

## **Full Itinerary & Trip Details**

# **7 Day Private Luxury Istanbul City Tour**

Welcome to Turkey for something special! The most comprehensive and leisurely tour of Istanbul including VIP treatment and accommodation in only the finest 5 star deluxe hotels. Enjoy First class service and guided transportation through the historical and picturesque sites of Istanbul, including private daily excursions to Sultanahmet Imperial Mosque, Istanbul's famous Grand Bazaar, Topkapi Palace, Grand Spice Bazaar, the Bosphorus waterway, Princes Island and Dolmabahce Palace. This is an exquisite tour for you with all the bells and whistles. We want to offer the best and the most luxurious travel throughout Istanbul whilst maintaining quality of service, quality of life and value for money.

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**PRICE STARTING FROM**

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**DURATION**

7 days

**TOUR ID**

22906

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day

Welcome to Turkey, arrival into Istanbul. Transfer from airport & check in to your hotel. If you arrive early, we can arrange some activities for you upon request. Overnight in Istanbul.

### Day 2 : Private Istanbul City Tour (Topkapi Palace / Hippodrome / Blue Mosque)

## Breakfast Included

Your tour will commence at 08:30.

**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.

**GRAND SPICE BAZAAR:** The air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice. **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. Overnight in Istanbul.

## Day 3 : Private Istanbul Bosphorus & Two Continents Tour

### Breakfast Included

Enjoy a magical Istanbul Bosphorus Boat Cruise and Grand Bazaar Tour starting at 08:30. Enjoy the array of sites you can see from the boat including:

**GRAND 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 handpainted ceramic plates, hand-honed copperware, brassware and trays, water ewers, onyx-ware and meerschaum pipes.

**BOSPHORUS CRUISE:** 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 pass the magnificent 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 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** is 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 at Bedesten (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, handcrafts centre and a modern leatherwear show. Overnight in Istanbul.

## Day 4 : Private Istanbul Princes' Island Tour

### Breakfast Included

Enjoy a private cruise in the Marmara Sea to Istanbul's famous Princes' 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. After your tour we will transfer you back to your hotel. Overnight in

Istanbul.

### **Day 5 : Free Day – Evening Turkish Night Show**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Evening Show in Istanbul (including dinner) starts at 8:30pm and ends at about 11:45pm. Enjoy your night in Istanbul: We have dinner in a first class restaurant with all inclusive local drinks. You will watch a spectacular floor show of famous authentic belly-dancers and enjoy a full night of traditional live 1001 NIGHTS Anatolian Folklore entertainment featuring popular musical instruments and live Turkish singers. Around midnight we will transfer you back to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 6 : Private Dolmabahce Palace Tour**

Breakfast Included

Dolmabahce Palace & Two Continents Europe & Asia Tour

Dolmabahce Palace, the last residence for Ottoman Sultans with 365 rooms and 22 saloons. Famous with the great collection of European antiquity furniture and an exquisite 4.5 ton chandelier.

You will visit the Bosphorus Bridge a unique chance to step from one continent (Europe) to another (Asia) in 2 minutes. Camlica Hill, exposing a panoramic view of Istanbul and Bosphorus from the best point of view. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 7 : Istanbul - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast check out from your hotel. We hope your private luxury Istanbul City Tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our private luxury tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- 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
- Return airport transfer to Istanbul Airport
- Hotel room taxes
- Private full day city tour with professional tour guide
- Private full day Bosphorus Cruise with professional tour guide
- Guided private full day Princes Island Tour
- 6 nights accommodation at 5 star hotel in Istanbul including breakfast
- Traditional Turkish Night Show
- Private Dolmabahce Palace Tour with professional tour guide

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- 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
- City tax
- Tipping

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

23 June, 2020 - 31 March, 2022    Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

GOLD TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS Grand Hyatt Hotel & Hyatt Regency Hotel PLATINUM  
TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS Swissotel The Bosphorus & Ciragan Palace Kempinski