

2 Day Ephesus, The House of Virgin Mary & Pamukkale (Hierapolis)

Departure:	07.00 hrs.
Duration:	2 Days. 2 Lunches, English speaking guide, transfers, overnight stay at 4 star hotel with breakfast and entrances are included.
Minimum:	15 participants.
Operated:	All year round.

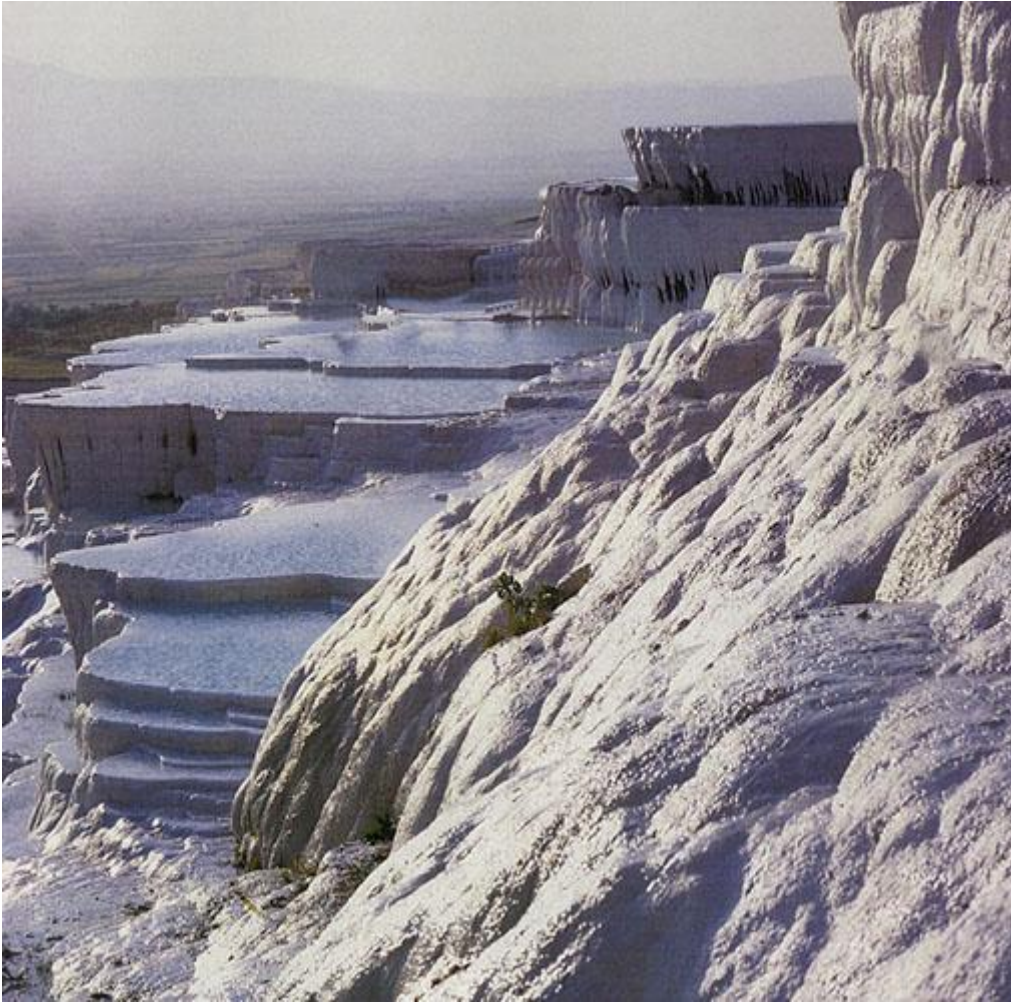
Program

- After an early start, your first stop is for breakfast.
- EPHEBUS: Ephesus is probably the most well known ancient city of Asia Minor. Civilization here dates back to 7000 BC (although the city, as such, was founded around 1100 BC). Its strategic position and deep-water port ensured its prosperity. It flowered under the Roman occupation and most of the grand buildings date from circa 150 BC.
Take a leisurely stroll through the well-planned streets. The city is in the process of being rebuilt by a team of archeologists from all over the world.
- THE LIBRARY OF CELCIUS: This history filled library stands three floors high.
- THE FOUNTAIN OF HADRIAN: A complete mosaic road with brothel and public conveniences, some rich merchants' houses and much more can be seen in their former glory.
- AMPHITHEATER: This magnificent historical site must be seen. It is well preserved that regular concerts are held here, often to a packed house of 25,000 people and often used as a forum for international artists and singers.
- THE TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS: One of the Seven Wonders of the World of the ancient world. "St. Paul" lectured here before being deported, and the "Pope" recently sanctified his church, which is still standing.
- LUNCH break consisting of a traditional three course Central Anatolian Turkish Meal.
- VISIT TO THE HOUSE OF VIRGIN MARY: "Virgin Mary" had lived here in exile, and her house has been turned into a museum.
- Depart from Ephesus at about 15.30 Hrs. and arrive to Pamukkale at about 18.45 Hrs.
- Check-in to a 4 star thermal hotel, consisting of a thermal bath, swimming pool, Turkish Bath, sauna, gymnasium, jacuzzi, etc. The Belly dance show and live music by the bar will make you enjoy the night.
- Breakfast and depart from the hotel at 09.00. After a 5-minute bus ride you will arrive to Pamukkale.
- PAMUKKALE (HIERAPOLIS): One of the three important ancient settlements dating back from the second century, BC. Hierapolis had once been the center of the religious affairs. That's where this site got its name: The Holy City.
A Magical and spectacular natural site, unique in the world, is a fairyland of dazzling white, petrified castles. Thermal spring waters laden with calcareous salts running off the plateau's edge have created this fantastic formation of stalactites, cataracts and basins. The hot springs have been used since Roman times for their therapeutic powers.
Both the thermal center, with its motels and thermal pools, and the ruins of the ancient city of Hierapolis will be visited.
- Arrive back at about 20.30 Hrs.

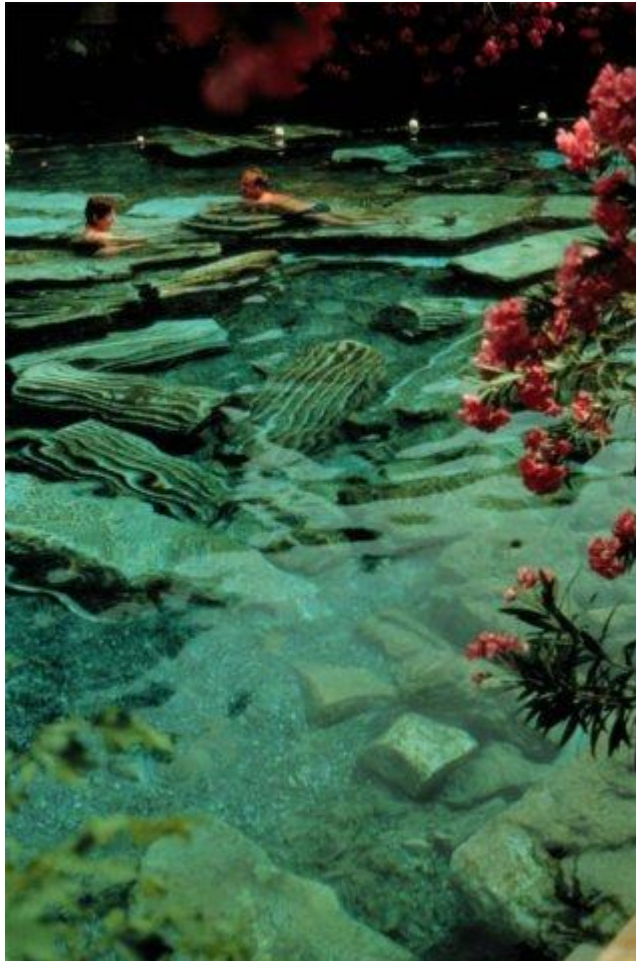
Note: Don't forget your swimwear.













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