

# DAILY TOURS – DEPARTS EVERY DAY

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

**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. Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays and it will be replaced with Spice Bazaar. Blue Mosque is closed on Fridays until 2 pm; Petite Hagia Sophia and Blue Mosque will switch places on Fridays.

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.



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

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. Petite Hagia Sophia and Blue Mosque will switch places on Fridays.

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.



**COMBINATION OF TOUR 1 & 2**

**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 Topkapi 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.**

**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 Dolmabahçe Palace to the ancient Walls of Constantine and onto the Topkapi 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.



**BOSPHORUS BRIDGE, ÇAMLICA HILL AND DOLMABAHCÉ PALACE (Half day Afternoon) (5)**

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

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

**Every Afternoon**

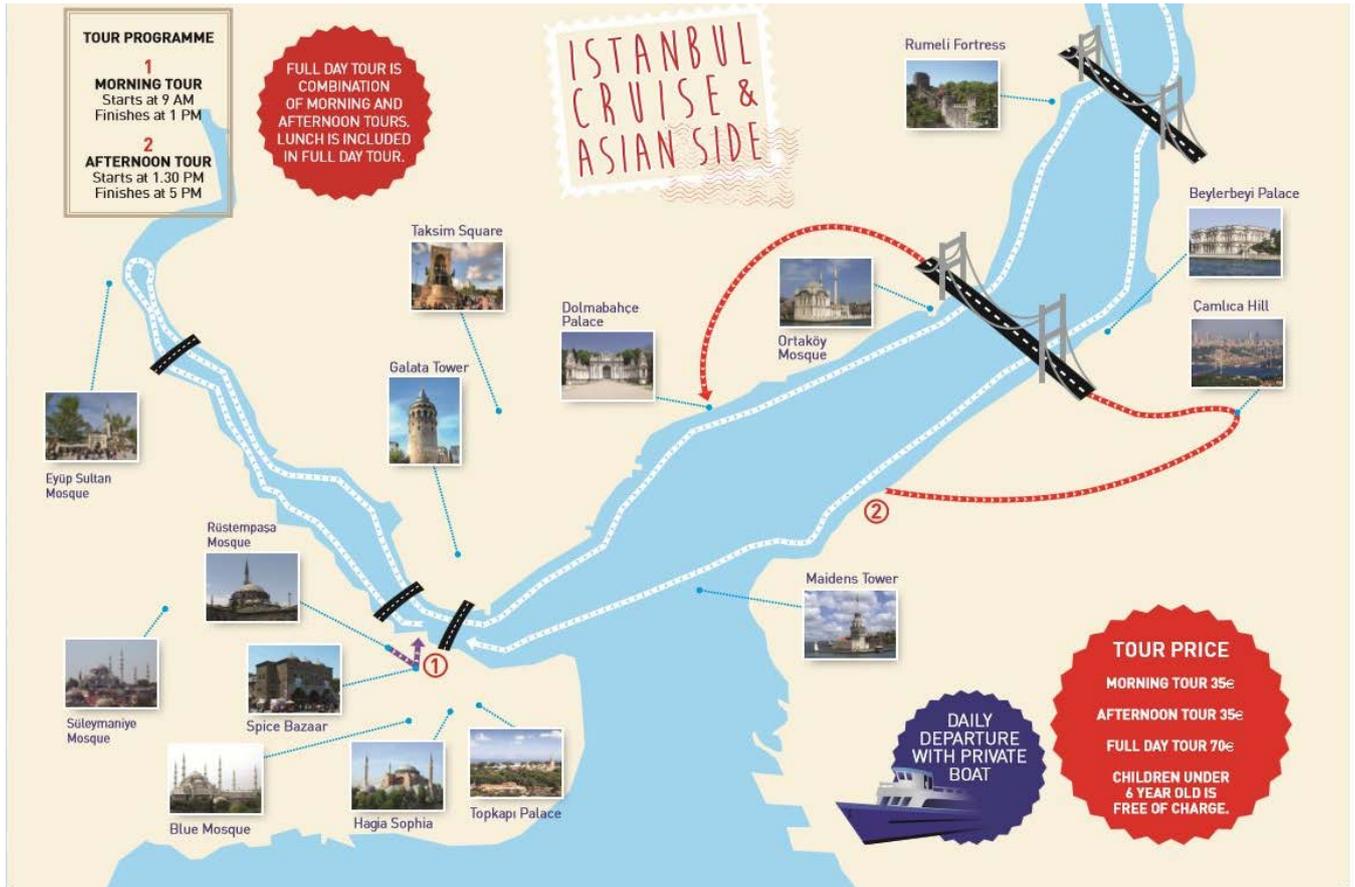
**Price includes: Guiding, transportation and admission to the Museum.**

**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.



**CRUISE ON BOSPHORUS (150 minutes)  
SPICE BAZAAR  
RÜSTEM PAŞA MOSQUE  
DOLMABAHCÉ 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.

**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.

## **BOSPHORUS CRUISE (Half Day Afternoon) ( 8 )**

**HIGHLIGHTS: PIERRE LOTI HILL, CABLE CAR, GOLDEN HORN (PANOROMIC 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 Panoromic 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 Hisari Fortress, beautiful mansions by the shores of Bosphorus and finally we disembark near the Spice Bazaar and transfer to your hotel .



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

**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.*



**HIGHLIGHTS: MARMARAY, BOAT RIDE, MİHRİMAH SULTAN MOSQUE, BIRD HOUSES OF YENİ VALİDE MOSQUE, TEKKE OF AZİZ, MAHMUD HÜDAİ, AYAZMA MOSQUE, JANISSARY GRAVE STONES, ŞEMŞİ PAŞA MOSQUE, FISH MARKET, MODA BAY.**

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

**Every Tuesday**

**Price includes: transportation, lunch, guiding, entrances and 40 minutes cruise on a ferryboat**

This tour will begin with hotel pick up from your hotels and drop you to one of the stations of MARMARAY in the European side of Istanbul. You will travel with your guide on this modern train. You will arrive in Üsküdar MARMARAY Station and have a walking tour of these charming Ottomandistrict, full with historic mosques and complexes. Following the walk - which takes about three hours – you will have lunch at a local restaurant and then take MARMARAY to continue to Kadıköy. Kadıköy is historically known as Chalcedon literally meaning the ‘City of the Blind’. Our tour will begin with the historical harbour buildings of Kadıköy and will continue in the narrow streets of famous fish market and decent quarter of Moda. Visits to churches, mosques and mansions are also part of this tour. Following the tour you will take 20 minute boat ride to cross the Bosphorus. At the European side our transfer coaches will take you back to your hotel.



## BYZANTINE MONASTERIES OF ISTANBUL TOUR

### Step by step Byzantine Heritage of Constantinople (Full Day with lunch) ( 11 )

**HIGHLIGHTS: ST. POLYEUKTOS CHURCH (RUINS), PANTOKRATOR CHURCH, ASPAR CISTERN, PAMMAKARISTOS CHURCH (FETHİYE CAMİİ), ASPAR CISTERN, CHAPEL OF ST JOHN THE FORERUNNER, MONASTERY OF ST.SAVIOUR IN CHORA, TEKFUR PALACE.**

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

**Everyday (Except Wednesdays)**

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

If you are fan of Byzantine Art and civilization and want to know more about Byzantium Empire this tour is for you. Istanbul is the capital of the Byzantium Empire that rocked the world from 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. In this fabulous tour we take you in the trail of Byzantine Monasteries in Istanbul. This special walk covers most of the historical monasteries of Byzantine Constantinople. We see ruins of Byzantine churches, Byzantine stone houses, cisterns, dungeons, columns, palaces and lots of other things. The highlight of the day is definitely the church of St Saviour of Chora-you will be amazed with the mosaics and frescos. After the tour, we will drive you back to your hotel.



### CRUISE TO PRINCES' ISLANDS: WALK IN BÜYÜKADA TOUR (Full Day with lunch) ( 12 )

**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**

Büyükkada, literally “Big Island” in Turkish, is the original Princes' Island, and the largest and most populated of the Princes' Islands. Büyükkada 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 Büyükkada 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 Büyükkada. 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.



**HIGHLIGHTS: CERCLE D’ORIENT, BRITISH CONSULATE, FRENCH CONSULATE, ST ANTONY CHURCH, GALATASARAY HIGH SCHOOL.**

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

**Every Morning**

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

Istiklal Street is the liveliest and the most colorful street of Istanbul. The street has been pedestrianized since 1988 and for over 150 years has been the center of the nightlife of the city. Hundreds of bars and clubs shake this downtown area in the evenings.

During daylight, İstiklal is home to many historical embassy buildings, fancy hotels, apartment buildings, streets, theatres, restaurants, shops. Our tour begins in the heart of Istanbul - the Taksim Square- where you meet your guide. You will stroll on the exiting little side streets of Istiklal Street, sit in one of the intriguing coffee shops and talk with your guide, see the amazing Embassy buildings, visit Armenian and Romaic churches, ancient districts, impressive walkways and much more.



## GALATA – GENOESE WALK TOUR (Half Day Afternoon)( 14 )

**HIGHLIGHTS: GALATA TOWER (from outside), CAMONDO STEPS**

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

**Every Afternoon**

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

In the Byzantine period, the hillside - where Galata is today - was covered with orchards and was named Sykai (The Fig Orchard), or Peran en Sykais (The Fig Field on the Other Side), referring to the "other side" of the Golden Horn. It was in the Byzantine period that the area began to be called Galata and a fortress was built by Emperor Theodosius II. Galata was a Genoese colony from the 6th to 15th centuries. This walk is around the famous Galata Tower and covers the area, where we see many churches, synagogues, hospitals, bank buildings, ancient walls, schools. Stories, myths, and legends are a bonus from your guide.



**CERCLE D'ORIENT  
BRITISH, FRENCH, RUSSIAN EMBASSIES  
ARMENIAN&GREEK&CATHOLIC CHURCHES  
GALATASARAY HIGH SCHOOL  
TÜNEL  
GALATA TOWER (from outside)  
KAMONDO STEPS**



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

**Everyday**

**Price includes: guiding, entrances to sights, transportation, lunch**

# NIGHT TOURS

## DINING OUT IN A TURKISH WAY TOUR ( 16 )

### **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 tour departs with minimum 2 participants***

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 kiraathane'- 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 'Rakı' 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 Rakı'... 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.



# GOURMET AND CUISINE TOURS

## TURKISH COFFEE TRAIL TOUR Half Day Afternoon (17)



**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!

# SHOPPING & FUN

## SHOPPING IN GRAND BAZAAR HALF DAY TOUR (19)

Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel  
**Every day** morning and afternoon  
Except Sundays.

**Price includes: Guiding, transportation**

The Grand Bazaar is a place where you can find practically anything you are after here, from souvenirs, nargiles, crockery, clothes, jeweler, etc. and it is the most fantastic shopping experience in the world. Is your carpet authentic and handmade? Is your jewelry a real jewel? Is your antiquity real and legal to be taken outside of Turkey? Is your leather purchase a genuine one? Your guide expert on carpets, kilims, jewelry, antiquities,

and leather will assist you to a store where the best quality handmade rugs are sold for the lowest price and will take you to the most reputable leather shop, the most decent antiquity store and to a store where you can purchase your jewelry with no doubt. We will help you the skill of bargaining and guarantee that whatever you will purchase will be authentic, original, and real.



## VIALAND ( 20 )

### HIGHLIGHTS: VIALAND THEME PARK AND SHOPPING

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

**Price includes: Transportation, entrance fee of Vialand Theme Park**

This is a tour for family fun. You will be picked up at your hotel by member of our staff and transferred to Vialand Theme Park which is in Eyüp district. This Theme Park - as big as big as 100 football stadiums - has entertainment capacity 13 thousand people. Here are some funs that you can enjoy: ROLLER

COASTER - Everyone from all four corners of the world is lined up for this ride! On the Breath Taker, genuine fun with speed reaching 110 km in 3 seconds, relax and let yourself go! Feel free to scream!  
FAMILY COASTER The Adventurer which takes you 30 meters high at 80 km, is popular all over the world. An exciting outdoor tour awaits you., SPLASH COASTER - If you like water-filled fun the Viking, the 4th most popular train ride in the world, will be your favourite, DROP TOWER - : If you want to take a good look at VIALAND from above take your place on the Justice Tower and experience the fun of going 50 meters up, 360 - Genuine adrenaline addicts turn their daring into fun on the 360. How does VIALAND look from 28 meters high and upside down? You'll never know unless you try it! , CRAZY RIVER A wild adventure that will last for 700 meters in the middle of a cascading waterfall! FATI H DARK RIDE - You say "Off to 1453 please!" and the Conqueror's Dream takes you back to the day Istanbul was conquered.. Following your visits you will have free time in mall. The shopping offer is completed by leisure concepts. Following free time you will be driven back to your hotel.



**HIGHLIGHTS: VISIT TO ISTANBUL AQUARIUM AND FLORYA AQUA SHOPPING MALL, 5D CINEMA, MIRROR LABYRINTH, QUEST RAINFOREST**

**Price includes: Transportation, Entrance Fee of Istanbul Aquarium, 5D Cinema, Mirror Labyrinth, Quest Rainforest**

This is a tour for family fun. You will be picked up at your hotel by member of our staff and transferred to Aqua Florya Shopping Mall. First you will visit the Istanbul Akvaryum which is the biggest thematic aquarium of the world. Istanbul Akvaryum holds a leading position among worldwide aquariums thanks to its volume, variety of fish species, and the activi- ties on travel routes. It is a project which

makes “firsts” and “mosts” in its field. The visitors, by following a geographical route, will travel on a route that hosts 16 themes and 1 rain- forest going from the Black Sea towards the Pacific. Istanbul Akvaryum displays more than 1500 species and 15000 land and sea creatures includes sharks, giant stingrays, groupers, piranhas, and octopi which has 6.800 cubic meters water volume and 64 tanks in total in 22000 square meters area. 5D 6-axle movie house offering service within Istanbul Akvaryum, Guests will perceive what they watch three-dimen- sionally thanks to special glasses they wear, and will experience a virtual feast by wind, fog, water and touch effects that they have never seen. Following your visits you will have free time in mall. The shopping offer is completed by leisure concepts, making Aqua Florya a destination itself, especially for fami- lies. Following free time you will be driven back to your hotel.



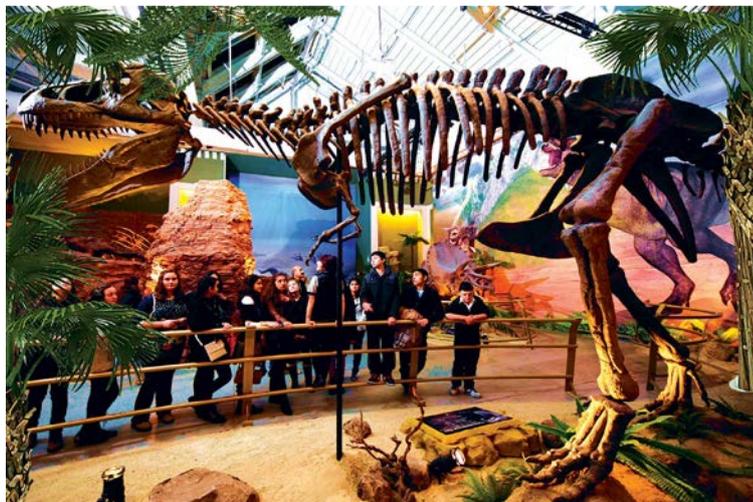
**JURASSIC LAND AND FORUM SHOPPING MALL TOUR ( 22 )**

**HIGHLIGHTS: JURASSIC LAND THEME PARK, FORUM ISTANBUL SHOPPING MALL**

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

**Price includes: Transportation, Entrance Fee of Jurassic Land Theme Park, Lunch**

This is a tour for family fun. You will be picked up at your hotel by member of our staff and transferred to Forum Istanbul Shop- ping Mall. Jurassic Land is the Europe’s biggest dinosaur themed park comprising 70 one-to-one moving models of dinosaurs, featuring also a unique museum, including a fantastic journey to the dinosaur island by the largest 4D-6effect cinema in Turkey, a five-unit science center in a themed setting, DinoLaser in the biggest laser arena of Turkey, themed gift shop, various themed indoor and greened outdoor F&B units for different tastes and visitor choices. It is a venue where visitors of all ages can find it fantastic to spend a couple of hours. Forum Istanbul, the biggest shopping and leisure destination in Turkey and Europe, hosts 270 stores. Besides many international anchors including IKEA, C&A, Decathlon, Zara, Mango and national Department Stores & brands like Boyner, LCW, and YKM, the mall hosts international jewelry & watch stores such as Swarovski and Swatch & Turkey’s top brands like Goldaş, Atasay, Altınbaş and Gülaylar . Fo- rum Istanbul is also home to many brands’ first stores in Turkey, like H&M and Oleg Cassini. The shopping offer is completed by leisure concepts, making Forum Istanbul a destination in itself, especially for families. Following your visits you will have free time in mall. The shopping offer is completed by leisure con- cepts. Following free time you will be driven back to your hotel.



**Highlights:** ISTANBUL MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Meet the guide at the lobby of your hotel

Every morning (Expect Mondays)

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

The contemporary art world is changing rapidly and as the political and economic centers shift towards the East, the production of art and the creative markets are following them. İstanbul is currently one of the cultural hot spots of Europe and it is often seen as a gateway between Western and Eastern culture, and the galleries in this city feature the work of some of the most



exciting artists from Turkey and beyond. In this walk, as we stroll through İstanbul's coolest neighborhoods, we will get a chance to discover the booming contemporary art scene of İstanbul with the help of a local art professional. After meeting in front of Galtasaray High School, we will start off walking on Istiklal Street and visit some of the leading art institutions of İstanbul. We will continue our way through the narrow streets of Beyoğlu and find out about the hidden art galleries of Tophane and Karaköy neighborhoods. We will finish our tour at the İstanbul Museum of Modern Art, Turkey's first private museum to organize modern and contemporary art exhibitions, was founded in 2004 and occupies an 8,000 square meter site on the shores of the Bosphorus.

# TOURS BY DAY OF THE WEEK

## Monday's Tours

### WALK ALONG THE DIVAN YOLU TOUR (Half Day Morning) ( 24 )

**HIGHLIGHTS: CONSTANTINE'S COLUMN, ÇORLULU ALİ PAŞA MEDRESE, MAUSOLEUM OF OTTOMAN SULTANS.**

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

**Every Monday**

**Price includes: transportation, guiding and entrances to sights**

The Divan Yolu was the "Road to the Imperial Council" during Ottoman times. In the Byzantine period it was the Mese Street, the main boulevard leading from the city center on Seraglio Point to the Porta Auera 'The Golden Gate' where it met the Via Ignatia; the road to Rome. We start by a tall marble shaft called the Million, which still stands, at the beginning of Divan Yolu. We continue our walk and see some of Ottoman sultans' Mausoleums, Mosques, medreses -schools- Roman forums, Byzantine monuments such as Çemberlitas (the Burnt Column) and the remains of the Theodosian Arc d'Triumph.



## Monday's Tours

### THE GRAND BAZAAR WALK TOUR –Walk in the oldest shopping mall and other bazaars (Half Day Afternoon)(25 )

**HIGHLIGHTS: COVERED BAZAAR, GOLD MELTING, SILVER CARVING, OLD HANS**

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

**Every Monday**

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

Probably the best way to describe the Grand Bazaar is to quote Mark Twain - "We went to the Grand Bazaar in Stamboul, of course, and I shall not describe it further than to say it is a monstrous hive of little shops – thousands. I should say - all under one roof, and cut up into innumerable little blocks by narrow streets which are arched overhead." With more than 4000 shops in 64 streets and with 22 gates, the-Grand Bazaar - or Kapalıçarşı as it is in Turkish - , looks like a labyrinth. We must say that this definitely is not a shopping tour - but a walk that will lead you through shops where they sell leather goods, sweets, dried fruit and spices, jewelry, glassware, pottery, fabrics, belly dancing costumes, t-shirts and all sorts of souvenirs. We will visit workshops where you will see how gold is melt in fire, as it has been for centuries; you will witness how the craftsmen fix degrees on carats; you will see how artisans do their engraving on silver.



**Buy Morning & Afternoon tour Get Free Lunch**

## Tuesday's Tours

### **BLUE MOSQUE AREA TOUR- In the trail of Ottoman and Byzantine Heritage (Half Day Morning) ( 26 )**

**HIGHLIGHTS: CAFER AGHA MEDRESE, SOĞUKÇEŞME STREET, AKBIYIK MOSQUE, SOKULLU PASHA MOSQUE, PETTY HAGIA SOPHIA, JUSTINIANS PALACE, BUHARA TEKKE**

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

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

This is the heart of Istanbul! Amazing stories of Thracians, Romans, Byzantines, and Ottomans will take you deep into the city's history. And tell you - how many intellectuals were imprisoned in the Sultanahmet Prison that is used as a hotel today. Where the remains of the House of the Emperor Justinian are? Listen to the outstanding true story of Beheaded Hüseyin Ağa and Cinci Hoca. What else? Wooden Turkish houses, mansions of Ottoman Aristocracy, Baths of Haseki Sultan, Petty Hagia Sophia and many others.



## Tuesday's Tours

### **Orient Express Trail HALF DAY AFTERNOON(27)**

**HIGHLIGHTS: HISTORICAL SIRKECI TRAIN STATION, HISTORICAL TUNEL (OLDEST METRO), INTRIGUING STREETS OF GALATA & BEYOGLU**

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

**Price includes:** Hotel pick up, guiding, entrances

This is a tour that will bring you to everyday life of 19th century Istanbul! Imagine arriving to Constantinople Train Station on the train cars of Wagon Lits company. Actually this will be the beginning of your tour. Following visit of this 19th century building you will continue your stroll via old shops, markets, mosques, churches. Your guide will explain you lots of stories about this journey that once upon a time started in Paris that also inspired Agatha Christie to write her famous novel "Murder on the Orient Express. The tour will continue with short boat ride in the Golden Horn and a short journey with the oldest subway of the world-The Tunnel! The tour will end with a walking tour in the streets of Galata and Beyoglu.



**Buy Morning&Afternoon tour Get Free Lunch**

## Wednesday's Tours

### SÜLEYMANIYE AND VEFA TOUR: In the trail of Architect Sinan (Half Day Morning) ( 28 )

#### **AUTHENTIC TURKISH WOODEN HOUSES, ŞEHZADE MOSQUE**

Meet your guide at the lobby of your hotel

**Every Wednesday**

**Price includes: transportation, guiding,  
entrances to sights, *glass of Boza***

Istanbul is a city on seven hills. The Süleymaniye area is located on the third hill of the historical peninsula. This tour covers the historical districts from Süleymaniye - the largest Mosque complex of the Ottoman Empire - to Vefa. Do you know why Suleyman is named The Magnificent? Let's listen to our guide speaking about the greatest of Turkish Architects - Sinan - and the most beloved son of Süleyman The Magnificent - Şehzade Mustafa-the Prince. We walk in and around Vefa and have a chance to taste the traditional refreshment-Boza. Our stroll covers many other historical buildings and stories.



## Wednesday's Tours

### FATİH MOSQUE TO EDİRNEKAPI TOUR: The Story of the Conqueror (Half Day Afternoon) ( 29 )

#### **HIGHLIGHTS: AQUEDUCT OF VALENS, FATİH MOSQUE AND COMPLEX WEDNESDAY OPEN AIR MARKET YAVUZ SELİM MOSQUE BYZANTINE OPEN AIR CISTERNS MIHRİMAH SULTAN MOSQUE**

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**Every Wednesday**

**Price includes: transportation, guiding and  
entrances to sights**

Mehmet II. is the Ottoman Sultan known as The Conqueror. He was 21 years old when he conquered the city of Constantinople. What is the story behind his success? Did you know he could speak 6 languages fluently!! We stroll around the large Fatih Complex, and see - Roman Columns, Byzantine Churches, Gothic Cisterns, and Large Mosques. The commentary of your guide will bring alive for you the amazing world of the Ottoman Sultans. The most interesting, the liveliest, and the most colorful of Istanbul's street bazaars - Casaba Paxar - are the highlights of this tour.



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## Thursday's Walks

### FROM UNIVERSITY TO FINDIKZADE TOUR: The heart of ancient Constantinople (Half Day Morning) (30)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** LALELİ MOSQUE, HASEKİ MOSQUE AND COMPLEX, CERRAH PAŞA MOSQUE AND COMPLEX, ARCADIUS COLUMN, BAYRAM PAŞA COMPLEX, HEKİMOĞLU ALİ PAŞA MOSQUE AND COMPLEX

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Istanbul University is probably one of the oldest universities of Europe, established by Constantine The Great. We begin the stroll from the Roman Forum Taurus. Your guide will show you interesting parts of the Bayazit District. We will be touched by the stories of the unlucky Sultan Mustafa III. What do you know about the Byzantine Monks of the Myrelaion Monastery? Where was the square for executions in Byzantine Constantinople? Haseki is an area with amazing mosques, historical hospitals, Romaic churches, Roman remnants, and many other historical buildings. Let your guide show you this amazing historical part of Istanbul.



## Thursday's Walks

### SAMATYA TOUR – THE ARMENIAN DISTRICT (Half Day Afternoon)( 31 )

**HIGHLIGHTS:** RAMAZAN EFENDİ MOSQUE AND COMPLEX, SÜMBÜL EFENDİ, MOSQUE AND COMPLEX, SULU MONASTERY, GREEK & ARMENIAN CHURCHES , SAMATYA SQUARE

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This is a tour to areas where the traditional Istanbul Fish Festival is organized. Up to recent times, Samatya was mostly inhabited by Armenians, who own the church of Surp Kevork (St. George), also called Sulu Monastery - which dates back from before the Ottoman conquest. The Greek orthodox have churches such as Hristos Analipsis and Haghios Menas. There is Latin churches as well. Turks have impressive mosques such as Ramazan Efendi Camii, which is Sinan's work of art, and Kocamustafapaşa Camii, which is the former Byzantine Church of St Andrew. The walk covers many other historic places. Entry to the churches may vary at the moment of each visit.



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## Friday's Walks

### ARCHEOLOGY MUSEUM TOUR – Treasures of Ancient Civilizations (Half Day Morning)( 32)

**HIGHLIGHTS: SARCOPHAGUS OF ALEXANDER, ISTANBUL EXHIBITION, SUMERIAN TABLETS.**

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

**Every Friday**

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

Awarded 'Museum of The Year' by the European Council, was established as the first Turkish Museum. The present museum consists of four sections disposed in four different buildings. It houses the famous Sarcophagus of Alexander The Great' and priceless artifacts from the Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic and Roman Era. The upper floor

has a wide collection of coins. The New Building opened in 1998 has magnificent exhibitions of Troia and Anatolian Cultures. There is very well displayed section for Istanbul. The third building has remarkable works of art from Mesopotamia. Artifacts date from the 6th millennium and onwards. Sumeria, Hitite, Akadia, Babylonia and many other cultures will get you deep in-to the histories that have affected European Culture. Finally - and of course - to have an unforgettable day you need a splendid guide to help you enjoy and appreciate this unique museum.



## Friday's Walks

### GALATA TOUR – THE OLD HARBOUR AREA WALK (Half Day Afternoon) ( 33 )

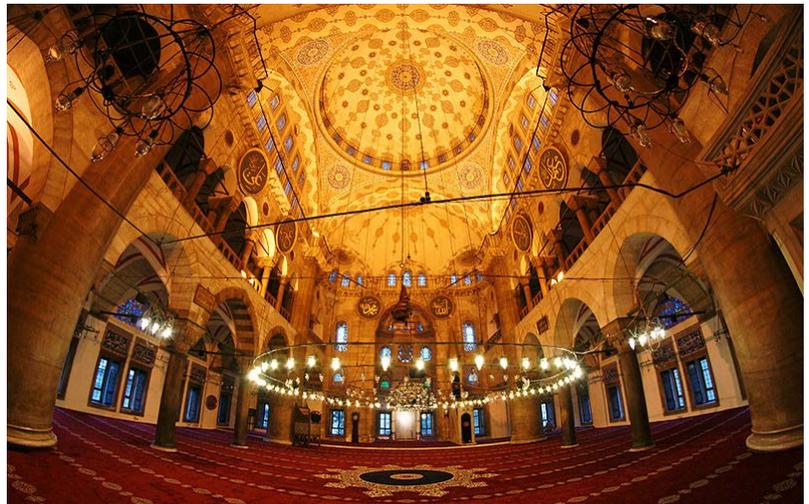
**HIGHLIGHTS: UNDERGROUND MOSQUE, RUSSIAN CHURCHES ON THE ROOF, KILIÇ ALİ PAŞA COMPLEX, TURKISH ORTHODOX PATRIARCHAL CHURCH, ARAP CAMİ.**

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

**Every Friday**

**Price includes: transportation, guiding and entrances to sights**

Historical records show that a settlement existed on the northern shore of the Golden Horn since the time of Christ. The area was inhabited in the time of Emperor Justinian in the mid-6th century. Big chains were put at the entrance of Golden Horn to avoid sudden attacks from outside. We see the building where these chains were tightened. What else do we see? You cannot even imagine how rich with history the area is. If we say: Churches on top of apartment buildings, will it sound unreal?! Or Underground Mosques!! If we say 'We will show you Gothic Church' that would be some-thing; but what if your guide shows you a Gothic Mosque! These and more will be part of an outstanding adventure by the shores of Galata.



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## Saturday's Walks

### EYÜP TOUR – THE OTTOMAN DISTRICT (Half Day Morning) ( 34 )

#### **HIGHLIGHTS: MOSQUE OF EYUP, IMARET, PIER LOTI HILL, EYÜP CEMETERY, SÜMBÜL SİNAN TEKKE**

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This area lies outside the historical peninsula and the city walls. In this area, we see many mosques, mausoleums, graveyards, fountains, as well as old imarets-eateries-for poor people. Being outside the city walls the area has long been used as a major Muslim shrine. Today Muslims from all over world pay visit to this holy place. Our tour begins with a

visit to the Mosque of Eyub al Ansari - the standard bearer of Prophet Muhammed – and continues to the Mausoleum of Sokullu Mehmet Paşa, a Grand Vizier of Selim II-of Bosnian origin, the Mosque of Zal Mahmut Paşa-the son in law of Sultan Selim II., the Mausoleum of Sultan Resat, the Tekke (Convent) of the Kalenderi Sect. These are only some of the places we will visit. Our walk will then continue uphill through the Eyup Cemetery and end on Pier Loti Hill.



## Saturday's Walks

### WALK ON THE CITY WALLS TOUR (Half Day Afternoon) ( 35 )

#### **HIGHLIGHTS: YEDIKULE DUNGEONS, CEMETERY OF PATRIARCHS**

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The best place to feel the antiquities are city walls. Our stroll through history begins in Yedikule Fortress - Dungeons where many diplomats were imprisoned when the Ottoman Empire declared war on that country. Not only diplomats – but some Ottoman sultans were also put in

jail and executed in some of the dungeons here! What else? We see the Gates of the walls, the cemetery of the Orthodox Patriarchs and the miraculous Ayazma of Balikli, some Works of Architect Sinan, and more churches. Highlight of the tour is the opportunity to walk on the historic walls. First, we walk on the walls in the Yedikule Fortress, than we walk over a kilometer from Belgrate Gate to Silivri Gate - This will definitely keep your feet on the ground.



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## Sunday's Walks

### FENER – THE GREEK ORTHODOX DISTRICT TOUR (Half Day Morning) ( 36 )

#### **HIGHLIGHTS: GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE, RED SCHOOL, BYZANTINE CHURCH OF MUHLIOTISSA, OLD HOUSES**

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Fener is derived from a Greek word 'Fanari' meaning 'lantern' or 'lighthouse' in Turkish. It was a district of prominent and predominantly Romaic (Greek Orthodox) families up to the beginning of the 20th century. It is the part of Istanbul where the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople is situated. Did you know that Phanariotes dominated the administration of the Patriarchate. Listen to the



story of Phanariotes who served as dragomans to the Ottoman government and to foreign embassies. If you are interested in visiting a Byzantine Church in use or in seeing the only church made of iron and steel in the world – do not miss this walk. Get ready to see houses, pavements, palaces, and other structures of the area, which are being protected by a UNESCO project successfully implemented over the last decade.

## Sunday's Walks

### BALAT TO TEKFUR TOUR: Mystery walk in the Old Town (Half Day Afternoon) ( 37 )

#### **HIGHLIGHTS: BULGARIAN CHURCH, AYAZMA OF BLACHERNA, SYNAGOGUES**

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Balat is located on the southern shores of the Golden Horn. It is one of the Jewish districts where Jews were re-settled during the time of the Ottoman Empire. We walk in Balat and find ourselves in intriguing streets with amazingly colorful life. Synagogues, Armenian churches, Romaic churches, Byzantine remnants and Ayazma's are part of today's adventure. Although once it had seven synagogues, now it has only two in good condition: Ahrida and Yambol Synagogues. The



cast-iron Bulgarian Orthodox church of St. Stephen of the Bulgars, the city walls and the ruins of the Byzantine palace known as Tekfur Saray, the Armenian Church of Surp Hreşdagabet are among many other places we visit during this tour.

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