

greece and turkey history tour



➤ About the tour

This is a sample tour geared towards secondary school age students. The itinerary begins in Greece, taking in Athens, the Peloponnese and Marathon, continues to Turkey, where the group explores Istanbul, Gallipoli and the ancient cities of Pergamum and Ephesus. The tour finishes in Pamukkale. The aim is to cover different aspects of the history curriculum, as it encompasses both ancient and modern history. As former teachers ourselves, we appreciate that you have your own itinerary ideas and we look forward to hearing them! During your tour, you will have 24-hour access to both our Greek and Turkish colleagues and our school group staff in Australia.

➤ Tour Inclusions

- Return economy flights and taxes
- Domestic flight and taxes in Turkey
- Accommodation
- All transfers
- Half-board
- Guided sightseeing
- School group insurance
- 24-hour assistance during tour

➤ Tour Information

A representative of etm travel will meet your group at the airport and assist you with check-in. If individual students or teachers would like to extend their stay or organise different flight arrangements, we are happy to help. Accommodation is in clean, safe, centrally-located 2-3* hotels accustomed to dealing with school groups.

➤ Complimentary

We offer the following:

- A Lonely Planet European phrase book for each student
- A Lonely Planet Mediterranean Europe guide book for the tour leader
- Hosting of two information/documentation evenings at your school, if required
- Assistance at Melbourne airport upon departure

our values

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itinerary overview - greece and turkey history tour

Day 1

Depart Australia for Athens.

Day 2 Athens

Upon arrival this afternoon, meet your coach and transfer to your hotel. Spend a free afternoon in the city. *First night in Athens (D)*

Day 3 Athens

After breakfast, enjoy a half-day guided visit to the Acropolis, the ancient heart of the Greek capital. Spend the afternoon in the Plaka. *Second night in Athens (B,D)*

Day 4 Athens

After breakfast, enjoy a half-day guided tour of the New Acropolis Museum. Enjoy a free afternoon in the Greek capital with your teachers leading the group. *Third night in Athens (B,D)*

Day 5 Athens

After breakfast, enjoy a half-day guided tour of the Roman Stadium, the Theatre of Dionysus and the ancient Agora. In the afternoon, visit the National Archaeological Museum. *Fourth night in Athens (B,D)*

Day 6 Peloponnese

This morning, set off on your coach tour of the Peloponnese. Visit Mycenae and Epidaurus. Return to Athens for dinner. *Fifth night in Athens (B,D)*

Day 7 Marathon

This morning, depart Athens for a full-day excursion to Marathon, Vrauron and Sounion. Return to Athens for dinner. *Sixth night in Athens (B,D)*

Day 8 Athens, Istanbul

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival in Istanbul, transfer to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the city as a group. *First night in Istanbul (B,D)*

Day 9 Istanbul

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Aya Sofia and the Blue Mosque. In the afternoon, explore the Grand Bazaar with your teachers leading the group. *Second night in Istanbul (B,D)*

Day 10 Istanbul

This morning, enjoy a guided tour of the Topkapi Palace, including the Treasury. In the afternoon, visit the Underground Cistern. *Third night in Istanbul (B,D)*

Day 11 Gallipoli

This morning, leave Istanbul for Gallipoli. Enjoy a guided tour of the Gallipoli Peninsula including Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, Quinn's post, Shrapnel Valley Cemetery and the Nek. At the end of the day, transfer to Canakkale. *Overnight in Canakkale (B,D)*

Day 12 Troy, Bergama

This morning, travel to Troy and visit the archaeological site as well as the replica of the Trojan horse that led the Greeks to victory. In the afternoon continue on to Bergama, known in the 1st century CE as Pergamum. Visit the Acropolis and the Red Basilica. *Overnight in Bergama (B,D)*

Day 13 Ephesus

This morning, leave Bergama for Ephesus. Upon arrival visit the archaeological site with your guide including the famed library and theatre. In the afternoon, visit what remains of Artemis' temple, one of the 7 ancient Wonders of the World. *Overnight in Selcuk (B,D)*

Day 14 Pamukkale

This morning, travel to Pamukkale. In the afternoon, visit the travertines and the Hierapolis ruins. At the end of the day enjoy a swim in the Pamukkale Thermal pools. *Overnight in Pamukkale (B,D)*

Day 15 Flights

This morning, transfer to Denizli airport for your flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival at Istanbul airport, check-in for your flights to Australia. (B)

Day 16

Arrive home to Australia.