

## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 8 Day Special Istanbul City Tour Package

Topkapi Palace, SultanAhmet Imperial Mosque, Hippodrome, Grand Covered Bazaar, Bosphorus Cruise, Spice Bazaar, Princes' Islands, Miniaturk Museum



**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€0 €0

**DURATION**

8 days

**TOUR ID**

22837

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day

Welcome to Turkey Istanbul Airport. Meet with our staff and transfer to your hotel, Transfer from airport & check in to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

### Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour

Breakfast Included

We depart at 08.30 for the Istanbul city tour. First, 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 and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed.

SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the BLUE MOSQUE because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. HIPPODROME Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. Lunch break and then we head to Grand Spice Bazaar which is a unique atmosphere with reasonable prices for your shopping on many 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. The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Please Note: Topkapi Palace closed on Tuesdays. If your tour is on one of these days we would offer you to visit Hagia Sophia instead of Topkapi palace museum.

### **Day 3 : Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour**

Breakfast Included

Pick up at 08:30am from the hotel and depart for the Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour. BOSPHORUS BY BOAT a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is 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 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 PALAS

(PALACE) 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.

BOSPHORUS BRIDGE enjoy a unique chance to step from one continent (Asia) to another (Europe) CAMLICA HILL 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. SHOPPING TOUR (after cruise) Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the carpet weaving courses provided by The Ministry of National Education.

You will get the opportunity to see jewellery, handicrafts centre and a modern leatherwear show. Enjoy the experience of shopping whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen, with Murti's Tour's local escort full of knowledge about how to haggle the streets of Istanbul. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 4 : OPTIONAL Istanbul Prince's Island Tour**

Breakfast Included

Enjoy a cruise in the Marmara Sea to Istanbul's famous Prince's Islands. This is your opportunity to see Topkapi Palace, Leander'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 sporting activities. Tour the island with horse-drawn carriages before stopping for an exquisite lunch at a fish restaurant. After your tour, we will transfer you back to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 5 : OPTIONAL Isfanbul (Vialand) Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast at 09.00 am we depart for Isfanbul Tour that is Turkey's first modern theme park, is located in Eyup district in Istanbul. The complex is settled on 600.000 m<sup>2</sup> 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, drop tower, dark ride, and more. For the kids there is a carousel, playgrounds, mini-cars and 3D movies. The park's theme reflects the daily life in old Istanbul and furthermore features a large shopping centre next to the park.

Isfanbul has been designed as different areas in order to serve to guests of all ages and preferences. It also allows guests access easily to any variety of fun they want to join within the park. We will be back to hotel around 16.30. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 6 : OPTIONAL Miniaturk Museum and Shopping Tour**

Breakfast Included

Today, we will visit the largest miniature park in the world. Miniaturk is a miniature park in Istanbul, Turkey. It was opened May 2, 2003. Miniaturk covers a total area of 60.000 m<sup>2</sup>. It is the world's largest miniature park with its 15.000 m<sup>2</sup> model area. Miniaturk has 40.000 m<sup>2</sup> of open space, 3.500 m<sup>2</sup> of covered area, 2.000 m<sup>2</sup> of pools and waterways, and a parking lot with a capacity of 500 vehicles. 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. We will then take you to visit Pierloti: At the top of Eyup Sultan Cemetery, you can find one of the best places to look at the famous Golden Horn of Istanbul, this place, that now is a cafe called Pierre Loti Cafe, as a memorial for the writer Pierre Loti, a regular of the cafe, mainly for the views. Cevahir Shopping Center Cevahir Shopping Centre, is a modern shopping and entertainment centre located in the Sisli district of Istanbul, Turkey. Called also Sisli Kultur ve Ticaret Merkezi (Sisli Cultural and Trade Centre). Cevahir Mall is one of the largest shopping centres in Europe. After the tour, return to your hotel. Overnight Istanbul.

### **Day 7 : OPTIONAL Istanbul Aquarium Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast at 09.30 we will take you for a visit the thousands of different inhabitants of the sea world including sharks, giant stingrays, piranhas and octopus. Istanbul Sea Life Akvaryum, the first modern giant aquarium in Turkey presents an unprecedented experience to visitors and introduces various inhabitants of underwater collected from all around the world.

There are 29 different aquariums with different themes from the Mediterranean and Aegean seas. The largest of 29 aquariums in Istanbul Sea Life Akvaryum is filled with 5 million litres of water and includes an 80 meter long acrylic underwater tunnel. The most spectacular site is the colossal

observation deck featuring 270 degrees underwater views of the magnificent aquarium. We invite you to explore the magical world of the underwater. Do not miss this fascinating experience. We will be back to hotel around 16:00pm. Overnight in Istanbul.

## **Day 8 : Istanbul - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast check out from the hotel. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another Turkey Tour. Have a safe 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
- Return airport transfer
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation in Istanbul
- 7 open buffet breakfasts
- Guided Istanbul Bosphorus cruise and shopping tour

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Personal expenses: Lunches, extras at hotel or additional meals
- City tax
- Guided Istanbul Prince's Island Tour
- Istanbul (Vialand) Tour
- Guided Miniaturk Museum and Shopping Tour
- Guided Istanbul Aquarium Tour
- Tipping: Tips for guides and drivers

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

17 April, 2020 - 1 April, 2021 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

Hotels List: Ramada Hotel Golden Horn Pulman Hotel Westside Arjaan by Rotana Dedeman Hotel Hyatt Regency Hotel The Marmara Hotel Pera Renaissance Polat Istanbul Hotel Le Meridien Hotel Grand Hyatt Hotel Ciragan Palace Kempinski