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A glimpse into my journey

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*Music was my first love
but travel is my passion.*

To understand the meaning behind “Leef Jou Reis,” one must discover, take detours, and embrace the alternative routes or the roads less travelled. To eat and mingle with the local people and truly comprehend their culture, we have this special opportunity to become authentic travellers, rather than mere tourists visiting a country.

Growing up in the small town of Mossel Bay, I have had the privilege of setting foot on 7 continents and explored over 85 countries. With all this experience and passion for travel, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join our global travel family.

We are the “cool kids” of travel and we do it in style...

Welcome to Leef Jou Reis





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EUR 3 400 per single person*

Where ancient civilisations, dramatic landscapes and vibrant traditions come together, Turkey reveals a journey filled with unforgettable contrasts and timeless discoveries.

From the surreal landscapes of Cappadocia, where an otherworldly terrain of fairy chimneys rises from the earth and ancient cave dwellings reveal stories of centuries past, to the sun-drenched shores of the Mediterranean where dramatic mountains meet sparkling seas, Turkey unfolds in a series of unforgettable experiences.

Ancient cities, sacred sites and timeless traditions reveal the many layers of history that have shaped this remarkable country. From the early Christian heritage preserved in Cappadocia and the ancient cities of Asia Minor, including Ephesus where the Apostle Paul once preached, to the Roman treasures of Hierapolis and the enduring traditions of Turkey's diverse cultures, every region offers a glimpse into the stories of those who came before.

In Istanbul, the journey culminates in a city where continents meet and cultures intertwine – magnificent mosques, historic streets, bustling bazaars and the legendary Bosphorus reflecting the rich heritage of a place shaped by both East and West.





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Leef Jou Reis Highlights:

Cappadocia:

Shaped over millions of years by volcanic eruptions, wind and water, Cappadocia is a surreal landscape of hidden valleys, ancient cave churches and remarkable fairy chimneys, where nature and history exist side by side. As colourful hot air balloons drift silently above the extraordinary rock formations at sunrise, the region takes on an almost magical atmosphere, revealing centuries of stories carved into the earth in one of Turkey's most unforgettable landscapes.

Pamukkale & Hierapolis – Nature's masterpiece meets ancient history:

Known as the "Cotton Castle", Pamukkale has been a natural spa since ancient times, where mineral-rich thermal waters have sculpted dazzling white travertine terraces into one of Turkey's most remarkable natural wonders. Set alongside these glistening pools lie the impressive ruins of Hierapolis, a once-thriving Roman spa city steeped in history. Wander through its ancient streets, admire the extraordinary landscape, and, if you wish, take a dip in Cleopatra's ancient bath for an unforgettable connection to the past.

Fethiye – The timeless charm of the Turquoise Coast:

Fethiye is a relaxed, sun-soaked coastal town where pine-covered mountains meet the bright turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. Rugged coastlines, secluded bays, hidden coves and island-filled waters create a breathtaking setting, offering a glimpse into the laid-back beauty and timeless charm of Mediterranean life. With its welcoming atmosphere and unhurried pace, Fethiye invites you to slow down and savour one of Turkey's most picturesque coastal escapes.

Istanbul – Where East meets West:

Straddling two continents, Istanbul is a city where Europe and Asia meet, and every corner is alive with history, colour and energy. Wander through magnificent landmarks, explore historic streets, lose yourself in the bustling bazaars, and cruise the legendary Bosphorus, where the legacies of ancient empires blend seamlessly with the vibrant rhythm of modern life.





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DAY 1: Friday, 28 August 2027

Johannesburg

Your Turkish adventure begins as we depart South Africa on our overnight flight to one of the world's most fascinating destinations. Over the coming days, we'll discover a country where East meets West, exploring extraordinary landscapes, ancient civilizations, vibrant cities and rich culinary traditions.

Sit back, relax and look forward to an unforgettable journey.

(All meals on board)

DAY 2: Saturday, 29 August 2027

Arrival and discovery of Cappadocia

Our Turkish adventure begins with an early morning arrival in Istanbul, where we connect with a domestic flight to the extraordinary region of Cappadocia.

On arrival, we're warmly welcomed and taken to our cosy cave hotel—an authentic reminder of the region's centuries-old tradition of carving homes directly into the rock. After a chance to settle in, we set off to discover the surreal landscapes that have made Cappadocia one of Turkey's most captivating regions, shaped over millions of years by volcanic eruptions, wind and water.

We visit the remarkable Devrent Valley, also known as Imagination Valley, where nature has sculpted whimsical rock formations into shapes that spark the imagination.



Nearby, we'll wander through Paşabağ (Monk Valley), home to Cappadocia's iconic fairy chimneys, where monks once sought solitude among these extraordinary natural towers.

Following lunch at a local restaurant, we visit the UNESCO-listed Göreme Open Air Museum. Carved into the soft volcanic rock, its beautifully preserved churches and monasteries are adorned with remarkable 10th-century frescoes depicting scenes from the life of Christ, the apostles and the Old Testament. Cappadocia holds a special place in Christian history, with its people mentioned among those present on the Day of Pentecost. In the centuries that followed, this remarkable landscape became a place of refuge where early Christians worshipped, lived and preserved their faith, leaving behind an extraordinary spiritual legacy that can still be experienced today.

As the day draws to a close, we gather for our welcome dinner, celebrating the beginning of an unforgettable journey through Turkey while enjoying the distinctive flavours of Cappadocia. Perhaps you'll savour the region's famous slow-cooked *testi kebab*, prepared in a sealed clay pot, or delicate *manti*, Turkey's much-loved answer to the perfect dumpling.

Overnight in Cappadocia (Lunch, Welcome Dinner)



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DAY 3: Sunday, 30 August 2027

Cappadocia from Above and Below

For those seeking a truly unforgettable experience, the day begins before sunrise with an optional hot air balloon flight over Cappadocia. As the first light of day reveals the region's fairy chimneys, hidden valleys and ancient cave dwellings, you'll drift silently above one of the world's most spectacular landscapes. Those remaining on the ground can enjoy a relaxed morning and breakfast at the hotel before the group reunites for another day of discovery.

Our exploration continues through the breathtaking Red Valley, where pink and crimson rock formations change colour with the shifting sunlight. A leisurely walk leads us past hidden cave churches and striking sandstone cliffs before arriving in the charming village of Çavuşin, one of Cappadocia's oldest settlements, where traditional stone and cave houses reflect the area's rich Greek and Turkish heritage.

From here, we venture deep beneath the surface to the remarkable Derinkuyu Underground City, an extraordinary multi-level refuge carved into the earth where thousands of people once found shelter during times of invasion. Together with the region's cave churches and monasteries, these remarkable underground passages offer a quiet reminder of Cappadocia's enduring place in the story of the early Christian Church.

After lunch, we pause in the picturesque Pigeon Valley before making our way to Uçhisar Castle, the highest point in Cappadocia, where sweeping panoramic views reveal the full beauty of this unique volcanic landscape.

As the afternoon draws to a close, we visit a quaint family-owned vineyard to sample Cappadocia's renowned wines, including the distinctive Emir and Kalecik Karası varieties, produced from grapes nurtured in the region's fertile volcanic soils for centuries. This evening, those wishing to delve a little deeper into Turkish culture may choose to join an optional hands-on cooking class with Mother Havva, learning to prepare much-loved local dishes such as gözleme, stuffed vegetables and delicious syrup-soaked desserts.

Overnight: Cappadocia (Breakfast, Lunch)

DAY 4: Monday, 31 August 2027

From the Silk Road to Pamukkale

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Cappadocia and journey south through the heart of Anatolia towards Pamukkale, discovering remarkable cultural treasures along the way. Our first stop is the magnificent Sultanhanı Caravanserai, one of the finest and best-preserved inns built along the ancient Silk Road.



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Once a welcome refuge for merchants, pilgrims and camel caravans travelling between East and West, its imposing stone walls and beautifully preserved Seljuk architecture offer a fascinating glimpse into centuries of commerce, cultural exchange and adventure.

Continuing to Konya, one of Turkey's oldest cities, we arrive in the spiritual home of the Whirling Dervishes and the beloved poet-philosopher Rumi. Following lunch, we visit the Mevlana Museum, where Rumi's final resting place lies beneath its iconic turquoise dome. As we wander through its peaceful courtyards and beautifully preserved collection of Sufi artefacts, we gain a deeper appreciation for his timeless teachings of love, tolerance and unity, and the rich spiritual traditions that continue to inspire people from around the world.

Later this afternoon, we continue to Pamukkale, arriving in time to settle into our hotel before gathering for dinner together and reflecting on another memorable day of discovery.

Overnight: Pamukkale (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

DAY 5: Tuesday, 1 September 2027

Hierapolis and the Cotton Castle

This morning we discover the ancient city of Hierapolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site founded more than two thousand years ago above the famous thermal springs of Pamukkale. Once a flourishing Roman spa city, Hierapolis attracted visitors from across the ancient world who came to bathe in its healing waters. As we wander through its remarkably preserved ruins, we encounter the vast Necropolis, the impressive theatre, the Great Baths and the legendary Cleopatra Pool, where mineral-rich thermal waters still bubble among the fallen marble columns.



Legend has it that Cleopatra herself swam here, adding to the enduring allure of this remarkable site. From here, we step onto the dazzling white travertine terraces of Pamukkale—Turkey's famous "Cotton Castle". Formed over thousands of years by mineral-rich thermal waters cascading down the mountainside, these shimmering limestone pools create one of the country's most breathtaking natural wonders. Walking barefoot across the warm terraces, it's easy to understand why this extraordinary landscape has captivated travellers for centuries.

Following lunch, we journey through the scenic Turkish countryside to the beautiful harbour town of Fethiye, where pine-clad mountains meet the crystal-clear turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. As the sun begins to set over the marina, we gather for dinner at a local seaside fish restaurant, enjoying the freshest Mediterranean flavours in the relaxed atmosphere of Turkey's breathtaking Turquoise Coast—a perfect finale to another unforgettable day.

Overnight: Fethiye (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)



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DAY 6: Wednesday, 2 September 2027

Boat Cruise Along the Lycian Coast

After a relaxed start to the morning, we set sail on a leisurely 12 Islands boat cruise, where the dramatic mountains of the Lycian coast meet the sparkling turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. Cruising through secluded bays and past idyllic islands, including Tersane Island and the Yassica Islands, we discover the timeless beauty and unhurried rhythm of life on Turkey's spectacular Turquoise Coast.

Throughout the day there are opportunities to swim and snorkel in crystal-clear waters, explore hidden coves and untouched islands, or simply relax on deck as breathtaking coastal scenery unfolds around us. A delicious lunch is served onboard, allowing us to savour the simple pleasures of life at sea while surrounded by one of Turkey's most beautiful coastlines.

As evening falls, we return to Fethiye for a leisurely stroll along its enchanting waterfront promenade, where the glow of cafés, the sounds of talented street performers and the relaxed atmosphere of the marina provide the perfect ending to another unforgettable day on the Mediterranean.

Overnight: Fethiye (Breakfast & Lunch)

DAY 7: Thursday, 3 September 2027

A Day of Relaxation in Fethiye

Today is yours to enjoy at your own pace, embracing the relaxed rhythm of life on Turkey's beautiful Mediterranean coast.



Whether you choose to unwind by the pool, spend the day soaking up the sun on one of Fethiye's beautiful beaches, or simply stroll along the lively waterfront promenade, this is the perfect opportunity to slow down and savour the timeless charm of the Turquoise Coast.

Lose yourself in Fethiye's enchanting Old Town, where narrow streets are lined with colourful boutiques, Turkish rug shops, jewellery stores and inviting cafés. The bustling local markets are a feast for the senses, filled with the aromas of fragrant spices, roasted nuts, dried fruits and traditional teas, alongside beautifully handcrafted treasures that make for authentic keepsakes. Perhaps pause for a traditional Turkish coffee overlooking the marina as elegant yachts drift gently across the bay.



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For those looking to add a little adventure to the day, optional experiences include tandem paragliding above the world-famous Blue Lagoon at Ölüdeniz, offering breathtaking aerial views of the coastline, or an exhilarating jeep safari through the surrounding mountains and traditional villages, providing a glimpse into the region's rural way of life.

As always, the Leef Jou Reis team will be on hand with insider tips and recommendations to help you make the most of your day, whatever pace you choose.

Overnight: Fethiye (Breakfast)

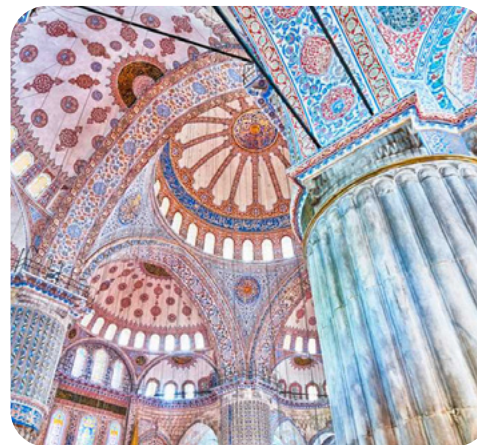


DAY 8: Friday, 4 September 2027

Istanbul: Where East and West Meet

An early morning transfer takes us to the airport for our flight to Istanbul, the extraordinary city where Europe and Asia meet. Upon arrival, we journey into the heart of this captivating metropolis, whose remarkable story has been shaped by the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, creating one of the world's most fascinating cultural crossroads.

Our exploration begins in the historic Old City with a visit to the magnificent Blue Mosque, an architectural masterpiece renowned for its graceful domes, elegant minarets and thousands of shimmering blue İznik tiles. Nearby, we step into the ancient Hippodrome, once the vibrant social and sporting heart of Constantinople, where chariot races, imperial ceremonies and grand celebrations captivated the Byzantine world. We also admire the legendary Hagia Sophia, an awe-inspiring masterpiece that has stood at the centre of Istanbul's history for centuries, reflecting the city's remarkable journey through Byzantine and Ottoman rule.





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After lunch at a local restaurant, we descend beneath the bustling streets to discover the atmospheric Basilica Cistern, an extraordinary underground reservoir commissioned by Emperor Justinian in the 6th century. Supported by hundreds of elegant marble columns and surrounded by the reflections of its ancient waters, this remarkable feat of Byzantine engineering offers a fascinating glimpse into the hidden layers of Istanbul's past.

As the day draws to a close, we take time to soak up the atmosphere of the Old City, where ancient landmarks, historic streets and the rhythms of modern Istanbul blend together, offering our first unforgettable introduction to this extraordinary city.

Overnight: Istanbul (Breakfast, Lunch)



DAY 9: Saturday, 5 September 2027

Istanbul's Grand Bazaar and the Bosphorus

Our day begins at the vibrant Spice Market, one of Istanbul's most atmospheric bazaars and a wonderful introduction to the city's centuries-old trading traditions. Since the 17th century, merchants have filled its colourful passages with fragrant spices, aromatic teas, dried fruits, roasted nuts, Turkish delight and local delicacies. As we wander through the bustling stalls, we experience the sights, scents and flavours that have drawn locals and travellers here for generations.

We continue to the legendary Grand Bazaar, one of the world's oldest and largest covered markets, where a maze of colourful alleyways reveals thousands of shops filled with handcrafted treasures, textiles, jewellery, ceramics and traditional Turkish goods. More than just a marketplace, the Grand Bazaar has been a centre of commerce and cultural exchange for centuries, offering a fascinating glimpse into Istanbul's rich trading heritage.

Later, we embark on a scenic cruise along the Bosphorus, one of the world's most iconic waterways, sailing between two continents as Europe and Asia unfold on either side. As we glide along the strait, we admire magnificent palaces, grand Ottoman mansions, elegant waterfront residences and historic fortresses that line the shores, offering a unique perspective of Istanbul's extraordinary blend of history and modern life.

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Continue discovering hidden corners of the city, shop for last-minute treasures, enjoy a traditional Turkish coffee or simply relax and soak up the energy and atmosphere of this unforgettable city. The Leef Jou Reis team will be on hand with recommendations to help you make the most of your final moments in Istanbul.

Overnight: Istanbul (Breakfast)



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DAY 10: Sunday, 6 September 2027

Istanbul: A Final Celebration

Our final day in Istanbul is yours to enjoy at your own pace, offering the perfect opportunity to savour the last moments of this extraordinary city. Take a leisurely stroll along the waterfront, revisit a favourite corner, browse for last-minute souvenirs, or simply relax at a café while watching the rhythm of Istanbul unfold around you.

With a late hotel check-out, there is plenty of time to enjoy these final hours before we come together for a special farewell dinner. As we celebrate the incredible journey we have shared through Turkey, we reflect on the landscapes, history, flavours and friendships that have made this adventure so memorable.

Over dinner, accompanied by traditional entertainment that brings the colours, music and cultural traditions of Turkey to life, we raise a glass to new experiences and lasting memories before transferring to Istanbul Airport for our overnight flight home.

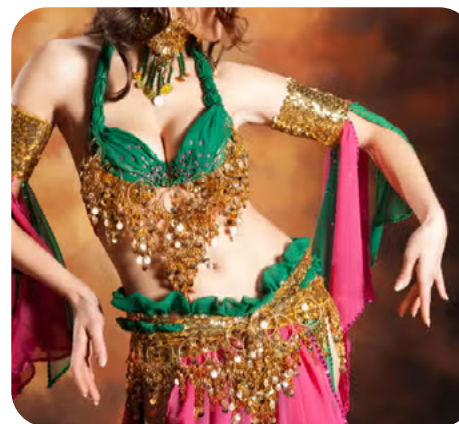
Overnight: Istanbul (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 11: Monday, 7 September 2027

Goodbye, Turkey

Our flight departs in the early hours of the morning as we bid farewell to the remarkable landscapes, fascinating history and warm hospitality of Turkey. We return home with unforgettable memories of ancient cities, spectacular scenery, delicious cuisine and experiences that will stay with us for years to come.

(All meals on board)



This tour is hosted by an experienced and professional Leef Jou Reis team. A dedicated team member will be available throughout the journey to assist you. While Gerrie's presence cannot be guaranteed due to the company's full annual programme, your comfort and enjoyment are assured by our passionate tour leaders.



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Inclusions:

- Domestic flights within Turkey as per itinerary
- Airport arrival and departure transfers throughout the journey
- 9 Nights' hotel accommodation in Turkey including Breakfast
- 6 Lunches
- 4 Dinners, including welcome dinner in Cappadocia and farewell dinner in Istanbul with traditional entertainment
- Guided sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Visit to Devrent Valley, Paşabağ (Monk Valley) and Göreme Open Air Museum in Cappadocia
- Exploration of Red Valley, Çavuşin Village, Derinkuyu Underground City, Pigeon Valley and Uçhisar Castle
- Wine tasting experience in Cappadocia
- Visit to Sultanhanı Caravanserai and Mevlana Museum in Konya
- Guided visits to Hierapolis Ancient City and Pamukkale Travertines
- 12 Islands boat cruise from Fethiye
- Bosphorus Cruise in Istanbul
- Visit to Istanbul's Spice Market, Blue Mosque, Basilica Cistern, Hippodrome and Grand Bazaar
- All gratuities and tips
- Leef Jou Reis as your wonderful tour leader and host





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Exclusions:

- International flights
- Domestic Flights in South Africa
- Visa Application Fee
- All Meals not specified
- All Activities not mentioned
- Optional Excursions
- Drinks
- Items of a personal nature

Things to Bear in Mind:

- You require a passport that is valid for 6 months after return (i.e. 08 March 2028) with two clean pages available.
- A Leef Jou Reis team member will be available throughout the tour to assist with questions and information.
- Optional Extras are available and the Leef Jou Reis team can assist with this. Each tour member, however, is free to come and go freely.
- You are in good hands, so sit back, relax, and enjoy the trip without worries. You can also set your own pace. At Leef Jou Reis we love to walk, but there are alternative options available and sometimes we spontaneously change the route and hire a taxi or shuttle.
- To fully enjoy the sights and attractions on this tour, you should be fit and able to comfortably walk about 5 kilometres throughout the day.

- Come with an open mind and be ready to broaden your horizons and make new friends.
- We start a WhatsApp group a week before we leave in which we communicate all important information. Please make sure that you supply your correct cell numbers when you complete your reservation form. This group will also be used to share photos and videos amongst each other during the trip.
- Please note that we reserve the right to amend the program should the need arise so that we can give you an even better chance to experience the trip of a lifetime.
- The program includes Bed and Breakfast as well as several dinners and lunches and excursions as indicated.





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What Next...?

Steps to follow to secure your seat on the Timeless Turkey Tour...

STEP 1

If you want to join us on this exciting tour, send your e-mail address and mobile number to leefjoureis@twf.co.za. We will then send the booking form that you must complete and return, together with a copy of your ID/passport and proof of payment of the deposit.

STEP 2

This itinerary is fairly complete and should contain all the information you might need. We will set up a WhatsApp group closer to the time for further communication; therefore, please make sure that the mobile number you have provided is correct. If you have any questions, feel free to send an e-mail or WhatsApp 082 923 3626.

STEP 3

Get excited and look forward to the most idyllic holiday of your life!!

Deposit:

- To secure your place on this very special tour we require a *non-refundable deposit of
- R15 000. Please note that we are obliged to pay the deposit and administration fee to our
- operators so please familiarize yourselves with the terms and conditions contained on the website.
- The second payment of R15 000 is required by 20 November 2026. Your next payment of R15,000 to be made by 20 January 2027 and the total outstanding by 31 March 2027.
- The tour price is calculated at a fixed exchange rate of 1Euro = R21, allowing for bank charges, interest rates and exchange rate fluctuations. All prices are based on payment by EFT.

Banking Details & Pricing

Account Name	:	LeefJouReis TWF
Bank	:	Standard Bank
Branch Code	:	051001
Account Number	:	012324523

Deposit reference number: TUR27 + NAME & SURNAME

Please make sure you use the right reference number and that you send proof of payment to us on email: leefjoureis@twf.co.za.

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