

our top five:

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Few places on earth are as historically important as Ephesus. Our suggestions are just a small sampling of “Must See” activities in this very special place.



House of the Virgin Mary: This important Catholic shrine is located on Mt. Koressos, 7 kms from Ephesus. Christian pilgrims believe Mary was taken here by Saint John and lived there for the remainder of her earthly life. While the Catholic Church has never pronounced in favor or against its authenticity, the site has been visited by three popes: Paul VI, John Paul II and Benedict XVI.



Take a break from sightseeing at a traditional Turkish Hammam: Unwind in the soothing atmosphere of the hammam, then enjoy the sauna or steam room, and a foam massage.



Shopping, shopping... and more shopping: Haggle for Turkish carpets, jewelry, spices, leatherware and copper goods at Kusadasi's bustling marketplace. You can also wander around tourist shops selling fabulous fakes: bags, T-shirts, sweaters and more.



Visit the charming town of Sirince: Known as the Tuscany of Turkey, Sirince delights with its vineyards, orchards and enchanting Turkish-Greek culture.



Explore Pigeon Island: Just a 10-minute walk from the cruise port, Pigeon Island is connected to the mainland by a pier. It is home to a famous 16th century castle. Once there, you'll have fantastic views of the port, and you can relax under the olive trees.

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**Please note: Ephesus and Kusadasi are two different places. Kusadasi is located 18 kms from Ephesus. Ephesus is one of the best-preserved Greco-Roman cities in the world, while Kusadasi is a popular tourist resort and Turkey's most popular cruise port.*