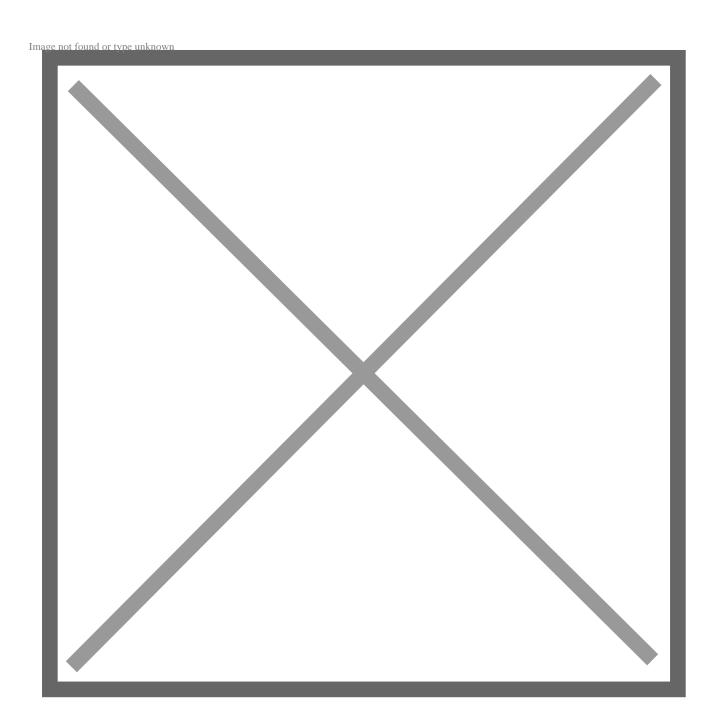


**Full Itinerary & Trip Details** 

# 2 Day Istanbul C?ty Tour From Ankara

Istanbul is a very beautiful city more than words can say, just like as Napoleon once said, "If the world was only one country, Istanbul would be its capital!". So in this tour, we will visit the Old City & Sultan Ahmet Area. Of course, we will have a Boat Cruise on Bosphorus Strait which is one of the "must do" things in Istanbul. And for sure, you will enjoy the world famous Grand Covered Bazaar. Istanbul is worth to see with its historical places, Bosphorus Straight, social life and such. Istanbul is also one of the very unique cities in the world as the city is located both on Europe and Asia continents. Therefore it has been also named as the bridge between Europe & Asia.



PRICE STARTING FROM	DURATION	TOUR ID
<b>€</b> 0 € 0	2 days	23098

# **ITINERARY**

Day 1: Arrival to Istanbul and Istanbul City Tour

Lunch and Dinner Included

Pick up between 05:00 - 06:00 (depending on your flight time) from your hotel in Ankara City Center transfer to Ankara Airport. Please note that all you need to do is self check-in for your domestic flight to

Istanbul. Our representative will meet you in Istanbul Airport with a placard that has your name on it. After that, we will drive to worldwide famous Sultan Ahmet Area, THE OLD CITY. Istanbul was the capital city of Byzantine Empire and after it was conquered by Ottomans in 1453 it became the capital city of Ottoman Empire. In Sultan Ahmet Square, you will see where the old HIPPODROME AREA where you will also see the CONSTANTINE OBELISK, SERPENTINE COLUMN and the OBELISK OF THEODOSIUS and THE GERMAN FOUNTAIN.

Next stop is beautiful SULTAN AHMET MOSQUE from 17th Century. The place is also known as BLUE MOSQUE as the name was inspired by tourists from the "blue tiles" used inside the mosque for decoration. You will also see St. Sophia (from outside) right across Blue Mosque. After a short walk through Sultan Ahmet Square, we will visit famous TOPKAPI PALACE from 15 th Century. After Istanbul was conquered by Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror, he ordered the palace to be built. The palace hosted The Ottoman Dynasty for more than 400 years. Then, we will have a lunch break. After lunch, we will walk to world famous GRAND COVERED BAZAAR. In this its labyrinth of streets and passages, there 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 to your hotel in Istanbul and check in. The rest of time is yours. Overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 2: Bosphorus & Shopping Tour - Istanbul to Ankara - End of Tour

Breakfast and Lunch Included

Pick up from the hotel and depart for a magical Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour. We will visit THE GRAND SPICE BAZAAR. The air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice. Then, we will head for BOAT CRUISE on BHOSPHORUS STRAIT, 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 on Bhosphorus. During the cruise, you will see (from outside, from a distance) the following lovely places as well as many others; DOLMABAHCE PALACE MUSEUM and its impressive marble facede which was the latest palace for Ottoman Dynasty, CIRAGAN PALACE which is a hotel at present, ORTAKOY MOSQUE with its beautiful neo-classic architecture style, RUMELI FORTRESS Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul, BEYLERBEYI PALACE, the summer residence of Ottoman Sultans, BOSPHORUS BRIDGE one of the three bridges connecting Europe and Asia, CAMLICA HILL the highest point in Istanbul. Next, we will have lunch and head for SHOPPING TOUR (after the 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 jewelry, handcrafts center and a modern leatherwear show. After the tour, we will transfer you to the airport for your flight back to Ankara. Once you arrive to Ankara, we will pick you up from Airport and transfer to your hotel.

We hope your tour was a memorable one and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another our tour. Thank you for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- Professional English speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air conditioned, non smoking coach
- 1 night hotel in Istanbul
- 1 open buffet breakfasts

- All entrance fees mentioned within the itinerary
- 2 local lunches
- 1 dinner at hotel
- Hotel Room Taxes, Tours & Transfer Taxes
- Pick up Transfer from Ankara Hotel to Airport
- Pick up Transfer from Ankara Airport to Hotel
- Guided Istanbul City Tour, Boat Cruise on Bhosphorus Strait and Shopping Tour

#### **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- City tax
- Tipping: Tips for guides and drivers
- Please Note: Domestic flight price for adult travelers is approximately Euros: 50,00 for one way and for under 2 years old, approximately Euros: 20,00 as an insurance policy.
- Domestic flights

#### **Routes**

#### **Available On Dates**

4 September, 2020 - 31 March, 2021 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

SILVER TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS or Similar Westside Arjaan by Rotana GOLD TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS or Similar The Marmara Hotel Pera