

# Western Turkey 14<sup>th</sup> September to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026



Stunning coastlines, Archaeological wonders and Historic cities

Turkey is the land where East meets West, the mountains reach the sea and where blocks of civilisation were formed. The country abounds with history, nature and fascinating cities; much of which is included in this tour. The History of Gallipoli and the World War I beach of Anzac cove; Ancient Troy and its wooden horse; the Roman city of Ephesus; the whirling Dervish region of Konya and the striking amphitheatre of Aspendos are all on our route.

For nature lover's there's stunning journeys along the beautiful Aegean and Mediterranean coastlines, the fairy chimney structures of Cappadocia, the high walled Saklikent gorge and the 'Cotton Castle' of Pamukkale.

We visit Turkeys two great cities: Capital Ankara with its old centre and mausoleum to 'Ataturk' (Turkeys founder) and to Istanbul, home of the Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace & the Grand Bazaar.

Throughout Turkey you will find local people are particularly friendly and fascinating to interact with; being Turkish speaking our Tour Directors are on hand to assist you with this.

Motorhoming in Turkey is a wonderful experience and one that is best enjoyed by those possessing an open mind to camping, having a sense for adventure and being reasonably mobile.

#### Ken Starmer – Western Turkey May/June 2022

'A fantastic tour in a fantastic country. The Turkish speaking tour leaders were brilliant. If you get the chance to take your motorhome to Turkey, grab it with both hands, you won't regret it.'

# Chris & Elain Morgan – Western Turkey May/June 2022

'This was our first GB Motorhome Tours holiday and it won't be our last! Turkey is an incredible country -so diverse – and its people friendly and welcoming. We cannot fault the quality of the programme and its implementation. From start to finish, Nurcan and Kevin delivered impeccably. They are both hugely knowledgeable, incredibly helpful, friendly and professional in everything they do.'

# 41 Nights

#### Day 1 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026

We meet at a quality campsite in Bologna, northern Italy. This evening join with your fellow travellers for an informal drink's reception around the Tour Directors motorhome.



# Day 2 – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Drive to Ancona, Italy to catch the overnight ferry to Greece. En-suite cabin on board is included for you. *140 miles* 

#### Day 3 - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Arriving at Igoumenitsa in northern Greece we have a short drive to an overnight beach side campsite. *5 miles* 

# Day 4 - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September

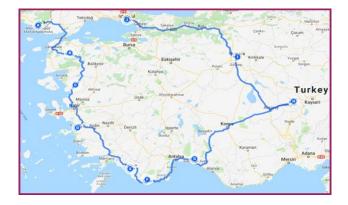
Today we drive across scenic northern Greece to a coastal campsite in Methoni Pierias. This evening we have a group dinner in the campsites own restaurant overlooking the sea. **195 miles** 

#### Day 5 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

We continue heading east to a beachside campsite at Alexandropoulos. We are now within 20 miles of the Turkish border. **190 miles** 

# Day 6 - Saturday 19th September

A free day. Our campsite is right on the beach and is perfect for relaxing, it is also just 20 minutes' walk from the town centre where an excellent selection of shops and restaurants are found. This evening the Tour Directors will host a tour briefing for crossing into and travelling in Turkey.



# Day 7 – Sunday 20th September

Crossing the Turkish border this morning we travel to our first campsite in Turkey. Our Tour Directors (who also speak Turkish) will be on hand to assist with border formalities. This evening we celebrate our arrival in Turkey with a group meal featuring local cuisine. **90 miles** 

#### Day 8 – Monday 21st September

This morning we are collected by transport for a visit to the World War 1 Gallipoli peninsular where we visit Anzac Cove and memorials to those who fought here. Lunch is included in a local restaurant.

#### Day 9 – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

We leave Gallipoli and Europe this morning, as we cross the Dardanelle Straights we are in Asia. Our drive takes us to Bergama but not before stopping en-route for a visit to Ancient Troy. **150 miles** 

# Day 10 – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Free day. You may use the time to visit ancient Bergama (Pergamon) or to sample everyday Turkish life in the modern town of Bergama.

# Day 11 - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Our drive today takes us to Kusadasi where our campsite is located close to the beach and within easy walking distance of this very popular resort. This evening we have a group dinner in a local restaurant. **135** miles

#### Day 12 - Friday 25th September

A group excursion to the world-famous antiquity of Ephesus. For many people Ephesus is considered to be the best preserved ancient Greek city in Europe and our English-speaking guide will help bring it alive for us. Lunch is included.

# Day 13 - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Free day and chance to explore Kusadasi town or relax on the beach.

#### Day 14 – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Full day excursion as we visit the UNESCO world heritage site of Pamukkale. The literal translation of Pamukkale is 'Cotton Castle', a name that reflects the brilliant white calcium travertine terraces formed by flowing hot springs. Lunch included.



#### Day 15 - Monday 28th September

A free day to further explore Kusadasi.

# Day 16 - Tuesday 29th September

We leave the Aegean coast to travel to the Lycian town of Dalyan, where we stay off campsite for 2 nights (toilet only facilities so an opportunity to use some of your motorhomes own). **150 miles** 

# Day 17 - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

We start the day with a local breakfast followed by a boat trip on the Dalyan river to get up close to some of the Lycian tombs.

# Day 18 - Thursday 1st October

A short journey today to arrive at Saklikent Gorge, a real phenomenon of nature. This evening we stay within the park (toilet only facilities) and have a group dinner by the river. During the afternoon a visit to the gorge is a must. **65 miles** 

# Day 19 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Another short journey to arrive on the Mediterranean coast. 65 miles

# Day 20 - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Today we take a sightseeing boat trip with lunch.

# Day 21 – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Continue along the coast to Manavgat, where we stay for 3 nights. Our campsite is right on the beach. **160** miles

# Day 22 - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

A full day excursion with visits to the very well preserved Aspendos Amphitheatre and to one of Turkeys most upmarket cities - Antalya. Lunch is included.



# Day 23 - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Free day to enjoy the beach.

# Day 24 - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

We leave the coast with a drive inland to the city of Konya. 170 miles

#### Day 25 - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Using the cities modern public transport, we visit with a local guide the historical centre of wonderful Konya, home of the Whirling Dervish.

# Day 26 - Friday 9th October

Continue our journey to arrive at Goreme, in the heart of Cappadocia. 170 miles

# Day 27 - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Today we are taken by coach for a guided tour of the underground cities, cave houses and churches of Cappadocia. Lunch is included in a rural village.

# Day 28 - Sunday 11th October

In order to see the truly remarkable landscape of Cappadocia it is possible to take an optional hot air balloon trip (payable locally). Those wishing to take up the option will be collected from the campsite for an early morning take-off with a flight time of around 1 hour. Upon returning to the campsite a full Turkish breakfast will be served.



# Day 29 - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Today we are taken to Avanos and Urgup with free time to explore these towns of local pottery. This evening we have a Turkish night of food, music and dance from the Cappadocian region.

# Day 30 - Tuesday 13th October

A free day, an opportunity to enjoy the wonderful surroundings of Cappadocia.

# Day 31 - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Today we drive to Ankara, Turkey's capital. 160 miles

# Day 32 - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Guided tour of Ankara, including visiting Kemal Ataturk's mausoleum. Lunch is included in an old city restaurant.

#### Day 33 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

A motorway drive today takes us between Turkeys two largest cities to arrive near Istanbul. 300 miles

#### Day 34 - Saturday 17th October

Full day guided tour of Istanbul. The Blue Mosque, Aya Sofia and Topkapi Palace are all must see places and included. Lunch is in a city restaurant.



#### Day 35 - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Return to Istanbul for another day, this time for free time to visit the Grand Bazaar and to take a Bosphorus boat cruise.

# Day 36 - Monday 19th October

After 2 busy days a free day to relax around the campsite. Later in the day, maybe make a visit to the Black Sea, the coast of which is walkable from our campsite.

#### Day 37 - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

We skirt around Istanbul on the modern outer motorway network, as we start to make our way towards the Greek border. This evening we have parking arranged (no facilities) in a Turkish coastal port, next to where we have our Farewell Dinner. Throughout the evening we have the opportunity to enjoy Turkish food in relaxed surroundings whilst reflecting back on a month in Turkey. At the end of the evening, it is no more than a few steps back to our motorhomes. **55 miles** 

#### Day 38 - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Start of our return journey as we leave Turkey this morning crossing back into Greece. 130 miles

# Day 39 - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

A free day. Our campsite is on the beach and ideal for relaxing.

#### Day 40 - Friday 23rd October

Travel across northern Greece to an overnight campsite. 190 miles

# Day 41 - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October

A comfortable drive today to arrive at the port of Igoumenitsa ready for our overnight crossing back to Ancona, Italy. En-suite cabin on board is included for you. **190 miles** 

#### Day 42 - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

The tour ends as the boat arrives back in Italy today.

# PRICE

Motorhome with 2 people - £3399 per person Motorhome with 1 person - £4999 Ferry surcharge over 6m = £200 per metre or part metre

#### 1st Deposit £700

**2nd Deposit of £800** to secure ferry places payable 30/04/2026 Balance 10 weeks before start of tour

#### **INCLUDED IN PRICE**

- 35 Campsite nights with electric hook-up where available
- 2 nights on ferry with internal en-suite cabin
- 4 overnight parking's with no or limited facilities
- Transport for Excursions/Events as per the Itinerary
- Entrance fees on Excursions/Events as per the Itinerary unless otherwise stated
- Group meals as listed in the itinerary with 1 drink at lunches and 2 at dinners (wine, beer, soft drink)
- Tour information Pack with suggested routes & GPS co-ordinates
- Michelin Country Map
- DK Turkey Guidebook
- Services of Tour Directors, travelling in their own motorhome

#### Excursions, Events & Meals

- Welcome Reception
- Return Italy to Greece ferry with internal en-suite cabin
- Greek campsite dinner
- Welcome to Turkey dinner
- Gallipoli World War I guided excursion with lunch

- Visit to Troy
- Dinner in Kusadasi
- Ephesus guided excursion with lunch
- Pamakkale excursion with lunch
- Dalyan breakfast
- Dalyan boat trip
- Saklikent gorge visit
- Saklikent dinner
- Andriake boat trip with lunch
- Aspendos Amphitheatre and Antalya city guided excursion with lunch
- Guided Konya city visit using local transport
- Cappadocia guided excursion with village lunch
- Optional hot air balloon flight over Cappadocia (payable locally)
- Cappadocia campsite breakfast
- Visit to Avanos and Urgup
- Turkish evening with dinner
- Ankara guided city excursion with lunch
- Istanbul guided city excursion with lunch
- Visit to Istanbul Grand Bazaar
- Bosphorus boat cruise
- Farewell Dinner

This tour starts at Bologna in Italy, but if you would like to travel on the outward journey with your Tour Directors, please book the optional tour package so that everything can be arranged on your behalf

# **OPTIONAL PACKAGE**

- Return Dover/Calais Ferry with Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- Five additional camping nights with electric hook-up starting in Kent on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September and followed by Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.
- Group Dinner in German campsite
- Tour information pack with suggested routes & GPS co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

# **OPTIONAL PACKAGE PRICE**

Motorhome with 2 people @ £489 per person Motorhome with 1 person @ £829