

## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 5 Day Turkey and Bulgaria Stopover Tour

Welcome to Turkey! First class service and guided transportation through the historical and picturesque sites of Istanbul and historical sites to visit in Sofia, Bulgaria that gloriously depict the country's past.

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**PRICE STARTING FROM**

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**DURATION**

5 days

**TOUR ID**

280

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day

Welcome to Turkey, Istanbul Airport. Meet with our staff and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

### Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we pick you up at 08.30 from your hotel for the daily 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. Murtis Tour will then take you to the Grand Spice Bazaar which is a unique atmosphere with reasonable prices for your shopping on many Exotic Spices and Herbs, Turkish Baklava, Turkish Delights, Turkish Coffee, nuts and fruits, small souvenirs such as Ceramic Handicrafts, Evil Eyes totems, all naturel olive oil, soaps and many other goods in Souvenir Shops and stores.

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 : Sofia - Sightseeing Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we check out from the hotel and depart by international flight to Sofia.

Arrival in Sofia. Transfer to the hotel. Guided sightseeing tour of the city center including visit to Alexander Nevski Cathedral - one of the largest Eastern Orthodox cathedrals in Europe, as well as one of Sofia's symbols and a primary tourist attraction; St. George Rotunda, St. Sophia Church, built by emperor Justinian in the 6th century, National Theatre, former Royal Palace, today housing the National Art Gallery and the Ethnographic Museum, Presidency, etc.

Optional visit of National History Museum and Boyana Church in Sofia. Tour duration - approx. 3 hours.

Optional - evening panoramic tour "Sofia by night" and dinner at a traditional restaurant with folklore music and dances. Overnight in Sofia.

### Day 4 : Free Day In Sofia Or, Optional One Day Tour To Plovdiv ( Sightseeing Tour )

## **Breakfast Included**

A free day in Sofia or, optional one day tour to Plovdiv. Sightseeing tour of the town. Plovdiv - the ancient Philipopolis is one of the oldest towns in Europe. It was inhabited by the Thracians, Romans, Goths, Slavs and Ottomans whose traces have turned the town into a museum. A place of special interest is the old part of the town.

Brilliant examples of the Bulgarian National Revival period are preserved here. One can sit among the ruins of the ancient Roman Theatre and feel the atmosphere of an extinct world. Tour duration - approx. 8 hours. Overnight in Sofia.

## **Day 5 : Transfer To The Airport And Departure, or Optional One Day Tour To Rila Monastery**

## **Breakfast Included**

Free time. Transfer to the airport and departure, or optional one day tour to Rila Monastery (for late departures only). Rila Monastery is the most exquisite example of monastery art and architecture in Bulgaria. Guided tour of the monastery. Visit to Nativity of the Virgin Church with its miraculous icon of the Virgin and splendid gilded iconostasis; old kitchen, the museum - keeping the long and heroic history of the monastery and the famous wood-carved corss made for a period of twelve years by a monk called Rafael, Hrelyo's Tower and many spectacular views from the mountain and the surrounding nature. Tour duration - approx. 8 hours. End of the tour.

## **Includes**

- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- 2 nights hotel in Istanbul
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 4 open buffet breakfasts
- 2 Nights' accommodation in Sofia
- Guided Sightseeing tour of Sofia
- Return transfer to Sofia Airport

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Country entry Visa

## **Routes**

## Available On Dates

9 March, 2020 - 15 March, 2021    Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday