

PRE-07 Ankara and Çorum: Anatolian Civilizations of Gordion and the Hitite Empire 8 – 12 NOVEMBER

Unravel the mysteries of Anatolia on a captivating journey through Ankara and Çorum, where ancient civilizations beckon. Begin at Ankara's Anatolian Civilizations Museum, delving into the realms of the Hittite Empire and beyond. Climb the historic Ankara Castle for panoramic views that transcend time. Venture into Çorum to unearth the secrets of the Hittite heartland at the Boğazköy Museum and the awe-inspiring Hattusa Ruins. Explore the sacred grounds of Alacahöyük, resonating with Hittite splendor. Conclude your odyssey at Gordion, where myths and history intertwine in the shadow of King Midas. Join us on this immersive tour, where each step reveals the wonders of a bygone era.



DAY 1 / 8 NOV FRI / ARRIVAL

Arrive at İstanbul Airport by 17:00 for your flight to Ankara. Upon arrival, meet at the airport with SATW Conference logo sign transfer to your hotel for 1 hour, check-in, and refresh. Later, enjoy dinner at Kumsal restaurant between 19:30 – 21:00. Overnight Ankara Sheraton Hotel. (D)



DAY 2 / 9 NOV SAT / ANKARA

After breakfast, meet your guide at 09:00 and transfer to the Anatolian Civilizations Museum, an integral repository of ancient artifacts that chronicle the diverse histories and cultures of Anatolia. Here, you will embark on a fascinating journey through time, marveling at relics from the Paleolithic to the Ottoman periods. Following this enlightening tour, you will head to a local restaurant at the old citadel for lunch between 12:30 – 13:30, where you can savor the authentic flavors of Turkish cuisine. After lunch, you'll visit the historic Ankara Castle, offering a glimpse into the city's Byzantine and Ottoman heritage, along with panoramic views of Ankara from its ancient walls. Post-visit, you will return to your hotel at 17:00 for refreshments and drive to dinner at Afitap restaurant between 19:30 – 21:00. Overnight Ankara Sheraton Hotel. (B/L/D)



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DAY 3 / 10 NOV SUN / HATTUSA

After breakfast check out at 08:30 and drive 3 hours to Boğazköy. Here, a cultural adventure awaits, starting with visits to the Boğazköy Museum and Hattusa, a UNESCO World Heritage site, rich with remnants of the Hittite Empire. At the Yazilikaya Open Air Temple, you can marvel at the rock carvings that offer insight into ancient religious practices. The Dulkadiroğlu Mansions will provide a peek into the historical architecture and lifestyle, while the Hattusa Excavation Memorial House chronicles fascinating archaeological discoveries. After lunch at a local restaurant between 13:00 – 14:00, you will explore the Alaca Höyük Ruins, 30 minutes away from Hattusa, another significant Hittite site, alongside its museum which displays intriguing artifacts. The day's historical exploration will end with a visit to the Gölpınarı Hittite Dam, an ancient water management marvel. Drive to Çorum for Dinner and overnight at Anitta Hotel. (B/L/D)

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DAY 4 /11 NOV MON/ GORDION

Breakfast and check-out at 08:30. Today, your destination is the ancient city of Gordion, renowned for its rich Phrygian heritage and most famously linked to King Midas of the golden touch myth. The drive will take us 4 hours. Lunch in Polatlı and as you explore Gordion, you can visit the ancient burial mounds, including the impressive Midas Tumulus, which is the reputed tomb of King Midas himself. After immersing yourself in the historical wealth of Gordion, transfer back to Ankara for about an hour, where you'll check in at your hotel and enjoy some relaxation time to recharge. Transfer to Develi restaurant for dinner between 20:00 – 21:30. Overnight Ankara Sheraton Hotel. (B/L/D)

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DAY 5 / 12 NOV TUE / DEPARTURE

Transfer to Ankara Airport for departure. Estimated arrival at İstanbul Airport is at 13:30. From there, transfer directly to your convention hotel for check-in. (B)

What's Included:

- All hotel accommodations as indicated in the itinerary, all taxes and breakfast included.
- All meals, as indicated: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner. (B/L/D)
- Water, soft drinks and limited alcoholic beverage with meals included.
- Professional English-speaking guide and all expenses.
- Air-conditioned tour bus with professional driver, minibus with 14 seats for 4-12 pax, Midibus with 31 seats for 13 - 15 pax.
- All tours and all group transfers as mentioned in itinerary.
- All parking fees and toll roads.
- Only hotel and restaurant tips, where meal is included.
- All entrance fees and admissions.
- Baggage handling.
- Domestic Flights.

Not Included:

- International flights
- Turkish bath, massage, etc.
- Visa to Türkiye.