



Turkey Golf Tour

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**TRY
SOMEWHERE
DIFFERENT**

Take the opportunity to play in a relatively unknown golfers paradise. We do not think you will be disappointed.

Photo: old
Titanic course

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Day 1: Depart Australia and make your way to Istanbul.

Arrive to hotel by 5pm.

We recommend booking flights through our travel partner to ensure that all arrangements are correct. We will arrange transfers from Istanbul airport to the hotel if you have booked through our agent.

If you do not book your flights with our recommended agent, please send us your full flight details as soon as you have booked.

Our hotel is situated in the heart of the old city, perfectly located within walking distance to all the major attractions. We will meet for an early dinner together in a local restaurant close to the hotel. [D]

Day 2: Istanbul Sightseeing

Meet in hotel lobby at 10:30 am.

Istanbul is the only city in the world built on two continents. We will have a welcome meeting before we head off to explore the historic centre of Istanbul. It is a magnificent city, full of history, beauty, and a real blend of cultures. Today we will wander down the Hippodrome, the scene of ancient chariot races and the centre of Byzantine civic life.

Additionally, we will visit the elegant Sultanahmet Mosque, known as the blue mosque due to its magnificent interior decoration of Iznik tiles and the Underground Cistern, built in 532 ad. This place has a magical quality about it. [BD]

*lunch extra



Istanbul Ottoman band

Day 3: Istanbul Sightseeing

This morning we will wander through the Egyptian Spice Bazaar. The sights and smells in this bazaar are a unique sensation. We will then relax on a Bosphorus Cruise, enjoying the magnificent buildings and scenery along the shores of both Europe and Asia. In the afternoon we will visit the labyrinth of streets and passages of the colourful Grand Bazaar. Kadir will give you a short tour after which you will have free time to wander around the 4000 shops if you wish. [BD] * lunch extra

Day 4: Istanbul Sightseeing

Today we will visit the great palace of the Ottoman sultans [Topkapi Palace]. Here you will appreciate the incredible wealth of the Ottoman Empire. We will tour through the many courts and visit the fascinating harem. We will also visit the Aya Sofia Museum, a church built in the 6th century and recently converted back to a mosque. The walls are decorated with stunning Byzantine mosaics. After this you will have free time to continue walking in this lovely area of Istanbul [BD] * lunch extra



Day 5: **Fly to Antalya** and transfer to our coastal resort hotel in Belek on the Turkish Riviera. This area has been developed as Turkey's prime golfing destination with a selection of magnificent world class courses, some of which are in Europe's top 100 courses. We will stay at an ALL INCLUSIVE resort in Belek. It is a very large resort with great facilities, including large pool areas, a gym and a spa and wellness centre and many organised daily activities. Once settled we will have an orientation talk about the hotel facilities and details of the week ahead. [BD] * lunch extra

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Day 6: **Golf Day**. Today is our first golf day in Belek. This region is a popular with golf lovers due to the abundance of courses. There is a continuous 20km+ stretch of resorts and golf courses and today we tee off at the **Cullinan Links** Golf course. Opened in 1997, as the Titanic Golf course the 36-hole course has 8 lakes and 77 bunkers and rated in the top 15 of Turkish courses. Designed by Hawtree of England it has every type of golfing challenge with both parkland and links holes. [BLD] <https://www.cullinanhotels.com/experiences/golf>

Day 7: **Golf Day**

The original 18-hole course at the **National** Golf Club, designed by Feherty and Jones was opened in 1994 and the courses are called Irmak and Tuna. Carved through a forest of eucalyptus and pine trees with the backdrop of the snow-capped Taurus mountains and an abundance of natural lakes, the National tests all abilities of players. Ranked number 4 in Turkey. In 2016 another 9 holes were opened and these are called Ada. [BLD] www.nationalturkey.com/course/

Day 8: **Golf Day**



Carya

Today we will play at **Carya** golf course, a first-class heathland style golf course built on the Mediterranean coast. Designed by Thomson Perrett & Lobb it is 18 hole, 6571m and par 72. Each hole offers variety and challenges. A tactical approach is required and finding the correct way to play the fairways is often more important than distance off the tee. This course is ranked 1st in Turkey and 39th in Europe and has hosted the PGA European tour- Turkish Airlines Open from 2016 to 2018. [BLD] www.caryagolf.com

Day 9: **Golf Day**

Lykia Links is another fabulous 18-hole course in this region. Belek is one of the most vibrant golfing hot spots in Europe. This course designed by Perry Dye runs along a river that runs into the Mediterranean. It is no stroll in the park and you will be challenged on this tough course. Rolling sand dunes and delightful greens located along the Mediterranean which offers a break from the tree lined courses in Belek. [BLD] <https://lykialinks.com/>

Day 10: **Sightseeing**

Today we will spend some time in the old centre of Antalya, called Kaleici. Antalya's old town consists of restored houses from the Ottoman period. The historic harbour area is surrounded by ancient city walls dating from 2nd Century AD and is a lovely place to wander around.

There will be some time for shopping, and we may take a short boat trip in the harbour area. [BLD]



Antalya Harbour

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Day 11: Sightseeing

Today we will visit more historic sites in the area. Aspendos, is one of the best-preserved amphitheatres of the Roman era. We will travel to the ancient city of Perge, featuring a Greco-Roman theatre, stadium, roman baths, and agora. These sights are the finest ruins in the region [BLD]

Day 12: Golf Day

Today we play at the **Sultan** course at Antalya Golf club. This course was selected to host the 2012 World Amateur Team Championship and the Turkish Airlines world golf final. Eight of the words best players including Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, Lee Westwood and Justin Rose have played here. The par 71 & 6477 m course presents a combination of challenges to test both high and low handicappers. Designed by European Golf design and David Jones in the late 1990s, the course is undulating with many ponds and water features. This course is ranked 3rd in Turkey and 70th in Europe. [BLD] <http://agc.com.tr>



Photo supplied from Cornelia website



Montgomerie

Day 13: Golf Day

The **Cornelia** Golf club is a demanding Faldo designed course. Again, set in a pine forest it has a variety of holes. It is ranked the 2nd best course in Turkey and 61st in Europe. [BLD] <https://www.corneliaresort.com>

Day 14: Golf Day

Montgomerie Maxx Royal is one of Turkey's largest and most ambitious golf facilities and has held the European PGA tour -Turkish Open in Oct 2019. With challenging and undulating fairways and Scottish style bunkers, this is one of the most demanding courses in Belek. [BLD] <http://www.montgomeriemaxxroyal.com>

Day 15: Transfer to Istanbul

We fly back to Istanbul after breakfast. You can fly straight home on flights after 1 pm or we can book you extra days in Istanbul or Antalya. [B]

COST: \$9,900 AUD pp twin share * 8 person minimum
\$9,400 AUD pp twin share * 12 person minimum

* courses may change if necessary*

International airfare, visa and compulsory travel insurance not included