



**NEW** WINGS OVER THE WORLD

## Wings Over Greece & Turkey 2020-21

12 days from \$31,995 per person

Limited to 13 guests

Explore the historic and cultural riches of the ancient world, from the glories of Athens and Istanbul, to the Minoan culture of idyllic Crete and the wonders of Cappadocia, flying by chartered air around this fascinating region, and walking historic paths to experience the local life of yesterday and today, up close.

**Aircraft:** Bombardier Challenger 850 or comparable

Aircraft and seating configuration subject to change.

**Flight Details:** Athens–Heraklion (50 min) | Heraklion–Izmir (1 hr) | Izmir–Cappadocia (1 hr 15 min) | Cappadocia–Istanbul (1 hr 10 min)

### Included With Every Wings Over The World Journey

- Unique Itinerary Made Possible by Private Chartered Flights
- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day®
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except for Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

### A&K Advantages

- Fly in comfort between iconic locales throughout Greece and Turkey aboard an exclusively chartered aircraft, with a dedicated flight crew
- Explore Athens, the birthplace of democracy, learning about Greek civilization at the Acropolis Museum and viewing the iconic Parthenon
- Discover Crete, where you visit the Palace of Knossos archaeological site, savor lunch at a winery and set out on an exhilarating Jeep safari
- In Turkey, journey to the ruins of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world, arriving at, exploring and departing from this legendary site on the same day, thanks to the convenience of privately chartered flights
- Enter Cappadocia's incredible underground city of Kaymakli, view volcanic stone "fairy chimneys" and discover the restored Dark Church
- Stay four nights in historic, legendary Istanbul, as you visit the famed Topkapi Palace on an exclusive private opening, view spectacular examples of Ottoman architecture and ferry across the Bosphorus to experience life on its Asian bank

# Itinerary

*Wings Over the World itineraries feature private charter flights between destinations, allowing you the convenience of visiting remote places with less time spent getting there.*

## DAY 1 ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE

Arrive in Athens, where you are met and transferred to your hotel in the city center. Tonight, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for a welcome dinner.

Hotel Grande Bretagne | Meals: Dinner

## DAY 2 ATHENS | PRIVATE ROOFTOP DINNER

This morning, set out on a foodie walking exploration of Athens, visiting some of the oldest neighborhoods in the city and experiencing its charming streets, street food and traditional dishes.

Devote your afternoon to leisure, perhaps setting out to explore Athens on your own. Later, view the Parthenon in the early evening light, and then savor a private dinner with stunning views on the rooftop of the Acropolis Museum.

Hotel Grande Bretagne | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 3 CRETE | MINOAN TREASURES

Board your private aircraft for the short flight to Crete. On arrival, savor lunch before visiting the Heraklion Archaeological Museum, viewing items collected from across the island that date back 5,500 years and offer glimpses into the ancient Minoan civilization. Afterward, proceed to your hotel on the eastern shore of the island.

Daios Cove | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 4 HERAKLION | A TRIUMPH OF THE BRONZE AGE

Today, explore the Palace of Knossos, the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete. As you do, learn more about the Minoans, the people who built the palace sometime in the 17th century BC and who were named by historians for the mythical King Minos, remembered for constructing the labyrinth that imprisoned the monstrous Minotaur. After lunch at a Cretan winery, return to your hotel to enjoy its many amenities.

Daios Cove | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 5 CRETE | ROAMING THE COUNTRYSIDE

Today, set out on an exhilarating off-road safari to absorb fun information about Greek mythology as well as breathtaking views. Visit a local village and take in majestic vistas over Mirabello Bay. Journey to the plateau of Katharo, along winding dirt tracks, passing through the biggest forest on the island, where the mountains soar to nearly 5,000 feet above the sea, perhaps stopping at a *kafenio* (café) for a refreshment. Later, wind down the mountainside to another plateau, where you savor an al fresco barbecue lunch, served with wine. Afterward, visit Zeus's cave, where legend holds the father of all the Greek gods was born.

Continue along roads that can only be accessed by four-wheel-drive vehicle, crossing rivers and admiring the rugged terrain, until you reach the village of Krassi. Head back to your hotel, passing en route through the Selinari, an area noted for endangered vultures, which you may spot soaring overhead. Daios

Cove | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 6 IZMIR, TURKEY | ANCIENT EPHEBUS

Depart for Turkey this morning on an illuminating day trip made possible by privately chartered flights. Touch down in Izmir, where you visit the ruins of ancient Ephesus, some of the most well-preserved remains of an ancient civilization anywhere in the world. Founded in the fourth century BC, the city has at times been ruled by the Persians and the Romans as well as the Greeks. It was home to Saint Paul for more than three years, and it was here he established the church that became the head of the Seven Churches in Asia Minor. After your exploration of this history-laden site, with its ruins of temples, roads, baths, fountains and far more, re-board your aircraft and continue to Cappadocia.

Argos in Cappadocia | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 7 CAPPADOCIA | BALLOONING OVER CAPPADOCIA

This morning, lift off on an inspiring hot air balloon excursion over Cappadocia, and explore the area's volcanic stone "fairy chimneys." View frescoes at the rockcarved churches of Goreme, and discover the stunningly restored Dark Church. Then, sit down to a private barbecue lunch, while taking in views of the incredible Cappadocian landscape. Afterward visit a pottery in Avanos to learn how the renowned earthenware of the region is created and observe master potters at their craft.

Argos in Cappadocia | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 8 ISTANBUL | LUNCH WITH A LOCAL FAMILY

Explore the fascinating underground city at Kaymakli, which dates to as early as the eighth century BC and includes chapels, kitchens, air vents and living quarters carved out of volcanic rock. Then, get to know the Goreme Weavers Association on an engaging artisan visit. Next, meet with a local family and join them for lunch in their home. This afternoon, fly by private charter to Istanbul, and settle into your luxuriously appointed hotel.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 9 ISTANBUL | HAGIA SOPHIA & TOPKAPI PALACE

Early this morning, stroll to the timeless Hagia Sophia for a private, before-hours opening. Take in the structure's imposing façade, matched only by the grandeur of its towering, vaulted ceilings. Next, visit the Basilica Cistern, its marble columns still standing since the sixth century. Then, revel in the ornately decorated ceilings and spectacular tile work of Topkapi Palace, on an exclusive private opening of this one-time imperial residence of Ottoman sultans. This evening, privately cruise the glittering Bosphorus, toasting its beauty on a Scenic Sundowner.



Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 10 ISTANBUL | DESIGN YOUR DAY

Set out this morning to explore the magnificent Dolmabahçe Palace. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

- **Ferry to the Asian side of the City**, strolling its vibrant food markets and staying for lunch.
- **Explore Cultural Istanbul** at the Pera Museum, the Galata shopping district and Karakoy's coffeehouses.
- **Indulge in a Historic Hammam Experience** or simply relax in the spa at your hotel.

This evening is at leisure.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 11 ISTANBUL | LEGACY OF A MAGNIFICENT RULER

Today, explore Suleymaniye Mosque and Istanbul's famed Grand Bazaar, meeting local craftspeople along the way. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure, free to relax or explore this marvelous city on your own. This evening, gather with fellow guests for a farewell dinner. Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus | Meals:

Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 12 DEPART ISTANBUL

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your departing flight.

## Extensions



### Explore Paris: Stopover Package

3 days from \$2,795 per person  
Single Supplement from \$1,595 per person

Take advantage of an incredible opportunity to spend two nights in Paris before or after your journey.

*International air not included.*

3 Days

Arrive and settle in to the luxurious, haute-couture-inspired Peninsula Paris, located just steps from the Arc de Triomphe. The next morning, set out on the half-day city excursion of your choosing, accompanied by your own private guide and driver. Take a driving tour of the city's highlights, including the Eiffel Tower and stunning Notre Dame Cathedral; explore the galleries of the incomparable Louvre Museum; soak up the artistic history of the Montmartre District; or walk the marbled halls and manicured grounds of the palace of Versailles. Alternatively, go with your driver and guide wherever inspiration takes you. Spend the afternoon exploring the City of Light at your leisure, with a complimentary Paris Museum Pass that allows you free access to more than 50 museums and monuments throughout the city. Depart the next morning for your onward flight.

Peninsula Paris | Meals: Breakfast (Days 2-3)

## Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
Sep 07 - Sep 18, 2020	\$31,995	\$3,995	Call for Availability
May 10 - May 21, 2021	\$31,995	\$3,995	Call for Availability
Sep 06 - Sep 17, 2021	\$31,995	\$3,995	Call for Availability

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 11.