

## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 7 Day Special Istanbul City Tour

St. Sophia, Topkapi Palace, SultanAhmet Imperial Mosque, Hippodrome, Grand Covered Bazaar, Bosphorus Cruise, Spice Bazaar, Princes' Islands, Miniaturk Museum



**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€0 €0

**DURATION**

7 days

**TOUR ID**

22799

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day

Welcome to Turkey Istanbul Airport. Meet with our staff and transfer to your hotel, Transfer from airport & check in to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

### Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour

Breakfast Included

Pick up at 08:30am from your hotel for the a day tour of old Istanbul city. Visit to **ST. SOPHIA** This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. **TOPKAPI PALACE** The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. **SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE** Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the **BLUE MOSQUE** because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. **HIPPODROME** Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. We will then take you to the **GRAND COVERED BAZAAR** In this labyrinth of streets and passages are more than 4,000 shops with each trade having its own area: the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers, Turkish arts and crafts, such as handpainted ceramic plates, hand-honed copperware, brassware and trays, water ewers, onyx-ware and meerschaum pipes. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Free Evening and optional Istanbul Evening Shows or Bosphorus Dinner Cruise including traditional Turkish entertainment and dinner. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 3 : Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour**

Breakfast Included

Pick up at 08:30am from the hotel and depart for the Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour. Visit the **SPICE BAZAAR** (Egyptian Bazaar) The air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice. **BOSPHORUS BY BOAT** a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion you will see the magnificent sights of the following attractions from your boat. See **Dolmabahce Palace**, and further along, the parks and imperial pavilions of **Yildiz Palace**. On the coastal edge of this park, is **Ciragan Palace**, 300 meters of its marble facade faces the shore. At **Ortakoy** a great variety of artists gather every Sunday to display their work along the street. **Ortakoy** is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries. **RUMELI FORTRESS** Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul was completed in only four months to control and protect the infamous Bosphorus passage. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world. **BEYLERBEYI PALAS (PALACE)** The summer residence of Ottoman sultans exists in its original renovated glory featuring original antique furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian side of Istanbul. **BOSPHORUS BRIDGE** enjoy a unique chance to step from one continent (Asia) to another (Europe) **CAMLICA HILL** the highest point in Istanbul. At the top of it you can rest and admire the magnificent panorama of Istanbul and the Bosphorus from the beautiful gardens, landscaped in traditional Turkish Ottoman style. **SHOPPING TOUR** (after cruise) Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the carpet weaving courses provided by The Ministry of National Education. You will get the opportunity to see jewellery, handcrafts centre and a modern leatherwear show. Enjoy the experience of shopping whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen, with our local escort full of knowledge about how to haggle the streets of Istanbul. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 4 : Istanbul Princes' Island Tour**

Breakfast Included

Enjoy a cruise in the Marmara Sea to Istanbul's famous Princes' Islands. This is your opportunity to see

Topkapi Palace, Leander's Tower and Uskudar from the sea. Stop at Buyukada, the popular summer resort with sandy beaches and pinewood scenery, once the pleasure island of Byzantine Princes. During the Summer season, enjoy the magical atmosphere that the Island's beach resort has to offer including many optional water sporting activities. Tour the island with horse-drawn carriages before stopping for an exquisite lunch at a fish restaurant. After your tour we will transfer you back to your hotel. overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 5 : Miniaturk Museum and Shopping Tour**

Breakfast Included

Today we will visit the largest miniature park in the world. Miniaturk is a miniature park in Istanbul, Turkey. It was opened May 2, 2003. Miniaturk covers a total area of 60.000 m2. It is the world's largest miniature park with its 15.000 m2 model area. Miniaturk has 40.000 m2 of open space, 3.500 m2 of covered area, 2.000 m2 of pools and waterways, and a parking lot with a capacity of 500 vehicles. The park contains 105 models done in 1/25th scale. 45 of the structures are from Istanbul, 45 are from Anatolia, and 15 are from the Ottoman territories that today lie outside of Turkey. Also featured are historic structures like the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus and the Mausoleum of Maussollos at Halicarnassus (now Bodrum). Additional space was reserved for potential future models.

We will then take you to visit Pierloti: At the top of Eyup Sultan Cemetery you can find one of the best places to look at the famous Golden Horn of Istanbul, this place, that now is a cafe called Pierre Loti Cafe, as a memorial for the writer Pierre Loti, a regular of the cafe, mainly for the views. Cevahir Shopping Center Cevahir Shopping Centre, is a modern shopping and entertainment centre located in the Sisli district of Istanbul, Turkey. Called also Sisli Kultur ve Ticaret Merkezi (Sisli Cultural and Trade Centre). Cevahir Mall is one of the largest shopping centres in Europe. After the tour, return to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul.

### **Day 6 : Istanbul - Free Day**

Breakfast Included

The day is yours. You don't have to wake up early, explore Istanbul city, shop in the local markets, or enjoy one of the many day trips our offer you to choose from.

These include ,Dolmabahce Palace, Family Shopping Tour, Traditional Turkish Bath, Istanbul Princes' Island, Turkish Village Tour, Istanbul Museums Tour, Aquarium Tour, Helicopter Tours, or enjoy the Istanbul Evening Show, 1001 Istanbul Traditional Turkish Night, Dinner Cruise on the Bosphorus by Night with dinner, popular musical instruments and Turkish singer. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 7 : Istanbul - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast check out from the hotel. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another of our Turkey Tour. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- Guided Istanbul city tour

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus cruise
- Return airport transfer
- 6 open buffet very rich continental breakfasts
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 6 nights hotel in Istanbul
- Guided Istanbul Princes' Island Tour
- Guided Miniaturk Museum and shopping tour

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Tips and Personal expenses
- Personal expenses: Lunches, extras at hotel or additional meals
- City tax
- Guided Istanbul Prince's Island Tour
- Istanbul (Vialand) Tour
- Guided Miniaturk Museum and Shopping Tour
- Guided Istanbul Aquarium Tour

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

12 February, 2020 - 31 March, 2021      Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

Tour Hotel List: Ramada Hotel Golden Horn Pulman Hotel Westside Arjaan by Rotana Dedeman Hotel Hyatt Regency Hotel The Marmara Hotel Pera Renaissance Polat Istanbul Hotel Le Meridien Hotel Grand Hyatt Hotel Ciragan Palace Kempinski