

REGULAR İSTANBUL TOURS (valid from 01.01.2015)

TOUR 1 - İSTANBUL CLASSICS

Half Day Morning Tour



Tour of "**Sultan Ahmet Center**", the heart of the "**Old City**" from where the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires were ruled.

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Grand Covered Bazaar, most attractive shopping center and the biggest "**souk**" in the world with nearly 4000 shops selling antiques, jewellery, gold, carpets, leatherware and souvenir. *(Art demonstration of handmade Turkish carpets upon request)*



THIS TOUR TERMINATES AT GRAND COVERED BAZAAR

BROCHURE RATE : € 35.-

TOUR 2 - OTTOMAN RELICS

Half Day Afternoon Tour



Topkapı Palace, residence of Ottoman Sultans exhibiting imperial treasury, sacred Islamic relics of Prophet Mohammed, kitchen, Chinese porcelain, weapons, calligraphy section etc. Live guide commentary is not allowed in special sections. *(Harem is not included in the program)*

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TOUR 3 - BYZANTINE & OTTOMAN RELICS (Combination of Tours 1 & 2)

Full Day Tour



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GALATA BRIDGE • GOLDEN HORN • LEANDER' S TOWER

This tour ends approximately at 17:00

BROCHURE RATE

: € 70.-

TOUR 4M - BOSPHORUS CRUISE ON PRIVATE BOAT

Half Day Morning Tour



Golden Horn (*from the bus*), the arm of the Bosphorus and a natural harbour of the historical peninsula separating the old and the new parts of İstanbul where the first colonies settled during the Byzantines. The residential area for Byzantine Jews, Italian traders and other non-muslim minorities. Drive along the traces of history at **Balat** viewing **Metal Church** of St. Stephen the Bulgarian, **Jewish Hospital** (Or-Ahayim), **Fener Orthodox Patriarchate** and 22 kms. long **Byzantine City Walls**, strongest fortification of the middle age.



Spice Bazaar (Egyptian Bazaar), mystical smells of different aromas of various spices. Shops selling fruits, vegetables, fish, flowers etc.

Bosphorus Cruise, through the waterway separating the two continents, Europe and Asia, with a possibility to take photographs of marble palaces, ancient wooden villas of Ottoman architecture besides modern residential and luxurious apartments.



Rumeli Fortress (*from the boat - no interior visit*), historical armament built by the Conqueror to control and protect the Bosphorus. A unique example of military architecture.

(*Visit to a leather showroom if time permits*)

also visioned during the tour

IMPERIAL GARDENS OF ROYAL YILDIZ PALACE
BOSPHORUS BRIDGE connecting **EUROPE & ASIA** continents • **BEYLERBEYİ PALACE**
from the boat

THIS TOUR TERMINATES AT TAKSİM SQUARE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Bosphorus Tours are practiced with regular boat if minimum number of attendants is not provided for the private boat

BROCHURE RATE : € 35.-

TOUR 4A - BOSPHORUS CRUISE ON PRIVATE BOAT (Golden Horn • Cable Car to Pierre Loti Café)

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Cable car (teleferique) to **Pierre Loti Coffee House**.

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TOUR 5 - DOLMABAÇE PALACE & TWO CONTINENTS (from Europe to Asia)

Half Day Afternoon Tour



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Bosphorus Bridge, unique chance to step from one continent (Europe) to another (Asia) in 2 minutes.

Çamlıca Hill or Yeditepe, panoramic view of İstanbul and Bosphorus from one of the highest and most appealing place of the city.

BROCHURE RATE : € 40.-

TOUR 6 - BOSPHORUS CRUISE + DOLMABAÇE PALACE & TWO CONTINENTS (from Europe to Asia) (Combination of Tours 4M & 5)

Full Day Tour



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from the boat

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BROCHURE RATE : € 70.-

Half Day Morning Tour (minimum 6 guests)**Guaranteed Departure every Tuesday afternoon****Walk back into the history**

Natural naval harbour of the Byzantines named as **Golden Horn** because of its hornlike shape and golden reflection of the glittering waves under sunshine when viewed from the hill tops.

Visit the **Patriarchate** at Fener which is the seat of Orthodox Christianity since Constantine The Great' s declaration of Christianity as the religion of Roman Empire.

Church of Panagia of Blachernae, the best known and most celebrated shrine of the Holy Virgin famed with the "Hagiasma" (holy water) and the "Hagion Lousma" (sacred bath).

St. Savior in Chora (Kariye Museum), originally a Byzantine monastery with fantastic mosaics and frescoes portraying scenes from the bible, the life and miracles of Jesus.

Anemas Dungeons (from outside) were part of the Blachernae Palace, unique in the world with its historical and architectural structure. It consists of 14 separate dungeons, each having 2 basements below sea-level with cells for the prisoners and two towers. It was used as a prison for high ranked statesmen.

Tekfur Palace (from outside) built in the 12th century adjacent to the city walls. The only surviving pavillion of the Blachernae Palace.

Byzantine City Walls surrounded the acropolis of Byzantium with 22 kms. long fortification with 96 towers and 9 main gates dating back to the 5th century.

**THIS TOUR TERMINATES AT SULTANAHMET AREA****BROCHURE RATE** : € 30.-**GOLDEN HORN (Eyüp Sultan Mosque & Tomb + Pierre Loti Coffee House + Miniaturk)**

advance reservation required

Half Day Afternoon Tour (min. 6 guests)**Guaranteed Dep. every Monday & Thursday afternoon****"To embrace sharp harmony and historic curiosities in the most sacred site of İstanbul"**

Eyüp Sultan Mosque and his **Tomb** are the most sacred sites in İstanbul after Mecca and Jerusalem where thousands of faithful people visit everyday.

Eyüp El-Ensari was the flagbearer of Prophet Mohammed and died here during the Arabic siege of the city in the 7th century. The old trees, pigeons, praying believers and the visiting crowd create a mystical and colorful atmosphere around the mosque.



Teleferique to Pierre Loti Coffee House among the green which is located on a hill with beautiful trees where you can enjoy the wonderful panorama of the Golden Horn.

Bird' s eye view of the Golden Horn with the teleferique (cable car) while climbing to the café, 550 beeline meters in 115 seconds. The coffee house takes its name from Pierre Loti, the French author and poet who was very fond of İstanbul and wrote as he sat in this coffee house enjoying the view.



Miniaturk, "a story land", the most influencing open field miniature park exhibiting scaled models of the most known masterpieces which create a fairy tale environment of İstanbul, Anatolia and the former Ottoman territories. It reflects the revival of Turkish culture and history in all its magnificence. Countless human figure models situated throughout the park such as a railroad worker, Muslims in a mosque courtyard, Jews praying in a synagogue, flower seller etc., portray lifestyle of the society through ages.

You will mostly enjoy the colorful shopping center where you may find the best souvenirs from İstanbul.

BROCHURE RATE : € 30.-

TOUR 7 - PRINCES' ISLANDS (minimum 2 guests)

Full Day Tour



Cruise in the **Marmara Sea** to **Princes' Islands** by boat. Stop at **Büyükdada**, the popular summer resort with pinewood scenery and wooden mansions, once the pleasure island of Byzantine Princes.

Tour of the island by **horse-drawn carriages** before lunch at a **fish restaurant**.

Evening return to İstanbul and transfer to hotels.

also visioned during the tour
TOPKAPI PALACE • LEANDER' S TOWER • ÜSKÜDAR
from the boat

BROCHURE RATE : € 65.-

BOSPHORUS SUNSET CRUISE (minimum 6 guests)

Every Evening between 18:30 - 20:00 / Except Saturday & Sunday



An enchanted evening cruise starts while you sip your welcome drink and enjoy the marvelous scenery as the sun sets on the Bosphorus. Chance to view and photograph the precious relics of three world dominating Empires: Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman.

The royal **Dolmabahçe Palace**, the late residence of the Ottoman Sultans; **Bosphorus** and **Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridges** connecting the two continents Asia and Europe; **Rumeli Fortress**, the historical armament built by the Conqueror Sultan, marble palaces, ancient wooden villas of Ottoman style besides modern residential.



EXPLORE İSTANBUL FROM THE SEA...
BOSPHORUS, A UNIQUE LINK BETWEEN EAST AND WEST...
BETWEEN PAST AND PRESENT...

BROCHURE RATE : € 100.-

TOUR 8 - DINNER CRUISE (Bosphorus by Night)

Night Tour (operates all year round)



Watching one of the best silhouettes in the world with Topkapı Palace, Blue Mosque and the Leander's Tower will be your exceptional experience to enjoy this imperial elegance and the unique panoramic view of the Bosphorus waterway which brings the two continents Europe and Asia, face to face.

**UNFORGETTABLE BOSPHORUS CRUISE... DINNER... UNLIMITED LOCAL DRINKS...
BELLY DANCERS... FOLKLORE SHOW...**

Dinner with a rich variety of specialities from the Turkish and international cuisine including **unlimited local drinks** on board of a Bosphorus yacht.



BROCHURE RATE : € 80.-

Night Tour (every night)

4 Course Dinner & Wine



Dinner at a first class restaurant with limited local drinks included, watching spectacular **floorshow** of famous **belly dancers** and typical **Anatolian Folk Dances**. Turkish singer and groups featuring popular musical instruments.

BROCHURE RATE : € 65.-

GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

- *Tour fees include A/C transportation, guidance in multiple languages, entrance fees and mentioned meals/drinks,*
- *30% discount for children below the age 7, free for the ages of 0-2,*
- *You can make your own tour combinations of tours 1+4A, 1+5, 4M+2,*
- *We kindly request our guests to be ready 10 minutes before departure time,*
- *Courtesy transfers from/to in-city hotels. Please wait by your hotel reception for your optional FREE pick-up. Owing to traffic difficulties, pick-ups may delay beyond our control,*
- *Guests not using courtesy transfers should be ready at our tour departure point 10 minutes before given departure time,*
- *No smoking on our tours but all tours make frequent stops,*
- *Cancellation is not possible in the last 24 hours. There will be no refund for any unused portion of any tour program,*
- *Plan Tours reserves the right to alter, postpone or cancel the tour without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances,*
- *Plan Tours disclaims any responsibility and shall not pay any indemnity or reimbursement in the event that certain museums or monuments included in the program could not be visited with any reason beyond control,*
- *Plan Tours will be under no obligation or liability in case the Bosphorus Tour is to be made, by any reason, with Maritime Lines boat instead of private motorboat of Plan Tours,*
- *Plan Tours is not responsible for any loss or theft of personal belongings during the tour,*
- *Guests are to be promptly on time at the meeting points given by the tour guide. Tours will proceed without waiting the delayers,*
- *Prices of night tours are not effective on December 31st,*
- *Tour programs and prices may change without prior notice. Any increase in museum entrance fees will be reflected in the prices.*

CLOSED

Hagia Sophia on **Monday** replaced with *Underground (Basilica) Cistern*,
Blue Mosque - visited from outside on **Friday mornings until 13:00** because of noon-pray,
Topkapı Palace on **Tuesday** replaced with *Tour to Byzantium*,
Grand Covered Bazaar on **Sunday** replaced with *authentic shops*,
Dolmabahçe Palace on **Monday & Thursday** replaced with *Eyüp + Pierre Loti Coffee House + Miniaturk*,
St. Savior in Chora (Kariye Museum) on **Wednesday**