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Sample Itinerary: 1 Week in Turkey- Istanbul and Cappadocia

Here's the Plan:

DAY 1 * arrival day (if coming from USA, late morning arrival)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* SLEEP: <u>Four Seasons Sultanahmet</u>- 4 nights* GET AROUND: <u>SRM Travel</u> coordinated all transfers* MUST SEE: Work off the jet-lag by exploring the historical center.
DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* MUST SEE: Tour with SRM travel through the Hippodrome, <u>Blue Mosque</u>, <u>Hagia Sophia</u> and <u>Topkapi Palace</u> (8 hour tour, meals coordinated by local guide).
DAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* MUST SEE: Tour of Bosphorus and local neighborhoods (8 hour tour, meals coordinated by local guide):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Start with tour of Sirkeci neighborhood and backstreets of Spice Market- Catch ferry and tour of Istanbul from the water- Explore Istiklal street (contemporary Istanbul)
DAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* MUST SEE: Tour of Bazaars and backstreets (8 hour tour, meals coordinated by local guide):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Visit <u>Mosque of Suleiman the Magnificent</u>- Explore <u>Grand Bazaar</u> and then the Spice Market.- Shop at lesser known Mahmulpasa district for authentic experience
DAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* SLEEP: <u>Cappadocia Estates</u>- 4 nights* GET AROUND: SRM Travel coordinated all transfers. Domestic flight to Cappadocia.* MUST SEE: Stop to photograph Pigeon Valley. Visit <u>Goreme Open Air Museum</u>, and end the day learning how to make pottery.* EAT: Lunch at a local family's house.

DAY 6

***MUST SEE:** Hot air ballon ride at sunrise. Later, enjoy a stroll through Mustafapasa village, explore the Kaymakli Underground city, and visit a local carpet weaving facility.

***EAT:** Lunch at a local couple's house, overlooking Ibrahimpassa Valley.

DAY 7

***MUST SEE:** Nature walk through Ihlara Valley, and explore Devrant Valley. Explore city of Guzelyurt, and meet with a local imam for a Q&A about Islam.

***EAT:** Lunch at a local family's house.

Trip Highlights:

- **Favorite activity:** Hot air balloon ride at sunrise
- **Favorite food memory:** The lunch with a local family overlooking Ibrahimpassa Valley
- **Make sure you don't miss:** Hagia Sophia, Goreme Open Air Museum and Kaymakli Underground city

For more details, and maps, visit:
www.compassroam/destination/turkey/

This itinerary is great for:

- A combo of city exploration and diving into history
- Those wanting to experience unique cultural experiences first hand
- Those that like to walk

Bringing little humans?

- Have SRM Travel customize an itinerary that is kid-friendly

On a future trip, I'd like to:

- Spend more time exploring Topkapki Palace
- Visit the ancient city of Ephesus
- Check out the beaches at Marmaris

Before you go:

- Pack a scarf (or two). Entrance to mosques is not permitted without proper head and body covering

