White calcium formations of Pamukkale



Tour code: İZM-TR-0001

Duration: 1 day

From €112.00 / person

Starting point: İzmir or Kusadasi

Languages: English

Overview

Discover the breathtaking white travertine terraces of Pamukkale, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and explore the fascinating ruins of Hierapolis. Experience a unique combination of natural beauty, ancient history and mineral-rich thermal waters.

Your itinerary

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This morning, following the winding Maender River Valley, passing through rural villages and fruit orchards as we journey inland to Pamukkale, which means ‘cotton castle’ in Turkish. It is a surreal natural wonder of rippling semi-circular, pure-white travertines that sit among green farming fields. This pure white hillside is one of Turkey's most photographed spots and famous natural tourist attraction with a stunning backdrop to the ancient Greco-Roman city of Hierapolis. Made up of 17 hot water springs, mineral-rich volcanic spring water outpouring over basins and natural terraces, crystallizing into travertines. The hot springs at Pamukkale are believed to cure rheumatism, musculoskeletal system, heart and blood vessels and other ailments, ancient Greeks and Romans considered the thermal springs sacred. Just above the travertines lies Hierapolis. Don't miss the Roman Theatre, largest surviving Necropolis, the Agora, Martyrium of St Philip the Apostle and Temple of Apollo where people came to consult the temple's oracle. We gain a sense of the daily life during those times.

Swimming in the Cleopatra’s Pool offers a separate pleasure with mineral water bubbling from its bottom at 35°C or 95°F, so a dip in the middle of November is not out of the question. Changing rooms are available, as are drinks and snacks. There is an additional entrance fee to swim in this pool, but it is well worth it. When visiting Pamukkale, remember to pack your bathing suit, towel and slippers.

Good to know

Additional Information for Guests
Bring swimwear, a towel, slippers and sunscreen. Swimming in Cleopatra’s Antique Pool is optional, subject to availability and requires an additional entrance fee.

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