



Transformational Tours – with Maggie Kerr

'In The Footsteps of Heroes' – Turkey & Greek Islands

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Fully escorted private group for special Goddesses!

Istanbul to Athens over 19 amazing days

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Suitable for gals who love to enjoy resorts & nightlife AND 'sacred stuff' as we visit remarkable ancient sites, for ceremonies to transform and heal into greater levels of our potential.



Day 1 Arrival Transfer from Istanbul airport to your hotel
3 nights at the beautiful Nena Hotel (B)

Day 2 After breakfast at hotel we begin full day sightseeing tour of Istanbul. We'll visit Topkapi Palace; the former Imperial residence from where the Great Ottoman Empire was ruled, today a spectacular museum that has one of the largest collections of Chinese & Japanese porcelain and the very famous treasury of the royal family. Continue to the ancient Roman Hippodrome; the former center of sportive and political activities of Constantinople.

During the visit you will see the Obelisk from Egypt, Serpentine Column from Delphi and fountain of Wilhelm II. After this we will see the Hagia Sophia; the magnificent Byzantine Church of all times; one of the finest and largest architectural works of art in the world. We will continue to Sultanahmet tour with the Blue Mosque; famous for its delicate ceramic tiles and unique with its 6 minarets built in the name of Sultan Ahmed. Then we will see Underground Cistern; built by Justinian in the 6th century, the Underground Cistern is supported by 336 beautiful columns, incised with the head of Medusa.

Day 3. After breakfast we will drive to Eminonu to visit the aromatic Spice Bazaar where the smells and cinnamon, cloves and thyme rise from hundreds of colourful muslin bags at every store-front and the Grand Covered Bazaar which is the most attractive shopping center and the biggest souk in the world with nearly 4000 shops of antiques, jewellery, gold, carpets and leatherwear. Then we will take a Bosphorus cruise through the waterways separating the two continents, Europe & Asia past marble palaces and ancient wooden villas of Ottoman architecture.

After this you will be taken to Harem Sultan Hamam located between Hagia Sophia Museum and Blue Mosque, built by Mimar Sinan by order of Harem Sultan, wife of Suleiman the Magnificent. You will experience a Turkish Bath with traditional bath-glove application, relaxing bubble massage, head and neck massage, Ottoman sorbet. Return to hotel – or continue your own activities.



Day 4 Istanbul- Gallipoli-Canakkale

After breakfast we will drive to Gallipoli where you will see Johnston’s Jolly (Turkish and Allied trenches & tunnels), Brighton Beach and Beach cemetery, Anzac Cove, Ari Burnu Cemetery, Australian Memorial at Lone Pine with spectacular views, the Nek where the tragic charge of the light horse took place, Memorial at Chunuk Bair.

Continue to Canakkale for overnight. Akol Hotel (B)

Day 5 Canakkale-Troy-Assos-Pergamum-Izmir

Morning departure to visit Troy, to see the symbolic wooden horse. Continue with a short stop at Assos the home of Aristotle who was a Tutor to Alexander the Great and on to Bergama, the site of ancient Pergamum. We the drive further south to Izmir.

Overnight Hotel – 2 nights Key Hotel (B)



Day 6 Izmir – Day for your own activities – visit the remains of the site of

ancient Smyrna still visible in the town center, particularly the Agora. Overnight Hotel (B)



Day 7 Izmir-Ephesus-Priene-Miletus-Didyma

Morning departure to Ephesus, walk through the ruins of this former Roman capital. Visit the House of the Virgin Mary and the Temple of Artemis. Visit the Museum (if open). Continue to Didyma with short stops in Priene and Miletus.

Overnight at Didym - Venosa Beach Resort & Spa (two nights)

Day 8 Didym - Morning tour to see the Temple of Apollo.

We will visit Heraclea under Latmus with its beautiful setting on the lakeside. Then drive up the valley of the Meander river and visit ancient Aphrodisias; the ancient city of some of the world’s most beautiful architectural wonders, visit one of the largest ancient Theatres in world the Odeon, Bishops Palace, Stadium, Temple of Aphrodite and the museum with the gorgeous reliefs and statues of the sculptors of Aphrodisias.

Return to hotel. Afternoon at leisure.



Day 9 Didim to Bodrum for morning transfer

ferry to **Kos** – Transfer to Hotel – Kosta Palace Hotel (B)

Day 10 Kos – Tour with local guide to visit the

Asclepion and The Odeon – afternoon leisure



Day 11 Transfer to Port for Ferry to Rhodes – Transfer to hotel – Cactus Hotel (B)
Local guide - Afternoon tour to visit Temple of Apollo and Palace of the Grand Masters

Day 12 Rhodes - No plans at this stage – we will see what unfolds

Day 13 Afternoon transfer to Rhodes Airport - fly from Rhodes to **Crete** - transfer to hotel Lato Boutique Hotel (B)

Day 14 **Crete - Heraklion** on Crete. Local guide –Early morning departure to Chania - touring to include walking tours of the old towns of Chania and Rethymnon, continuing to Festos Palace site and then the wonderful palace complex of Knossos, then tour of Heraklion town. (10HRS)

Day 15 **Crete** - No plans at this stage – we will see what unfolds



Day 16 Hydrofoil to Santorini – transfer to hotel – Loucas Hotel (B)

Day 17 Santorini - Morning tour to city of Akrotiri. Afternoon at leisure

Day 18 Transfer to airport for afternoon flight to **Athens**. Transfer Athens airport to Hotel - Plaka Hotel Overlooking Acropolis for farewell banquet and party. One night

Day 19 Transfer to Athens airport for return flight to Oz or further journeys of your choice.



*Your Turkey tour is conducted by A/c vehicle with driver throughout and English speaking guide)
Proposed hotels are subject to availability. Includes entrance fees and luggage handling, local taxes and service charges.*

This is a preliminary itinerary as some ferry timetables for April 2014 are not yet available, so there may be a few changes to this schedule.

The final price for the Tour is also still being calculated as hotel availability is confirmed.