

**Full Itinerary & Trip Details**

# Daily Ephesus Tour From Bodrum

Welcome to our Daily Sightseeing Tours in Bodrum!



**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€0 €0

**DURATION**

1 days

**TOUR ID**

1360

## ITINERARY

**Day 1 : DAILY EPHEBUS TOUR FROM BODRUM**

Lunch Included

Magnificent, inspiring, gorgeous, amazing, extra-ordinary...

These are only a few words that may describe Ephesus. However, no one could adequately describe Ephesus with words; one has to see Ephesus to appreciate it. A visit to Ephesus, one of the largest and best-preserved ancient cities in the world, is a must for those who are interested in archaeology and culture.

Ephesus was inhabited by the Ionians in the XI. Century BC. In a short time, together with the native population, they created a brilliant civilization there. It was during that time that Ephesians started the construction of the great temple dedicated to Artemis, the main goddess of the city. The temple was so beautiful that it became one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The Lydians and the Persians ruled the city until Alexander the Great took control of it. After Alexander's death, the city became part of the Pergamum Kingdom. Soon, it became the main trade center in Anatolia, the ancient name for the Asian part of Turkey.

Ephesus was bequeathed to the Roman Empire in the 2nd century BC. The Roman Period was a "golden age" for the city.

The people were rich and with a population of 250,000; Ephesus was the second most crowded city in the Roman Empire. It was during that time that Christianity started to spread onto Anatolia for the first time. Ephesus was the city to which Mary the Mother and St Joan fled following the death of Christ. (Today, the Church of St. Mary stands close by the main thoroughfare of the city and it is well worth seeing). St John and St Paul also visited Ephesus so it became a religious center for Christians.

When the Roman Empire was divided into two, in 394, the city came under the rule of the Byzantine Empire. This was not a bright period for Ephesus, the city was a sacred place for Christians but it was not a trade center anymore. The Meander River silted up the area and the harbour became a marshy land. Many people died of malaria and this brought an end to the inhabitation of the city by the 10th century.

Ephesus has been excavated since 1935. As you wander through the site, the Celsus Library, the Amphitheatre, Hadrian Temple, Scholastikia Baths, the Parliamentary Building, the Town Hall, Domitian Temple, Trajan Fountain, Terrace

Houses, the Love House will be the major excavated ruins of the city which are open for public viewing  
Ephesus Museum

This museum, where you will find nice pieces such as the Colossal Statue of Artemis, the Fresco of Socrates, the Roman sarcophagus, the Statue of Dionysus, Eros and the Dolphin, Statue of Priapos, the God of Fertility and the Head of Zeus, is one of the richest museums in Turkey.

Ephesus is 185 kilometres away from Bodrum. An approximately three hour journey through the cotton fields will bring you to this unique ancient site.

## **Includes**

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- 1 lunch
- Pick up transfer from your hotel in Bodrum
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned coach
- Return transfer to your hotel

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Personal expenses: Lunches, extras at hotel or additional meals
- Tipping: Tips for guides and drivers

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

23 April, 2020 - 1 April, 2021

Wednesday, Saturday