



TURKEY

FOR EVERY TYPE OF TRAVELLER

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Europe's back door and the gateway to Asia, Turkey has something to offer every holidaymaker.

For City Slickers

Start your trip in bustling Istanbul, a cultural melting pot characterised by its skyline of towering spires and intricate domes.

Immerse yourself in history at the Hagia Sofia and Topkapi palace museum before venturing into the Grand Bazaar for an explosion of the senses. Sit down for a fragrant Turkish delight and thirst-quenching tea.

Stroll around Karaköy, one of Istanbul's oldest neighbourhoods, now home to design hotels, fusion restaurants and waterfront bars with unparalleled views of Asia.

For creature comforts, stay at the immaculate [Naz City Hotel](#), a stone's throw away from the popular Taksim Square.

Snaking through Europe's most populous city is the Bosphorus strait. Cruise down on a riverboat tour, or catch the hourly ferry across the water from Eminönü to Kadıköy.

On the other side of the Bosphorus, meander into Kadıköy's art galleries and bookshops before watching the sunset with, çay in hand, in one of the area's no-frills yet characterful cafes.

For Explorers and Historians

Cappadocia is where your Turkey guidebook comes to life.

Take a guided tour around the infamous fairy chimneys: unique rock formations thought to be formed millions of years ago and once home to fourth-century Christians.

Eat at [Dibek](#): a traditional restaurant offering a carefully-curated selection of traditional Anatolian dishes, such as manti and testi kebab.

Get up at dawn to watch the hot air balloons do their graceful dance over central Turkey's space-like landscape.

For Beach Lovers

Hop on a flight to Antalya. The southern region's rugged coastline is the perfect spot to put your feet up after all the city wandering and adventuring.

Head west to the seaside town of Kaş where azure waters with dramatic backdrops, ancient ruins and bougainvillea-covered white buildings mingle. In the evenings, savour all types of traditional Turkish fare in one of the many rooftop restaurants until late into the night.

Stay at [Hotel Sardunya](#) for understated charm, a private sun deck with steps into the water, and a daily breakfast overlooking the sea.

For more beach action, zip over to Bodrum where calm, turquoise seas are as standard. Flit between your bar-side sun lounger and the sea or head to secluded coves on a boat tour.