



# Turkey by the Backroads

28 Aug - 10 Sept 2026



**Day 1:** Istanbul Arrival

**Day 2:** Istanbul: Bike fit + explore the city

**Day 3:** Istanbul - Gallipoli- Çanakkale (300 km)

**Day 4:** Çanakkale- Bergama (240 km)

**Day 5:** Bergama - Seferihisar (170 km)

**Day 6:** Seferihisar - Selcuk- Explore Ephesus (110 km)

**Day 7:** Selcuk- Akyaka (220 km)

**Day 8:** Akyaka - Kaş (220 km)

**Day 9:** Kaş boat trip (0 km)

**Day 10:** Kaş - Antalayan Mountains (220 km)

**Day 11:** Mountains - Konya (330 km)

**Day 12:** Konya - Cappadocia (270 km)

**Day 13:** Explore Cappadocia (0 km)

**Day 14:** Depart





# Itinerary

Turkey, a land where ancient wonders meet modern marvels, is a biker's paradise. With its diverse landscapes, rich history, incredible food and thrilling roads, it's a destination that will leave you breathless.

From the vibrancy of Istanbul to the stunning coastline of the south, we'll explore the country's highlights and hidden places. Each day brings something new to discover and new roads to cross.

As with all By the Backroads trips, we'll often be on the road less travelled - following winding backroads, stop in smaller villages and enjoy the warm hospitality (and incredible food) found along the way.

So, let's gear up, hit the road and let Turkey's magic unfold before your eyes.

*\*Note: The planned itinerary and distances are listed on the following pages; however, we reserve the right to adjust the route and duration for timing or safety.*

## **Day 1: 28 Aug (Friday)- Arrival Day in Istanbul**

Welcome to Turkey!

There are no activities today- free to relax and settle in.

**Riding distance:** N/A

**Overnight:** Istanbul

## **Day 2: 29 Aug (Saturday) - Istanbul (Rest Day)**

We'll transfer to the outskirts of town for a bike check and make any necessary adjustments.

The remainder of the day is free to explore Turkey's vibrant cultural and historical center. Known for iconic sites like the Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, and bustling Grand Bazaar, the city blends modern energy with ancient history. Enjoy a day of rest and exploration, with an *optional* city tour to soak in Istanbul's rich architectural delights. We'll enjoy a group welcome dinner this evening and toast to the adventure ahead!

**Riding distance:** N/A

**Overnight :** Istanbul (Breakfast, Dinner)



### **Day 3: 30 Aug (Sunday) Istanbul - Gallipoli- Çanakkale**

Depart from Istanbul for Çanakkale, a journey taking you along scenic roads toward the Sea of Marmara. We'll leave early to escape from the busy city and outskirts then reach good quality, quieter roads. We'll break for lunch along the way, then continue to the famous Gallipoli Peninsula, known for its historic World War I battlefields. We'll stop to pay our respects and explore the area before taking a short ferry ride across the Dardanelles Strait to Çanakkale.

**Riding Distance:** 310 km

**Overnight:** Çanakkale (Breakfast, Lunch)

### **Day 4: 31 Aug (Monday) Çanakkale - Bergama**

From Çanakkale, ride south following inland roads through a mix of hills and agrarian lands. We'll arrive in Bergama in the early afternoon. This city's history dates back at least to the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC and has a multilayered cultural structure, bearing traces of the Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, and Turkish Republic periods. There are plenty of historic sites to visit, should you be interested!

**Riding Distance:** 240 km

**Overnight :** Bergama (Breakfast, Lunch)



### **Day 5: 1 Sept (Tuesday) Bergama- Seferihisar**

We'll set out today for Seferihisar, a charming town on the Aegean coast. Our route winds southwest, much of the time running parallel to the shoreline. Along the way, we'll pass stretches of olive groves and catch glimpses of the sea. We plan to arrive at our hotel in the early afternoon, giving you time to relax by the seaside.

**Riding Distance:** 170 km

**Overnight:** Akyaka (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### **Day 6: 2 Sept (Wednesday) Seferihisar - Selçuk: Visit Ephesus**

After breakfast, we'll hop back on the bikes for a light day of riding. Our route continues along the coast before turning onto quiet inland roads that lead us up to Şirince, a small hillside town. Enjoy a stroll through the village and an early lunch before we continue on to Selçuk. After a quick change out of our riding gear, we'll head out for a guided visit to Ephesus.

**Riding Distance:** 110 km

**Overnight:** Selçuk (Breakfast, Lunch)



### **Day 7: 3 Sept (Thursday) Selçuk - Akyaka**

Bid farewell to Selcuk this morning and hop back on the bikes. We'll travel along some nice backroads and agrarian landscapes. In the afternoon, we'll wind our way down to the coast and check in to our seaside hotel. Enjoy a swim in the brisk waters before dinner at the hotel.

**Riding Distance:** 220 km

**Overnight:** Akyaka (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### **Day 8: 4 Sept (Friday) Akyaka - Kaş**

From the Aegean to the Mediterranean, we ride coast to coast today! We'll follow smaller roads, stopping for photos along the way and enjoying a leisurely pace- especially with tomorrow as a day off the bikes. We plan to arrive in Kaş, another beautiful seaside town, in the late afternoon. After checking in, you'll have the evening free to wander the charming old town, filled with inviting bars, restaurants, and shops.

**Riding Distance:** 220 km

**Overnight:** Kaş (Breakfast, Lunch)



### **Day 9: 5 Sept (Saturday) Kaş boat trip**

After breakfast, we'll board a private charter boat for a cruise along Turkey's famed 'Turquoise Coast'. Enjoy lunch on board and opportunities to swim. We'll return to town mid afternoon.

**Riding Distance:** 0 km

**Overnight:** Kaş (Breakfast, Lunch)

### **Day 10: 6 Sept (Sunday) Kaş - The mountains**

Today promises to be a memorable day of riding. We'll start by following the coast before veering off onto narrow roads that wind through the mountains. Along the way, we'll stop for a light lunch or picnic, soaking in the scenery. By late afternoon, we'll arrive at our hotel in a remote area, far from any restaurants or bars. Dinner will be served at the hotel, followed by a peaceful evening in the cool mountain air.

**Riding Distance:** 220 km

**Overnight:** Mountains near Antalaya (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



## **Day 11: 7 Sept (Monday) Mountains- Konya**

We'll pack up early this morning, as it's a full day's ride to Konya. The route winds through the mountains, skirting the edge of the Taurus Range before the landscape opens dramatically into the wide Anatolian plateau. We'll roll into Konya in the late afternoon, with the possibility of attending a performance of the whirling dervishes. Konya, Rumi's spiritual home, is the best place in Turkey to experience this mesmerizing ceremony.

**Riding Distance:** 330 km

**Overnight:** Konya (Breakfast, Lunch)

## **Day 12: 8 Sept (Sunday) Konya - Cappadocia**

Our last day on the bikes takes us to one of Turkey's most impressive sites: Cappadocia. The ride is a long one but on mostly flat roads where we can cover a lot of ground. The sheer scale of Turkey is revealed today as we cross mile after mile of plains and farmland. As we roll in to Cappadocia, the famous 'fairy chimneys' come into view and we'll stop for photos as we get our first look at this impressive site.

**Riding Distance:** 270 km

**Overnight:** Cappadocia (Breakfast, Lunch)



### **Day 13: 9 Sept (Monday) Cappadocia sightseeing (0km)**

Optional: sunrise hot air balloon flight

We'll explore Cappadocia by bus with a local guide. This way, we can visit the famous caves, winding valleys, and more comfortably- no need to manage sightseeing in full motorcycle gear!

This evening, we gather for a group dinner to celebrate the adventure!

**Riding distance:** 0 km

**Overnight:** Cappadocia (Breakfast, Dinner)

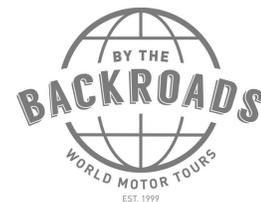
### **Day 14: 10 Sept (Tuesday) Departure**

Today we all part after this epic adventure.

If you liked it, tell everyone to join us in 2027! We wish you safe travels home or wherever are headed. We hope to see you on one of our other tours!

Note: We reserve the right to adjust the route and duration for timing or safety.





## PRICING & INCLUSIONS

### Tour prices - per person

Please note that tour prices are based on Twin share\*

- **Rider:**
  - Honda NC750X DCT: NZD 15,400
  - Yamaha Tracer 700: NZD 15,400
  - BMW F800 GS ADV: NZD 15,660
  - Honda Africa Twin DCT: NZD 15,660
  - BMW F800 GS 2024 Model: NZD 16,650
  - BMW R1200 GS ADV: NZD 16,650
  - BMW R1250 GS ADV: NZD 17,240
  
- **Pillion on Motorbike:** NZD 11,900
- **Passenger in Tour Vehicle:** NZD 11,900
- **Single Supplement/Own Room:** +NZD 2,500

\*(if you are travelling solo OR do not wish to share you will be required to pay the Single Supplement)

### What is included:

- 13 night's accommodation based on sharing Twin/Double in 3 and 4-star hotels
- Daily breakfast; lunches and dinners as mentioned in itinerary
- Support vehical (van to carry luggage and a couple of non-riders)
- Motorcycle hire (see list of models on next page) or seat in the support vehicle.
- Fuel and tolls
- Accompanying tour support vehicle
- Entrance fees in Sirince and Cappadocia
- Personally guided by Angela Bruce and Burak Ozkal



### **Excluded Services:**

- International flights
- Domestic flights
- Airport Transfers
- Excluded meals as per the itinerary
- Personal expenses, medical etc

### **Motorcycle rental details:**

Motorcycles will be distributed on a first come basis and we suggest you have a second and third choice.

Bikes come with third party insurance only.

Options for purchasing full coverage start at NZD 1500.

A credit card imprint will be required for each rider and kept on file in the event of an accident or damage.

### **Deposit:**

A deposit is required to secure your booking: NZD2000 Per Person

Deposit details for New Zealand residents

Kiwibank Account: By The Backroads Ltd Number: 38 9023 0063240 01

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