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İSTANBUL SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Istanbul Classics (Morning) & Istanbul Classics (Afternoon)

Daily departures at **08:25** or at **13:15**

Duration : 3 hours
Language : English, Spanish
ADULT - NET RATE : € 70.-
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE : € 42.-

Price Includes : Free pick up from city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

Price Excludes : Drop off, tips, and V.A.Tax (20%)

TOUR PROGRAM :

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

Hagia Sophia, the **Church of the Divine Wisdom**, one of the greatest marvels of architecture, constructed as a basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian.

Blue Mosque, facing Hagia Sophia, famous with its blue Iznik 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*)

THIS TOUR TERMINATES AT GRAND COVERED BAZAAR

C L O S E D

Grand Covered Bazaar is closed on Sundays and replaced with authentic shops around Grand Bazaar

Hagia Sophia



Blue Mosque





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Ottoman Relics

Daily departures at 13:00 from Tamara Restaurant

Duration	: 3 hours
Language	: English, Spanish
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 80.-
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 55.-

Price Includes : Free pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

Price Excludes : Tips and V.A.T (20%)

TOUR PROGRAM :

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*)

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.

C L O S E D

Topkapı Palace is closed on Tuesdays and replaced with Tour to Byzantium

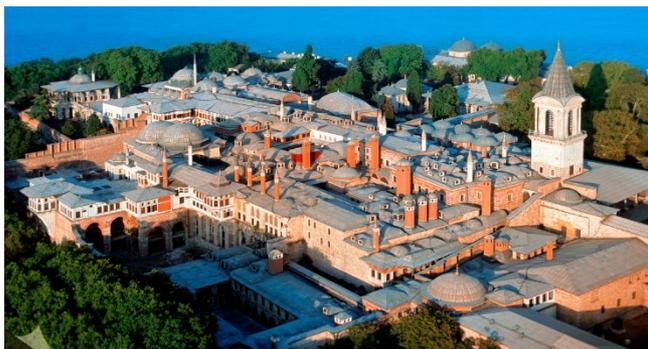
Hagia Irene



Grand Bazaar



Topkapı Palace





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Byzantine & Ottoman Relics

Daily departures at 08:15

Duration	: 8 hours
Language	: English, Spanish
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 155.-
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 108.-

Price Includes : Free pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, entrance fees, lunch, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

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Bosphorus Cruise (Morning) & Bosphorus Cruise (Afternoon)

Daily departures at 08:20 or at 13:25

Duration	: 3 hours
Language	: English, Spanish,
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 35.-
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 17.-

Price Includes : Free pick up from city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

Price Excludes : Tips, drop off and V.A.Tax (20%)

TOUR PROGRAM :

Golden Horn (*from the bus*), the arm of the Bosphorus and a natural harbour of the historical peninsula separating the old and the new parts of İstanbul where the first colonies settled during the Byzantines. The residential area for Byzantine Jews, Italian traders and other non-muslim minorities. Drive along the traces of history at **Balat** viewing **Metal Church** of St. Stephen the Bulgarian, **Jewish Hospital** (Or-Ahayim), **Fener Orthodox Patriarchate** and 22 kms. long **Byzantine City Walls**, strongest fortification of the middle age.

Spice Bazaar (Egyptian Bazaar), mystical smells of different aromas of various spices. Shops selling fruits, vegetables, fish, flowers etc.

Bosphorus Cruise, through the waterway separating the two continents, Europe and Asia, with a possibility to take photographs of marble palaces, ancient wooden villas of Ottoman architecture besides modern residentials and luxurious apartments.

Rumeli Fortress (*from the boat - no interior visit*), historical armament built by the Conqueror to control and protect the Bosphorus. A unique example of military architecture.





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Dolmabahçe Palace & Two Continents (Afternoon)

Daily departures at 13:00

Duration	: 3 hours
Language	: English, Spanish
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 80.-
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 55.-

Price Includes : Free pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

Price Excludes : Tips and V.A.Tax (20%)

TOUR PROGRAM :

Dolmabahçe Palace, recent residence for Ottoman Sultans built by two Ottoman architects Karabet and Nikogos Balyan on a 110.000 m² area and served as the main administrative center of the Ottoman Empire. Famous with great collection of European antiquity, furniture and 4.5 tons chandelier, the palace has 285 rooms and 46 halls.

Bosphorus Bridge, unique chance to step from one continent (Europe) to another (Asia) in 2 minutes.

Çamlıca Hill, famous for its beautiful sunset and the widest bird's eye panoramic view of İstanbul from Marmara Sea to the Black Sea, gives a chance to see the Bosphorus and Golden Horn from one of the highest and most appealing places of the city.

Bosphorus Cruise + Dolmabahçe Palace & Two Continents

Daily departures at 08:15

Duration	: 8 hours
Language	: English, Spanish
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 125.-
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 80.-

Price Includes : Free pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, entrance fees, lunch, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

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Visit to a leather showroom if time permits

Lunch at a Turkish Restaurant.

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Tour to Byzantium

Guaranteed departures every Tuesday Afternoon at 13:25

Need minimum 6 guests to operate other days

Duration	: 3 hours
Language	: English
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 75.-
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 50.-

Price Includes : Free pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

Price Excludes : Tips and V.A.Tax (20%)

TOUR PROGRAM :

Walk back into the history

*Natural naval harbour of the Byzantines named as **Golden Horn** because of its hornlike shape and golden reflection of the glittering waves under sunshine when viewed from the hill tops.*

Visit the **Patriarchate** at Fener which is the seat of Orthodox Christianity since Constantine The Great' s declaration of Christianity as the religion of Roman Empire.

Church of Panagia of Blachernae, the best known and most celebrated shrine of the Holy Virgin famed with the "Hagiasma" (holy water) and the "Hagion Lousma" (sacred bath).

Anemas Dungeons (*from outside*) were part of the Blachernae Palace, unique in the world with its historical and architectural structure. It consists of 14 separate dungeons, each having 2 basements below sea-level with cells for the prisoners and two towers. It was used as a prison for high ranked statesmen.

Tekfur Palace (*from outside*) built in the 12th century adjacent to the city walls. The only surviving pavillion of the Blachernae Palace.

St. Savior in Chora (Kariye Museum), originally a Byzantine monastery with fantastic mosaics and frescoes portraying scenes from the bible, the life and miracles of Jesus. **Interior cannot visited because of renovations**

Byzantine City Walls surrounded the acropolis of Byzantium with 22 kms. long fortification with 96 towers and 9 main gates dating back to the 5th century.





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Golden Horn

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Duration	: 3 hours
Language	: English
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 75.-
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 50.-

Price Includes : Free pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

Price Excludes : Tips and V.A.Tax (20%)

TOUR PROGRAM :

“To embrace sharp harmony and historic curiosities in the most sacred site of İstanbul”

Eyüp Sultan Mosque and his **Tomb** are the most sacred sites in İstanbul after Mecca and Jerusalem where thousands of faithful people visit everyday.

Eyüp El-Ensari was the flagbearer of Prophet Mohammed and died here during the Arabic siege of the city in the 7th century. The old trees, pigeons, praying believers and the visiting crowd create a mystical and colorful atmosphere around the mosque.

Teleferique (cable car) to **Pierre Loti Coffee House** among the green which is located on a hill with beautiful trees where you can enjoy the wonderful panorama of the Golden Horn.

Bird' s eye view of the Golden Horn with the teleferique (cable car) while climbing to the café, 550 beeline meters in 115 seconds. The coffee house takes its name from Pierre Loti, the French author and poet who was very fond of İstanbul and wrote as he sat in this coffee house enjoying the view.

Miniatürk, “a story land”, the most influencing open field miniature park exhibiting scaled models of the most known masterpieces which create a fairy tale environment of İstanbul, Anatolia and the former Ottoman territories. It reflects the revival of Turkish culture and history in all its magnificence. Countless human figure models situated throughout the park such as a railroad worker, Muslims in a mosque courtyard, Jews praying in a synagogue, flower seller etc., portray the lifestyle of the society through ages.

You will mostly enjoy the colorful shopping center where you may find the best souvenirs from İstanbul.



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Magnificent Istanbul

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Duration	: 8 hours
Language	: English, Spanish
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 155.-
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 105.-

Price Includes : Free pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

Price Excludes : Tips and V.A.Tax (20%)

TOUR PROGRAM :

Visit the most important sights of İstanbul from Magnificent Century of Ottomans. See Hurrem Sultan's (Roxelena) impact on the Sultan Sulaiman The Magnifique and important works of Master Architect Sinan and his reflection to silhouette of modern İstanbul today.

Süleymaniye Mosque is the largest imperial mosque and one of the best-known sights of İstanbul.

Built on the order of Süleyman The Magnificent by the Court Architect Sinan. The mosque crowns İstanbul on a hilltop dominating Golden Horn.

In the garden, there are two mausoleums: **Tomb of Sultan Süleyman I** and his wife **Hürrem Sultan** (Roxelana).

Outside the walls is the **Tomb of Master Architect Sinan**.

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- *Visit is not possible on Friday because of crowded noon prayer.*

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Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum is housed in the former palace of İbrahim Paşa, the grand vizier to Süleyman the Magnificent. Before being converted into a museum, palace served as a prison, a home for foreign ambassadors, a clothing factory, and barracks. Today, the museum contains beautifully displayed examples; illuminated Qurans and Turkish carpets collection which is rated as one of the best in the world, and attracts serious carpet enthusiasts.

Historical **Ottoman Mansion** presenting a rich collection of Turkish Carpets.

Lunch

Arasta Bazaar built in 17th century in the heart of Sultanahmet. The bazaar is an oriental market with 40 shops selling souvenirs, ceramics, textiles and more. **Great Palace of Constantinople** was the ceremonial heart of the Byzantine Empire for a millennium. It was situated on a sloping site between the Hippodrome and the sea walls, in the area known as Sultanahmet today.

Mosaic Museum, the standout attraction and an undervalued gem of İstanbul.

The Cistern, big underground water reservoir of Constantinople.

Million Stone, monument erected in the 4th century AD as the Byzantine zero-mile marker, the starting-place for all the roads leading to the cities of the Byzantine Empire.



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TROY AND GALLIPOLI TOUR

2 Days Group Tour

Duration	: 2 Days
Language	: English
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 390.-
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 390.-

Price Includes : Pick up and drop off, lunch, entrance fees to Troy Ancient site, ferry fees, 1 overnight at 4* hotel, 1 dinner, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

Price Excludes : Drinks at lunch, tips and V.A.Tax (20%)

TOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 Early morning pick up from city center hotels and departure for Çanakkale, around noon time arrive to Çanakkale and ferry across Dardanelles and arrive to Eceabat. Lunch at local Restaurant. Drive to Gallipoli, famous battlefield, Anzac Cove - Anburnu Cemetery, respect to Mehmetçik Statue, Anzac Commemorative Site, Brighton Beach, Lone Pine Australian Memorial, 57th Regiment Turkish Memorial, The Nek, Conk Bayın (Chunuk Bair) - New Zealand Memorial, Beach Cemetery, Johnston's Jolly (Turkish and Allied trenches and tunnels).
Evening overnight at hotel

Day 2 Breakfast at hotel and free breakfast, departure afternoon drive to The Trojan Horse, Sacrificial Altars, The 3700 year old city walls, Houses of Troy I, 3000 B.C. - 2500 B.C. The Bouleuterium (Senate Building), The Odeon (Concert Hall), Current excavations in progress, Remains of the various cities from Troy I through to Troy IX,

Evening transfer back to İstanbul and drop to hotel.





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CAPPADOCIA TOUR / Regular Tour – 2-3 Days Tour from İstanbul

Capadocia Tour by plane

Duration	: 2 Days 1 Night
Language	: English
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 780.- / person in DBL Room
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 600.-
Single Supplement	: € 90.-

Duration	: 3 Days 2 Nights
Language	: English
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 900.- / person in DBL Room
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 660.-
Single Supplement	: € 120.-

Price Includes : All airport transfers (İstanbul, Cappadocia), round trip flight tickets, lunch, entrance fees, accomodation (if choose 2-3 days tour) guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

Price Excludes : Drinks at lunch, tips and V.A.Tax (20%)

TOUR PROGRAM :

- Day 1** 08:00 Early morning pick up for transfer to airport for flight to Cappadocia, Take 1 hour morning flight around 07:00 / 08:00
- After arrive to Kayseri / Nevşehir Airport, meet with your driver for transfer to Cappadocia to meet with your guide and group.
- SOUTH TOUR (GREEN TOUR)**
Uçhisar Castle, highest and biggest fair chimney. Esentepe, stunning panoramic view point of Göreme Village in Unesco Historical National Park. Underground City of Kaymaklı. Pigeon Valley, greatest collection of pigeon nests. Hiking in Red and Rose Valleys, a fascinating cave dwelling, once used as a watchtower and monastery. Çavuşin Village.
Dinner at hotel and overnight
- Day 2** **NORTH TOUR (RED TOUR)**
Devrent Valley, famous with animal-shaped rock formations. Paşabağ Valley, stunning mushroom-shaped fairy chimneys. Avanos Pottery Handicraft, practice pottery production with ancient technique. Love Valley, spectacular spiral heart-shaped rock formations. Open Air Museum.
Dinner at hotel and overnight.
- Day 3** **Derinkuyu Underground City, walk through the amazing Ihlara Valley.** Lunch at **Belisırma**. Visit to the monasteries at **Yaprakhisar and Selime.**
Evening transfer to Kayseri / Nevşehir airport for 1 hour flight back to İstanbul, Upon arrive, meet your driver and transfer to hotel



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CAPPADOCIA & PAMUKKALE & EPHESUS + VIRGIN MARY'S HOUSE TOUR / Regular 4 DAYS Tour from İstanbul

TOUR CEP Tour by plane

Duration	: 4 Days / 3 Nights
Language	: English
ADULT - NET RATE	: € 1080.- / person in SGL Room
ADULT – NET RATE	: € 990.- / person in DBL sharing room
ADULT – NET RATE	: € 955.- / person in TRPL sharing room
CHILD (3-7) – NET RATE	: € 660.-

Price Includes : All airport transfers (İstanbul, Cappadocia, İzmir), round trip flight tickets, 4 lunches, 1 overnight accommodation in Cappadocia, 1 overnight accommodation in Kuşadası, 1 overnight at bus (Cappadocia to Pamukkale), entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

Price Excludes : Drinks at lunch, tips and V.A.Tax (20%)

TOUR PROGRAM

- Day 1** Early morning pick up (around 04:30) from a central hotel and transfer to airport for flight to Kayseri / Nevşehir around 07:00. Meeting at Airport, departure to Walk through the “**Fairy Chimneys**” in **Devrent Valley**, **Paşabağ (Monks’) Valley**, practice pottery production with the ancient technique in **Avanos**. Visit to **Göreme**, the “**open-air museum**” holding the earliest churches and chapels carved in fairy chimneys presenting finest examples of frescoes. **Uçhisar Castle**, the highest point in the region. Dinner at hotel and overnight in **Cappadocia**.
- Day 2** Panoramic view of the **Hospital Monastery**. Walk into the “**wonderland**” at **Kızılçukur (Red Valley)** and the village of **Çavuşin** with rock-cut dwellings. **Underground City of Kaymaklı**, rock-cut city beneath the earth up to 8-9 levels where early Christians used to hide from Roman and Byzantine persecution. Explore the rock formations in Çatalkaya A fantastic overview of the fairy chimneys from **Esentepe**. **Pigeon Valley**, greatest collection of pigeon nests in the world.
- Night bus to Pamukkale around 21:00
- Day 3** Early morning arrival to **Pamukkale (Cotton Castle)**, a beautiful and spectacular natural site near Denizli, unique in the world.
- World A short break at a hotel where you will have some time to take shower, fresh up and have some rest. **Thermal spring waters** have carved this fantastic formation of stalactites.
- Thermal waters have been used since Roman times for their therapeutic powers. Situated on the plateau are both the thermal center with its motels, thermal pools and ruins of the ancient city of **Hierapolis**.
- Monument on this site includes the ancient thermal baths which have been restored and converted into an archaeological museum. Dinner at hotel and overnight in **Kuşadası**.



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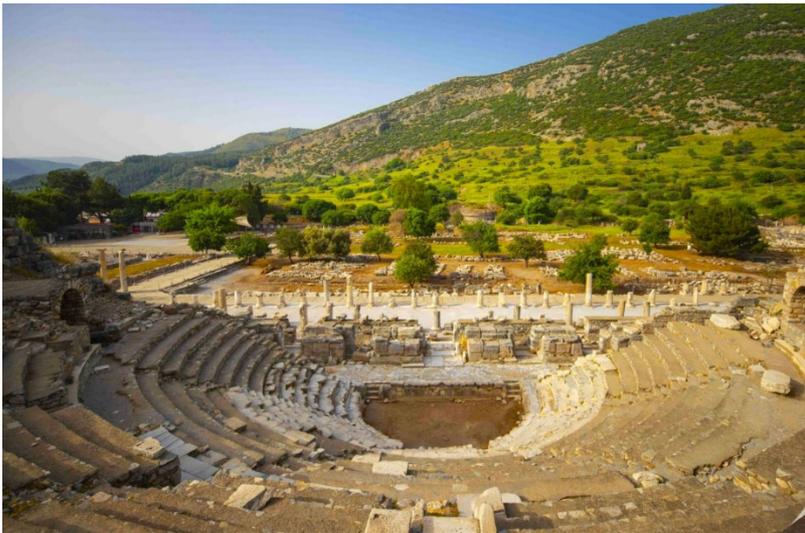


Day 4

Drive to **Ephesus**, one of the twelve cities of the Ionian League during the classical Greek period. Ephesus was also one of the “**Seven Churches of Anatolia (Asia)**” that are cited in the Book of Revelation.

Visit to the old Greco-Roman city of **Ephesus**, Marble Street, Odeon, Bouleterion, Temple of Hadrian and Serapis, Agora, Library of Celsus, Great Theatre, Double Church, Arcadian Way, Gate of Magnesia. Last abode of **Virgin Mary** at Mount Solmissos and lunch at **Selçuk**. Visit to **İsabey Mosque**, one of the oldest and most impressive works of architectural art remaining from the Anatolian Beyliks and the **Temple of Artemis**, one of the “Seven Wonders of the Ancient World”.

Evening, transfer to İzmir Airport for 1 hour flight back to İstanbul around 19:00/20:00. Upon arrival to İstanbul, transfer to hotel.





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Bursa & Nicaea (İzник): Early Christianity and Ottoman Heritage Tour

Duration : Daily
Language : English
ADULT - NET RATE : € 100.-

Price Includes : Round trip bus, guiding services, A/C transportation, parkings

Price Excludes : Lunch and V.A.Tax (20%)

Daily Group Tour from Istanbul

Early morning departure from Istanbul and drive to Yalova, followed by a ferry crossing over the Marmara Sea, or alternatively via the Osmangazi Bridge, depending on operational conditions.

Our first stop will be Nicaea (İzник), one of the most significant cities in early Christian history.

Visit the remains of the Church of the Holy Fathers, a basilica dating back nearly 1,700 years, located beneath the waters of Lake İzник. This church is believed to be the site where the First Council of Nicaea took place in 325 AD, attended by 318 bishops. The discovery of this underwater basilica was announced as the "Greatest Archaeological Discovery of the Year" in 2014 by the Archaeological Institute of America.

In 2025, the 1700th anniversary of the council was commemorated worldwide, and Pope Leo XIV visited Nicaea, emphasizing the city's importance as a major destination for Christian heritage and pilgrimage.

Continue exploring İzник with visits to:

Hagia Sophia of İzник, originally built during the reign of Emperor Justinian I in the 6th century

The ancient city walls and historical gates of Nicaea

Hacı Özbek Mosque and the Green Mosque, among the earliest examples of Ottoman architecture in the region

İzник is also famous for its world-renowned İzник tiles, widely used in Ottoman imperial mosques during the 16th century. Guests will have the opportunity to visit local ceramic workshops and shops where these traditional tiles are still produced today.

After exploring İzник, continue to **Bursa**, the first capital of the **Ottoman Empire**.

Visit the city's most important historical landmarks:

Green Mosque (Yeşil Camii), **Green Mausoleum (Yeşil Türbe)**, renowned for its beautiful İzник tile decorations

Koza Han, the historic Silk Market located in Bursa's traditional bazaar district

Enjoy a traditional Iskender Kebab lunch at the famous Yüce Hünkar Restaurant, one of the most renowned places in Bursa to taste this iconic Ottoman dish.

After lunch, drive towards Uludağ Mountain, one of Türkiye's most popular nature and winter destinations.

Guests may choose to take the cable car (teleferik) to Uludağ Mountain as an optional activity, offering spectacular panoramic views of Bursa and the surrounding forests.

Alternatively, guests may enjoy free time in the city center, exploring local shops offering Turkish delights, chestnut candies, and regional products. In the late afternoon, depart for Istanbul and transfer back to hotels in the evening.



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Eastern Black Sea Region Tour / 3 Days 2 Nights

Duration : 3 Days
Language : English
ADULT - NET RATE : € 1500.- / person in DBL room

Price Includes: Roundtrip flight tickets, 2 overnights accommodation at hotel in BB (bed + breakfast) basis, All airport transfers, A/C transportation, English speaking Professional guide, Entrance fees, V.A.Tax (20%)

Price Excludes: Lunch and dinner, Personal Expenses

Day 1

Early morning transfer to İstanbul Airport for flight to Trabzon at 07:00 A.M. Meet with your guide and driver at Trabzon Airport and start for a full day tour. UZUNGOL, TRABZON CITY TOUR Uzungöl, one of the most photogenic locations in the region. After having lunch at a local fish restaurant, sightseeing around the lake and through the valley. Depart for Trabzon city our. Ayasofya, a 13 th century church and study extraordinary collection of Byzantine frescoes. Depart for Gülbahar Hatun Mosque, Castle and Atatürk's Mansion (a picturesque hillside retreat). Drive to Boztepe, drink tea and enjoy the panoramic view of the city. Overnight at hotel in Trabzon.

Day 2

SUMELA MONASTERY, ZIGANA MOUNTAIN, KARACA CAV.

Departure after breakfast for a full day tour and visit to Sumela Monastery , visit the 4 th century Sumela Monastery, clings to a sheer cliff face in a deep forest, relax beside a fast flowing stream at Altındere Valley National Park. After lunch traveling along the old Silk Road through the Zigana Mountains that takes us to Karaca Cave, considered the most beautiful in Turkey with its colors and formations. Return to Trabzon and overnight at hotel.

Day 3

RİZE, AYDER, STORM VALLEY

Departure after breakfast for Ayder, visit botanic garden and have a panoramic view of Rize. Drive to Camlıhemşin through the beautiful Firtina (Storm) Valley , enjoy the panorama with many of waterfalls, stone bridges on Firtına Stream and lush green forests on the foothills of the magnificent Kaçkar Mountains. Lunch and sightseeing in Ayder and transfer to Trabzon Airport for flight back to İstanbul at 20:05. Arrive to İstanbul Airport at 21:55 and transfer to Hotel.

