



BLUE
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TURKEY LUXURY TOURS

East meets West in a land of awe-inspiring landscapes
and mesmerizing cultural sites

JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Explore one of the most culturally rich and historically significant countries of the world during your Turkey luxury tour. Begin in Istanbul, where your daily sightseeing will be organized around the different eras of this legendary city's history. Beginning with its Byzantine past, continuing through its Ottoman glory, and ending with the modern state that arose in the 20th century, your local guide will give you a comprehensive tour of the city's many highlights. Next, your private tour of Turkey continues in breathtaking Cappadocia. Take a sunrise private hot-air balloon ride for a panoramic view of the area before visiting the mysterious Open-Air Museum, site of ancient churches carved into the rock. Admire the chimney rock formations as you hike through Tokalı Kilise, and get a glimpse of traditional culture in Avanos, where you will find whirling dervishes and local artisans hard at work. Head to Izmir next, where you will stop by the ancient Greek city of Ephesus before arriving at the final destination of your tailor-made tour of Turkey: the stunning Aegean Coast. Enjoy luxurious accommodations at a seaside resort as you relax on the beaches of Turkey's "Turquoise Coast." Spend a day exploring coves and inlets aboard a private gulet, a traditional Turkish sailboat.

A Taste of Blue Parallel's Insider Access

- Exclusive private access to Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, the Basilica Cistern, and Göreme Open Air Museum, Ephesus, and many other monuments upon request
- Private boating off the Turquoise Coast
- Private hot air balloon ride over the rock valleys of Cappadocia
- Special appointments with the most reputable vendors for jewelry and rugs in Istanbul
- Private barbecue in the White Valley of Cappadocia

The Discovery

- Istanbul
- Cappadocia
- Ephesus Region
- Aegean Coast

The Adventure

- Hot air balloon ride
- Hiking
- Sailing
- Snorkeling
- Swimming

Duration

11 Days

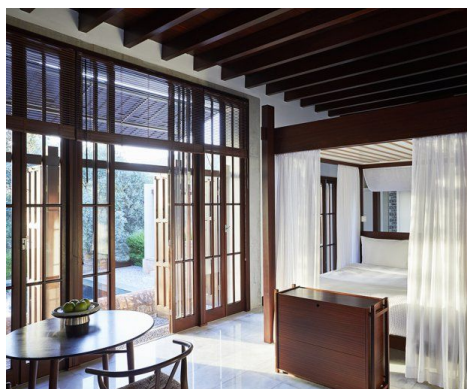
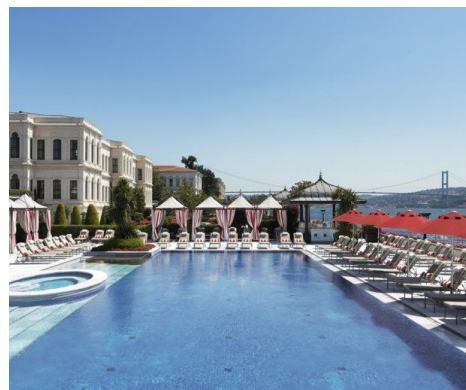
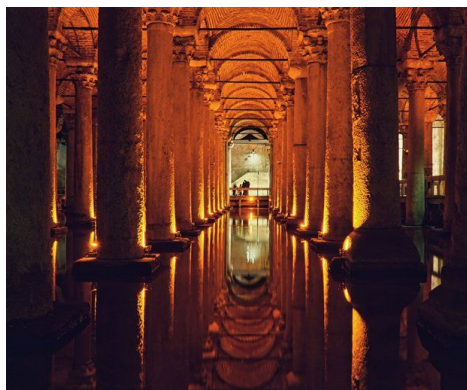
When to go?

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DESTINATIONS			TRAVEL TIME
ISTANBUL		KAYSERI	1 hr 15 min
KAYSERI		IZMIR	1 hr 30 min
IZMIR		ŞIRINCE	1 hr
ŞIRINCE		BODRUM	2 hrs 30 min
BODRUM		ISTANBUL	1 hr 10 min



PHOTOGRAPHY



PRIVATE TOUR TURKEY

Please note this private Turkey tour is an example, as all of our luxury journeys are custom-made. You will find below a summary outline.

Please contact us to start planning your custom-made private adventure of a lifetime.

Istanbul (4 nights)

Your luxury Turkey tour begins in Istanbul, where you will be greeted at the airport and taken by private transfer to your hotel to relax. In the afternoon, your guide will give you an overview of the local history and culture over a Turkish tea.

Enjoy an exploration of the city where you will discover the different periods of Turkish history: from the Byzantine Empire and the rise of the Ottoman sultans, to the establishment of its modern-day society. Each day focuses on one of these different eras. In the morning of your day experiencing the Byzantine period, visit the world-renowned Hagia Sophia. This site attracts nearly 9 thousand visitors per day, and with Blue Parallel, you may visit in private, prior to official opening hours. Later, see the other sights from the Byzantine period including the Basilica Cistern, the Alexander Sarcophagus, the Great Palace Mosaic Museum, the old city walls, and the Chora Church, which can also be arranged in private upon request.

After experiencing the Byzantine period, you will visit the landmarks from the Ottoman era including Topkapi Palace (which can be seen in private upon request), the Blue Mosque, Süleymaniye Mosque, and Rüstem Pasha Mosque. You will also be taken shopping in the city's famous markets of the Grand Bazaar and the Spice Bazaar. We can book special appointments for you with the most reputable vendors in jewelry, rugs, or other items.

Finally, see the sights from Turkey's modern era as it began to attract European influence in its architecture and style. Visit the residence of the last Sultans, Dolmabahçe Palace, and explore the vibrant Taksim district. You will also be taken on a Bosphorus cruise on a private boat, and as you go up this continental divide, you will take in views from the water of the historical mansions and palaces which dot the flanking hills. Later, enjoy the unique experience of a Turkish bath to relax after your excursions.

Cappadocia (2 nights)

Fly to the mysterious region of Cappadocia to enjoy the natural beauty of its striking rock formations and valleys, and to visit the incredible churches carved out of caves by the Byzantines. On your first afternoon, go on a hike in the White Valley, during which you will enjoy a Turkish barbecue prepared especially for you, as the sun goes down.

No luxury Turkey trip is complete without a private hot air balloon ride across the valleys. Start your following morning by with your first overview of the area as you admire the rocky valleys from above. Later visit the Open Air Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you will learn about the civilizations as you admire the ceiling paintings, frescoes and mosaics. Afterwards, explore the Tokalı Kilise, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985, this site is known for its "fairy-chimney" rock formations, in which many Christian churches were carved directly out of the rock.

In addition to its historical ruins and natural beauty, Cappadocia is a center for living culture as well, having been a magnet for artisans, potters, and silk makers for millennia. We will take you to Avanos where you can enjoy a pottery & rug-making demonstration and later witness a performance of the famed whirling dervishes, which have been recognized by UNESCO as an element of cultural significance for humanity.

Ephesus Region (1 night)

Fly to Izmir, where you will be greeted and taken to the hillside town of Sirince for lunch. Later, visit the world-famous ancient Greek city of Ephesus with your expert guide. Ephesus was a hub of Mediterranean commerce and culture for many centuries, and its preserved Library of Celsus (built in 120 A.D.) is one of the most prominent examples of Greek civilization surviving today. The city itself is widely regarded as one of the most well-preserved ancient cities in the Western world.

Aegean Coast (3 nights)

The following day, depart Sirince and continue your journey to the Aegean coast, visiting Priene and Didyma. These Greek cities are noted for their historical beauty. You will arrive at the elegant Amanruya resort facing the Aegean Sea where you will spend the final days of your luxury Turkey tour relaxing. The property features private pavilions, pools and a serene beach club with multiple terraces to enjoy the beautiful views of the turquoise water.

You will be taken out in your private traditional Turkish schooner (known as a *gület*) to explore the nearby islands of Karaada and Orakada, enjoying an exquisite Mediterranean lunch aboard your vessel. Additionally, you will get to visit the jet-set beach spot of Göltürkbükü.

On your final day, fly to Istanbul, where you will be assisted with your international flight home.

ABOUT BLUE PARALLEL

Blue Parallel is a bespoke luxury travel boutique.



Our mission is to take discerning, time-constrained travelers to the most spectacular natural and cultural wonders of Latin America, the Mediterranean, and the Polar Regions.



We create private, tailor-made journeys that focus on UNESCO World Heritage Sites, insider access experiences, and extraordinary outdoor adventures.



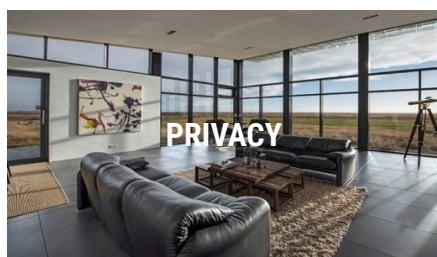
Since launching in 2003, we have become the go-to service for luxury travelers searching for top-of-the-line experiential journeys. We have been selected as an A-list Top Travel Advisor by Travel + Leisure every year since 2009, and are proudly part of the leading luxury travel network Virtuoso and their Ultraluxe Community (a by-invitation-only membership for the industry's most exclusive services and providers). We have hosted numerous eminent travelers since our inception and are frequently featured in prestigious international publications.



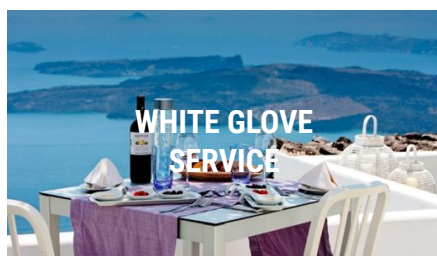
Blue Parallel journeys feature breathtaking outdoor adventures led by expert guides or accomplished athletes. Scuba diving in the Belize Reef, biking through Berber villages in the Atlas Mountains, ice-trekking on the Perito Moreno Glacier, dog sledding in Lapland, rafting on the Pacuare River in Costa Rica, and hiking the fjords of Norway are only a few examples of the extraordinary outdoor adventures we incorporate in our tailor-made itineraries. We take great satisfaction in designing custom-made adventures of a lifetime.



At Blue Parallel, we open doors to unique opportunities that match our travelers' interests. Our team travels year-round, seeking out the most intriguing insider experiences. Over the years, we have developed invaluable relationships with esteemed scholars, acclaimed artists, Olympic athletes, renowned chefs, directors of historical and natural landmarks, as well as with local leaders in politics and business, to name just a few examples.



Privacy has always been a top priority in all aspects of a Blue Parallel journey. Exclusive accommodations range from remote, fully-serviced villas in Iceland, a lighthouse on a private island in Norway, or a luxury private camp in the Sahara Desert. Examples of private custom experiences include an after-hours tour of the Alhambra in Andalusia, chartering a luxury yacht in the Galapagos Islands, or taking a private train ride to Machu Picchu. We can provide all these ultimate exclusive experiences and more so that our travelers can have the option to enjoy some of the world's most spectacular sights without the crowds.



Blue Parallel travelers are assigned a dedicated team comprised of:

- A personal travel expert
- A personal host in each destination
- Expert on-site guides and scholars
- Behind-the-scenes logistical experts to monitor every step of the journey

We are on call for our travelers 24-hours a day during their trip, ensuring a smooth and stress-free experience. Whatever happens, our team is one step ahead, and we provide the flexibility to change the program during the journey, if need be.

CERTAINTY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Blue Parallel's expertise and our obsession with details offer certainty in an uncertain world. We have almost 2 decades of experience handling unforeseen circumstances, and the recent pandemic has only increased the significant value of having our dedicated teams offer limitless support to our travelers before, during, and after their journeys.

OUR DESTINATIONS

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Forbes

FOOD & WINE

LUXURY
TRAVEL ADVISORNATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC

Robb Report

TRAVEL+
LEISURE

VOGUE

START PLANNING

We are experts in creating inspiring tailor-made itineraries. We will take your vision, try to enhance it, and then make your dream trip a reality. You can call us at 1-301-263-6670 Monday-Friday | 9 AM - 5PM ET, or send us an email to info@blueparallel.com.

How it all works

1

Contact us

Give us a call or send us an email in order to connect with one of our expert travel advisors.

2

Initial Consultation

We will ask you questions about your dream trip, make recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.

3

Summary Itinerary Outline

We will check availability for your preferred travel dates with our favorite accommodations and then provide you with a recommended summary trip outline.

4

Detailed Itinerary Proposal

Upon your approval of the summary outline, we will make tentative reservations and create a detailed custom-made itinerary with pricing documentation for your review.

5

Booking Procedures

If you would like Blue Parallel to secure your itinerary, we will email you our booking procedures and kindly request a deposit payment.

6

Pre-Trip Support

Closer to your travel dates, we will mail you a personalized travel package to ensure you are fully prepared for your journey.

7

During the Trip

While you are traveling, our team will be available to assist you with anything you may need at any time.

8

Post-Trip Debrief

After your journey, we would kindly ask to schedule a "debriefing call" to hear your feedback. Alternatively, you could fill in an online survey.

We will do our very best to surpass your expectations every step of the way. Most of our travelers are repeat travelers - we take great pride in forging long-term relationships with our savvy guests.