

# ISTANBUL TOUR

İstanbul, Marmara Bölgesi, Türkiye



Duration: Approx. between 6 - 8 Hours  
 Tour starting point: Hotel or Istanbul Galataport  
 Tour ending point: Hotel or Istanbul Galataport  
 Includes: Private tour, professional tour guide  
 Excludes: Entrance tickets, lunch, drinks, transportation (unless option booked), tips to guide & driver ( recommended)  
 Sights to see:

## Tour Facts

Group Size:  
**20**

Duration:  
**6**

Language:  
**English, Turkish**

Tour Type:  
**continuous**

## Tour Itinerary

**1 : Day 1 Istanbul Tour - Old City Tour**



Your tour guide will meet you at your hotel lobby or cruise port and start your Istanbul Old City Tour;

Highlights of Topkapi Palace Museum; (Topkapi Sarayi) More than just an Imperial Residence of Ottoman Sultans. It was seat of Supreme Executive Council for almost 400 years long. Topkapi Palace is a great monument of Oriental architecture which resembles power of Ottoman Empire.

Byzantine Hippodrome / Sultanahmet Square; where chariot races were held in Roman Empire times, Egyptian Column from Byzantine Empire time. Today German Fountain is cornerstone of square.

Hagia Sophia (skip the line service is not available for active mosques - there is a queue for the entrance); (Ayasofya, Santa Sofia) Built in 6th century by Emperor Justinian. It plays a very important role in Christian and Islamic World. After the Ottoman conquest the bells, altar, and sacrificial vessels were removed, and many mosaics were covered to convert church into a mosque.

Blue Mosque (skip the line service is not available for active mosques - there is a queue for the entrance); Built in the early 1600s for Sultan Ahmet I of the Ottoman Empire. Blue Mosque is truly a magnificent masterpiece of architecture, with amazingly delicate proportions for a building of such massive scale.

Grand Bazaar; (Kapali Carsi) The largest and oldest covered markets in the world with over 4,000 shops. You can find colorful products of ceramic, leather, rugs, carpets, handicrafts, clothes, silver, and gold.

After completing your private Istanbul tour here, your private guide will accompany you on the way back to your hotel or Istanbul port.

#### Important Notes:

- This trip can be operated as walking tour because sites of visit are near to each other. But if your hotel is not centrally located, booking private van is recommended from and back to your hotel.
- If one of the mosques are not visited, Basilica Cistern will be visited as a replacement.
- On Fridays, Hagia Sophia or Blue Mosque will be visited from outside because of the worship.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

Elevation Gain  
**30650 Meter**

Location  
**Eyup Sultan**