

# İSTANBUL Tour Program Guidebook

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## **ABOUT ISTANBUL**

A unique city where east meets west and it is the bridge between Europe and Asia thriving metropolis of 12 million people-exotic yet distinctively western. Over the course of millennia, Istanbul was the seat of three great empires-Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman and meeting place of people of many religions and cultures who came together and learned to live in peace and harmony. Ultra modern amenities, the splendors of the Ottoman past and the honored traditions of Turkish hospitality combine to make Istanbul a perfect meeting city, one that will impress treasured and lasting memories. The city offers value for the money as well, with competitive prices, often below the rest of Europe, and superior service. The rates may be lower but not the quality.

The Congress venue, Istanbul Congress and Exhibition Centre (ICEC) is located in the heart of Istanbul, in a congress valley, lots of hotels and restaurants within walking distance.

Enjoy in Istanbul



### DAILY TOURS

# TR-01 BOSPHORUS CRUISE AND ETHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM

After a short visit to the famous Egyptian spice bazaar, an unforgettable excursion starts between two continents, Europe and Asia. The cruise will take you along the Shoreline, where you will be able to see Palaces from the late Ottoman Period, Dolmabahçe, Beylerbeyi as well as 19th and 20th century's beautiful wooden Kiosks, Mansions and modern villas. Disembark will be at Sarıyer, near the mouth of the Black Sea. Trip includes a drive along the Bosphorus strait to the most interesting Ethnological Museum of Istanbul.

Date	: MAY 2, 3, 5
Time	: 09:30 – 13:30
Fee	: US\$. 50
Price Includes	: Private Coach, Entrance Fees, English
	Speaking Guide

#### TR-02 ASIAN İSTANBUL TOUR

Beylerbeyi Palace and Asian İstanbul Tour A pleasant drive to the Asian part of İstanbul across the Intercontinental Bosphorus Bridge. First stop will be at Çamlıca Hill, the highest point in İstanbul for panoramic view, then a short drive to a nearby small village by the Bosphorus called Beylerbeyi to visit the 19th century summer palace of the sultans. After a full tour of this Palace, including the Harem, shopping opportunities at this small village will be available.

Date Time Fee Price Includes : MAY 3, 4, 6 : 14:00 – 17:30 : US\$.50 : Private Coach, Entrance Fees, English Speaking Guide.

#### TR-03 FULL DAY TOUR - 1

The combination of Bosphorus Cruise and Asia Tour (TR-01 & TR-02)

Date	: MAY 3
Time	: 09:30 - 17:30
Fee	: US\$.95
Price Includes	: Private Coach, Entrance Fees, Lunch and English Speaking Guide.



#### **TR-04 IMPERIAL TOUR**

Introduction to the city's imperial history by driving around the Golden Horn and the great wall of Constantinople **St. Sophia:** The magnificent Byzantine Church, one of the finest and largest architectural works of art in the world. It has been nominated to be the 8th wonder of the world by many historians. **Blue Mosque:** One of the largest mosques in İstanbul representing 17th Century architecture and one of the principal adornments on the skyline of İstanbul. Also famous for it is blue tiles and six minarets.

**Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts:** Former Palace of İbrahim Pasha; today a museum where you can see the old Turkish way of life.

**Hippodrome:** The Former centre of sportive and political activities of Constantinople. During the visit you will be able to see the Obelisk from Egypt, Serpentine Column from Delphi, and fountain of Wilhelm.

**Grand Bazaar:** In addition to it is historical significance, it is bazaar that will tempt even the no shoppers with it is rich collection of precious handmade carpets, jewellery, leather and souvenir.

Date	: MAY 3, 4, 5
Time	: 09:30 – 13:30
Fee	: US\$.50
Price Includes	: Private Coach, Entrance Fees, English
	Speaking Guide.



#### **TR-05 OTTOMAN WONDERS TOUR**

**Topkapı Palace:** The former Imperial residence from where the Great Ottoman Empire was ruled. Today a spectacular museum that has one of the largest collections of Chinese and Japanese porcelain and the very famous treasury of the Royal Family. **Süleymaniye Mosque:** The Mosque of Sultan Süleyman "THE MAGNIFICENT" built in the 16th Century by Sinan, the famous world renown architect of his time.

**Golden Horn:** Drive along the Golden Horn by the Roman Land walls and Churches of Byzantine Period.

Date	: MAY 2, 4, 6
Time	: 14:00 - 18:00
Fee	: US\$.50
Price Includes	: Private Coach, Entrance Fees, English
	Speaking Guide.

#### TR-06 FULL DAY TOUR - 2

The combination of Imperial and Ottoman Wonders Tour (TR-04 & TR-05 )

Date	: MAY 6
Time	: 09:30 - 17:00
Fee	: US\$.95
Price Includes	: Private Coach, Entrance Fees, Lunch and
	English Speaking Guide.

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### **MEETING TOURS**

#### TRP-01 KUŞADASI - EPHESUS - PERGAMUM TOUR

#### 1st DAY

Departure for İzmir by morning flight. Arrival and transfer to the hotel in Kuşadası. A tour to Pergamum; ancient center of healing and culture, Asclepieum first medical center in the world, built in the name of Asclepius "God of Medicine". Drive to İzmir, birthplace of Homer and a short tour of city. Dinner and overnight accommodation in Kuşadası.

#### 2nd DAY

After breakfast, tour to Ephesus, visit to one of the "Seven Churches of Revelation". St John Basilica and Temple of Artemis, one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World". Last abode of the "Virgin Mary" at Mount Solmissos and lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the old Greco-Roman city of Ephesus, Marble Street, Odeon, Bouleterion, Temple of Hadrian and Serapis, Agora, Library of Celsus, Great Theatre, Double Church, Arcadian Way and Gate of Magnesia. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight accommodation.

#### 3rd DAY

After an early breakfast transfer to the airport and departure for İstanbul.

Dates	: 29 APRIL - 1 MAY and 7 – 9 MAY
Fee	: US\$.675
Price Includes	: İstanbul – İzmir – İstanbul flight ticket by
	Turkish Airlines
	All excursions and airport transfers by
	private coaches 2 nights full board
	accommodation at 4-5 star hotels
	Entrance fees of museums and historical
	sites
	English speaking guides.

#### **TRP-02 ANTALYA**

#### 1st DAY

Arrival in Antalya, the unoffical capital of the "Turquoise Coast" of the Mediterranean. Transfer to the hotel, dinner and overnight accommodation.

#### 2nd DAY

After breakfast, full day excursion to the ancient Pamphylian cities of Perge and aspendos. Then, a visit to the Manavgat waterfalls and return to Antalya for dinner and overnight.

#### 3rd DAY

Full day city tour; including the Hadrian's Gate, the old harbour, the old City Walls, and highly praised Antalya Archeological Museum. Then visit the Ancient city of Thermessos and Düden waterfalls cascading over a cliff into the Mediterranean.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> DAY

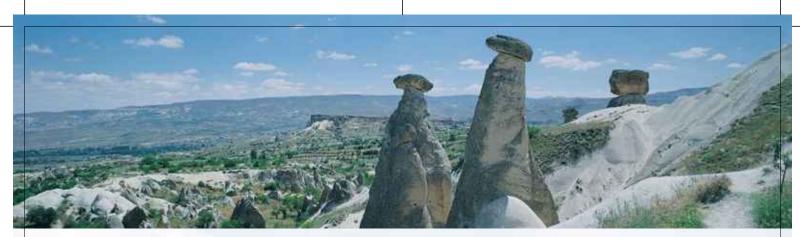
Transfer to the airport to catch your flight to İstanbul.

Dates	: 28 APRIL - 1 MAY and 7 - 10 MAY
Fee	: US\$.650
Price Includes	: İstanbul – Antalya – İstanbul flight by Turkish Airlines

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English speaking guides.





#### **TRP-03 THREE DAYS TOUR OF ANKARA & CAPPADOCIA**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> DAY – İSTANBUL – ANKARA - CAPPADOCIA

Departure for Ankara by morning flight. Program starts with a tour of Ankara. The first site is the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations which is located in a restored bazaar. The museum has the most unique and priceless collection dating back to the Prehistoric Era. The Mausoleum of Atatürk is the next stop. This magnificent structure serves as a tribute to the founder of modern Turkey. Lunch will be taken in Ankara and the drive for Cappadocia will start after lunch. Dinner and hotel accommodation in Cappadocia.

#### 2nd DAY - CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast will be served at the hotel and the full day tour of Cappadocia begins with the natural citadel of Uçhisar which will enable you to get a panoramic view of the region. The trip continues with the Göreme valley which is the highlight of the day. This valley houses the Göreme Open Air Museum with it is churches hewn out of rock and the colourful frescoes which decorate them. The next stop is Zelve and the caves of this ancient village, continuing with the Avanos and Çavuşin villages. Lunch will be served enroute at a typical regional restaurant. Dinner and overnight will be at the hotel in Cappadocia.

#### 3rd DAY - CAPPADOCIA - ANKARA - ISTANBUL

Breakfast will be served at the hotel and the morning visits will begin with the underground city of Kaymaklı or Derinkuyu which refuges carved out in the early Christian Era as safe heavens from persecutors. Lunch will be taken on the way to Ankara. After arrival in Ankara you will be transferred to airport to catch your İstanbul flight.

Dates Fee	: 29 APRIL - 1 MAY and 7 – 9 MAY : US\$.680
Price Includes	: İstanbul – Ankara – İstanbul flight ticket by Turkish Airlines
	Ankara – Cappadocia – Ankara and airport transfers by private coach 2 nights full board accommodation at 4-5 star hotels Entrance fees of museums and historical sites English speaking guides.

# TRP-04 ONE NIGHT AND TWO DAYS TOUR OF TROY AND ANZACS

1<sup>st</sup> DAY: Departure from Istanbul and drive to Gallipoli after lunch, a visit to the famous battle-field of Anzacs of World War I crossing Dardanelles. Dinner and overnight nearby Troy (which is known as Assos, the ancient city).

**2<sup>nd</sup> DAY:** After breakfast, half day tour to the ancient city of Troy, famous for its Trojan Horse from the times of beautiful Helen and Paris. After lunch in Canakkale, take a ferry to Gallipoli and drive back to Istanbul.

Dates	: 30 APRIL - 1 MAY and 7 - 8 MAY
Fee	: US\$.350
Price Includes	: Transportations by private coach 2 days 1
	night full board accommodation at 4 star
	hotels
	Entrance fees of museums and historical
	sites
	English speaking guides.

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Date	May 2, 3, 5	May 3, 4, 6	May 3	May 3, 4, 5	May 2,4,6	May 6	April 29-1 May and 7-9 May	April 28-1 May and 7-10 May	
Tour	Bosphorus Cruise and Ethnological Museum	Asian Istanbul Tour	Full day Tour	Imperial Tour	Ottoman Wonders Tour	Full Day Tour Day Tour-2	Kuşadası-Ephesus-Pergamum Tour	Antalya Tour	
Tour Code	TR-01	TR-02	TR-03	TR-04	TR-05	TR-06	TRP-01	TRP-02	

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