

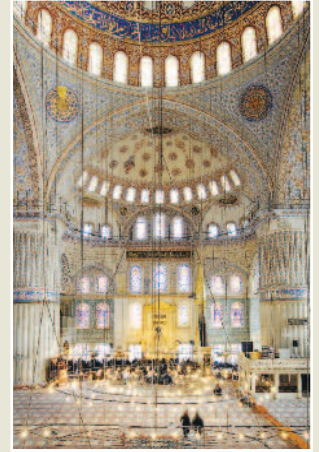
Istanbul 4 Days



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Blue mosque © Izzet Keribar

Discover the “must sees” of Istanbul: Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, Suleymaniye Mosque, Cruise on the Bosphorus, Spice Market and famous Grand Bazaar.



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**. • MEAL L

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 Departure

Transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Land only from

\$200
per person

Price per person in double room.

Mini tour 4 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.
- 2 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.

