

Wonders of Turkey & Black Sea Cruise Departs Perth September 13, 2013

Bicton Travel Premium
Exclusive 19-nights Insight private coach tour of Turkey and
Black Sea cruise on the all-inclusive 6-star Silver Spirit



Highlights include...

- * The bustling city of Istanbul with its colourful bazaars and cafes
- * The battlefields of Gallipoli, Anzac Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery
 - * Homer's legendary city of Troy
- * Ephesus one of the world's finest archeological sites.
 - * The ruins of ancient Hierapolis
 - * The amazing lunar scenery of Cappadocia
- * Hitite Museum in Ankara and the mausoleum of Ataturk
- * Blue Mosque, Grand Bazaar and magnificent museum of St Sophia
- * Black Sea cities of Yalta, Sevastopol, Odessa, Constanta and Nessebur

Silver Spirit Highlights include...

Experience the world of Silversea in refined luxury. The Italian heritage and European style blends effortlessly in every detail, from the tranquil all-suite accommodation and uncompromising service to distinctive fine dining and a carefree all-inclusive philosophy. All suite accommodation feature Drappier Champagne upon arrival, fresh fruit and flowers, beverage cabinet stocked to your preference, European bath amenities, fine bed linens, your choice of pillow, plush robes and slippers, personalised stationery, daily news summary and twice daily suite service plus turndown nightly, gratuities, open seat dining, in-suite dining, 24-hour room service, full spectrum of entertainment and enrichment.

Wonders of Turkey tour and Silversea Black Sea Cruise



Day 1 Sat 14 Sep 2013

ARRIVE ISTANBUL

Conrad Istanbul

After an afternoon departure on 13 September from Perth to Istanbul via Singapore arriving Istanbul early morning on 14 September its time to Welcome you to Turkey – a land rich in archeological sites, historic monuments and an enormous variety of spectacular scenery. On arrival at Istanbul Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, get together with your Tour Director and fellow passengers for a Welcome Reception and light informal meal.

Day 2 Sun 15 Sep 2013

ISTANBUL SIGHTSEEING

Conrad Istanbul

Next morning, visit the Blue Mosque with its beautiful tiles and the Hippodrome where Roman chariot races were held. On to Topkapi Palace, a walled city perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. Move on to the Grand Bazaar. Your guide will give you a full explanation of the time-honoured ritual of bargaining! Finally, embark on a cruise along the Bosphorus Waterway. Travelling towards the old city from close to the Black Sea, the scenery complements the grandeur of the Ottoman palaces, old mansions and fortresses. (BB)

Day 3 Mon 16 Sep 2013

ISTANBUL – CANAKKALE

Kolin

Visit Hagia Sophia, now a magnificent museum before driving along the shores of the Sea of Marmara to the peninsula of Gelibolu, better known in the West as Gallipoli. Here are the battlefields where, for nine disastrous months during the Great War, Anzac troops fought unsuccessfully to gain control of the strategic Dardanelle Straits. Visit Anzac Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery. From Eceabat, a 30-minute sea crossing to Çanakkale takes you from one continent to another as you leave Europe for Asia.

(BB,D)

Day 4 Tue 17 Sep 2013

CANAKKALE - IZMIR

Hilton

Drive to Homer's legendary city of Troy, where archeological excavation has established nine levels of habitation, including the great city captured in 1200BC by means of the renowned Trojan Horse. A huge replica of this stands beside the city's ancient walls. Continue to Pergamon, the seat of an ancient kingdom. Visit the Asklepon, one of the most famous shrines and therapeutic centres in the ancient world. Carry on to the cosmopolitan coastal city of Izmir, sited overlooking an inlet of the Aegean.

(BB,D)



Day 5 Wed 18 Sep 2013 IZMIR – KUSADASI Charisma

En route to Ephesus, visit the archeological museum at Selcuk where many of the excavated artefacts of Ephesus are displayed, and visit the House of the Virgin Mary, spectacularly situated above the Ephesus ruins. Finally, tour Ephesus itself, one of the world's finest archeological sites. Visit the colonnaded Arcadian Way, the splendid façade of the Library of Celsus and see the huge Amphitheatre. Head to the lively coastal town of Kusadasi where you can take advantage of your hotel's indoor pool, Turkish bath and fitness centre.
(BB,D)

Day 6 Thu 19 Sep 2013 KUSADASI - PAMUKKALE Thermal Colossae

Follow the Maeander River valley, to Pamukkale, famous for its dazzling chalk-white array of fantastically shaped limestone terraces. Visit the ruins of ancient Hierapolis and the fairyland terraces and see the glistening pools and cascades in scallop-shell basins. The rest of the day is yours to relax and enjoy your hotel thermal pools.
(BB,D)

Day 7 Fri 20 Sep 2013 PAMUKKALE – KONYA – CAPPADOCIA Double Tree by Hilton

Head to Konya, the old capital of the Anatolian Seljuk Empire and home to the mystic Whirling Dervish sect. Visit the Mevlana Tekke, a museum and national monument, with its beautiful fluted turquoise dome. See the Karatay Medrese and Ince Minaret before driving across fertile plains to Avanos in the heart of Cappadocia.
(BB,D)

Day 8 Sat 21 Sep 2013 CAPPADOCIA SIGHTSEEING Double Tree by Hilton

In the morning, enjoy an excursion to Göreme, a region of volcanic landscapes and rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings, some of which you can see in the open-air museum. Continue to the Pasabag Valley where the scenery is dotted with mushroom shaped 'fairy-chimneys' and troglodyte dwellings. Tour the underground city Kaymakli, and see the cone of Uchisar. Enjoy dinner at the hotel followed by a colourful folklore show in an underground cave, featuring dances from different regions.
(BB,HD)

Day 9 Sun 22 Sep 2013 CAPPADOCIA AT LEISURE Double Tree by Hilton

Today has been set aside for you to explore Cappadocia on your own or relax at your hotel.
(BB,D)

Day 10 Mon 23 Sep 2013 CAPPADOCIA – ANKARA Hilton

Visit one of the best-preserved Seljuk caravanserais in Anatolia. Continue on to Ankara for our two night stay.
(BB,D)



Day 11 Tue 24 Sep 2013

ANKARA SIGHTSEEING

Hilton

Today we visit the Hittite Museum and Anit Kabir, the mausoleum of Ataturk, Turkey's greatest modern leader. (BB,D)

Day 12 Wed 25 Sep 2013

ANKARA – ISTANBUL

Conrad

Istanbul

Take a scenic drive through the countryside to Istanbul. This evening, join a farewell Celebration Dinner at a colourful local restaurant! (BB,CD)

Day 13 Thu 26 Sep 2013

EMBARK SILVER SPIRIT

After breakfast, we are transferred to the port to board for your 7 night Black Sea Voyage. Silver Spirit is a shining example of intimate, elegant cruising. As spacious as a grand hotel, as gracious as a best friend's home, the lifestyle onboard Silver Wind is one of fewer guests, more space and features Silversea's renowned personalized service.

Day 14 Fri 27 Sep 2013

AT SEA

Take the opportunity to discover the facilities onboard Silver Spirit perhaps take a spa or lunch at deck at La Terraza or maybe browse the ship's boutiques.

Day 15 Sat 28 Sep 2013

YALTA, UKRAINE 0800-2300

Centre of the Ukraine Riviera, Yalta is the home of Livadia Palace where Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin decided the future of Europe in 1945 and the Swallow's Nest, a fairytale castle all in white.

Day 16 Sun 29 Sep 2013

SEVASTAPOL, UKRAINE 0800-1800 Sep 2013

The historic city of Sevastapol built on the tip of the Crimean Peninsula with a vast natural harbor has long been of great strategic importance. Discover more about the Charge of the Light Brigade or visit the Museum of the Black Sea fleet.

Day 17 Mon 30 Sep 2013

ODESSA, UKRAINE 0800-1800

Pearl of the Black Sea. From the seafront it is 192 monumental Potemkin Steps to bustling Primorsky Boulevard. Your reward: museums, shops and delightful open-air cafes with views of the Gulf of Odessa.

Day 18 Tue 01 Oct 2013

CONSTANTA, ROMANIA 0800-1800

Situated at the crossroads of several commercial routes, Constanta lies on the western coast of the Black Sea, 185 miles from the Bosphorus Strait. An ancient metropolis and Romania's largest sea port, Constanta traces its history some 2,500 years. Originally called Tomis, legend has it that Jason landed here with the Argonauts after finding the Golden Fleece.

Day 19 Wed 02 Oct 2013 NESSEBUR, BULGARIA 0800-1800

From one of the oldest settlements in the Balkans, tour to the hinterlands to visit a typical Bulgarian village family or perhaps take in a folklore show.

Day 20 Thursday 03 Oct 2013 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Say goodbye to Silver Spirit and her crew as we disembark and transfer to the airport for an early afternoon departure via Singapore to Perth.

MEAL KEY: (BB) = Buffet Breakfast, (D) = Hotel Dinner, (HD) = Local Restaurant Dinner, (CD) = Celebration Dinner

PLEASE NOTE: Insight Vacations reserve the right to alter from the tour itinerary should circumstances dictate. Coach use is subject to EU regulations.

Price from: \$7895pp twin share in a Vista Suite

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Vista Suite



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