

Colors of Istanbul Tour - Old City and Bosphorus



Highlights

- Explore Sultanahmet district with its most iconic historical landmarks
- Visit Topkapi Palace, Hagia Irene, and Blue Mosque inside
- Enjoy a Bosphorus cruise with views of Istanbul's waterfront landmarks

Description

The Colors of Istanbul Old City and Bosphorus Tour is a full-day experience designed to show the city in its most diverse and iconic form. This tour focuses on the historical heart of Istanbul, combined with a relaxing Bosphorus cruise, offering both cultural depth and scenic beauty.

The day begins in the Sultanahmet district, where you will explore the main landmarks of the Old City. You will visit the impressive Blue Mosque, known for its elegant design and large interior space, followed by a walk through the historic Hippodrome Square, where ancient monuments such as the Obelisk can be seen.

The tour continues with a visit to the Topkapi Palace, once the residence of Ottoman sultans. Here, you will explore the palace complex and learn about the lifestyle and history of the Ottoman Empire. The program also includes entry to the Hagia Irene Museum, one of the oldest historical structures in Istanbul.

During the walking part of the tour, you will also see the Hurrem Sultan Hammam from outside, located in the heart of Sultanahmet and known for its historical importance.

A lunch at a local restaurant is included during the day, offering a break before the second part of the experience. Drinks during lunch are not included.

In the afternoon, the tour continues with a Bosphorus cruise, where you will see Istanbul from the water. During the cruise, you can enjoy views of landmarks such as the Dolmabahce Palace, Ortakoy Mosque, Maiden's Tower, Rumeli Fortress, and the Bosphorus Bridge, connecting Europe and Asia.

This tour offers a balanced combination of history, culture, and panoramic views, making it a strong option for visitors who want to experience Istanbul in one complete day.

Included

- Full-day guided Istanbul tour
- Entrance to Topkapi Palace
- Entrance to Hagia Irene Museum
- Visit inside Blue Mosque
- Bosphorus cruise experience
- Lunch at a local restaurant
- Professional Russian speaking guide
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off from central areas

Excluded

- Drinks during lunch
- Personal expenses

Important information

- Duration: 7-9 hours
- Available days: Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
- Available hours: 09:00
- This tour operates every day except Tuesday
- The tour is conducted with a Russian-speaking guide
- Hotel pick-up is available from Sultanahmet, Sirkeci, Karakoy, Kumkapi, Laleli, Aksaray, and Beyoglu
- Pick-up time is usually between 09:00 and 10:00 depending on your location
- The tour runs approximately between 09:00 and 18:00
- Entrance tickets to Topkapi Palace and Hagia Irene are included
- Lunch is included but drinks are not included
- When visiting mosques appropriate dress is required; women should cover their hair, shoulders, and knees, and men should avoid wearing shorts above the knee

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