

World Trip 2023: The 'Stans Turkey

| Day | Day | City | Country | Notes |
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| 1 - 2 | Friday & Saturday | Melbourne | Australia | Flight: SQ208 18:25 Melbourne to Singapore 00:15 Flight Time: 7 Hour 50 minutes (Business Seat 12K) |
| | | Istanbul | Turkey | Transit Time: 1 Hour 30 minutes Flight: SQ392 01:45 Singapore to Istanbul 07:45 Flight Time: 11 Hours 0 minutes (Business Seat 14K) <i>Accommodation: Hotel Golden Horn Istanbul</i> Visit Spice Bazaar (aka Egyptian Bazaar). Visit Mosque of Sultan Ahmed (known as The Blue Mosque). |
| 3 | Sunday | Istanbul | Turkey | Pre-Tour: Istanbul Walking Tour and Bosphorus Cruise . Starts 9 am. 6 Hours. Walk along Constantinople city walls; see Roman mosaics and frescoes at the Kariye Mosque (Chora Church); stroll through Fener (Greek) and Balat (Jewish) districts, cruise the Bosphorus Strait. Tour - The Best of Turkey (G Adventures) Day 1 Tour - Tour starts (Evening Tour Meeting 6 pm & Dinner) <i>Accommodation: Hotel Golden Horn Istanbul</i> |
| 4 | Monday | Gallipoli and Çanakkale | Turkey | Day 2 Tour (Breakfast) Drive (5 hours) to Gallipoli Peninsula. Gallipoli Battlefields Guided Tour. Ferry to Çanakkale City Center. <i>Accommodation: Bogaz Hotel</i> |
| 5 | Tuesday | Ayvalık | Turkey | Day 3 Tour (Breakfast) Guided visit of Troy (2 hours). Drive (2.5 hours) to Ayvalık. Visit the G-supported çöp(m)adam handicraft cooperation. Ayvalik Boat Tour (optional). <i>Accommodation: Hotel Ayvalik Palas</i> |
| 6 | Wednesday | Selçuk | Turkey | Day 4 Tour (Breakfast) Local bus ride to Selçuk (2.5 hours). Explore the ruins of ancient Ephesus <i>Accommodation: Cenka Hotel</i> |
| 7 | Thursday | Selçuk | Turkey | Day 5 Tour (Breakfast) Saint John's Basilica Visit (optional). Şirince Village Visit (optional). <i>Accommodation: Cenka Hotel</i> |
| 8 | Friday | Pamukkale | Turkey | Day 6 Tour (Breakfast) Drive to Pamukkale (4 hours). Hierapolis and Pamukkale Visit. <i>Accommodation: Tripolis Hotel</i> |
| 9 | Saturday | Istanbul | Turkey | Day 7 Tour (Breakfast) Morning flight to İstanbul (1 hour). İstanbul Orientation Walk. Lots of options. <i>Accommodation: Hotel Golden Horn Istanbul</i> |
| 10 | Sunday | Istanbul | Turkey | Day 8 Tour (Breakfast) Tour Ends. Lots of options. <i>Accommodation: Hotel Golden Horn Istanbul</i> |
| 11 | Monday | Istanbul | Turkey | Transit Time: 1 Hour 35 minutes FLIGHT STILL TO BE BOOKED LIKELY: Flight: TK344 01:10 Istanbul to Bishkek 09:05 Flight Time: 4 Hours 55 minutes (Economy) <i>Accommodation: To be determined</i> |
| 12 | Tuesday | Bishkek | Kyrgyzstan | Tour - The Five Stans of the Silk Road (G Adventures) Day 1 Tour No Tour Activities (Tour Meeting 6 pm) <i>Accommodation: TBD</i> |
| 13 | Wednesday | Chong-Kemin | Kyrgyzstan | Day 2 Tour (Breakfast / Dinner) City tour of Bishkek. Burana Tower Visit. Drive to Chong-Kemin (2 hours) <i>Accommodation: Ashu Guest House</i> |
| 14 | Thursday | Song Kul | Kyrgyzstan | Day 3 Tour (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner) Hike famous gorges of Chong-Kemin. Scenic drive along the Kalmak-Ashuu mountain pass (4 hours) <i>Accommodation: Traditional Yurt</i> |
| 15 | Friday | Tamga | Kyrgyzstan | Day 4 Tour (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner) Enjoy Song Kul Lake. Felt Making Workshop. Drive 4.5 hours. <i>Accommodation: Tamga Village Guesthouse Stay</i> |
| 16 | Saturday | Jety-Oguz | Kyrgyzstan | Day 5 Tour (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner) Visit Ak-Orgo Workshop Centre to observe how traditional yurts are built. Drive 2 hours. <i>Accommodation: Djety Oguz Yurt Camp</i> |
| 17 | Sunday | Karakol | Kyrgyzstan | Day 6 Tour (Breakfast) Visit at the Prejevalskiy Museum, Karakol City Tour (Russian Holy Trinity Orthodox Church and pagoda-style Dungan Mosque). Free afternoon. <i>Accommodation: Green Yard Guesthouse</i> |
| 18 | Monday | Saty Village | Kazakhstan | Day 7 Tour (Breakfast / Dinner) Border crossing. Drive 4.5 hours. Hiking in Kolsay Lakes National Park. <i>Accommodation: Saty Village Guest House</i> |
| 19 | Tuesday | Almaty | Kazakhstan | Day 8 Tour (Breakfast) Drive (2.5 hours) to Charyn Canyon and explore. Drive (4 hours) to Almaty. City tour Almaty (Zenkov Cathedra, Panfilov's Park, Independence Square, Zelyony Bazaar). <i>Accommodation: Hotel Voyage</i> |
| 20 | Wednesday | Dushanbe | Tajikistan | Day 9 Tour (Breakfast) Flight to Dushanbe (1.5 hours). Border crossing. <i>Accommodation: Unknown</i> |

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| 21 | Thursday | Kuli Iskandarkul | Tajikistan | Day 10 Tour (Breakfast / Dinner) City Tour Dushanbe. Drive then hike to Iskander Darya waterfall. <i>Accommodation: Homestay Iskander Kul</i> |
| 22 | Friday | Kuli Iskandarkul | Tajikistan | Day 11 Tour (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner) Trek alongside Sarytag and the Karakul River. Tajikistan home dinner. <i>Accommodation: Homestay Iskander Kul</i> |
| 23 | Saturday | Khujand | Tajikistan | Day 12 Tour (Breakfast) Visit local mosque & Mug Teppe (Istaravshan). City Tour Khujand. Drive 3.5 hours. <i>Accommodation: Firuz Hotel</i> |
| 24 | Sunday | Tashkent | Uzbekistan | Day 13 Tour (Breakfast) Market Visit (Khujand). Border crossing. Orientation Walk (Tashkent). Drive 3 hrs. <i>Accommodation: Hotel Uzbekistan</i> |
| 25 | Monday | Tashkent | Uzbekistan | Day 14 Tour (Breakfast) Free day. <i>Accommodation: Hotel Uzbekistan</i> |
| 26 | Tuesday | Samarkand | Uzbekistan | Day 15 Tour (Breakfast) Drive 4.5 hours. Orientation Walk (Samarkand). Amir Timur Mausoleum Visit (optional). <i>Accommodation: Zilol Baxt Hotel</i> |
| 27 | Wednesday | Samarkand | Uzbekistan | Day 16 Tour (Breakfast) Samarkand City Tour. Tomb of the Old Testament Prophet Daniel (optional) <i>Accommodation: Zilol Baxt Hotel</i> |
| 28 | Thursday | Aydar Kul Camp | Uzbekistan | Day 17 Tour (Breakfast / Dinner) Drive 4.5 hours. Chashma Complex and Holy Spring Visit. Fortress of Alexander the Great Visit <i>Accommodation: Yurt Camp Stay Aidarkul</i> |
| 29 | Friday | Bukhara | Uzbekistan | Day 18 Tour (Breakfast) Drive 4 hours. Orientation walk. Hammam (Bathhouse) Visit (optional). <i>Accommodation: Unknown.</i> |
| 30 | Saturday | Bukhara | Uzbekistan | Day 19 Tour (Breakfast) Bukhara City Tour. Free time (afternoon). Chor-Bakr Complex. <i>Accommodation: Unknown.</i> |
| 31 | Sunday | Khiva | Uzbekistan | Day 20 Tour (Breakfast) Seven hour scenic drive through the desert. Orientation Walk <i>Accommodation: Unknown</i> |
| 32 | Monday | Khiva | Uzbekistan | Day 21 Tour (Breakfast) Khiva Ancient City Tour. <i>Accommodation: Unknown</i> |
| 33 | Tuesday | Dashoguz | Turkmenistan | Day 22 Tour (Breakfast) Border crossing. Drive 2 hours. Bai Bazaar visit. <i>Accommodation: Hotel Dashoguz</i> |
| 34 | Wednesday | Darvaza | Turkmenistan | Day 23 Tour (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner) Drive 2.5 hours for Kunya-Urgench City Visit. Drive 4 hours Darvaza. Darvaza Gas Crater Visit (Gates of Hell) <i>Accommodation: Darwaza Camping</i> |
| 35 | Thursday | Ashgabat | Turkmenistan | Day 24 Tour (Breakfast) Visit Erbent Sand Dunes. Drive 3.5 hours. <i>Accommodation: Unknown.</i> |
| 36 | Friday | Ashgabat | Turkmenistan | Day 25 Tour (Breakfast) Ashgabat city tour. Ashgabat Hippodrome (horse track). Ertugrul Gazi Mosque <i>Accommodation: Unknown.</i> |
| 37 | Saturday | Ashgabat | Turkmenistan | Day 26 Tour (Breakfast) - Tour ends FLIGHT STILL TO BE BOOKED LIKELY: Flight: TK323 04:35 Ashgabat to 06:45 Istanbul Flight Time: 4 Hour 10 minutes (Economy) |
| | | Istanbul | Turkey | Free Day <i>Accommodation: TBD</i> |
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| 41 | Wednesday | Istanbul | Turkey | Flight: SQ391 13:30 Istanbul to Singapore 05:00 (Friday) - Airbus A350-900 Flight Time: 10 Hours 30 minutes (Business Seat 15A) |
| 42 | Thursday | Singapore | Singapore | Transit Time: 13 Hours 35 Minutes (visit down town Singapore) Flight: MH608 18:10 Singapore to 19:20 Kuala Lumpur - Boeing 737-800 Flight Time: 1 Hours 10 minutes (Business Seat 2A) |
| | | Kuala Lumpur | Malaysia | Transit Time: 2 Hours 50 minutes (use Lounge) Flight: MH149 22:10 Kuala Lumpur to 07:55 Melbourne - Airbus A330-300 Flight Time: 7 Hours 45 minutes (Business Seat 2A) |
| 43 | Friday | Melbourne | Australia | Arrive Home |