

# BEST OF ISTANBUL

4 nights/5 days



## DAY 1: ISTANBUL

Arrive in Istanbul airport, transfer to hotel  
Rest of the day at your own leisure

Overnight in Istanbul

## DAY 2: ISTANBUL – OLD CITY TOUR

**Highlights of Istanbul: Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar( Duration - 08:00 - 17:30 – 9 hrs)**

Delve into the heart of the Old City of Istanbul on this exciting tour of some of the most beautiful landmarks and sites in the area. Istanbul always causes a striking impression and then leaves a dear lasting memory for its unparalleled mix of Western and Middle Eastern culture, being the city that bridges the European and the Asian continents.

Begin by being driven to the nucleus of the Old City: Sultanahmet Square. You are then taken to explore the thrilling Hippodrome, which used to host chariot races in the days of the Byzantine Empire. Then head over to the sprawling and awe-inspiring construction of the Blue Mosque, one of the most impressive sights in the city. After the Blue Mosque, head over to another colossal god-fearing construction: the Hagia Sophia, one of the finest examples of Ottoman architecture.

Continuing to the Topkapi Palace, one of the single most popular attractions in the whole of Istanbul. It stands on Seraglio Point, also known as Sultanahmet. This 15th century palace was the residence of many of the wealthiest sultans and their respective harems. Later on, visit the tombs of these very sultans in one of the most beautiful examples of 16th century Ottoman architecture; its red, green, purple and blue flower motives will fill you with awe. Round the day off with a visit to one of the largest covered markets in the world, the Grand Bazaar and its more than 4,000 shops; a true Istanbul experience.

**Please Note:-**

Grand Bazar is closed on Sundays

Topkapi palace Museum closed on Tuesdays

Visits replaced with Basilica Cistern

Overnight in Istanbul

**DAY 3: ISTANBUL – BOSPHORUS TOUR****Bosphorus boat and bus tour with cable car**

( Duration - 13:00 - 17:30 – 4 hrs)

**Discover two fascinating sides of Istanbul with a cruise along the Bosphorous and a bus trip exploring the roots of the city. Immerse yourself in a rich, vibrant history and landscape while exploring this wondrous cultural landscape.**

**Highlights**

- See Dolmabahce Palace and the lonely Leander's Tower
- Learn about the history of the Balats
- Enjoy a ride on the cable car

Make your way along the shores of the Bosphorous, where you will board a boat, and head out on to the open waters. Sailing along the coast, you can admire the views of the opulent Dolmabahce Palace and the simplicity of the lonely Leander's tower. Do not miss the huge suspension bridges that connect the city, the grandeur of the Rumeli fortress or the multitude of mansions by the sea. Afterwards, climb the hill of Pierre Loti by cable car, from where you can enjoy fantastic panoramic views. Finally board a bus pass through the streets.

On the north bank of the Golden Horn be immersed in Balat, a lively immigrant neighborhood with centuries-old history, founded a long time ago by Byzantine Jews and Italian merchants. Explore its history through the extravagance of the metal church of St. Stephen the Bulgarian. You will also see the stately Jewish hospital and the picturesque façade of the Fener Orthodox Patriarchate. See the long Byzantine City Walls, the strongest fortification of the Middle Ages.

Take this opportunity to experience two unique sides is captivating city on the sea. Enjoy the charm of Istanbul from its incredible landscapes along the shore of the Bosphorus, from land crossing Balat, and also from the soaring heights of the cable car.

Overnight at Istanbul.

**DAY 4: ISTANBUL**

Breakfast at hotel. Free day at leisure

Overnight in Istanbul

**DAY 5: ISTANBUL**

After breakfast check out from hotel. Meet your driver in the hotel lobby

End transfer to airport

**COME HOME WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF THE TOUR!**

**Inclusions:-**

1. Accommodation for 4 nights at a 4 star Hotel with Breakfast
2. Full Day **Highlights of Istanbul for 9 hours Seat in coach basis**
3. Half Day **Bosphorus boat and bus tour with cable car seat in coach basis**
4. Airport transfers in a Sedan for 3 pax with luggage
5. Hotel Taxes

**Exclusions:-**

1. Air ticket and taxes
2. Visas
3. Travel Insurance
4. Anything of personal nature like porterage, laundry, telephone bills etc..
5. No meals or beverages
6. 5% GST