





05 DAYS 04 NIGHTS

No Hidden Cost / Service Charge















# TRIP OVERVIEW



**04 NIGHTS** 

07 MEALS

\* 04 Breakfast \* 3 Lunch\* 0 Dinner

**UNIQUE TURKEY** 

# **YOUR ITINERARY**

## DAY 01: ARRIVAL

Welcome to Istanbul!

Arrive Istanbul international airport, transfer to hotel, and rest of the day free at your own leisure. Overnight at hotel.





ACTIVITIES
Transfer to Hotel.



## DAY 02: ENJOY FULL DAY ISTANBUL CITY TOUR

Enjoy a Full Day tour of the Sultanahmet area which is the UNESCO recognized heart of old Istanbul. Byzantine & Ottoman Relics Istanbul City Tour

Our local guide takes us to Hagia Sophia. Built in 537 AD as world's first large dome building it was the religious

focal point of the Orthodox Church before its conversion in a Muslim Mosque. We have a look at its many unique





decoration from Byzantine and Turkish periods. Then we enjoy a short walk to Blue Mosque. Built in 17th century it owes its fame to the exquisite blue Iznik Tiles on its walls. Hippodrome is next to here where we see an Egyptian

Obelisk and Serpent Column where once horse chariots races of the Eastern Roman Empire took. Next, you will

see the German Fountain which was a gift of Kaiser Wilhelm 2. Listen the stories of his liaison with the orient. We

then go to Grand Bazaar. Following introduction by our guide at a recommended store we will have some free

time to browse its 1 200 spice and gold shops. After lunch at a local restaurant we visit the amazing Topkapi

Palace which from 15th to the 19th Century was the principle residence of the Turkish Ottoman Empire. Our guide

gives a tour at the gardens halls where we view staggering collection of imperial and religious treasury golden

thrones and emerald crowns. Next place to see is Hagia Irene Church (from outside). Our final place of interest is

Church of Sergius and Bacchus today known as Petit Hagia Sophia Mosque. . After the tour transfer back to the

hotel.





#### **ACTIVITIES**



- Hagia Sophia Museum
- Blue Mosque
- · German Fountain
- Grand Bazaar
- · the amazing Topkapi Palace
- Hagia Irene Church
- Church of Sergius
- Little Hagia Sophia Mosque

## DAY 03: ENJOY FULL DAY PRINCE'S ISLAND TOUR

The car-free Princes' Islands are only a short ferry ride from Istanbul, and provide a welcome break from the city

heat and bustle.

The morning begins when you are picked from your hotel at 08:00 and transferred to the ferry terminal for a cruise

on the Sea of Marmara heading for Büyükada, the largest of the nine islands making up the archipelago. On the

way you'll be able to enjoy great views of the Topkapi Palace, Leander's Tower and Üsküdar on Istanbul's Asian

shore. Büyükada is a popular resort for the locals in the summer with its white sandy beaches and fragrant pine

forests, but it was once a place of exile for Byzantine Emperors (and Leon Trotsky) as well as a popular retreat for

wealthy Istanbulites in the first half of the 20th Century.

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## **ACTIVITIES**

- OVERNIGHT
- Dolmabahçe Palace
- Ottoman Palaces
- Ortaköy Mosque
- · Bosphorus magnificent artifacts
- Bosphorus Bridge and Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge
- · An hour of boat cruising
- Çamlıca Hill

### DAY 05: DEPARTURE

After Breakfast, Free time until Transfer to Airport for homebound flight.







You'll be enchanted by this small slice of traffic-free paradise. When you explore some of the islands' quiet back

streets, you'll feel as if you've found your way back to the late 19th century and an Istanbul that no longer exists

on the mainland. Tour the island in a horse-drawn carriage before having lunch in one of the island's many ple-

asant restaurants. We'll return to Istanbul in the afternoon arriving back at your hotel at around 17:00. This full-day tour includes hotel pick up and drop off and transfer to the port, a return boat ride to the island of

Büyükada with a guided tour, a ride in a horse-drawn carriage, lunch in a local restaurant (drinks are not included,

vegetarian option included on request).



- the Topkapi Palace
- · Leander's Tower
- Üsküdar on Istanbul's Asian shore
- · A return boat ride to the island of Büyükada
- · A ride in a horse-drawn carriage



### DAY 04: ENJOY FULL DAY BOSPHORUS TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we move towards the ferry pier to get aboard the boat by our vehicles waiting at the

hotel for you, our valued guests. Our boat starts the tour firstly near the European coast and you will have the opp-

ortunity to see both continents and learn about them in company with our Arabic and English speaking guides.

Dolmabahçe Palace, other Ottoman palaces, Ortaköy Mosque and Bosphorus mansions are just a few of the ma-

gnificent artifacts.

You will have the chance to see Bosphorus Bridge and Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge established on Istanbul Strait

very closely during the boat tour. After an hour of boat cruising, we get off the ship at Beylerbeyi Pier, go

Çamlıca Hill, the highest hill of Istanbul, by our vehicle waiting for us and give you free time to enjoy the mag- nificent view of Istanbul.

After the free time, we take you to visit Forum Istanbul, the biggest shopping center of Istanbul, via Bosphorus

Bridge. After completing the shopping center tour, we visit the leather parade, which you will enjoy very

and complete our tour leaving you, our esteemed guests, to your hotel.



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