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Winter Wonderland Over the Holiday Season in Turkey

Dubai - Dec 21, 2017: Frequent travelers know the benefits of traveling during the off-season. Besides the obvious benefits to a traveler's budget, visiting specific destinations, such as [Turkey](http://www.tcfnewswire.net/en/company/turkey-tourism), brings much more significant benefits and a different kind of charm. It is a time when visitors can experience Turkey like most travelers never do. Witness the mountains and countryside transform into a winter wonderland. Visit Turkey's beautiful lakes that freeze over to form amazing sites. Admire the countries ancient ruins and archeological sites, minus the crowds. And enjoy Istanbul's winter festivals and Christmas joy from a unique winter perspective.

With moderate Mediterranean weather, Turkey's average temperature in December ranges between 8 and 12 degrees centigrade on the low side, and a conformable 16 to 18 degrees centigrade on the higher side. Perfect weather to investigate Istanbul's historical and UNESCO world heritage buildings located in the Sultanahmet district bursting with color and art, followed by shopping at the Grand Bazaar.

Visiting the city during the New Year is an extra bonus. Istanbul hosts huge fireworks displays that reflect stunning views reflected by the [waters of the Bosphorus](http://www.tcfnewswire.net/en/company/turkey-tourism/features/travel-updates-autumn-vistas-less-than-five-hours-away). With the city usually covered with a blanket of white snow, the streets come alive with parties, Istanbul style, that spread across neighborhoods and well into the night.

Venturing outside Istanbul during is best suited for travelers who want to visit Turkey's most ancient Greco-Roman sites on the Mediterranean without the vast loud crowds of tourists witnessed in the summertime. Alexander the Great's conquest of the two Anatolian cities of Termessos and Sagalassos; both conquered in 333 BC. And while in Antalya, where the climate is warmer than other regions in Turkey, enjoy its city center which remains active and vibrant with modern shopping malls and renowned nightlife.

As Turkey's most visited historical site, Ephesus' magnificent old theater with a capacity of over 25,000 people, can be enjoyed and appreciated to the maximum in December. Get an almost exclusive tour of the Celsus library that in ancient times held over 12,000 scrolls and manuscripts. Finally, end your historical visit by viewing the amazing mosaics of the Roman terraced houses, and the Byzantine homes built for the rich and powerful governors of the time.

Turkey has had as many as a dozen ski resorts that drift down beautifully snow-covered mountains. With more than 100 peaks that reach above 3,000 meters, the most famous ski resort, of which there are more than a dozen in Turkey, one of the most popular is located south of the Sea of Marmara, in the alpine village of Uluda_. With an elevation of over 6,500 feet, Uluda_ in Bursa is the perfect place to combine an active lifestyle, with a relaxed and spiritual feeling of well-being.



And finally, for a genuinely authentic Christmas flavor, winter travelers can venture to see the real St. Nick, who lived very far away from the North Pole. He lived and preached in the ancient village of Myra, now known as Demre. On St. Nicholas' feast day, which happens on December 6th every year, Greek Orthodox faithful crowd Demre's ancient basilica to pay tribute to the global icon.

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About Turkish Cultural and Tourism Office:

The Turkish Cultural and Tourism Office in Dubai is the official representative of the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism. One of the main aims of the Tourism Office is to bridge the gap between cultures and foster relationships with the travel industry by organising promotional activities throughout the GCC. The Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism participates in travel exhibitions and conferences to position the country as a leading tourist destination. With its breath-taking views, unique historical and archaeological sites, steadily improving hotel and touristic infrastructure and a tradition of hospitality and competitive prices, it's no wonder Turkey is among the most sought-after travel destinations in the world.

The primary functions of The Turkish Cultural and Tourism Office in Dubai are:

- Supervises all promotional activities relating to Turkey in the GCC
- Liaise with travel agencies
- Organises roadshows to further promote Turkey as a destination for leisure, shopping, health, sports and invest in the MICE (meetings, incentives, conference and exhibitions) Middle East market.

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