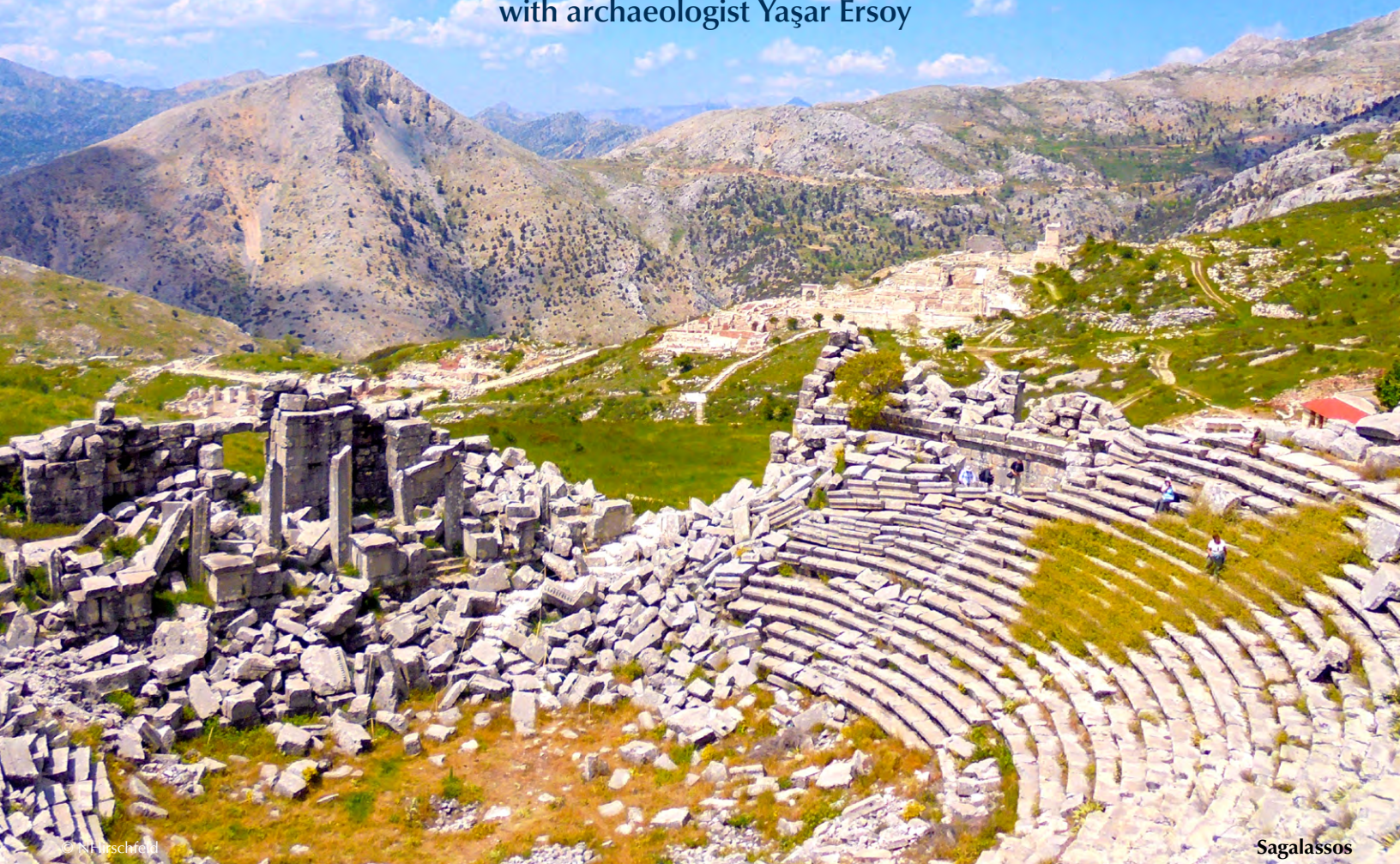


Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur

TÜRKIYE:

Ancient Splendors of the Aegean & Mediterranean

April 11-24, 2027 (14 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Yaşar Ersoy



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Continue your journey with an optional post-tour extension to
Konya, Cappadocia, Çatalhöyük, Boğazkale, Alacahöyük & Ankara (6 additional days)

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



Yaşar Ersoy is a Professor of Classical Archaeology who received his Ph.D. from the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology at Bryn Mawr College in 1993. He has led this AIA Tour three times since 2024 and received excellent

evaluations. Dr. Ersoy specializes in the art and archaeology of central part of the west coast of Turkey through the Iron Age and Archaic Period, and the Aegean Bronze Age. He is the director of the Clazomenae excavations on the Aegean coast of Turkey. Professor Ersoy is the recipient of a post-graduate fellowships from both the Alexander S. Onassis Foundation and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. He has served as the Samuel Kress Lecturer in Ancient Art for the Archaeological Institute of America and gave talks at AIA societies in the U.S. and Canada. Currently, he is offering courses in archaeology at the School of Applied Sciences at Yaşar University in İzmir, Turkey.

“I greatly appreciated our two experts, Dr. Yaşar Ersoy and Onur Ertürk... Their commentary about the history, archaeological significances, and expertise were very helpful in bringing out the salient points of the many sites we visited.”

- Keylor, WA

Your tour manager/guide, **Onur Ertürk**, graduated from Bilkent University at Ankara, where his studies focused on the ancient Near East, especially Mesopotamia, the Aegean, and Anatolia. Onur participated in several archaeological excavations and has guided hundreds of groups all around Türkiye. Thanks to his education and background in archaeology and art history, he leads cultural excursions to sites ranging from Palaeolithic caves to Seljuk caravanserais, from Lycian cities to Roman theaters, from Byzantine architectural wonders to the modern cities of Türkiye, and he is also knowledgeable about historical and modern Türkiye.

Many of the most magnificent and best-preserved ancient Greek and Roman sites are found along Türkiye’s beautiful Aegean and Mediterranean coasts. Visit world-famous, plus little-visited yet spectacular, Greco-Roman sites, Byzantine churches, Crusader castles, and Ottoman palaces. Your engaging AIA lecturer/host, Yaşar Ersoy, teaches classical art and archaeology and has been doing fieldwork in Türkiye since 1980. Throughout the program he will offer illustrated talks and informal discussions about the sites you are visiting and their places within the larger ancient Mediterranean world. Along the way, you will enjoy delicious cuisine, comfortable accommodations, and the company of a small group of like-minded fellow travelers. An expert tour manager/local guide will handle logistics and smooth the way.

Highlights:

- Visit four UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
 - ♦ Historic Areas of Istanbul, including the 6th-century Byzantine church-turned-mosque of Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace, the imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans
 - ♦ Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, whose treasures include ancient villas with splendid frescoes and mosaics, and the 2nd-century A.D. Library of Celsus
 - ♦ Aphrodisias, whose Temple of Aphrodite, tetrapylon, large stadium, and baths of Hadrian are unforgettable
 - ♦ Hierapolis-Pamukkale, where we see the ruins of the baths and temples of a famous 2nd-century B.C. thermal spa
- Marvel at a variety of Greco-Roman sites, including:
 - ♦ Sardis, former capital of the Lydian Empire and King Croesus, who was defeated by Persian king Cyrus the Great in 546 B.C.
 - ♦ Didyma’s 7th-century B.C. Temple of Apollo, one of the leading oracles in the ancient world; and the 4th-century B.C. Temple of Athena at Priene, which became the classical model of Greek city planning
 - ♦ Magnesia on the Meander, renowned for its Artemis cult, which has the ruins of a well-preserved theater and a stadium that could seat 30,000 spectators
 - ♦ Kibyra, with its magnificent stadium, odeon covered with a Medusa mosaic, late Roman bath, and underground tombs
 - ♦ Sagalassos, a rarely visited and recently excavated site at an elevation of 5,000 feet, with breathtaking views
 - ♦ Aspendos, with one of the best-preserved ancient theaters in the world, renowned for its acoustics; and Perge, with its splendid theater, stadium, and enormous Hellenistic and Roman gates
- Explore several fine museum collections, including Istanbul’s Archaeological Museum, Burdur’s Archaeological Museum, and the Antalya Archaeological Museum
- Two flights within Türkiye are included to maximize your time
- An optional extension to central Türkiye is available, including three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia; Hattusha: the Hittite Capital; and the Neolithic Site of Çatalhöyük. Also visit Ankara, with its superb Museum of Anatolian Civilizations and Konya, the famous center of Sufi mystic Rumi and his followers.



- # Overnight stays
- Itinerary stops
- ◆ UNESCO Sites
- ✈ Flights
- ✈ In-program flights
- Optional extension
- ✈ Extension flight

ITINERARY

Breakfast=(B), Lunch=(L), Reception=(R), Dinner=(D)

Sunday, April 11, 2027: Depart home for Istanbul, Türkiye

Monday, April 12: Arrive Istanbul

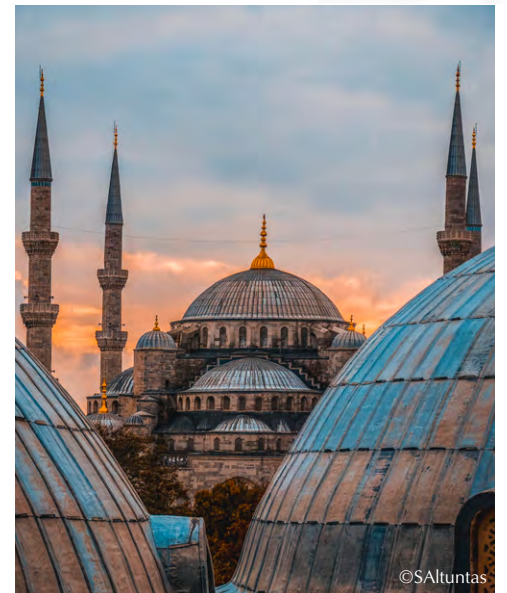
Upon arrival at Istanbul International Airport (IST), you are met and transferred to our hotel in Sultanahmet, the oldest district of Istanbul and the center of the ancient Greek colony of Byzantium, founded in 700 B.C. This became Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine Empire, and then the capital of the Ottoman Empire. “Historic Areas of Istanbul” are a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Almost all of the major sites we will see are within walking distance of our hotel, whose rooftop terrace and indoor restaurant provide splendid views. Meet your tour manager, who will offer suggestions for dinner and provide the schedule for the next day. *Three nights at the 4-star [Armada Hotel](#).*

Tuesday, April 13: Istanbul: Underground Cistern, Hagia Sophia, Archaeological Museum, Welcome reception and dinner

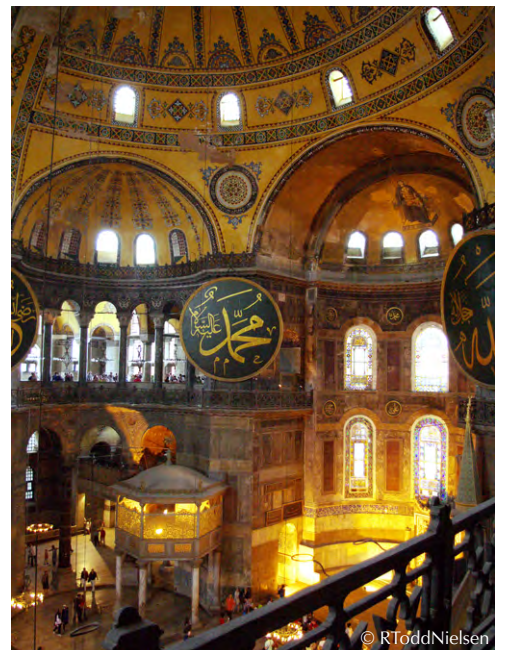
Spend the day exploring ancient monuments of Istanbul on foot, beginning with Yerebatan Saray, one of the grand underground cisterns that were an important source of water for the city during Byzantine and Ottoman times. Sensitive restored, the cistern is now equipped with meandering walkways above the water, plus atmospheric illumination and music. Next visit Hagia Sophia, now a mosque. It was built by the Byzantine Emperor Justinian in the 6th century and reigned as the grandest church in Christendom for nearly 1,000 years, until the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople in 1453. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore the Archaeological Museum, which features one of the world’s richest collections of Greco-Roman antiquities. Enjoy a reception overlooking Istanbul before our welcome dinner. (B,L,R,D)

Wednesday, April 14: Istanbul: Topkapi Palace, Rüstem Pasha Mosque, Kariye Mosque

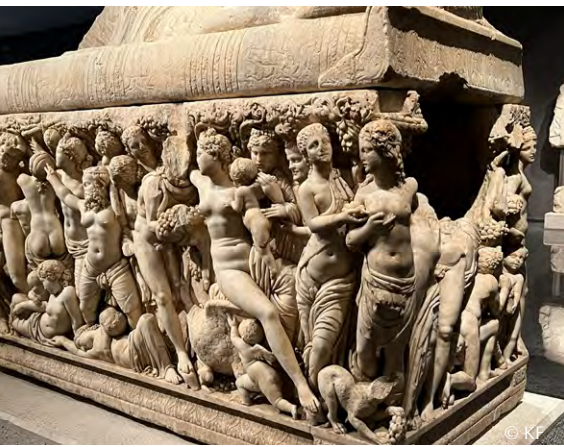
Explore Topkapi Palace, the imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans, including a visit to its Harem. Topkapi is the most extensive and fascinating monument of Turkish civil architecture in existence in that, besides its historical and architectural interest, it houses extraordinary collections of porcelain, armor, fabric, jewelry, miniatures, calligraphy, and many other precious objects that once belonged to the sultans and their court. After lunch, we visit the small, but exquisite, 16th-century Rüstem Pasha Mosque, an example of the Ottomans’ best architecture and tile work. We then visit the Kariye Mosque (formerly the 4th-century Byzantine Church of St. Saviour in Chora), renowned for its stunning, 14th-century mosaics and frescoes. En route to our hotel, we will drive slowly past the remains of the 5th-century Theodosian Walls that protected Constantinople for more than a thousand years. The balance of the day and



Blue Mosque, Istanbul



Interior of Hagia Sophia, Istanbul



From top: Temple of Apollo at Didyma, Roman relief-sculpted sarcophagus on display in the Antalya Archaeological Museum, Priene

dinner are at leisure. Those interested may be dropped off at the Grand Bazaar for independent exploration and return to our hotel on their own (a 10-minute taxi ride or a 25-minute walk). (B,L)

Thursday, April 15: Fly to Izmir | Sardis | Kuşadası

Take a short, morning flight from Istanbul to Izmir. Drive to ancient Sardis, which dates back to the Neolithic period and was the former capital of the Lydian Empire. Most of the structural remains date from the Hellenistic and Byzantine periods. Continue on to our hotel in Kuşadası, on the Aegean coast. *Three nights at the 5-star [DoubleTree by Hilton Kuşadası](#).* (B,L,D)

Friday, April 16: Ephesus | Selçuk Archaeological Museum | Kuşadası

Spend the day exploring Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, which provides compelling insights into life in Hellenistic and Roman times. At its peak, it was the largest Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor with a population of 250,000 and an infrastructure that included street lights, running water, a huge stadium and theater, and the marble-paved Arcadian Way leading down to the magnificent Library of Celsus. Ephesus has been extensively excavated and restored. Take a private tour of its Terrace Houses—villas of the wealthy, filled with colorful wall frescoes and intricate mosaic floors. After lunch, continue on to the Selçuk Archaeological Museum, one of the best regional museums in Türkiye. It houses a large collection of artifacts found at Ephesus and in the surrounding area. Return to our hotel and gather this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Saturday, April 17: Priene | Miletus | Didyma | Kuşadası

Explore the valley of the Meander River (now known as the Büyük Menderes River) and three great Ionian cities. Priene is the oldest and best example of a Hellenistic city, and was laid out by the famous architect Hippodamus. Next we stop at Miletus, which has an impressive theater, stadium, three agoras, baths, and a bouleuterion (Senate House). Time permitting, we will visit the Miletus Museum. Lastly, visit the massive Temple of Apollo at Didyma that was one of the leading oracles in the ancient Greek world and is remarkable for its huge size and unique plan. Return to our hotel and gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 18: Magnesia on the Meander | Aphrodisias | Pamukkale

We drive today through the most fertile land of Türkiye stopping first to visit Magnesia on the Meander, a prominent ancient Greek city, renowned for its Artemis cult and strategic location along an important trade route. We will see the remains of the Artemis temple and altar, a Roman basilica, a well-preserved theater, a large stadium that could seat 30,000 spectators, and the ruins of two gymnasia. Next we visit Aphrodisias, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most beautiful and exciting archaeological sites in Türkiye. The stadium is the best preserved in Asia Minor, while the Temple of Aphrodite, the tetrastyle, and baths of Hadrian make Aphrodisias unforgettable. Drive to Pamukkale, where we check-in to our hotel this evening, and you may choose to take advantage of the hotel's thermal baths. *Two nights at the 5-star [Doğa Thermal Health & Spa Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

Monday, April 19: Hierapolis | Laodicea | Pamukkale

Today we will visit two sites near our hotel, beginning with the UNESCO World Heritage Site (together with the travertine terraces of Pamukkale) of Hierapolis, originally a Phrygian cult center of the Anatolian mother goddess of Cybele. At the end of the 2nd century B.C., the kings of Pergamon established the thermal spa of Hierapolis, and today the ruins of a stadium, baths, temples, a gymnasium, two theaters, and a bouleuterion remain. A short drive then brings us to Laodicea, an impressive site that has been on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List since 2013 and comprises Anatolia's largest stadium, two theaters, four baths, five agoras, temples, churches, and much more. Return to our hotel in Pamukkale and then gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, April 20: Kibyra | Burdur Archaeology Museum | Ağlasun

This morning we depart for Kibyra, a 2,300-year-old city that has been on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List since 2016. It is known for its

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- Robert, Washington

magnificent, 10,400-person stadium, odeon covered with a Medusa mosaic, late Roman bath, agoras, and underground chamber tombs. Then we visit the Burdur Archaeology Museum, a small but impressive museum with artifacts from sites throughout the region, including Sagalassos. Continue to Ağlasun, where we check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Sagalassos Lodge & Spa](#).* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 21: Sagalassos | Antalya

Drive high up into the mountains to ancient Sagalassos. Well off the main tourist routes, Sagalassos has been extensively excavated, and now visible are a library with mosaic flooring, temples, baths, and the residences of what was once the largest city in Pisidia. As impressive as the ruins, however, are the breathtaking views from 5,000 feet. Continue driving to the Mediterranean coast, where we check-in to our charming hotel in the heart of old Antalya. *Two nights at the 5-star [Akra Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

Thursday, April 22: Perge | Aspendos | Antalya: Farewell dinner

We begin the day with an excursion to Perge, where we explore the great theater, stadium, enormous Hellenistic and Roman gates, and colonnaded street. Continue on to what is perhaps the best-preserved ancient theater in the world, located in the ancient city of Aspendos. Having thoroughly tested the near-perfect acoustics in the theater, we circle the ancient acropolis to see some remarkably well-preserved sections of the aqueduct that supplied the ancient citizens with their water. Return to our hotel in Antalya and freshen up before our farewell dinner at an exclusive restaurant. (B,L,D)

Friday, April 23: Antalya Archaeological Museum | Fly to Istanbul OR Begin post-tour extension

This morning we visit the Antalya Archaeological Museum and its newly opened Perge Hall, displaying artifacts from the site we visited yesterday. After an independent lunch, guests booked on the optional extension will depart for Konya. The rest of the group has the remainder of the afternoon at leisure in Antalya, until we transfer to the airport for our evening flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, we check-in to a comfortable hotel conveniently located at the airport. Dinner is on your own. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hampton by Hilton Istanbul Airport Arnavutköy](#).* (B)

Saturday, April 24: Fly home

After breakfast, transfer to Istanbul International Airport (IST) for flights homeward. A representative will accompany you until the passport control desk. (B)



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Above, the stadium at Aphrodisias.
Below, Aspendos theater



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The AIA & the AIA Tours Program

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA Tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA's network of scholars and worldwide contacts.



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OPTIONAL POST-TOUR EXTENSION
**Konya, Cappadocia, Çatalhöyük,
Boğazkale, Alacahöyük, and Ankara**

April 23-29, 2027 (6 additional days)

ITINERARY

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

Friday, April 23, 2027: Drive to Konya

After the morning visit to the Antalya Archaeological Museum with the main tour group, and an independent lunch, guests booked on the optional extension will depart Antalya on a scenic, 4.5-hour drive through the Taurus Mountains. Arrive at the vast Anatolian plateau in Konya, home to splendid Seljuk monuments, check-in to our hotel, and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Dedeman Konya Hotel](#).* (B,D)

Saturday, April 24: Konya: Mevlâna Museum | Çatalhöyük | Sultan Han caravanserai | Cappadocia

This morning we visit the Mevlâna Museum, the former lodge of the whirling dervishes and location of the tomb of the famed mystic/philosopher and theologian Celaleddin Rumi (later known as Mevlâna). It is one of the top pilgrimage centers in Türkiye. Depart Konya on a one-hour drive to the Neolithic site of Çatalhöyük, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and possibly the most important archaeological site in Türkiye. Discovered by James Mellart and excavated in the 1960s, it has revealed that the Neolithic and Bronze Age cultures located here were remarkably advanced. Since 1993 an international team of archaeologists has been carrying out new excavations and research to shed more light on the people that inhabited the site. Continuing along the ancient trade route to Cappadocia, we will visit en route the Sultan Han caravanserai, stopping place for the camel caravans that traversed the ancient Silk Road. Built in the 13th century, it is the largest caravanserai of its period in Türkiye. Drive onward to Cappadocia, where we check-in to our hotel. *Three nights at the 5-star [Barceló Cappadocia](#).* (B,L,D)

Sunday & Monday, April 25 & 26: Cappadocia: Göreme Valley, Zelve Valley, Pasabag Monks Valley, Uchisar Castle

An optional, early morning hot-air balloon ride will be available at additional cost. Spend two days exploring Cappadocia's lunar-like landscape of soft, porous rock called tuff, or tufa, that was formed over time from volcanic ash. Erosion over the centuries formed fantastic geologic shapes, and early Christian settlers carved chapels, churches, dwellings, and numerous other structures into the soft rock. "Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia" are together a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the Göreme Valley, explore the open-air museum's cave churches, including the famous Karanlık Kilise (Dark Church) with its extraordinary 11th-century murals; a monastic retreat in the Zelve Valley; and Pasabag Monks Valley with its fascinating Fairy Chimneys. Visit one of the area's





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Pasabag Monks Valley (Fairy Chimneys), Cappadocia

underground cities—a maze of tunnels and chambers carved out as places of refuge from hostile invaders. They contain storehouses, stables, sleeping rooms, kitchens, and even cemeteries. Visit Uchisar Castle, created by hollowing out natural caves (creating rooms and passageways) in a tall outcropping of volcanic rock that is visible for miles. Those who are interested may choose to visit a pottery center and a high-quality rug shop. (B,L,D both days)

Tuesday, April 27: Boğazkale (Hattusha) | Alacahöyük | Ankara
 Depart Cappadocia early this morning and drive to Ankara, stopping en route for lunch. Along the way we visit Boğazkale, where we find the ruins of Hattusha, capital of the Hittite Empire 2,300 years ago. This UNESCO World Heritage Site includes the ruins of the Great Temple, the best-preserved Hittite temple of the 13th century B.C.; and the famous rock sanctuary of Yazilikaya, an open-air temple, whose chambers in the bedrock are decorated with the most striking examples of Hittite relief art. We will visit the nearby Boğazkale Museum with important Hittite artifacts, including royal seals, pottery, sculptures, armor, cuneiform tablets, and two original sphinx statues that once guarded the Sphinx Gate at Hattusha. Next we visit Alacahöyük, where we will see Bronze Age burials, a Hittite settlement, and its museum. Continue on to Ankara, chosen as the capital of the new Republic of Türkiye by its founder and first president, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, in the 1920s. Check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Divan Ankara hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 28: Ankara: Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, Farewell lunch | Fly to Istanbul
 Enjoy a morning visit to the superb Museum of Anatolian Civilizations. Located in an old area of the city near the Citadel, the museum houses archaeological finds from the many civilizations of Anatolia and has a particularly strong Hittite collection. Delight in a festive farewell lunch before we transfer to the airport for a late afternoon flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, check-in to our comfortable, convenient airport hotel. Dinner is on your own tonight. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hampton by Hilton Istanbul Airport Arnavutköy](#).* (B,L)

Thursday, April 29: Fly home
 After breakfast, transfer to Istanbul International Airport (IST) for flights homeward. (B)

Post-Tour Extension Prices per person
 (5 additional nights)

Double Occupancy (13-16 participants) \$3,895
 Double Occupancy (8-12 participants) \$4,195
 Single Supplement (*limited availability*) \$1,095

A single supplement will be charged when requested or required. With fewer than 8 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Post-Tour Extension Prices Include:

- Professional **tour manager/guide Onur Ertürk** throughout, plus AIA lecturer/host Yaşar Ersoy with 11 or more participants
- **Five additional nights' accommodations** in best available, 4- and 5-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- **Breakfast daily, 5 lunches, and 5 dinners**, as noted in the itinerary (with water, tea, and coffee at all meals), including a farewell lunch with wine/beer
- **Group airport transfer** on program departure date
- **All transportation** by private, air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary, with bottled water
- **In-program flight:** Ankara to Istanbul
- **Personal listening audio devices** during excursions
- **All sightseeing and entrance fees** as per itinerary
- **Gratuities** to tour manager/guide, drivers, waitstaff for included meals, and porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels and airports where available
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- Complete **pre-departure materials** including a suggested reading/media guide, luggage tags, name badge, and packing suggestions



ACTIVE: Must be able to walk three or more miles per day on mostly uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

What to Expect

This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants who are not able to walk, sit, or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. At the time of our visit you can expect pleasant weather, with daytime temperatures ranging from the low 60s to the mid-70s F, and cool evenings in the 50s to 60s F. Accommodations and restaurants have been carefully selected to offer the ultimate experience of true Turkish culture, ambiance, and hospitality. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*

Flights & Transfers

Airfare to/from Istanbul International Airport (IST) is not included in the tour prices. In-program flights for the main tour and post-tour extension are included in the tour prices and will be booked for you. Complimentary group arrival and departure airport transfers (times TBD) are provided. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can assist with flight arrangements for this tour. You may contact them directly at 866-200-6172 or email studytours@vwti.com. Alternatively, you are welcome to book your flights independently or through your preferred travel agent. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

Accommodations



Istanbul: *Three nights at the 4-star [Armada Hotel](#)*



Kuşadası: *Three nights at the 5-star [DoubleTree by Hilton Kuşadası](#)*



Pamukkale: *Two nights at the 5-star [Doğa Thermal Health & Spa Hotel](#)*



Ağlasun: *One night at the 4-star [Sagalassos Lodge & Spa](#)*



Antalya: *Two nights at the 5-star [Akra Hotel](#)*



Istanbul: *One night at the 4-star [Hampton by Hilton Istanbul Airport Arnavutköy](#) (Last night on main tour or extension.)*

Optional post-tour extension accommodations



Konya: *One night at the 5-star [Dedeman Konya Hotel](#)*



Cappadocia: *Three nights at the 5-star [Barceló Cappadocia](#)*



Ankara: *One night at the 5-star [Divan Ankara hotel](#)*



Main Tour Prices per person (12 nights)

Double Occupancy (13-16 participants)	\$8,245
Double Occupancy (10-12 participants)	\$8,745
Single Supplement (<i>limited availability</i>)	\$1,295

A single supplement will be charged when requested or required.

With fewer than 10 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Main Tour Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer/host Yaşar Ersoy** and professional tour manager/guide **Onur Ertürk**
- **Twelve nights' accommodations** in best available, 4- and 5-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- **Breakfast daily, 10 lunches, and 9 dinners**, as noted in the itinerary (with water, tea, and coffee at all meals), including special welcome and farewell dinners with cocktails
- **Group airport transfers** on program arrival and departure dates
- **All transportation** by private, air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary, with bottled water
- **Two in-program flights:** Istanbul to Izmir and Antalya to Istanbul (economy-class tickets)
- **Personal listening audio devices** during excursions
- **All sightseeing and entrance fees** as per itinerary
- **Gratuities** to tour manager/guide, drivers, waitstaff for included meals, and porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels and airports where available
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- Complete **pre-departure materials** including a suggested reading/media guide, luggage tags, name badge, and packing suggestions

Main Tour and Extension Prices Do Not Include:

Airfare from/to home; all airport fees and departure taxes; independent transfers; passport and visa fees; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; medical expenses or emergency evacuation costs; transportation of excess baggage; meals or beverages other than indicated; personal tips; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, taxi, room service, telephone/fax/Wi-Fi charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; other items not expressly listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "Eos AIA-Türkiye4/27." Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure (December 12, 2026) and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit, you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

Participant Cancellation Fees: All requests by participants for cancellations must be received in writing by AIA Tours. The following cancellation terms will apply based on when the cancellation is received:

- On or before October 13, 2026: Deposit is refunded less a cancellation fee of \$500 per person.
- October 14 - December 11, 2026: Forfeit the full deposit of \$2,000 per person.
- December 12, 2026 - January 25, 2027: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of the tour cost.
- On or after January 26, 2027: No refund.

For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Information will be provided with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.

Note: Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, and the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices.

Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leaders are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate nor to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

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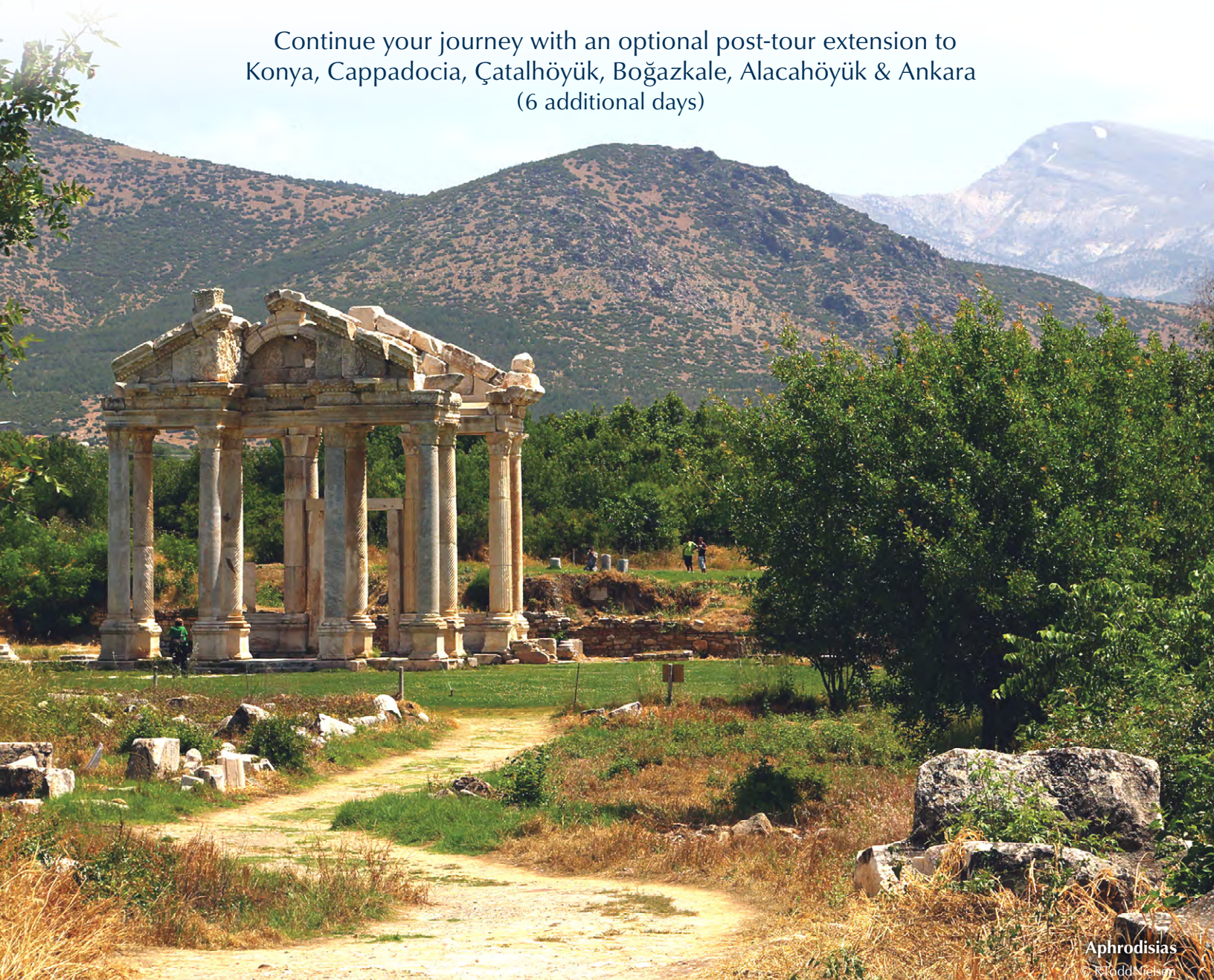


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