

Half Day Tours from 08h00-13h00

Grand Bazaar on Thursday, Friday and Saturday / € 23 per person (based on min. 20 persons)



Grand Bazaar

Shopping experience of a lifetime: the construction started in the 15th century, right after the conquest of Istanbul by Sultan Mehmet, and galleries were added during the years to form today's labyrinth of shops, grouped in streets according to the trade. Silver, jeweller, leather goods, carpets, antiques, copper, even furniture make the Bazaar even today a major shopping center for natives and tourists.

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Bosphorus Bonanza on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday / € 45 per person (based on min. 20 persons) (ODS 113)



Egyptian Spice Market;

A short visit to the famous oriental shopping area where spices, herbs, vegetables and fruits are being sold.

Bosphorus Cruise;

An unforgettable excursion starts between two continents; Europe and Asia. The cruise takes you along the Bosphorus, past the European style palaces of The Ottomans, Dolmabahce and Beylerbeyi, as well as beautiful wooden mansions from the 19th century. Disembark in Sariyer, a small village on the European shore.

ODS TREAT:

TRY TURKISH DELIGHTS IN THE SPICE BAZAAR AND WARM YOUR HANDS ON A CUP OF SALEP WHILE CRUISING THE BOSPHORUS.

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Ottomania on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday / € 48 per person (based on min. 20 persons) (ODS 112)



Topkapi Palace;

The former imperial residence from where the Ottoman Empire was ruled. Today a spectacular museum that has one of the largest collections of Chinese and Japanese porcelain.

Visit of Underground Cistern;

Don't Forget To Make A Wish By Throwing A Coin To The Fish Which Live In The Adjacent Pool Of Underground Cistern

ODS TREAT:

ENJOY A TASTE OF TURKISH SIMIT (PRETZELS) & TEA

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Topkapi Palace on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday / € 37 per person (based on min. 20 persons)



Topkapi Palace Museum

Soon after the city was conquered by the Ottoman Turks in 1453, Sultan Mehmet II - the Conqueror, began to build Topkapi Palace including the Harem. It was to be the main residence of the Ottoman Sultans till the 19th century, and today exhibits an outstanding treasury and Islamic relics collection...

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Spice Market on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday / € 23 per person (based on min. 20 persons)



Spice Market

One of the oldest covered bazaars in Istanbul, the Spice Bazaar in Eminönü located behind the Yeni Mosque and next to the flower market, was established by Sultan Turhan, and designed by architect Kazim Aga. It was given a new lease of life by the Municipality of Istanbul after its restoration between 1940 and 1943.

Open every day except Sundays, it sells herbs, spices, a variety of natural medicines, and plant and flower seeds. Beside these traditional commodities, one can now find a large range of dried fruits and nuts, cheeses, meats and other foods.

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**Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Underground Cistern on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday /
€ 33 per person (based on min. 20 persons)**



Hippodrome Square

Originally constructed by the Roman Emperor Septimus Severus back in 203 BC, the Hippodrome was the center of secular life in Byzantium. Enlarged into a vast stadium to enable to seat 100,000 spectators by Emperor Constantine, among all the other entertainment activities the Hippodrome also the four-horsed chariots raced around beneath the gaze of the Byzantine emperors. The monuments of spina (central line), which survived until our days, are the Egyptian Obelisk, the Serpentine Column and Constantine's Column.

Blue Mosque

Sultan Ahmet Mosque, which was constructed by the 14th Ottoman Sultan Ahmet I, who ruled between 1603-1617, is the greatest and the most splendid mosque of Istanbul. It is also famous for its blue tiles and six minarets. (Closed on Fridays until 15:00)

Underground Cistern

The Underground Basilica Cistern or 'Sunken Palace' today is an atmospherically spotlighted massive underground water cavern of beautiful arches and Roman support columns and their watery reflections, and used to be the Byzantine city's main water storage under siege or in hard times...

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St. Sophia Museum

This massive church in the old city quarter of Istanbul is one of the greatest architectural feats of its day - famed as the largest church in the world for 1000 years, it dates from the 6th century..

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Dolmabahçe Palace & Two Continents (Europe To Asia) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday / € 55 per person (based on min. 20 persons) (ODS 114)



Dolmabahçe Palace;

The Dolmabahçe Palace became the main Palace of the Empire and is an interesting combination of different European architectural styles.

Bosphorus Bridge;

Camlica Hill; the highest point of Istanbul, which offers the possibility of taking some great panoramic photographs of the European side of the city.

ODS TREAT:

A TASTE OF TURKISH COFFEE ON TOP OF CAMLICA HILL

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