



## **PRE-05 Türkiye's Southwest Coast: History and Culture in the Land of the Lycians 9 -12 NOVEMBER**

Immerse yourself in the enchanting Lycian region, where ancient history and stunning landscapes come together to create a truly captivating experience. Explore the mysterious ruins of Tlos and Xanthos, ancient cities steeped in legend and intrigue. Journey to Letoon, a sacred site dedicated to the goddess Leto, and feel the spiritual energy that still lingers in the air. Relax in the sun-kissed paradise of Patara, with its pristine sandy beaches and impressive archaeological sites waiting to be discovered. Step back in time in Myra, where rock-cut tombs and an ancient theater transport you to another era. Pay homage to the beloved saint at the Church of St. Nicholas, a place of pilgrimage and reflection. The charming town of Kaş, where crystal-clear waters and bustling markets beckon you to explore. The Lycian region is a place where history comes to life, nature enchants the senses, and every corner holds a discovery. Don't miss the opportunity to uncover the secrets of Lycia on this unforgettable journey.

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### **DAY 1 / 9 NOV SAT/ ARRIVAL**

Arrive at İstanbul Airport for your flight to Dalaman with TK2560 15:00 – 16:25. Upon arrival, meet at the airport with SATW Conference logo sign and transfer 45 minutes to your hotel, check-in, and refresh. Later, enjoy dinner at Fethiye Fish Market between 19:30 – 21:00, before returning to the hotel for the night. Overnight Ece Saray Hotel. (D)

<http://ecesaray.com.tr/en/>

### **DAY 2 / 10 NOV SUN / TLOS – XANTHOS - LETOON**

After breakfast checkout at 08:30 and transfer 1 hour to the ancient city of Tlos. As one of the oldest and most important Lycian cities, Tlos boasts fascinating ruins, including rock-cut tombs, a hilltop fortress, and Roman baths, offering insights into the region's rich history. After exploring Tlos, you'll head to a local restaurant for a delectable lunch between 12:00 – 13:00 savoring regional flavors.

After lunch, 1 hour drive will bring you to the ancient city of Xanthos, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its impressive monuments such as the Harpy Tomb and the Nereid Monument. Drive 20 minutes to Letoon, another UNESCO site that served as a significant religious center of the Lycian civilization, containing temples dedicated to Leto, Artemis, and Apollo.

After immersing yourself in the ancient wonders, you'll transfer 1 hours to the ancient city of Patara, the birthplace of St. Nicholas and home to one of the longest beaches in Türkiye. Explore its ruins, which include a well-preserved theater and the majestic assembly hall of the Lycian League. We will see the sunset from the beach and drive 30 minutes to İslamlar Village for a local dinner at a trout farm between 19:00 – 20:30. Drive 1 hour to your hotel in Kaş for check-in and refreshments. Overnight Kaş Radisson Blu Hotel. (B/L/D)

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### **DAY 3 / 11 NOV MON/ KAŞ - MYRA**

Have breakfast at the hotel and check-out at 08:30.

Wake up in the charming coastal town of Kaş, where you can enjoy a leisurely walk and some free time to explore its vibrant markets and picturesque harbor. At 10:00 your journey continues to the ancient city of Myra which is 1 hour drive. Lunch at a local restaurant between 12:30 – 13:30. Myra is famous for its rock-cut tombs and the impressive Roman theater. While in Myra, you'll also visit St. Nicholas Church, a historically significant site dedicated to the saint who inspired the modern-day Santa Claus.

Following these enriching visits, you'll transfer 2 hours to your hotel in Antalya. After checking in and refreshing, you'll be transported to 7 Mehmet restaurant for a delightful dinner, rounding off a day filled with historical exploration and cultural delights. Overnight Ramada Hotel. (B/L/D)

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<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/antalya-turkiye/ramada-plaza-antalya/overview>

### **DAY 4 /12 NOV TUE/ DEPARTURE**

Meet at the hotel at 09:00 and transfer to Antalya Airport for your flight to İstanbul with TK2411 11:40 – 13:15. Arrival at İstanbul Airport is at 13:15. 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.
- All entrance fees and admissions.
- Baggage handling.
- Domestic Flights.

**Not Included:**

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