

TOUR 01 - THE MAGNIFICENT DOMES OF ISTANBUL



Date: **Thursday, 6 October,**
Time: 13:00 – 17:00

St. Sophia; The magnificent Byzantine Church; one of the finest architectural works in the world. It has been nominated as the 8th wonder of the world by many historians. Considered one of the world's most beautiful buildings, the Hagia Sofia, which means Church of Holy Wisdom of God, is an important surviving example of Byzantine architecture.

Blue Mosque; One of the largest mosques in Istanbul dating from the 17th century it is one of the principal adornments on the skyline of Istanbul. Also famous for its blue tiles and 6 minarets.

Hippodrome; The former centre of sportive and political activities of Constantinople. During the visit you'll be able to see the Obelisk from Egypt Serpentine Column from Delphi and fountain of Wilhelm II.

Obelisk of Theodosius; This obelisk once graced the Karnak Great Temple of Amun (Amon) in ancient Thebes (now, Luxor). It was one of two erected at the south of the 7th Pylon of the Great Temple by Tuthmosis III. No one knows who ordered its removal from Karnak, or whether it was still standing when it was taken.

Serpent Column; is an ancient column at the Hippodrome in Sultanahmet quarter of Istanbul, Turkey. It is an ancient Greek sacrificial tripod, originally located in Delphi and later relocated to Constantinople by Constantine in 324.

Grand Bazaar; In addition to its historical importance, it's a bazaar that will tempt even the non-shoppers with its rich collection of precious handmade carpets, jewellery, leather and souvenirs.

Tour rate per person: 45.-€

Rates are inclusive of private air-conditioned deluxe vehicle, assistance of professional English speaking guide, entrance tickets.

Minimum participation required for operation of tour: 10 guests

TOUR 02 - OTTOMANIA



Date: **Monday, 3 October**

Time: 13:00 – 17:00

Topkapı 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.

Rustem Paşa Mosque; One of the masterpieces of Sinan, the chief architect of the Ottoman Empire. It was built in the name of Rustem Paşa who was the grand vezir of Sultan Suleyman the Magnificent.

Tour rate per person: 45.-€

Rates are inclusive of private air-conditioned deluxe vehicle, assistance of professional English speaking guide, entrance tickets.

Minimum participation required for operation of tour: 10 guests

TOUR 03 – BOSPHORUS CRUISE



Date: **Tuesday, 4 October**

Time: 17:15 – 21:30

The Bosphorus is a winding strait separating Europe and Asia. Along its shores is a delightfully surprising mixture of past and present, grand splendor and simple beauty. The shore is lined with modern hotels as well as antique wooden houses, palaces of marble, fortresses and small fishing villages. The best way to see the Bosphorus is to take a cruise in Bosphorus

During the excursion one will pass the magnificent Dolmabahçe Palace and farther along are the parks and the imperial pavilions of Yıldız Palace. Next interest point will be Ortaköy, a small district where artists gather every Sunday to display their work along the narrow streets. Elegantly spanning the water and linking Europe and Asia for the first time is the Bosphorus Bridge, one of the longest in the world. Immediately after this bridge, on the Asian side is the beautiful Beylerbeyi Palace and behind the palace rises Çamlica Hill, the highest point of Istanbul, which is an ideal spot to view the magnificent panorama of Istanbul.

Facing each other across the Bosphorus are the twin fortresses of Rumeli Hisari and Anadolu Hisari followed by the second link between the two continents, the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge. Farther along on the European side is the beautiful bay of Tarabya, with yachts at anchor and many seafront taverns. After passing in front of some small fishing villages, the Bosphorus joins the Black Sea.

Tour rate per person: 70.-€

Rates are inclusive of private air-conditioned deluxe vehicle, assistance of professional English speaking guide, wine & cheese service, bosphorus cruise by boat.

Minimum participation required for operation of tour: 40 guests