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## Istanbul City (Turkey)

### 4 days

**FIXED DEPARTURES EVERY MONDAY FROM 25.03.2019**

#### **Day 1: Istanbul - Arrival Day**

Welcome to Ataturk Istanbul Airport. Meet and transfer to your hotel, Transfer from airport & check in to your hotel. Dinner. Overnight in Istanbul.

#### **Day 2: Istanbul City Tour**

Pick up at 08:30am from your hotel for a day tour of old Istanbul city. Visit to ST. SOPHIA This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. TOPKAPI PALACE The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the BLUE MOSQUE because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. HIPPODROME Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. GRAND COVERED BAZAAR In this labyrinth of streets and passages are more than 4,000 shops with each trade having its own area: the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers, Turkish arts and crafts, such as hand painted ceramic plates, hand-honed copperware, brassware and trays, water ewers, onyx-ware and meerschaum pipes. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Dinner. Overnight in Istanbul.

#### **Day 3: Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour**

Pick up at 08:30am from the hotel and depart for the Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour. Visit the SPICE BAZAAR (Egyptian Bazaar) The air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice. BOSPHORUS BY BOAT a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion you will see the magnificent sights of the following attractions from your boat. See Dolmabahce Palace, and further along, the parks and imperial pavilions of Yildiz Palace. On the coastal edge of this park, is Ciragan Palace, 300 meters of its marble facade faces the shore. At Ortakoy a great variety of artists gather every Sunday to display their work along the street. Ortakoy is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries. RUMELI FORTRESS Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul was completed in only four months to control and protect the infamous Bosphorus passage. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world. BEYLERBEYI PALAS (PALACE) The summer residence of Ottoman sultans exists in its original renovated glory featuring original antique furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian side of Istanbul. BOSPHORUS BRIDGE enjoy a unique chance to step from one continent (Asia) to another (Europe). CAMLICA HILL the highest point in Istanbul. At the top of it you can rest and admire the magnificent panorama of Istanbul and the Bosphorus from the beautiful gardens,

landscaped in traditional Turkish Ottoman style. SHOPPING TOUR (after cruise) Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the carpet weaving courses provided by The Ministry of National Education. You will get the opportunity to see jewelry, handicrafts center and a modern leatherwear show. And transfer back to hotel. Dinner. Overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 4: Istanbul - End of Tour

After breakfast check out from the hotel and you'll be transferred to the Airport for flight back with all the great memories in your luggage.

06 NIGHTS / 07 DAYS	Rate Per Person in double/triple room 3* & 4* Hotel	Single Room Supplement
2 - 5 paying pax	399 EURO	+ 75
6 – 12 paying pax	295 EURO	
13 -19 paying pax	270 EURO	
20 pax and over	Please request a group calculation for 20+ paying pax	

#### INCLUDED

- ✓ 3 nights accommodation in Istanbul 3\* & 4\* on BB basis
- ✓ Bosphorus cruise and shopping tour SIC
- ✓ Istanbul City Tour
- ✓ All Transfers & bus services as per given itinerary above, road tolls, fuel, parking
- ✓ Licensed English-speaking tour guide for Day 2 & Day 3
- ✓ Meet & greet service upon arrival

#### NOT INCLUDED

- \* Drinks & beverages during meals
- \* Anything else not clearly mentioned as included into the above list
- \* Travel Visa
- \* Entrances & Tickets in places of visit / interests and into the museums
- \* Turkish Dance Folklore night Show (35 euro per person)
- \* Tips for the driver 2 euro per person per day
- \* City Taxes (where applicable)

#### TENTATIVE HOTELS

**ISTANBUL: Hotel Carlton/Hotel Ikbal Deluxe/Hotel Grand Star/Hotel Marble or similar**

#### CANCELLATION POLICY:

- ! Any cancellation 90 days prior to the arrival will attract %20 of the total package cost cancellation as penalty
- ! Any cancellation 89 to 30 days prior to the arrival will attract %35 of the total package cost as cancellation penalty
- ! Any cancellation 29 to 07 days prior to the arrival will attract %50 of the total package cost as cancellation penalty
- ! Any cancellation within 07 days prior to the arrival will attract %100 of the total package cost as cancellation penalty

#### NOTES:

- In a room there can be maximum of 3 adults. However triple rooms are subject to availability.
- In some cases refundable Deposit Payment / Credit Card Guaranteed need to provide at Hotel. This deposit is not included in Tour Cost.
- On days when certain attractions, sights, monuments, museums, etc. are closed, the Tour Manager OR Local English speaking guide reserves the right to amend the Itinerary / cancel the visit.
- Entrances' prices stated above are subject to change without any prior information due to exchange rates changes or by the respected Institutions themselves.
- For convenience of our passengers, we will sometimes amend the itinerary. However the inclusions remain unchanged.
- Indian lunches and dinners and local meals are Pre Set & a-la carte is not possible.
- There are no refunds for any unutilized services on tour.
- Any damage caused to hotel rooms/coach during your stay, shall be borne by the concerned passengers.

