

World Trip 2023: The 'Stans Turkey

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

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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 Kül 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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40	Tuesday	Istanbul	Turkey	Free Day <i>Accommodation: TBD</i>
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