

Istanbul Old City Tour with Golden Horn and Bosphorus Cruise



Highlights

- Explore both historical and modern sides of Istanbul in one day
- Visit Yedikule Fortress, Balat streets, and important cultural landmarks
- Enjoy a Golden Horn and Bosphorus cruise experience

Description

The **Istanbul Old and Modern City Tour with Golden Horn and Bosphorus Cruise** is a full-day experience that brings together different layers of the city, from its historical heritage to its more contemporary districts.

The tour begins with a visit to the impressive **Yedikule Fortress**, one of the oldest defensive structures of Istanbul, where you can explore its towers and learn about its role in the city's history.

From there, the program continues through some of Istanbul's culturally rich neighborhoods and landmarks. You will see places such as the **Galata Tower area** and visit the **Galata Mevlevi Lodge**, one of the most important centers of Sufi culture in the city. The tour also includes a stop at the **St. Anthony of Padua Church**, one of the largest Catholic churches in Istanbul.

A walk through the **Balat district** follows, where you can explore its famous streets known for colorful houses, local life, and unique atmosphere, offering great opportunities for photos and a different perspective of the city.

During the day, a **lunch at a local restaurant** is included, allowing you to take a break and continue the tour comfortably. Drinks during lunch are not included.

In the afternoon, the experience continues with a **Golden Horn and Bosphorus cruise**, lasting approximately 2 hours. This part of the tour offers panoramic views of Istanbul from the water, including landmarks such as the **Bosphorus Bridge**, **Dolmabahce Palace**, **Ortakoy Mosque**, and waterfront mansions, while also passing through the historic Golden Horn area.

This tour is ideal for travelers who want to experience different sides of Istanbul in one day, combining historical sites, cultural neighborhoods, and a scenic cruise.

Included

- Full-day guided Istanbul tour
- Entrance to Yedikule Fortress
- Visit to Galata area, Balat, and St. Anthony Church
- Golden Horn and Bosphorus cruise (approximately 2 hours)
- Lunch at a local restaurant
- Professional English speaking guide
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off from central areas

Excluded

- Galata Tower entrance ticket
- Galata Mevlevi Museum entrance ticket
- Drinks during lunch
- Personal expenses

Important information

- Duration: 7-9 hours
- Available days: Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun
- Available hours: 09:00
- This tour operates on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday
- Hotel pick-up is available from Sultanahmet, Sirkeci, Karakoy, Kumkapi, Laleli, Aksaray, and Beyoglu
- Pick-up time is usually between 08:45 and 09:15 depending on your location
- The tour starts around 09:30 and ends around 17:30
- Lunch is included but drinks are not included
- The Bosphorus and Golden Horn cruise lasts approximately 2 hours
- Entrance to Yedikule Fortress is included

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