

Things That Can Be Done Only in Turkey



Turkey is a wonderfully diverse country whose history blends between the two continents of Europe and Asia. Over centuries, Turkey has become an important location that home to a vast variety of cultures, creating an intriguing heritage that can easily be explored today. If you're considering a trip to Turkey, here are five unique things that you can do and see only in this impressive country.

Cruise Along the Turkish Coast

Turkey is the homeland of gulet type boats, which offer a popular activity for travelers who visit the country. Indeed one of the best ways to enjoy the Turkish coastal landscape and turquoise water is to board a [Turkish luxury gulet](#). If you have never boarded a luxury gulet you will be amazed to know that the feeling and experience of such a cruise is incomparable to any other conventional type of holiday. This style of cruising allows you to enjoy a week-long experience with a planned out itinerary full of activities modified according to your group's wishes. You will be able to experience the traditions, history, mesmerizing destinations and much more while enjoying world-class luxury and the comfort of your yacht. Whether you are traveling with a large group, or you plan on a small family cruise in Turkey, you won't have any issue finding a rewarding experience.



Try Turkish Food

It is known that Turkish cuisine is beyond delicious and its secret to perfection lies largely in the heritage of the Ottoman culture, which takes influences from Central Asian, Middle Eastern, Mediterranean, and Balkan

cuisines. The original flavor of dishes are created and enhanced by a mixture of fragrant spices that can make your tastebuds dance from excitement. Although for many, kebabs is probably the first dish you'll think of when speaking about Turkish food, there are much more interesting dishes out there such as fresh fish, stuffed dolmas, vegetable stews, mezes, and more. If you have a sweet tooth, the good news is that Turkey offers many sweet delights with original flavors far superior to the Turkish sweets you find in stores around the world.

Of course, an absolute must try is baklava! This sugar bomb is a rich, sweet dessert pastry made of layers of filo filled with chopped nuts and held together with syrup or honey. Baklava will definitely satisfy even the sweetest craving.



Balloon Ride Over Magical Cappadocia

Cappadocia is one of those magical places that really must be seen in person to be believed! It offers a one of a kind landscape with an other-worldly surface that resembles other planets, like Mars. But since not many of us can afford a trip to Mars, ballooning over Cappadocia is the closest we'll get to it.

There is just something enchanting about floating in a hot air balloon while admiring this mind-blowing area from above. Full of stone peaks that rise like chimneys from the earth, the landscape below will leave you mesmerized at all times. Welcoming the morning sun in a hot air balloon is perhaps one of the most beautiful and unique experiences anywhere. Even better, after such an adventure, you can continue exploring the region, one full of ancient human history (such as the rock-cut churches at the Göreme) and an endless variety of hikes, village experiences and more.



Visit the Ancient City of Ephesus

This ancient city is well-preserved and timeless! It is one of the most magnificent historical locations in the country. Ephesus dates back to the 10th century BC when it was home to 30,000-60,000 people and today it still remains in great condition. Famous for its Temple of Artemis, which has been listed among one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, this overall site of ruins is a must-see. The Library of Celsus, with its magnificent facade, is also worth a visit, along with Roman bathhouses and the advanced and fascinating aqueduct system. The Odeon, a small theatre that could welcome around 1500 spectators, is another highlight, along with the impressively preserved Temple of Hadrian. At Ephesus, ancient art, history, and culture can be explored at incredible depths.



Explore the Archaeological Site of Troy

In 1870, an archaeologist by the name of Heinrich Schliemann discovered this 4,000-year-old site. The fall of this city was made famous by Homer's poem "The Iliad" and by modern day movies as well. But even if you're never heard of Troy, it's an archaeological site that deserves great attention and excitement, which you feel at your first glimpse of the Trojan Horse at the entrance. This location is best experienced with a professional tour guide who can explain to you the stories, mythology and history, such as the tale of Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world, who was abducted by a Prince of Troy, an incident that led to the well-known Trojan War. If you're into history, literature or simply beautiful ruins, the ancient city of Troy needs to be seen.

Enjoy Turkey!



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