

Jim Gold International Folk Dance Tours

Turkey

Folk Dancing, Folk Music, Art, History, Culture, Adventure!

October 17-31, 2025

Led by Lee Otterholt

Itinerary

Day 0: Friday, October 17, 2025

Fly to Ankara on airline of your choice.

Day 1: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Arrive in Ankara. Make your own way to our hotel. Dinner and overnight in **Ankara.**



Day 2: Sunday, October 19, 2025

After breakfast visit the **Anatolian Civilizations Museum** and **Mausoleum of Ataturk**. Continue to the **Column of Julian Apostata** and the **Temple of Augustus**. Dinner and overnight in **Ankara**.

Day3: Monday, October 20, 2025

After breakfast travel to the historic Hittite capital of **Hattusas** and visit the Temple, Underground Gate, Citadel and Sanctuary of **Yazilikaya**. Continue to the Pre-Hittite town of **Alacahoyuk** and visit the graves of the kings. Drive to fascinating Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight in **Cappadocia**.



Day 4: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

After breakfast see the hollowed-out dwellings of early Christians who hid in these cave dwellings to escape Roman and Byzantine persecutors. Visit the underground city of **Kaymakli**. Continue to see churches in **Goreme**, fairy chimneys of **Pasabag Valley**, and the natural citadel of **Uchisar** and **Avanos**. Dinner and overnight in **Cappadocia**.



Day 5: Wednesday, October 22, 2025

After breakfast stop by **Sultanhan caravanserai** en route. Drive to Konya and visit the famous **Mausoleum of Mevlana**. Dinner and overnight in **Konya**.



Day 6: Thursday, October 23, 2025

After breakfast drive to Pamukkale. Visit the site of **Hierapolis** and walk on the lime cascades of **Pamukkale**. Dinner and overnight in **Pamukkale**.



Day 7: Friday, October 24, 2025

After breakfast drive to the Greco-Roman settlement of **Aphrodisias**, dedicated to Goddess of Love. In the afternoon visit the **House of Virgin Mary**. Dinner and overnight in **Kusadasi**.



Day 8: Saturday, October 25, 2025

After breakfast visit one of the great archeological sites of the world, the Roman Capital of Asia Minor, the ancient Ionian city of **Ephesus**. Continue to Izmir. Dinner and overnight in **Izmir**.



Day 9 : Sunday, October 26, 2025

After breakfast drive to **Pergamum**. Visit this ancient capital, its healing **Asclepium**, and the dramatic **Acropolis**. Dinner and overnight in **Canakkale**.



Day 10: Monday, October 27, 2025

After breakfast visit Homer's legendary **Troy** and continue to Bursa. Explore **Ulu Cami (Grand Mosque), Green Mosque and Mausoleum**, and

old **Silk Market in the Covered Bazaar** where you can buy Turkish towels. Dinner and overnight in **Bursa**.

Day 11: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

After breakfast we travel to Istanbul. Tea break at **Camlica Hill**, with breathtaking view of the city. Visit majestic **Dolmabahce Palace** (residence of latter-day Sultans of the Ottoman Empire). Dinner and overnight in **Istanbul**.



Day 12: Wednesday, October 29, 2025

After breakfast classical city tour: Visit **Hagia Sophia Mosque-Museum**, the **Byzantine Hippodrome**, **Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmet Mosque)** and **Topkapi Palace**. Dinner and overnight in **Istanbul**.



Day 13: Thursday, October 30, 2025

After breakfast drive to the **Grand Bazaar**, a maze of over 4000 tiny shops selling gold, jewelry, leather work and fine carpets, and the exotic **Spice Bazaar**. We'll take a scenic **cruise on the Bosphorus**. En route we'll pass palaces, castles, palatial homes etc. Dinner and overnight in **Istanbul**.



Day 14: Friday, October 31, 2025

After breakfast make your own way to the airport for flight home.

Land Only: \$4995 app

REGISTRATION FORM: I can't wait to go! Enclosed is my registration deposit of \$200 per person. Single supplement: \$995. Additional charges: Service charges: \$185. Gratuities and drinks during meals not included. Program subject to change without notice. All tours have a professional guide. Over 10 participants, and tour will have an additional leader. Cancellations 90 days prior to departure: Total refund: Less than 90 days: No refund. Travel insurance always recommended.

Total balance due July 1, 2025

Name _____

Address _____

No. of people _____ Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

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Reservations: Deposits and Payments: Deposit of \$200 per person is required at time of reservation. Balance is due 90 days prior to departure date.

Changes: Prices and program subject to change without notice

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