadocia. Venture through the fascinating **Goreme Open Air Museum**, home to **monasteries** and **majestic churches** sculpted into the soft stone landscape. You'll journey on to **Pasabag** (Monks Valley) to visit the **Fairy Chimneys**. They are a scatter of stone peaks that rise from the ground with a shape reminiscent of giant mushrooms. Finally, you'll venture through the marvelous **Devrent Valley** where rock formations twist out of the ground on a moon-like landscape.

(B) Hotel: Seraphim Cave Hotel, Cappadocia









Day 3: Cappadocia, Turkey Hot air ballooning in Cappadocia is at the top of many people's bucket lists – and it's not hard to see why. While on a flight, you won't just see a few balloons, the sky will be filled with around 100 balloons of differing colours and designs. Every day is like a fiesta. Rest assured, it is highly regulated, and has an excellent safety record. To fly here, pilots must train for around 5 times as long as in other parts of the world. As the sun begins to rise, you'll float to an altitude of about 300 meters) for extraordinary 360-degree views of Cappadocia. The wind will transport you across the valleys and mountains for about 45 minutes to 1-hour, depending on the weather. You'll toast your landing with a glass of Champagne, and get your personal flight certificate before your transfer back to your hotel at about 07:00. (Optional and additional cost applies).

Today you'll get to explore the intriguing cavernous churches of **Pigeon Valley** and **Red Valley** and learn about **hand-made pottery** in the town of **Avanos**.

(B) Hotel: Seraphim Cave Hotel, Cappadocia

Day 4: Cappadocia, Turkey Today you'll be transferred to the airport for your onward flights.

(B) Hotel: Seraphim Cave Hotel, Cappadocia



# **INCLUSIONS**



#### 3 nights 5\* accommodation:

3 nights at Seraphim Cave Hotel, Cappadocia

Daily Breakfast included

#### Sightseeing / Highlights:

- Full-day Cappadocia North tour
- Full-day Cappadocia South tour
- Optional Hot Air Balloon Experience

#### **Other Inclusions:**

- Private transfers to and from the airport at the beginning and end of your tour
- Antalya to Kayseri flight inc. golf bag allowance
- Return airport transfers
- Luxury air-conditioned coach transfers throughout

# **Pricing**

Golfer Twin Share EUR €1,420 pp

Golfer Single EUR €1,740 pp

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