

Full Itinerary & Trip Details

12 Day Dubai Turkey - Bulgaria - Greece Tour

One of the best combined tour programs in the world. In 12 days You will be enjoying great beaches of Dubai, cultural Capital of Europe; Istanbul, one of the most beautiful cities of Europe; Sofia, one of the best places to feel the cultural heritages of Europe; Athens. Enjoy Istanbul, where Europe meets with Asia, having a history of thousands of years. Enjoy the history, parties and gaming in Bulgaria. Become impressed by Athens, the city of all civilizations and philosophy.

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PRICE STARTING FROM

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DURATION

12 days

TOUR ID

22806

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Dubai - Arrival Day

Arrive to Dubai International Airport, Clear Customs & Immigration. Meet & Greet upon arrival by English speaking representative and arrival transfer from Dubai International Airport to hotel. Check in to your Hotel. Overnight in Dubai.

Day 2 : Dubai City Tour

Breakfast Included

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to Dubai City Tour. The City Tour is a great introduction to Dubai especially if you are on a short visit, as you will get to see some of the most popular sights. You will be visiting amazing and picturesque landmarks that combines fabulous architecture with the rich culture of the Middle East. There is plenty of time at each stop to enjoy and photograph along with a very pleasant tour guide. It helps you to learn about the city and hit the major tourist spots and then make follow up trips to places you want to spend more time at. Photo stop outside Jumeirah Mosque, visit Dubai Creek, explore the Dubai Museum, visit Gold and Spick Souk, stop at Burj Al Arab Hotel for photographs. After the tour return to the hotel. Overnight in Dubai.

Day 3 : Dubai to Istanbul – Turkey - Arrival Day

Breakfast Included

Today, after breakfast, we will transfer you to airport for your flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival to Istanbul, meet at the airport and transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 4 : Turkey - Istanbul City Tour

Breakfast Included

Our journey begins in Istanbul, the only city in the world situated on two continents. Today we discover the Byzantine and Ottoman treasures of Istanbul. We visit Hippodrome and the Obelisk brought from Egypt. Then our next visit is the Blue Mosque with its six minarets. Visit 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. Afternoon we will visit the Topkapi Palace, which was the residence of the Ottoman sultans, with its fabulous treasure chambers. Lunch break at 13:00 pm.

After the lunch, we will take you to the Grand Spice Bazaar, which is a unique atmosphere with reasonable prices for your shopping. Here you will find; 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. 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 5 : Turkey - Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour

Breakfast Included

Af After breakfast between 08:00 am and 09:30 am pick-ups from hotel. Your tour consultant will give you final timing one day before. BOSPHORUS BY BOAT; a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore 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 (view from boat), 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 (view from boat), is 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. Lunch break at the Turkish restaurant.

After the lunch we will then take you to the GRAND COVERED BAZAAR In this labyrinth of streets and passages are more than 4,000 shops with each trade having its own area: the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers, Turkish arts and crafts, such as hand painted ceramic plates, hand-honed copperware, brassware and trays, water ewers, onyx-ware and meerschaum pipes. After the tour transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 6 : Turkey - Istanbul - Plovdiv - Bulgaria

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we check out from the hotel and Depart for Bulgaria. Arrival in Plovdiv around noon in Bulgaria. Check in to hotel and rest of day is yours. Explore Plovdiv city, shop in the local markets or enjoy many big party or games in Casinos. Overnight in Plovdiv.

Day 7 : Bulgaria - Plovdiv - Sofia

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, departure for Sofia. Guided sightseeing tour of the city center including visit to the National History Museum and the mediaeval Boyana Church included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. 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 and St. Sophia Church, built by the Roman emperor Justinian in the 6th century, National Theatre, former Royal Palace, the Presidency, etc. Free time in the city center and main shopping area around Vitosha Boulevard. Optional evening panoramic tour "Sofia by night" and dinner at a traditional restaurant with folklore music and dances. Overnight in Sofia.

Day 8 : Bulgaria - Sofia - Rila Monastery - Sandanski

Breakfast Included

After the breakfast, we depart 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 wood carved 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 Sandanski in the afternoon. Overnight in Sandanski.

Day 9 : Bulgaria - Sandanski – Melnik - Greece - Thessaloniki

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, drive to Melnik – the smallest town in Bulgaria famous for its excellent wines and sandstone rocky pyramids. Visit to Kordopulova museum-house. Around noon departure for Greece. Arrive

Thessaloniki early afternoon. The rest of the day will be free to explore and enjoy Thessaloniki on your own, walking around, doing the shopping or relaxing in one of many cafeterias or Taverns in Thessaloniki downtown. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 10 : Greece - Thessaloniki - Vergina – Thermopylae - Athens

Breakfast Included

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, drive to Vergina, the most important remains of the monumental palace of the Kingdom of Macedonia, lavishly decorated with mosaics and painted stuccoes, and the burial ground with more than 300 tumuli, some of which date from the 11th century B.C. One of the royal tombs is identified as that of Philip II, who conquered all the Greek cities, paving the way for his son Alexander and the expansion of the Hellenistic world.

After the visit drive to Athens. On the way, make a short stop at Thermopylae where a fierce battle took place between the Persians and Greeks during the Persian invasion of 480-479 BC. The Greek force (300 strong) was very small but was determined to make a stand against the huge Persian army. Overnight in Athens.

Day 11 : Greece - Athens Sightseeing Tour With Acropolis & Half Day All in One

Breakfast Included

In the morning, after breakfast, we will pick you up from the hotel and shall start our sightseeing tour of the center of Athens including The Constitution of Greece (Sintagma). It was created by the Fifth Revisional Parliament of the Hellenes and entered into force in 1975. It has been revised three times since, in 1986, in 2001 and in 2008. The Constitutional history of Greece goes back to the Greek War of Independence, during which the first three revolutionary Greek constitutions were adopted. Afterwards we will visit Old Parliament House. The Old Parliament building, which is located at Stadiou Street in Athens, housed the Greek Parliament between 1875 and 1932. It now houses the country's National Historical Museum. In front of the building stands a large equestrian statue of General Theodoros Kolokotronis, cast in bronze. It was sculpted by Lazaros Sochos in Paris in 1900, and erected in its current place in 1904.

Continue our tour, we will go to The National Library of Greece which is situated near the center of city of Athens. It holds 4,500 Greek manuscripts, which is one of the greatest collection of Greek scripts. There are also many chrysobulls and archives of the Greek Revolution

Then we will continue driving down Herod Atticus Street, you will see the Evzones in their picturesque uniform and the PRESIDENTIAL PALACE which is the official residence of the President of the Hellenic Republic. It previously served as the Royal Palace, until the abolition of the monarchy by referendum in 1974. On your way to the Acropolis you will see the Hadrian's Arch, visit the Temple of Olympian Zeus. and you will make a short stop at the Panathenaic Stadium which was refurbished a second time in 1895 for the 1896 Olympics, with completion funding provided by the Greek benefactor George Averoff whose marble statue now stands at the entrance, based on designs by architects Anastasios Metaxas and Ernst Ziller.

Upon arrive Acropolis, we will visit Acropolis Museum which is focused on the findings of the archaeological site of the Acropolis of Athens. The museum was built to house every artifact found on the rock and on its feet, from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece. It also lies on the archaeological site of Makrygianni and the ruins of a part of Roman and early Byzantine Athens. Also, we will visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the PROPYLAEA, the TEMPLE of ATHENA NIKE, the ERECHTHEION. The last stop before we back to hotel is The Parthenon. The Parthenon is a temple in Acropolis, the harmony between material and spirit, the monument that puts order in the mind. Early evening, we will back to hotel, you can relax in the rest of the day. Overnight in Athens.

Day 12 : Greece – Athens - End of Tour

Breakfast Included

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, transfer to Athens International Airport for a flight back 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
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 3 nights hotel in Istanbul
- 1 night hotel in Thessaloniki
- 2 nights hotel in Athens
- 11 open buffet breakfasts
- 1 Night accommodation in Plovdiv
- 1 Night accommodation in Sofia
- 1 Night accommodation in Sandanski
- Guided Vergina Tour
- Guided Athens Sightseeing Tour
- Guided Melnik Tour
- Departure transfer to Athens International Airport
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation in Dubai
- Guided Dubai City Tour
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus cruise and shopping tour
- Guided Sofia City Tour
- Guided Sofia and Rila Monastery

Excludes

- International flights
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Evening panoramic tour "Sofia by night" and dinner at a traditional restaurant with folklore music and dances
- Optinal land excursion
- Greece entry visa
- City tax
- Tipping
- Hotel room taxes
- Dubai entry visa
- Bulgaria entry visa

Routes

Available On Dates

27 August, 2020 - 31 March, 2022 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Hotels

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