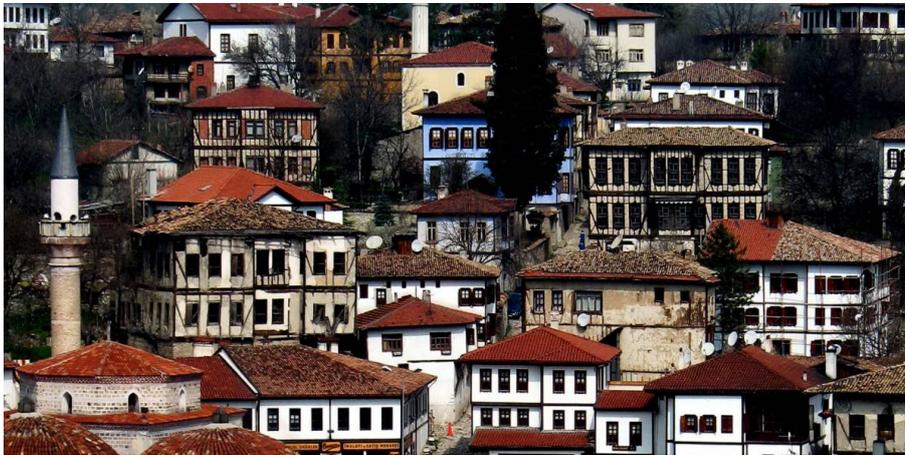


# Black Sea Discovery

## 7 days | Istanbul to Trabzon



Explore the sites of enchanting Istanbul, then get off the beaten track and discover the dramatic natural beauty of Turkey's Black Sea region; its breathtaking scenery, fascinating sights and charming historic towns.

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - old city, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia, Hippodrome and Topkapi Palace
- Safranbolu - UNESCO Listed ancient town, old Ottoman Houses and collections of art
- Ancient Tombs of Boybat
- Sinop - Sinop Castle, Fjords and Alaadin Mosque
- Amasya, on the banks of the Green River and the 15th century Beyazit Mosque complex
- Hattusas - once the capital of the Hittite Empire
- Yazilikaya- a holy, open air sanctuary

#### What's Included

- 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- 6 nights 4 star hotels(3 star and 5 star hotel options are also available)

- Istanbul Airport arrival transfer and Trabzon airport departure transfer on days 1 and 7
- Guided sightseeing - Istanbul, Safranbolu, Sinop, Amasya, Hattusas and Yazilikaya
- English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide
- Private air-conditioned transportation, all relevant transfers
- Entrance fees for all included sightseeing

#### What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Items of a personal nature

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Istanbul

Arrive Istanbul airport where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

#### Overnight - Istanbul

#### Day 2 : Old City sights

This morning depart on a full day city tour, visit magnificent St. Sophia's Basilica built originally by Constantine the Great. We continue our visits with the fascinating and impressive Blue Mosque, famous for its six minarets, its beautiful blue Iznik tiles, unique architecture and marble latticework. Then visit the Byzantine Hippodrome where chariot

races and competitive athletic events took place. Finally we visit the famous vast and bustling Grand Bazaar **Overnight - Istanbul (B)**

#### Day 3 : Safranbolu



Istanbul - Safranbolu. After breakfast, drive to Safranbolu. Safranbolu is a town boasting a glorious collection of old Ottoman houses, with a rich collection of pieces of art which represents traditional Turkish life and culture. Its rich history and success in preserving it earned the town an inclusion on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The best known for its old Turkish houses, the town is attracting more attention especially as these 19th century homes are gradually disappearing from other areas of Turkey. Take a walk down the old narrow cobbled streets, and see some of the traditional crafts and trades that are still practised today. **Overnight - Safranbolu (B, D)**

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## Day 4 : Sinop

Safranbolu - Sinop. Leaving Safranbolu we drive to Sinop, visiting the Ancient Tombs in Boybat en route. Arriving at Sinop we admire the breathtaking views offered from Sinop Castle and visit the beautiful Sinop Fjords, which are the only unique formation of this kind in Turkey. The final stop of the day is at Alaadin Mosque, built in 1214 after the conquest of Sinop during the Selcuklu Period.

**Overnight - Sinop** (B, D)

## Day 5 : Samsun

After breakfast journey to Samsun, stopping en route to visit Gerze, a quaint fishing village. Your final stop today is historic Samsun (formerly known by its Greek name Amisos), a fascinating town of myths and legends, which was called the land of the Amazons.

**Overnight - Samsun** (B, D)

## Day 6 : Trabzon



It's an early morning departure to Trabzon along the beautiful Black Sea coast. Today visit the outside of the spectacular 1,600 year-old Sumela Monastery, perched dramatically on a steep cliff-face commanding excellent views of the surrounding forests. **Overnight - Corum** (B, D)

## Day 7 : Trabzon

Your Black Sea adventure comes to an end after breakfast today. Transfer to Trabzon Airport for your onward flight.(B)

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