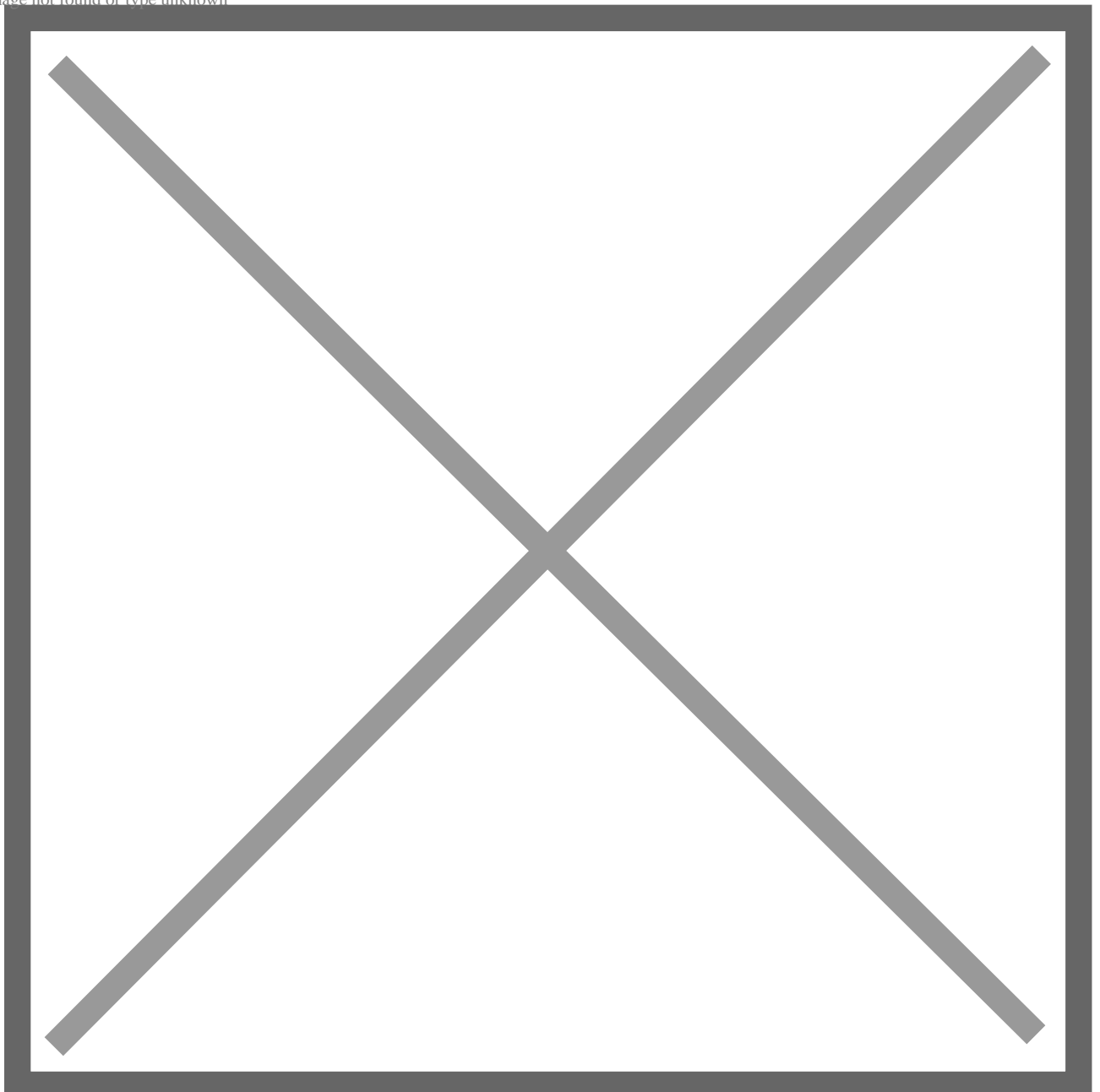


## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 10 Day Greece - Bulgaria - Turkey Combined Tour

If you are looking for something special and extraordinary then look no further. Starting from Greece to Bulgaria, we will finish this great holiday with one of the best holiday destinations of the world, Istanbul. This an exquisite tour for you with all the bells and whistles.

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**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€0 €0

**DURATION**

10 days

**TOUR ID**

483

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1 : Greece - Athens - Arrival Day**

Arrive at Athens International Airport and meet our professional driver who will transfer you to your hotel. It is your free day to explore and enjoy Athens on your own. Overnight at the hotel in Athens.

### **Day 2 : Greece - Athens Sightseeing Tour with Acropolis - Half Day All in One**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we will start the tour of the city of Athens, visiting Syntagma Square - the center of modern Athens and view the changing of the guard in front of the Parliament building. On the way to Acropolis, we will have a stop to the Panathenaic Stadium-made of white marble- where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. The impressive, work of Art, Stadium was the finish line of the Marathon Race of Athens 2004 Olympics. We will also see the Temple of Olympian Zeus - the largest Temple ever built in Greece. We will view the National Gardens, the Academy, the National Library, the University, and finally we will visit the most magnificent monument in the world - the Parthenon on the Acropolis. Then drive to Piraeus, Greece's main port and continue by the costal road to Kastella, a picturesque hill area overlooking the Mikrolimano yacht harbour, having the opportunity to see numerous restaurants and cafes by the sea. On the way to Mesoghia and the Winery, enjoy the journey through the southern suburbs of the city, along the coastal avenue of Athens Riviera with its magnificent view to the sea. Arrive at the Winery\* and enjoy the visit. Drive to Porto Rafti Area by the sea to enjoy some free time. Right after, drive to McArthur Designer Outlet shopping village. In continue, we drive at a Pottery workshop to see the craft of making vases and the exhibition of different products. Afterwards, drive back to hotel, passing by the facilities of the Olympic Athletic Center of Athens where the majority of the athletic events were held during the 2004 Olympic Games. Overnight at the hotel.

### **Day 3 : Greece - Athens - Vergina - Thessaloniki**

Breakfast Included

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, drive to Vergina, a small town in northern Greece near Veria, principal of the prefecture of Imathia. Visit the museum which was built to protect the tombs, and was inaugurated in 1993, to exhibit the artefacts and show the tumulus as it was before the excavations. Departure for Thessaloniki and overnight at the hotel.

### **Day 4 : Greece - Thessaloniki Panoramic Tour - Departure to Bulgaria**

Breakfast Included

Breakfast at the hotel. Thessaloniki panoramic tour, the city of great historic importance and a crossed of so many civilizations and cultures. Begin the tour with a panoramic drive around the White Tower, the main landmarks of the city, the Galerius Arch, the Rotunda monument, the Old Town (Ano Poli) and the City Walks, from where you will have a marvellous view of Thessaloniki. Your escort will provide you with all

the information about Thessaloniki's history old and new as you look at these stately buildings. During the tour: There will be a short stop at Agios Demetrius Byzantine church which is the most important church of Thessaloniki for religious, historical and artistic reasons. The most famous and interesting part of the church, is underground ancient "Crypt". After the tour, boarding on coach in Thessaloniki around noon. Departure for Bulgaria. Visit of Melnik – the smallest town in Bulgaria famous for its excellent wines and sandstone rocky pyramids. Overnight in Sandanski or Melnik.

#### **Day 5 : Bulgaria - Sandanski - Rila Monastery - Sofia**

Breakfast Included

Departure for Rila Monastery - the most exquisite example of the monastery art and architecture in Bulgaria. Guided tour of the monastery complex. Visit to Nativity of the Virgin Church with its miracle icon of the Virgin and splendid gilded iconostasis, the old kitchen, the monastery museum where you can learn about the long and heroic history of the monastery, the woodcarved cross 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. Drive to Sofia in the afternoon. Upon request – dinner at a traditional restaurant with folklore music and dances. Overnight in Sofia.

#### **Day 6 : Bulgaria - Sofia - Plovdiv**

Breakfast Included

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 the Roman Emperor Justinian in the 6th century, National Theatre, former Royal Palace, today housing the National Revival Art Gallery and the Ethnographic Museum, Presidency, etc. Around noon departure for Plovdiv. In the afternoon sightseeing tour in the Old Town, including a visit to the Roman Ancient Theatre, which was built in the 2nd century AD under the rule of the Roman Emperor Trajan and is nowadays considered to be the largest surviving Roman construction in Bulgaria, visit to the Ethnographic Museum, Roman Stadium, St. Constantine and Helena Church, etc. Overnight in Plovdiv.

#### **Day 7 : Bulgaria - Plovdiv - Bulgarian-Turkish Border**

Breakfast Included

Morning transfer for the Bulgarian-Turkish border. Upon arrival to border, we will head to Istanbul. Transfer to your hotel in Istanbul and overnight in Istanbul.

#### **Day 8 : Turkey - Istanbul City Tour**

Breakfast Included

We pick you up at 08.30 from your hotel for the daily tour of old Istanbul City, upon breakfast. 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 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.

Please Note: Hagia Sophia is closed on Mondays, Topkapi Palace closed on Tuesdays. If your tour is on one of these days, we would offer you to visit Underground Cistern instead of Hagia Sophia and Topkapi palace museum.

## **Day 9 : Turkey - Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast we pick you up at 09.00 from the hotel and depart for a magical Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour.

**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 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, handicrafts centre and a modern leatherwear show. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

## **Day 10 : Turkey - Istanbul**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and depart for Istanbul airport for your flight back to home. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. Have a nice 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
- 3 nights hotel in Istanbul
- 1 night hotel in Thessaloniki
- 2 nights hotel in Athens
- Guided Thessaloniki
- 9 breakfasts
- 1 Night accommodation in Plovdiv
- 1 Night accommodation in Sofia
- 1 Night accommodation in Sandanski
- Guided Visit of Rila Monastery
- Guided Sightseeing tour of Koprivshtitsa
- Escorted Half All in One Panoramic Tour
- Guided Vergina Tour
- Guided Athens Sightseeing Tour
- Arrival airport transfer from Athens International Airport
- Escorted Thessaloniki Panoramic Tour
- Departure transfer to Bulgarian Borders (Promachonas)

## **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
- Tips and Personal expenses

## **Routes**

## Available On Dates

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

## Hotels

ISTANBUL RAMADA HOTEL SUITES GOLDEN HORN ATHENS 4 STAR POLIS GRAND HOTEL  
THESSALONIKI 4 STAR CAPSIS HOTEL PLOVDIV 4 STAR RAMADA TRIMONTSIUM HOTEL  
SANDANSKI 4 STAR SVETI NIKOLA HOTEL SOFIA 4 STAR RAMADA SOFIA HOTEL