

TREASURES of ISTANBUL - TURKEY



Istanbul Bosphorus Bridge

Also known as "Anatolia", the beautiful land of Turkey has one million years of stunning historical, cultural, natural and biblical riches. Turkey's history goes back to the beginning of civilization. The earliest known inhabitants appeared at Catal Hoyuk, located in - Central Anatolia, in 10,000 B.C. One of the first civilizations was known as the Hittites. When Noah made his magnificent journey during the great flood, he settled his ark in Mount Ararat (Ağrı), Eastern Anatolia. When the Apostle Paul made his missionary journeys, he traveled through the Southeast, Mediterranean, Aegean and Marmara Regions of Turkey.

Today's Turkey is located between two continents; 97% on the Asian side and 3% on the European side.

Through the ages, Turks are very friendly and always show their hospitality. They are eager to make visitors welcome.

Istanbul located in the North-West of Turkey is the only city in the world built on two continents. It stands on the shores of **Bosphorus Strait** where the waters of the Black Sea mingle with the waters of the Sea of Marmara and the Golden Horn.

Istanbul embraces two continents, one reaching towards Asia and the other reaching towards Europe and guards the precious relics of three Empires: the Roman Empire, Byzantine Empire and Ottoman Empire which has been the capital; a unique link between East and West, past and present.

It honors and preserves the legacy of its past while looking forward to its modern future. The museums, churches, palaces, great mosques, bazaars and sights of natural beauty seem inexhaustible. Not only historic, but also a magnificent city fascinating and vividly alive. Beneath the unchanging skyline of domes and minarets there is the continual bustle and movement of the crowd and roaming vehicles along the ancient cobbled streets.

As you relax on the shores of the Bosphorus at sunset contemplating the red evening light reflected sky, you will understand suddenly why so many centuries ago settlers chose to build on this remarkable site. You'll will feel that Istanbul is truly one of the most glorious cities in the world. However long you stay, just a few days or longer, your time will be wonderfully filled in this unforgettable city.

Caprinae Travel of Turkey recommends you to experience **A World of Wonder, A World of Beauty. We want you to EXPLORE ISTANBUL & ENJOY AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP.**

TREASURES OF ISTANBUL VIP (5 day / 4 night)

Hotels : All accommodations are in 5 star hotels during the trip. (**B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner**).

Day 01..... Arrive in Istanbul, and transfer to hotel & check in. You'll relax in the hotel for a short period and then take a boat trip in famous the **Bosphorus Strait** (between the two continents) (if arrival happens before noon). Have **welcome dinner in the evening**. (**D**).



Topkapı Palace



Kız Kulesi- view from Bosphorus

Day 02.....First full day for touring. After breakfast, visit **Topkapı Palace**-built up mainly in the 15th., century, **the palace where Ottoman Empire Sultans lived** for centuries and rich Ottoman treasure can be seen in its museum. Continue with historical surroundings such as the **Hippodrome**- a center of Byzantine civic life and basilica. At mid day, have a nice lunch at a nice restaurant in the **Sultan Ahmet area**. In the afternoon, visit the **Hagia Sophia Museum** (one of the well preserved great churches of Byzantine times, built by Byzantine Emperor Justinian in 6th century. Drive back to the hotel and dress for **Turkish Dinner Night** where you can taste great samples of Turkish cuisine and have fun watching the belly dancing show. Overnight. (**B / L / D**)

Day 03.....After breakfast, explore second part of Sultan Ahmet Area; visit the **Sultan Ahmet Mosque**, known as "**Blue Mosque**" - the most splendid mosque in the city, composed of 6 slender minarets & decorated with famous Turkish Iznik tiles inside, coming from 18th century, simply an amazing sample of Ottoman architecturing. Continue with **Basilica Cistern** - very historical and biggest water sorting system of Byzantine Empire. After a nice lunch, visit **Archeological Museum** where you can feel the amazing richness of history covering 3,000 years. Transfer, back to hotel, overnight. (**B / L / D**)

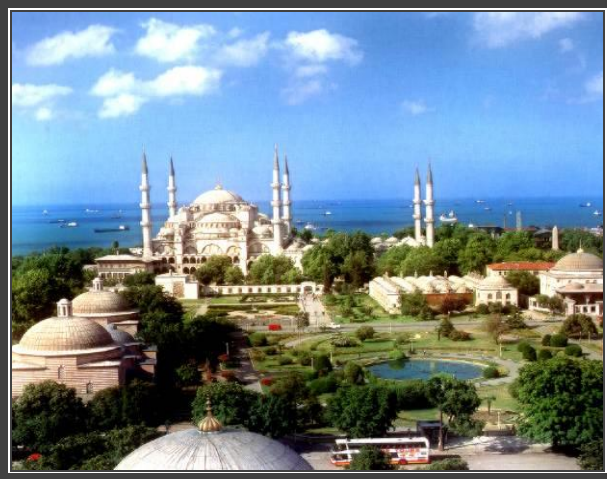


Archeological Museum



Basilica Cisterns

Day 04.....After breakfast, visit another great sample of Ottoman Architecture; the **Suleymaniye Mosque**, built by famous architecture "Mimar Sinan" under the reign of Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent. After lunch in a nice restaurant in the spice market area, visit the famous **Grand Bazaar and Spice Market** where you can enjoy exploring the biggest covered historical shopping stores in the world. **The Grand Bazaar** and spice market buildings are coming from the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. You can find any sample of products from small gifts to hand made carpets, jewelry, etc. Overnight. (B / L / D)



Blue Mosque



Grand Bazaar

Day 05.....Free time in the morning. Check out the hotel and transfer to the airport. (B)

Note: All mentioned places to be visited, have the history of-thousands of years and are beautiful and exceptional places of Istanbul. Any foreign person is highly recommended to see these wonders when they stay in Istanbul.

Your tour covers;

- Meeting in Istanbul and all necessary transfers within the city
- Professional guiding service with English speaking guide,
- All Transfer with Mercedes AC luxury vehicle (max 3 years old)
- VIP tour during the trip in Turkey (no one will be allowed to join the group touring),
- All entrance fees for museums, historical places, tickets to National Park, museums,
- Accommodation in 5 star hotels,
- Full board accommodation during the trip; breakfast + lunch + dinner,
- All soft drinks & native alcoholic drinks
- Some gifts & surprises from Caprinae Travel during the tour,

Your tour doesn't cover;

- International airfares, personal expenses



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