



ISTANBUL AND BEYOND

A journey of culture and timeless charm

7 days / 6 nights

Discover a city where every street tells a story and every skyline view feels unforgettable. This thoughtfully designed journey invites you to experience Istanbul in all its richness — a city shaped by empires, faiths, traditions, and modern life, all woven together in extraordinary harmony.

From the moment you arrive, Istanbul captivates with its contrasts. Ancient palaces rise beside bustling markets, domes and minarets reflect in the waters of the Bosphorus, and neighborhoods shift effortlessly between tradition and contemporary energy. As the former capital of three great empires, the city offers a living tapestry of history, culture, and daily life that continues to evolve.

Your days unfold at a comfortable pace, blending guided exploration with time to enjoy *Istanbul* your way. Walk through imperial courtyards once ruled by Ottoman sultans, admire architectural masterpieces such as the **Blue Mosque** and **Hagia Sophia**, and sail between Europe and Asia on the legendary **Bosphorus** — a journey few cities in the world can offer. Beyond the historic heart, discover scenic viewpoints, charming islands, modern shopping districts, and family-friendly attractions that showcase *Istanbul*'s many personalities.

Optional experiences allow you to tailor your stay — from relaxing cruises and cultural shows to theme parks, museums, and traditional hammams. Whether you seek history, leisure, shopping, or entertainment, this tour offers flexibility without compromise. This itinerary is ideal for travelers who wish to explore deeply while enjoying comfort, freedom, and expert guidance. *Istanbul* is not just a destination you visit — it is a city you feel, remember, and long to return to.

DAY 1 ISTANBUL Arrival

Welcome to Turkey! Upon your arrival at Istanbul International Airport, you'll be met and assisted by your guide, who will transfer you to your hotel. Once the capital of the Byzantine, Roman, and Ottoman Empires, Istanbul is a mesmerizing city where East meets West — bridging Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus. With its skyline of domes and minarets, vibrant bazaars, imperial palaces, and a population of over fifteen million, Istanbul is truly one of the world's most fascinating destinations. You will have the rest of the day at leisure for private activities. Overnight in Istanbul.

DAY 2 ISTANBUL City Tour

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will have a city tour in Istanbul, starting at the 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, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle. The second stop of the tour is at the Sultanahmet Imperial Mosque, which was built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, also known as the Blue Mosque because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. Next, the tour will explore the Hippodrome, site of ancient chariot races & home of three ancient monuments, the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpent Column, and the Column of Constantine. Next is the Hagia Sophia Mosque. After a delectable lunch break, your guide will take you to the bazaar, where you can find exotic spices and herbs, Turkish Baklava, delicious Turkish Delights, Turkish Coffee, nuts and fruits, hand made souvenirs, etc. Overnight in Istanbul. (B)

Please note: Topkapi Palace is closed on Tuesdays, the Basilica Cistern can be an alternative. Please contact your consultant for details. Plus, like most of the travelers, you can book an optional Dinner Cruise tour for the night.

DAY 3 ISTANBUL - BODRUM Bosphorus Cruise and shopping tour

Breakfast at the hotel. We will pick you up for the "Bosphorus Cruise", a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shoreline is home to dozens of old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. You will have the opportunity to see the 19th-century Ottoman masterpiece Dolmabahce Palace, Yildiz Palace, one of the unique samples

**PRICE PER PERSON
EN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

EUR 710.-

Surplus single room **EUR 73.-**

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MARCH THROUGH NOVEMBER

FULLY CUSTOMIZABLE!!

INCLUDED

- All airport transfer services mentioned here
- 6 nights at selected hotels with breakfast ✓ **Istanbul** Central Palace Hotel Taksim If this hotel is not available at the time of your booking, we will arrange other similar hotel. If you prefer a different hotel category, there might be an additional cost
- Guided city tour in Istanbul
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise Tour
- Shopping tour
- City tax
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Professional English - speaking tour guides

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Tipping for guides and drivers
- Optional tours
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section





of the last period of Ottoman architecture, and Ciragan Palace with its amazing marble facades. Then you will see the Rumeli Fortress, one of the most exquisite examples of Ottoman military architecture, the harmony of eastern and western architectural styles at the Beylerbeyi Palace, the iconic view of Ortakoy, and more. Camlica Hill is 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. Lunch break at the Turkish restaurant. Following the cruise, we will offer you a shopping Tour. Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the carpet. You will have the opportunity to see jewelry, a handcrafts center, and a modern leatherwear show. After the tour, drop back to the hotel. For the evening, consider watching an optional Whirling Dervishes show or an optional Rhythm Dance Show. Overnight in Istanbul. **(B)**

DAY 4 ISTANBUL FREE DAY. Optional Istanbul Prince's Island Tour

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a cruise in the Marmara Sea to Istanbul's famous Prince's Islands. This is your opportunity to see Topkapi Palace, Maiden's Tower, and Uskudar from the sea. Stop at Buyukada, the popular summer resort with sandy beaches and pinewood scenery, once the pleasure island of Byzantine princes. During the summer season, enjoy the magical atmosphere that the island's beach resort has to offer, including many optional water sports activities. After lunch, we will transfer you back to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Our suggestion: An optional Dolmabahce Palace Tour or an optional Turkish Bath tour can be alternatives for the optional Istanbul Prince's Island Tour. **(B)**

DAY 5 ISTANBUL Optional Isfanbul (Vialand) Tour

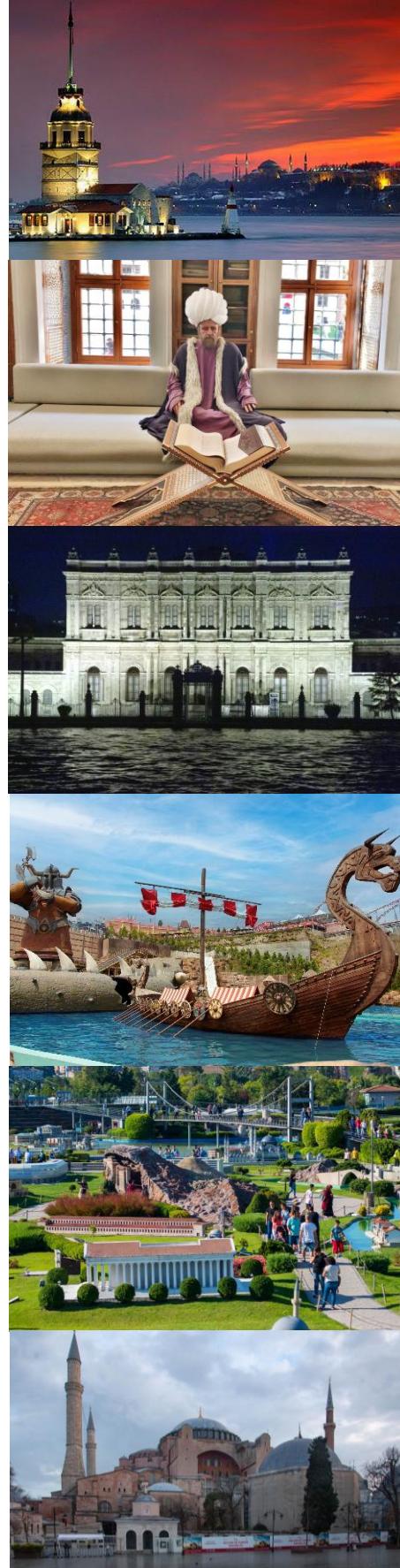
After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for Isfanbul Tour, which is Turkey's first modern theme park, located in the Eyup district in Istanbul. The complex is spread over 600.000 m² with more than 50 attractions, including a 110 km/h fast-launched roller coaster, a water coaster combining a roller coaster experience with a water ride, and a family coaster. Other attractions contain a rapid river ride, a drop tower, a dark ride, and more. For the kids, there is a carousel, playgrounds, mini-cars, and 3D movies. The park's theme reflects daily life in old Istanbul and furthermore features a large shopping center next to the park. Isfanbul has been designed in different areas in order to serve guests of all ages and preferences. It also allows guests easy access to any variety of fun they want to join within the park. Overnight in Istanbul. **(B)**

DAY 6 ISTANBUL OPTIONAL Miniaturk Museum and Shopping Tour

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, we will visit the largest miniature park in the world; Miniaturk. It is a miniature park in Istanbul that was opened in 2003. Miniaturk covers a total area of 60.000 m². With its 15,000 m² model area, it is the world's largest miniature park. The park contains 105 models done in 1/25th scale. 45 of the structures are from Istanbul, 45 are from Anatolia, and 15 are from the Ottoman territories that today lie outside of Turkey. Also featured are historic structures like the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus and the Mausoleum of Maussollos at Halicarnassus (now Bodrum). Additional space was reserved for potential future models. Your guide will then take you to visit Pierloti, which is at the top of Eyup Sultan Cemetery. It is one of the best places to look at the famous Golden Horn of Istanbul. It gets its name from a memorial to the writer Pierre Loti, who frequented the cafe for its views in the 19th century. Next stop is the Cevahir Shopping Center, a modern shopping and entertainment center located in the Sisli district of Istanbul and one of the largest shopping centers in Europe. After the tour, return to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul. **(B)**

DAY 7 ISTANBUL Departure

After breakfast, enjoy your final moments in this remarkable city — perhaps with a last stroll, a cup of Turkish coffee, or a quiet moment reflecting on the memories you've created. At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to Istanbul International Airport for your onward journey. We hope Istanbul has left you inspired, enriched, and eager to return. Thank you for traveling with us, and we look forward to welcoming you again on another unforgettable journey through Turkey or Europe. Safe travels and until next time. End of our services. **(B)**



(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner