

A POINT HACKER'S ITINERARY:

Magical Cappadocia with points

Vivid hot air balloons, otherworldly landscapes and pastel skies - Cappadocia in central Türkiye has all the hallmarks of a mythical wonderland.

And with Velocity Points, it's easy to make your way there from Australia for less. From Melbourne, we fly to Istanbul via Abu Dhabi in Etihad's lavish Business Class. We spend three days soaking up the big city bustle of Istanbul, before unwinding with three blissful nights in the dreamy town of Göreme in the Cappadocia region. There's so much to see and do - so why not discover Türkiye for yourself?

This itinerary is designed to be replicated end-to-end, and you can view the full experience and all of our tips to earn points at pointhacks.com.au.

RETAIL PRICE

\$9,697

WE PAID

\$2,527

PER PERSON

+ 186,000

VELOCITY POINTS

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Fun facts



Number one

Istanbul was the world's most visited city in 2023 with over 20 million visitors!



Colourful skies

On a good day, around 100 hot air balloons take to the skies over Cappadocia.



A tale of two continents

Around 95% of Türkiye is in Asia, while the remaining 5% is in Europe.



Bread winner

The people of Türkiye eat more bread per year than any other nation!

Trip highlights



Etihad 787 Business Class
Abu Dhabi to Istanbul in luxury.



Hot air balloon ride
A dreamy sunrise view.



Iconic Istanbul
Vibrant culture and history.



Unique accommodation
Caverna Hotel Premium Caves.

Food to try



Şehzade Cağ Kebap
Simple and tasty cağ kebab.



Künefe
Sweet cheese pastry.



Turkish breakfast
Bread, cheese, olives and more.



Mikla
One Michelin-starred dining.



Flights

MEL-AUH

Etiihad Airways EY461
Business Class (Reward) • Boeing 777
Depart 21:10 • Arrive 5:10⁽⁺¹⁾
connecting to

AUH-IST

Etiihad Airways EY97
Business Class (Reward) • Boeing 787
Depart 9:30 • Arrive 13:20
121,000 Velocity Points + \$713

IST-NAV return

Turkish Airlines
Economy • \$279 cash fare

IST-AUH

Etiihad Airways EY96
Economy (Reward) • Boeing 787
Depart 14:45 • Arrive 20:05
connecting to

AUH-MEL

Etiihad Airways EY462
Economy (Reward) • Boeing 777
Depart 9:55⁽⁺¹⁾ • Arrive 5:05⁽⁺²⁾
65,000 Velocity Points + \$234



Accommodation

Sura Design Hotel, Boutique Class
3 nights • \$438 per person, twin share



Caverna Hotel Premium Caves
3 nights • \$771 per person, twin share



Transit hotels: Istanbul & Abu Dhabi
2 nights • \$92 per person, twin share



Activities

Hot air ballooning in Cappadocia

Food tour through Istanbul

Sunset horse riding in Göreme

Marvel at centuries-old mosques

Shopping on Istikal Street

Discover an underground city

Make your own Turkish coffee

Sleep inside a cave

Soak up views from Galata Tower

Explore the funky Fener area

We travel carbon neutral where possible.

Points earning tips & tricks

Want to earn points towards your own getaway to Türkiye? Here's how to boost your Velocity Points balance.



Offset the points spent on flights by earning points from your hotel stays! **Earn Velocity Points** when booking hotels via the Virgin Australia website, powered by Rocket Travel.



Stock up for the gift-giving and entertaining season and earn two Velocity Points per \$1 on wine from the **Velocity Wine Store**. Look out for bonus point offers!



While you're at it, shop all your favourite brands via the **Velocity e-Store**. You'll earn Velocity Points simply by clicking through the portal to make a purchase.



Earn a generous stash of Velocity Points with a **credit card sign up bonus**. All you need to do is apply, be approved, and meet the minimum spend criteria. You'll be on your way to Türkiye in no time!



Fancy turning your weekly grocery run into a trip overseas? By linking your **Flybuys and Velocity** accounts, you can convert 1,000 Flybuys points to 500 Velocity Points.

Need help finding reward seats?

Want to fly to Türkiye - or anywhere else in the world - for less, but not sure how to redeem your hard-earned points?

Point Hacks Concierge is a highly-rated Australian reward booking service that can help you effectively redeem your points for those elusive Business or First Class seats!

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