

THE ANCIENT CITY OF EPHESUS

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Complimentary Shore Event to Ephesus, from Kusadasi

- See the historical splendors of Ephesus on a guided tour
- Explore the Terrace Houses, homes of wealthy Ephesians
- Savor lunch at a family farm
- Enjoy a performance by a Turkish Folk Dance Group
- Stop at the Temple of Artemis
- Visit the chapel where the house of the Virgin Mary once stood

Kusadasi is perhaps best known as the gateway to the archaeological site of **Ephesus, one of the world's most fascinating ancient cities**. The busy port of Ephesus was the Capital of the Province of Asia Minor during the Roman Era. A city with such importance and wealth had prestigious buildings that have survived in a wonderful state of preservation. You'll explore Ephesus and surrounding religious and historic sites on this *Ensemble Experience*.

After your drive from the port, you'll arrive in Ephesus to **walk the marble road adorned with architectural masterpieces**. See the uniquely beautiful Temple of Hadrian and Library of Celsus, then **tour the Terrace Houses, which evoke the flamboyant and luxurious lifestyle of Ephesians**.

Among all the archaeological remains, the **Great Theater of Ephesus bears the most Biblical importance**. It was the scene of an

uprising set by a merchant named Demetrius against St. Paul, who spent two years preaching the Word of God at Ephesus.

Then, leaving Ephesus, you'll **drive to an olive farm run by a local family** that produces some of the tastiest olives in the region. During the visit you'll see a **private performance by a Turkish Folk Dance group**. You'll also be served a **delicious lunch cooked by your local host**.

Afterwards, you'll stop at the remains of the **Temple of Artemis, which was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World** built in the 6th century BC.

Finally, you'll head up into the hills behind Ephesus where the Virgin Mary is believed to have spent the last days of her life. Visit the **charming chapel, consecrated by the Pope, erected at the very spot where the Virgin Mary's house once stood**.