

# THE ANCIENT CITY OF EPHEBUS

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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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**.

*Ensemble® Experience shore excursions are capacity controlled, subject to change without notice, and require a minimum number of participants. All times are approximate. Your Ensemble® Traveler host onboard will advise final details.*