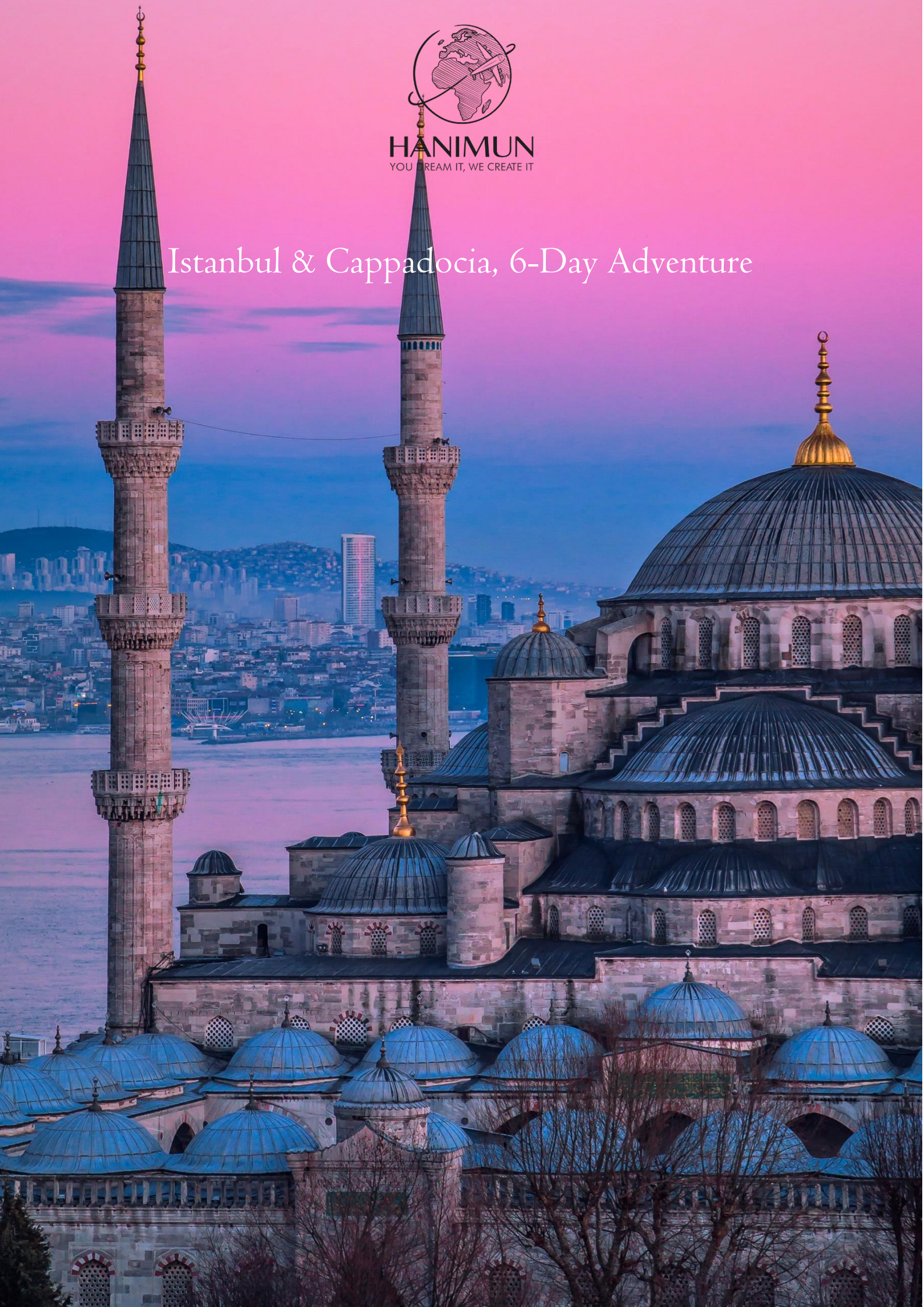




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Istanbul & Cappadocia, 6-Day Adventure





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- **Overnight in Istanbul.**

Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise, Fly to Cappadocia

D3:

Breakfast

Flight Info: (Istanbul to Cappadocia departs at 13.00 and arrives at 14.30)

- Today's visit will begin with another bazaar, **the Spice Bazaar**, also known as **the Egyptian Market**, where you can buy the most traditional spices and food of Turkey.
- Not only tourists, but also locals come here to buy daily necessities and ingredients, so it is a good place to observe the daily life of Turkish people. Then the guide will accompany you to enjoy a 2-hour Bosphorus Cruise. Bosphorus Strait divides Istanbul into two parts, which is also the dividing



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line of Asia and Europe. On the cruise you can see many attractions on shore, such as **Dolmabahce Palace** (New Palace), **Ciragan Palace**, **Bosphorus Bridge** and many Ottoman-style buildings.

- After, the driver will transfer you to the airport for you to take the flight we book for you to **Cappadocia**. When you arrive in Cappadocia, our driver based there will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to the hotel.
- The rest of the day is your free time.
- *It is highly recommended to enjoy a hot air balloon ride, which is one of the must-dos in Cappadocia with lunar-like landscapes. Please let us know in advance if you wish to take it, so we can book a seat for you successfully.*
- **Overnight in Cappadocia.**

North Cappadocia tour

D4:

Breakfast

- After breakfast, our local guide will escort you to explore the **North Cappadocia**.
- The first stop will be the **Goreme Open Air Museum**, a UNESCO World Heritage. It is famous for the volcanic rock groups. Those rocks are not that hard and ancient people, especially Christians carved churches inside. They even decorated the churches with exquisite frescoes and some are well preserved till today with bright colors.
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- After, send you back to the hotel. En route, make a stop at **Love Valley**, where you can take pictures of the magnificent landscapes of Cappadocia.
- **Overnight in Cappadocia.**



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D5:

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Breakfast

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- At the end of the day, we will escort you to the airport for you to take the flight back to Istanbul. Upon arrival at Istanbul airport, our local driver will greet you there and transfer you to the hotel.
- ***Overnight in Istanbul.***

D6:

Departure from Istanbul

Breakfast

- At the agreed time today, our driver will send you to the airport and see you off. Our service will end here. Hope you have had a great time with Turkey Tours Company.
- We also serve tourists to other world's destinations. If you plan to extend your trip, please feel free to contact us any time.
- If your flight is scheduled in the afternoon or later this day, it will be an unforgettable experience to enjoy a dip in one of those traditional hamam. About 3 minutes' walking southwest to the hotel, **Cemberlitas Hamam** has been operated since 1584. The classic hamam services, clay facial mask, oil massage and head massage are all available here.



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HOTEL OPTIONS

Destination	HOTEL NAME
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Turkey Uncovered, 10 Days of Exploration





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- **D5: Pamukkale, Hierapolis, Necropolis, Transfer to Antalya**
- **D6: Old Town Tour, Antalya Museum**
- **D7: Flight to Cappadocia, Goreme Open Air Museum, Devrent and Love Valleys, Avanos, Pasabag**
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Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise, Fly to Izmir

D3:

Breakfast

Flight Info: (Istanbul to Izmir departs at 13:00 and arrives at 14:30)

- After breakfast, the guide and the driver will transfer you from the hotel to the pier for a cruise on the **Bosphorus Strait**, which is the best way to enjoy the cityscapes on both sides. From the ship you will see the splendid **Dolmabahce Palace**, a variety of Churches and Mosques, villas of various styles, and the famous Bosphorus Bridge.
- After the cruise, the guide and the driver will send you to the airport, for you to take the flight to Izmir. We will book you the flight ticket in advance.



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- Upon your arrival, our local driver will pick you up at the airport and send you to the hotel in Kusadasi, a resort town on Aegean coast. You will stay here for two nights.
- ***Overnight in Kusadasi.***

D4:
Breakfast

Full Day Visit in Ephesus

- On the fourth day, the guide and the driver will pick you up from the hotel after breakfast and escort you to visit **the Artemis Temple**, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. It is said that its construction took as long as 120 years. Sadly, it was burnt down in 356 BC. Currently, only a pillar has been left there.
- Then we will visit **Ancient Ephesus City**. Once a metropolis of Roman Empire and currently the largest and best preserved ancient city ruins in Turkey, with temples, library, theater, public baths, marble streets, and old harbor, it is a great place to trace the life of Roman people.
- Thereafter, and in the afternoon visit the **House of Virgin Mary**, where the Virgin Mary spent her last five years. In the end of the day, transfer you back to the hotel to have a good rest.
- ***Overnight in Kusadasi.***

D5:
Breakfast

Drive to Visit Pamukkale and Necropolis, Transfer to Antalya

- Please check out after breakfast. Then we will head to Pamukkale by car about 2.5 hours' drive away.
- **Pamukkale**, literally Cotton Castle, is a group of terraced white ponds formed by the calcium-rich hot springs flowing by. It is a natural wonder. The hot springs is good for people's health and you will have the opportunity to swim in the *ancient antique Cleopatra Pool at additional pay.*
(If interested, remember to bring your swimming gear.)
- Then we will visit **Hierapolis City** at the top of Pamukkale. In ancient times, it was a popular hot springs resort among both nobles and ordinary people. Therefore, it was once very prosperous and



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lively. Today, you can even learn its glorious past from the ruins, such as the big theatre and Necropolis.

- After the tour, you will be escorted to a local hotel to settle down. **(PRIVATE TRANSFER)**
- ***Overnight in Antalya.***

D6:

Breakfast

Antalya Old City Tour

- After breakfast, first, we will visit the **historic Old Town (Kaleiçi)**, a charming district filled with narrow cobbled streets, Ottoman-era houses, boutique shops, and cozy cafes. Don't miss the ancient Hadrian's Gate and the clock tower.
- Explore the **Antalya Museum**, which houses an impressive collection of archaeological artifacts from the surrounding region, providing insights into the area's rich history.
- Next, take a stroll along the city's stunning cliffs overlooking the **Mediterranean Sea**, offering breathtaking views and photo opportunities.
- ***Overnight in Antalya.***

D7:

Breakfast

Antalya, Fly to Cappadocia, North Cappadocia tour

Flight Info: (Antalya to Cappadocia departs at 20.05 and arrives at 21.20)

- Today early morning fly to Cappadocia meet with driver and guide visit **North Cappadocia**.
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South Cappadocia Tour

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Cappadocia, Fly to Istanbul

D9:
Breakfast

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- Today will transfer to the Cappadocia Airport after checking-out from hotel in Cappadocia, then will fly to Istanbul, meet with greeter after will be dropped-off the hotel in Istanbul.
- **Overnight in Istanbul.**

Departure from Istanbul

D10:
Breakfast

- This will be your last day in Turkey. Depending on your flight time, our driver will pick you up from the hotel and transfer you to the airport. Nice trip home and hope to serve you again in other global destinations!



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