

City of Sultans

4 days | Starts/Ends: Istanbul



Visit Istanbul - the only city that spans two continents. See the beautiful Blue Mosque and ancient Hagia Sofia, explore opulent Topkapi Palace and test your bartering skills in the Grand Bazaar. 4 days of pure Turkish delight!

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - Sultanahmet (Old Istanbul) The Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia and Topkapi Palace
- Egyptian Spice Market and the Grand Bazaar
- Cruise along the Bosphorus Strait
- Beyerbeyi Palace and Buyuk Camilica - the city's highest vantage point

What's Included

- 3 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- 3 nights 3 star hotel (Upgrade to a 4 or 5 star available upon request)
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 from Istanbul Airport
- Guided sightseeing of Istanbul sights* - day 2 and 3, plus a cruise along the Bosphorus.

*Please note: Your guided sightseeing may be conducted with other passengers

(private touring available upon request at an additional cost)

- English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide on day 2 and 3
- Relevant transfers and transportation
- Transportation in a modern air-conditioned vehicle
- Entrance fees to all included sites

What's Not Included

- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- International flights and visa

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Istanbul



Welcome to Turkey! Arrive Istanbul airport and transfer to your hotel in Sultanahmet. Rest of day free. **Overnight - Istanbul**

Day 2 : Old City sights



This morning embark upon a fully guided tour of the only city that spans two continents, Europe and Asia. Before lunch, visit the Hippodrome area - famed as the centre of Byzantine life for 1000 years and of Ottoman life for another 400! Continuing, explore the stunning Blue Mosque and Hagia Sofia, built by Emperor Justinian. Once a church, then a mosque, today it is a museum. After lunch, visit Topkapi Palace, residence of the sultans for almost 4 centuries and finally the Grand Bazaar, (if open) housing some 4000 stalls selling a wide range of goods including gold, carpets, leather, clothing and Turkish handicrafts. **Overnight - Istanbul (B, L)**

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Day 3 : Bazaars & the Bosphorus



Today, visit the Egyptian Spice market (stock up on bargain saffron, spices and Turkish Delight here) before enjoying a cruise on the Bosphorus - the body of water that separates European Istanbul from Asian Istanbul. Later, visit the Beyerbeyi Palace in all its sultanate splendour and take in the stunning views atop the city's highest point - Buyuk Camlica. Return to your hotel and spend the remains of the day at leisure. **Overnight - Istanbul (B, L)**

contemporary amenities. Two restaurants are on offer and our personal favourite is the wonderful roof top restaurant, serving delicious local cuisine coupled with a magnificent view of the City and Sea. The perfect way to end the day. Located very close to the Historical part of the city with major Monuments are all walking distance.



Day 4 : Istanbul

Arrangements end after breakfast.(B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Asur Hotel

The friendly and cheerful Asur Hotel is a great place to base yourself when discovering Istanbul. Rooms are simple yet comfortable with parque flooring, good size beds and en suite facilities. Heading out of the hotel into the winding streets of Saltanahmet for a delicious Turkish feast is a great way to spend the evening. Perfectly located in Sultanahmet, within walking distance of most of Istanbul's top attractions.

Ramada Old City

A member of the reputable Ramada chain, the Istanbul Old Town property is modern and comfortable with excellent amenities. Guestrooms are bright and spacious with

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