

### **TOUR – 1 ISTANBUL CLASSICS (Half Day Morning)**

**HIGHLIGHTS: HAGIA SOPHIA, GERMAN FOUNTAIN, HIPPODROME, BLUE MOSQUE, GRAND BAZAAR**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel**

**Every morning**

**Price includes: Guiding, entrances, transportation**

**Special Note: Hagia Sophia Museum is closed on Mondays. It will be replaced with the Chora Museum.**

This tour is a must in Istanbul. You will begin the day with Roman Hippodrome, where the chariot races were organised by the Romans and Byzantines. Blue Mosque-the only mosque with six minarets and its surroundings will be our next place to visit. Next, you will see the German Fountain - a gift of Kaiser Wilhelm 2. And listen the stories of his liaison with the orient. Hagia Sophia - The Church of Divine Wisdom is the highlight of this day. Following the visits your guide will take you the Grand Bazaar for demonstration of Turkish Handicrafts.

**Price: 40 € (V.A.T. included) pax**

### **TOUR 2 ISTANBUL HIGHLIGHTS (Half Day Afternoon)**

**HIGHLIGHTS: TOPKAPI PALACE, HAGIA IRENE CHURCH (FROM OUTSIDE), PETIT HAGIA SOPHIA**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel**

**Every Afternoon**

**Price includes: Guiding, entrances, transportation**

**Special Note: Topkapı Palace Museum is closed on Tuesdays.It will be replaced with Chora Museum.**

Topkapı Museum is the big one...the most important museum of Turkey and the Balkan Peninsula. It is an incomparably rich treasure-chest, brimming with things of historical importance. First, second, third and fourth courtyards; the Audience Hall, Divan-the High Court, Historical Kitchens, Royal Stables, the Treasury, gardens, kiosks...Probably the best commentary on Ottoman History, art and its culture is simply to come direct to the First Courtyard of this amazing Palace. Next place to see is Hagia Irene Church (from outside). Our final place of interest is Church of Sergius and Bacchus today known as "Petit Hagia Sophia Mosque". To see these things with a great guide...well, you will never be quite the same again.

**Price: 40 € (V.A.T. included) / pax**

### **TOUR – 3 ISTANBUL CLASSICS AND HIGHLIGHTS (Full Day with Lunch)**

COMBINATION OF TOUR 1 & 2

**HIGHLIGHTS: HIPPODROME - BLUE MOSQUE - GERMAN FOUNTAIN - HAGIA SOPHIA - GRAND BAZAAR HAGIA IRENE CHURCH (FROM OUTSIDE) - TOPKAPI PALACE - PETIT HAGIA SOPHIA**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel**

**Every morning**

**Price includes:** guiding, museum entrances, lunch and transportation

**Special Note:** Hagia Sophia Museum is closed on Monday and Topkapı Palace Museum is closed on Tuesdays. They will be replaced with Chora Museum. Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays and it will be replaced with Spice Bazaar.

**Price: 75 € (V.A.T. included) / pax**

### **TOUR – 4 ISTANBUL CRUISE GOLDEN HORN & BOSPHORUS WITH PRIVATE BOAT - (Half Day Morning)**

**HIGHLIGHTS: SPICE BAZAAR, RÜSTEM PAŞA MOSQUE, CRUISE ON BOSPHORUS FOR 150 MINUTES.**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel**

**Every morning**

**Price includes Guiding, transportation and private boat**

From the awe-inspiring Dolmabahce Palace to the ancient Walls of Constantine and onto the Topkapı Palace, experience the best views the city has to offer while enjoying a wonderful cruise along the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. A journey along the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn with Istanbul Cruise will give you a unique insight into the great city's history. Our cruise and tour ends in Eminönü Pier where the cruise started. Passengers willing to continue our full day tour will disembark in Üsküdar.

**Price: 40 € (V.A.T. included) / pax**

**TOUR – 5 BOSPHORUS BRIDGE, ÇAMLICA HILL AND DOLMABAĞÇE PALACE (Half day Afternoon)**

**HIGHLIGHTS: BOSPHORUS BRIDGE, ÇAMLICA HILL, DOLMABAĞÇE MOSQUE**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel**

**Every Afternoon**

**Price includes: Guiding, transportation and admission to the Museum.**

**Special Note: Dolmabahçe Palace Museum is closed on Mondays & Thursdays. It will be replaced with Chora Museum.**

The tour starts at your hotel where you will take your vehicle. You will drive over the first INTERCONTINENTAL BRIDGE that connects Europe and Asia. Bosphorus Bridge was built in 1973 and its length between two legs is 1074 meters and the time of construction was the fourth longest suspension bridge of the world. Çamlıca Hill is the highest peak of Istanbul. Following a short drive after the suspension bridge we will reach the 268 meters hill. Here we will see the splendid panorama of the Bosphorus Strait. Following a photo stop we continue to drive over the suspension bridge and then arrive to Dolmabahçe Palace.

**Price: 40 € (V.A.T. included) / pax**

**TOUR – 6 BOSPHORUS CRUISE AND DOLMABAĞÇE PALACE TOUR(Full Day with lunch)**

COMBINATION OF TOUR 4 & 5

**CRUISE ON BOSPHORUS (150 minutes)**

**SPICE BAZAAR**

**RÜSTEM PAŞA MOSQUE**

**DOLMABAĞÇE PALACE**

**BOSPHORUS BRIDGE**

**ÇAMLICA HILL**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel**

**Everyday**

**Price includes guiding, transportation, private boat, entrance fee of the Museum and lunch**

**Special Note: Dolmabahçe Palace Museum is closed on Mondays & Thursdays. It will be replaced with CHORA MUSEUM.**

**Price: 75 € (V.A.T. included) / pax**

**TOUR – 7 JEWISH DISTRICT (Half Day Morning)**

**HIGHLIGHTS: JEWISH MUSEUM, SYNAGOGUES, KAMONDO STEPS, JEWISH APARTMENTS**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel**

**Every Morning**

**Price includes:** *guiding, transportation, admission to the Jewish Museum and the synagogues.*

**IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THIS WALK:**

*To be able to get permission for entrance to Synagogues **you need to make reservation 4 days prior to departure**, otherwise inside visits of synagogues will not be on the schedule. Passport copies are required - either bring them in-or fax them to our Office. This tour may not be applicable during Jewish and Muslim religious holidays."*

**Program for Monday – Friday:** *Jewish Museum, Ashkenazi Synagogue, Schneidertemple Synagogue and outer visits to Georgian Synagogue, Neve Shalom Synagogue, Italian Synagogue, Jewish Apartments, Kamondo Buildings.*

**Program for Saturday:** *Outer visits to Schneidertemple Synagogue, Georgian Synagogue, Ashkenazi Synagogue, Italian Synagogue, Jewish Apartments, Kamondo Buildings.*

**Program for Sunday:** *Jewish Museum, Schneidertemple Synagogue and outer visits to Neve Shalom Synagogue, Georgian Synagogue, Ashkenazi Synagogue, Jewish Apartments, Kamondo Buildings.*

Istanbul has had a vibrant Jewish community for more than 1000 years. After the Turkish conquest of Istanbul, Sultan Mehmet II encouraged immigration to repopulate the city. Over half a million Jews persecuted in Spain and Portugal were encouraged to establish themselves within the boundaries of the Ottoman Empire. In Istanbul, the new immigrants settled mostly near Galata – a quarter on the northern bank of the Golden Horn – where a Jewish community had existed since the early days of the Ottoman Era in Istanbul. We walk in Galata and find ourselves in intriguing streets full of colorful life. Synagogues, the Jewish Museum, Jewish Apartments, the amazing story of Abraham Kamondo and other Jewish heritage sites - are part of today's tour.

**Price: 55 € (V.A.T. included) / pax**

**TOUR – 8 BOSPHORUS CRUISE (Half Day Afternoon)**

**HIGHLIGHTS: PIERRE LOTI HILL, CABLE CAR, GOLDEN HORN (PANORAMIC BY BUS), CRUISE ON BOSPHORUS FOR 90 MINUTES**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel**

**Every Afternoon**

**Price includes:** Guiding, transportation and entrances

This is alternative Bosphorus Cruise for travelers that have limited time in Istanbul. You will first visit the Pierre Loti Hill with using cable car. You will have Panoramic Golden Horn Tour by bus. You take the boat and cruise for 90 minutes. The boat goes by the shores of Bosphorus while your guide specialist on Bosphorus will explain you everything en route. You will see the views of Dolmabahçe Palace, Leanders Tower, two suspension bridges, Rumeli Hisarı Fortress, beautiful mansions by the shores of Bosphorus and finally we disembark near the Spice Bazaar and transfer to your hotel.

**Price: 40 € (V.A.T. included) / pax**

**TOUR – 9 JEWISH DISTRICT & BOSPHORUS CRUISE (Full Day with lunch)**

COMBINATION OF TOUR 7 & 8

**JEWISH MUSEUM  
SYNAGOGUES  
KAMONDO STEPS  
JEWISH APARTMENTS  
PIERRE LOTI HILL  
GOLDEN HORN (PANOROMIC)  
CABLE CAR  
CRUISE ON BOSPHORUS (90 MINUTES)**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel  
Everyday**

*Price includes Guiding, transportation, lunch, admission to the Jewish Museum, the synagogues, Cable Car and Bosphorus Cruise.*

Price: 90 € (V.A.T. included) / pax

**TOUR – 10 CRUISE TO PRINCES' ISLANDS: WALK IN BÜYÜKADA (Full Day with lunch)**

**HIGHLIGHTS: PHAETON RIDE, SPLENDID HOTEL, WOODEN HOUSES**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel  
Everyday**

**Price includes: guiding, return boat ticket, 45-minute phaeton ride and lunch**

Büyükada, literally “Big Island” in Turkish, is the original Princes' Island, and the largest and most populated of the Princes' Islands. Büyükada was used as an exile destination and as a monastery region during the Byzantine Christian period. During the Byzantium history the island was also used as a prison for those who were opposing the Emperor. It was Büyükada where the Byzantine empresses Irene and Zoe and Anna Dalassena were sent on exile. After his deportation from the Soviet Union in February 1929, Leon Trotsky also stayed for four years on Büyükada. We see mansions, palaces, churches, convents and much more... We meet the guide at the pier and take the regular cruise boat to the island.

Price: 75 € (V.A.T. included) pax

## **TOUR – 11 TURKISH COFFEE TRAIL Half Day Afternoon**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel**

**Every afternoon**

**Price includes: guiding, transportation and coffee, etc.**

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Coffee making course (with certificate) in a coffee shop, coffee tasting in oldest coffee houses of Istanbul, Spice Bazaar, Ottoman coffee storages, oldest coffee shop of Istanbul, Turkish Delight tasting in the oldest historical delight shop, Kurukahvedji Inn.

Coffee is national drink of Turkey that has a long historical tradition. Its story began in Egypt, where the Ottomans brought the first coffee beans to Istanbul in 1519. The first coffee shops were open some 30 years later in Eminönü district. There were prohibition decrees by some Ottoman Sultans. Our tour begins with a visit to a museum that have some exhibits related to Turkish coffee history. Following a Turkish Coffee Course participants will follow the historical "Coffee Route" – where we will have coffee tasting in this historical venues. Tiny streets, historical walkways, intriguing old bazaars, Ottoman coffee storages. And a guide that will exhilarate the past and make your day valuable is the event of this day!

**Price: 50 € (V.A.T. included) / pax**

## **TOUR – 12 DINING OUT IN A TURKISH WAY ( NIGHT TOURS )**

**HIGHLIGHTS: OCAKBAŞI, MEYHANE**

**Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel**

**Every evening**

**Price includes: Guide in English, transportation, kebabs, starters, simit, local drinks (limited), tripe soup, tea, Turkish coffee, Turkish Traditional Live Music.**

This is a real traditional night in Istanbul. You will not see professional belly dancers nor folkloric dancers. No touristic places - but you will see much more than that!

We will take you where 'real people' go to dine in a 'Turkish Way'. You will see and have a chance to meet local people having fun with their friends. We start the evening in a traditional 'Simit Bakery'. Simit is a bread roll, which is covered with grape molasses and sesame seeds. We take our simits and visit one of the local kıraathane'- which literally means reading rooms-but-in reality is a coffee shop with lots of men with mustaches playing cards or backgammon! After having traditional Turkish tea in a traditional tea glasses we visit another traditional place: Ocakbaşı-which is a traditional self-service barbecue restaurant where you sit by the fire and grill your kebabs, along with glass of Turkish Raki of course! We continue our gourmet journey passing, seeing and sniffing by some Turkish Restaurants. Finally, we end up in a Meyhane – a traditional Tavern where you taste 'Meze', drink 'Raki' and listen to live Turkish Music performed by Gipsy Musicians. Well if you think that is it for the night, you are wrong! We will offer you a traditional 'İşkembe Çorbası', which is a 'Tripe Soup'- the same way Turks complete their evening after being sated with 'Turkish Raki'... And of course no Turkish Night is 'a complete' without tasting the 'Türk Kahvesi'-Turkish Coffee. Sounds tasty huh! And to give it quality, you will be escorted by a Professional guide who will explain to you everything that you will need to know.

**Price: 75 € (V.A.T. included) / pax**