

Full Day Tour



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

The Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque (Ayasofya-i Kebir Cami-i Şerifi), once the **Church of Divine Wisdom**, with its innovative architecture, rich history, religious significance and extraordinary characteristics has been fighting against time for centuries, was the largest Eastern Roman Church in Istanbul. Constructed three times in the same location, it is the world's oldest and fastest-completed cathedral.



Blue Mosque, facing Hagia Sophia, famous with its blue İznik tiles and unique with 6 minarets, built in the name of **Sultan Ahmet**.

Hippodrome, center of sportive events (chariot races, athletics) and political activities of the old city. **Serpentine Column**, **Obelisk of Theodosius** and **German Fountain of Wilhelm II** are the monuments decorating the Hippodrome.



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)*

Lunch at a Turkish Restaurant.

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)*



The Hagia Irene located in the outer courtyard of Topkapı Palace is the oldest church of the Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantine). It was also the second largest church in İstanbul after Hagia Sophia. It's a typical Byzantine structure with its materials and architecture, was built on the site of an old temple in 330.

Sultan Tombs, there are five tombs of Ottoman Sultans within the graveyard at Hagia Sophia. The ceramic panels are the most beautiful examples of the 16th century with purple, red, green and blue flower motives. Prince robes and a small piece from the Kaaba covers are displayed on the sarcophaguses.

also visioned during the tour

GALATA BRIDGE • GOLDEN HORN • LEANDER'S TOWER

This tour ends approximately at 17:00

RATE

: € 80.- (V.A.T. included) / pax