

ISTANBUL BYZANTINE AND OTTOMAN RELICS TOUR 3

Daily departure at 08.30 and finish at 17.00

TOUR ITINERARY

08:30

Collect from hostels/hotels

Tour of "Sultan Ahmet District" OLD CITY OF ISTANBUL where the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires were ruled.

Hagia Sophia Museum (Ayasofya Müzesi in Turkish)

One of the greatest marvels of architecture

Constructed as a basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian

Built in 537 by Byzantine Emperor Justinian, St. Sophia has been the largest cathedral in the world for nearly a thousand years

It is considered the masterpiece of Byzantine architecture

It was converted into a mosque in 1453 by Sultan Mehmet II. The Conqueror of ISTANBUL

It was converted into a museum by ATATURK in 1935.

Blue Mosque (Sultanahmet Camisi in Turkish)

Facing Hagia Sophia, unique with its 6 minarets

One of the biggest mosques and principle adornments of the skyline of Istanbul dating from 17th century

It was built in the name of Sultan Ahmet

It is well known for the magnificent examples of blue-green Iznik tiles used for its interior decoration

Hippodrome (At Meydani in Turkish)

The former center of sportive and political activities of Byzantine Empire era

(Obelisk of Theodosius, Serpentine Column, German Fountain of Wilhelm II)

Caferaga Medresesi

Foundation for serving Turkish Culture organizes various workshop on handicrafts and music

Topkapi Palace (Topkapi Sarayi in Turkish)

It was the primary residence of the Ottoman Sultans for approximately 400 years

It contains important holy relics of the Muslim world, including Muhammed's cloak and sword

The palace complex consists of four main courtyards and many smaller buildings

The palace includes many fine examples of Ottoman architecture

It contains large collections of

Porcelains

Robes

Weapons

Shields

Armors

Ottoman Miniatures,

Islamic calligraphic manuscripts and murals

(Treasury and Harem sections are not included in the itinerary)

Grand Bazaar (Kapalicarsi in Turkish)

It is one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world

It has 61 covered streets and over 3000 shops

CLOSED

MONDAY / HAGIA SOPHIA MUSEUM (Replaced with Underground Cistern)

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TUESDAY / TOPKAPI PALACE (Replaced with Underground Cistern)

TOUR INCLUSIONS

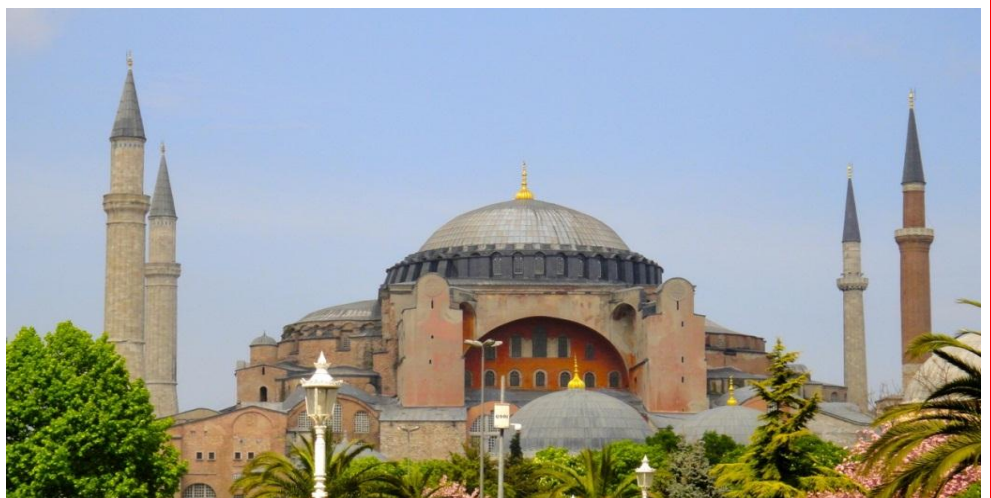
All Transport

English Speaking guiding service

Museum entrance fees , LUNCH

OPERATION DATES 2013

January	Everyday
February	Everyday
March	Everyday
April	Everyday
May	Everyday
June	Everyday
July	Everyday
August	Everyday
September	Everyday
October	Everyday
November	Everyday
December	Everyday



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