

Istanbul 5 Days



Istiklal Avenue © Izzet Keribar



Old city & Marmara Sea from St Antoine church © Izzet Keribar

Discover this magnificent city in depth: visit historic sites during the day and indulge yourself with Istanbul's colorful & famous nightlife; dine in seafood restaurant on the shore of Bosphorus; discover some of the best clubs in Europe. In one way or other, Istanbul will satisfy your desires.

DAY 1 Arrival at Istanbul Upon arrival, meet TurkeyVision representative and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2 From Byzantium to Ottoman Era

Take a full day tour to explore Istanbul, a fascinating city straddling two continents. First called Byzantium and then Constantinople, this city was the capital of both the Byzantine and Roman Empires. In 1453, it became the third and final capital of the Ottomans. Visit the **Blue Mosque**, recognizable by its six minarets. Built between 1609 and 1616 for Sultan Ahmet I, the interior is decorated with some 21,000 blue Iznik tiles. Visit the **Hippodrome**, where political, cultural, and athletic activities took place during Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman times. Tour treasure-filled **Topkapi Palace** (15th–19th c. residence of the Ottoman sultans) with its terraces overlooking the Marmara Sea, the Bosphorus, and the Golden Horn. End the day at the historic **Grand Bazaar**.

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DAY 3 Bosphorus In the morning, visit the imposing **Hagia Sophia**, which marked the apogee of Byzantine Emperor Justinian's reign. Then cruise on the **Bosphorus**, separating Asia from Europe and connecting the Marmara Sea to the Black

Sea. Relish the best views of the city and its historic monuments. Discover beautiful marble palaces (Dolmabahce and Beylerbeyi), wooden Ottoman villas (yalis), and medieval fortresses. Enjoy lunch at a **seafood restaurant** along the Bosphorus. In the afternoon, visit the **Suleymaniye Mosque**, one of the best works of the famous Ottoman architect, Sinan. Indulge yourself at the **Spice Market** with its exotic aromas. • MEAL L

DAY 4 Dolmabahce Palace & The Asian Coast

In the morning, visit **Dolmabahce Palace**, the sumptuous new official residence of the sultans after 1856. Cross the suspended **bridge** over the Bosphorus to reach the Asian side of Istanbul. Drive up to **Camlica Hill** where you will enjoy one of the best panoramas over the city. **Lunch at Bostanci** district: Kebabs & grill. Discover the **residential quarters** of Asian Istanbul such as **Bagdat Avenue**. Then visit the **typical market** of **Kadikoy** district. At the end of the day, **return by boat** to the **Galata Bridge**. Drive back to hotel.

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DAY 5 Departure Transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Land only from

\$285
per person

Price per person in double room.

Mini tour 5 days

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

EVERY SUNDAY

From May 18 to September 21.

Operates with a minimum of 2 passengers

NO HIDDEN COST SIGHTSEEING
INCLUDED PER ITINERARY

INCLUDED

- Arrival and departure transfers.
- Transportation in air-conditioned vehicles throughout.
- Entrance fees to the museums stated in itinerary.
- 3 lunches (mostly in small, quaint Turkish restaurants near the sites)
- Escort by an English speaking professional guide-lecturer.

RATES Land only rates do not include international or domestic flights. **NOT INCLUDED** Visits and services not mentioned in program. Hotel accommodation. Travel Insurance. Personal expenses and all beverages. Gratuities to the guide and driver. Visa fee. International & domestic flights.

