

Kusadasi



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Kusadasi

Tour Name

Best of Ephesus
«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

8 hours – F/DAY

Tour Code

KUS-SHO-1

Highlights

Virgin Mary's House
Ephesus
Basilica of St.John
Terrace Houses

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish, Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

Drive up a to a scenically wonderful coastal road before you reach the ancient city of Ephesus. The first place you will visit on this exciting tour will be the **Virgin Mary's House**. Archaeological evidence shows that the little house dates from the 6th century but that the foundations were from the first century. Next you will visit the **Ephesus ruins**, predominantly from the later Roman period. Visit the “**Terrace Houses**” located opposite **Hadrian's Temple**. The wealthy and important people of Ephesus used these houses, which are finely decorated with mosaics and frescoes giving a true impression of the ancient lifestyle. Then, your tour will continue to the ruins of the **Basilica of St John**. The Basilica had a cruciform plan with four domes along its longitudinal axis and a pair flanking the central dome to form the arm of the cross. Under the central dome was the grave of St John. **Lunch** will be served at a lovely local restaurant in the town of Selcuk. Return to Kusadasi.

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:30	Arrive to House of Virgin Mary and visit
10:30	Departure from House of Virgin Mary to Ephesus
11:15	Arrive to north gate of Ephesus and visit the ancient city
13:30	Drive to town of Selcuk for 4 course set menu lunch
15:00	Visit of Basilica of St.John
16:30	Return to Kusadasi

Including

Private Transportation from/to Kusadasi Port, English Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking, Set menu lunch.

Excluding

All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip, Beverages during the lunch.

Notes

- **Dressing Advice:** Comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended. Sunglasses, hat and sunscreen are suggested during summer season.
- **Walking Information:** There is a lot of walking on this tour with many steps and rough and uneven terrain. Flat, comfortable shoes are highly recommended. The last 3 miles to the Virgin Mary's House is a winding road up to an altitude of 1,250 feet o the ship on your own.

Kusadasi

Tour Name

**Ephesus &
Terrace Houses**
«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

5 Hours – H/DAY

Tour Code

KUS-SHO-2

Highlights

**Ancient Ephesus
Terrace Houses**

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

Drive up a to a scenically wonderful coastal road before you reach the ancient **Ephesus**. Famous in antiquity for its temple of Diana, during the years of the Roman Empire, the Greek port of Ephesus became the greatest city in Asia Minor. Ancient **Ephesus** is one of the greatest outdoor museums in Turkey and perhaps in the world. Although now in ruins, it was originally founded by the Carian and Leleg native peoples. Your two-hour walking tour begins after a 30-minute drive from the pier. Magnificent vistas await – including the glorious Celsus Library façade, the Grand Amphitheater and the Temple of Hadrian. **The Terrace Houses** owned by the wealthy and influential lie opposite Hadrian's Temple, in a newly excavated section. Their fine decorative mosaics and frescoes give a fascinating insight into ancient lifestyles. Terrace Houses on the slopes of Bulbul Mountain are accessed by steps, with their roofs forming terraces for those houses above them.

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:00	Arrive to north gate of Ephesus and Visit the ancient city and terrace houses
11:30	Depart from Ephesus.
13:15	Arrive to Kusadasi Port

Including

Private Transportation from/to Kusadasi Port, English Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking.

Excluding

All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip, Lunch.

Notes

- **Dressing Advice:** Comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended. Sunglasses, hat and sunscreen are suggested during summer season.
- **Walking Information:** As this excursion involves extensive walking, comfortable shoes with non-slip soles are recommended. At Terrace Houses, guests will walk on glass-covered platforms.

Kusadasi

Tour Name

Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary

«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

5 hours – H/DAY

Tour Code

KUS-SHO-3

Highlights

**Virgin Mary's House
Ephesus**

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish, Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

Drive up a to a scenically wonderful coastal road before we reach the **House of Virgin Mary**. It is known with certainty That the Virgin Mary went to Ephesus and lived there for some time. Whether or not she died in Ephesus was not known until Anne Catherine Emmerich's vision. The stigmatized German nun who had never been to Ephesus had a vision of the House of the Virgin Mary and described it in detail to the German writer Clemens Brentano who later published a book about it. Officially declared a shrine of the Roman Catholic Church in 1896 , became a popular place of pilgrimage. Continue your visit with the ancient city of **Ephesus**. Famous in antiquity for its temple of Diana, during the years of the Roman Empire, the Greek port of Ephesus became the greatest city in Asia Minor. Upon arrival at Ephesus follow your guide to enter the ancient site through the Magnesia Gate. Discover innumerable monuments including the Forum, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the Thermal Baths of Scolastika and the Great Theatre built in the Greek era and reconstructed in the Roman period, which is still noted for its remarkable acoustics. View the symbols all around and marvel at the fact that one is still able to read the inscriptions in the ancient Greek language.

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:15	Arrive to House of Virgin Mary and visit
09:50	Drive to Ancient Ephesus
10:15	Arrive to north gate of Ephesus and visit the ancient city
12:15	Depart from Ephesus.
13:30	Arrive to Kusadasi Port

Including

Private Transportation from/to Kusadasi Port, English Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking.

Excluding

All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip, Lunch.

Notes

- **Dressing Advice:** Comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended. Sunglasses, hat and sunscreen are suggested during summer season.
- **Walking Information:** Walking at the sites surface are uneven and sometimes on cobblestone. It is not recommended for persons that are wheelchair confined.

Kusadasi

Tour Name

**Ancient Ephesus, Miletus
and Didyma**

«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

7 hours – F/DAY

Tour Code

KUS-SHO-4

Highlights

Ephesus

Miletus

Didyma

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

Drive up to a scenically wonderful coastal road before you reach the ancient city of **Ephesus**. Famous in antiquity for its temple of Diana, during the years of the Roman Empire, the Greek port of Ephesus became the greatest city in Asia Minor. Upon arrival at Ephesus follow your guide to enter the ancient site through the Magnesia Gate. Discover innumerable monuments including the Forum, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the Thermal Baths of Scolastika and the Great Theatre built in the Greek era and reconstructed in the Roman period, which is still noted for its remarkable acoustics. View the symbols all around and marvel at the fact that one is still able to read the inscriptions in the ancient Greek language. Walk back to your coach along the Arcadian Way, where once Mark Anthony and Cleopatra rode in procession. Continue with an hour drive and reach **Didyma** which is not however an ancient city. It was a sacred place of worship. Didyma's fame rests on the magnificent Temple of Apollo, a building of awesome scale whose proportions seem more in keeping with the gods than man. Building works in the name of Apollo were started in the eighth or seventh centuries BC. For a hundred years during the archaic period the Temple was controlled by the Branchids, a powerful family of priests, and it was under their direction that the Temple raised to fame. In the 6th century BC, under the Branchids, in the first half of the Ionian period, the Temple at Didyma enjoyed golden age and was greatly expanded in size. But then came the Persians who attacked the area in 494 BC and destroyed the Temple. Alexander the Great helped in the rebuilding and the remains we see today are Hellenistic, dating from his times. In the temple's reconstruction the original foundations were used but the size of the building was greatly increased. After lunch depart for **Miletus**. This ancient city once was one of the biggest cities in Anatolia. It was located on the trade routes and it was for this reason that it became very prosperous and had many colonies. Miletus is famous for its genius philosophers and architects, such as Thales, Anaksimandros, Anaksimenes, Hippodamos and Isidoros. Miletus is also famous for the Faustina Baths. We return to Kusadasi centre. Those requiring will find some free time at Kusadasi market before you sail to your next destination

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:00	Arrive to north gate of Ephesus and visit the ancient city
10:45	Drive to Didyma
11:40	Arrive to Didyma and visit the Temple of Apollo
12:20	Lunch
13:30	Drive to Miletus
14:00	Arrive to Miletus and Visit
14:45	Drive to Kusadasi
15:30	Arrive to Kusadasi

Including

Private Transportation from/to Kusadasi Port, English Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Lunch, Parking.

Excluding

All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip,

Notes

Dressing Advice Comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended. Sunglasses, hat and sunscreen are suggested during summer season.

Walking Information Walking at the sites surface are uneven and sometimes on cobblestone. It is not recommended for persons that are wheelchair confined.

Kusadasi

Tour Name

**Ephesus & The Sages
Winery (Yedi Bilgeler)
«Daily Departure»**

Approximate Duration

7 hours –F/DAY

Tour Code

KUS-SHO-6

Highlights

**Ephesus
Basilica of St.John
Wine Tasting**

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

Once you board your private luxurious vehicle we will drive up to a scenically wonderful coastal road before we reach the ancient Ephesus.

Upon arrival at Ephesus follow your guide to enter the ancient site through the Magnesia Gate. Discover innumerable monuments including the **Forum, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the Thermal Baths of Scolastika and the Great Theatre** built in the Greek era and reconstructed in the Roman period, which is still noted for its remarkable acoustics. View the symbols all around and marvel at the fact that one is still able to read the inscriptions in the ancient Greek language. Walk back to your vehicle along **the Arcadian Way**, where once Mark Anthony and Cleopatra rode in procession. After here we will continue to the **the Seven Sages (Yedi Bilgeler)** for our lunch and wine tasting. After **lunch**, we begin our tour with an overview of the estate, which includes a five hectar winery of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec and Shiraz grapes. In the courtyard you will learn about the property, its history and the inspiration behind it. In the production area you will be able to understand the process of wine making and what is needed to make fine wine. Here you can see oak barrels, bottling machines, filtration equipment and stainless steel fermentation tanks. We explain the guests step by step the whole process from grape to glass. After a view to our cellar we invite you upstairs to our restaurant to taste our five different wines while listening to the stories of the Seven Sages. Return to Kusadasi.

Including

Private Transportation from/to Kusadasi Port, English Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking, Set menu lunch and wine tasting.

Excluding

All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip, Beverages during the lunch.

Notes

- **Dressing Advice:** Comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended. Sunglasses, hat and sunscreen are suggested during summer season.
- **Walking Information:** Walking at the sites surface are uneven and sometimes on cobblestone. It is not recommended for persons that are wheelchair confined.

Kusadasi

Tour Name

**Ephesus with Basilica
St.John & Cooking
Experience
«Daily Departure»**

Approximate Duration

7 hours –F/DAY

Tour Code

KUS-SHO-7

Highlights

**Ephesus
Basilica of St.John
Cooking Experience**

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

Once you board your private vehicle we will drive up to a scenically wonderful coastal road before we reach the ancient Ephesus. Upon arrival at Ephesus follow your guide to enter the ancient site through the Magnesia Gate. Discover innumerable monuments including the **Forum, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the Thermal Baths of Scolastika and the Great Theatre** built in the Greek era and reconstructed in the Roman period, which is still noted for its remarkable acoustics. View the symbols all around and marvel at the fact that one is still able to read the inscriptions in the ancient Greek language. Walk back to your vehicle along **the Arcadian Way**, where once Mark Anthony and Cleopatra rode in procession. Our next stop will be at the **Basilica of Saint John** who came here with Virgin Mary and wrote his Gospel. After here we will continue to a **Private Cooking Class** in the outdoor kitchen of the fabulous property. Here we will guide you through the delicious secrets of regional Aegean cookery with its accent on olive oil and fresh herbs, a very special and particularly healthy of Turkish cuisine. You will be invited to watch the cooking sessions while sipping a glass of wine or join in for a hands-on experience if you'd rather. We will serve you a lunch of all the wonderful dishes we have cooked together, at tables where we will share stories of cookery in the country and in our families. After this wonderful visit we will drive to Kusadasi centre for embarkation on board or to the hotel.

Including

Private Transportation from/to Kusadasi Port, English Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking, Cooking Class, Lunch, Beverages during the lunch.

Excluding

All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip,

Notes

- **Dressing Advice:** Comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended. Sunglasses, hat and sunscreen are suggested during summer season.
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Kusadasi

Tour Name

**Ancient Ephesus and
Sirince Village
«Daily Departure»**

Approximate Duration

4 hours –H/DAY

Tour Code

KUS-SHO-8

Highlights

**Ephesus
Sirince Village**

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

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Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:00	Arrive to north gate of Ephesus and visit the ancient city
11:10	Depart from Ephesus.
11:30	Arrive to Sirince Village
12:15	Departure from Sirince
12:45	Arrive to Kusadasi Port

Including

Private Transportation from/to Kusadasi Port, English Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking

Excluding

All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip, Lunch, Beverages

Notes

- **Dressing Advice:** Comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended. Sunglasses, hat and sunscreen are suggested during summer season.
- **Walking Information:** Walking at the sites surface are uneven and sometimes on cobblestone. It is not recommended for persons that are wheelchair confined.

Kusadasi

Tour Name

**Private Ephesus Tour with
a Roman History Expert
Guide**

«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

8 hours –F/DAY

Tour Code

KUS-SHO-9

Highlights

Ancient Ephesus

Terrace Houses

House of Virgin Mary

Basilica of St.John

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

This tour is perfect for who is looking for a deep information about the Ancient Roman history. You will have an 8 hours tour of Ephesus and surrounding sites with a very knowledgeable private Ephesus expert guide who is just assigned for you and your party. You will get insider information and hear the tales that have been told for 2000 years. Set menu lunch and entrance fees will be included.

What you can expect

You will be met at the your hotel or the port by your Roman history expert tour guide at 9:00am and drive appr. 30 minutes for your first stop at Ancient City of Ephesus. You will first visit **Odeon Theatre** where the state affairs used to be held. Then, view the **Hadrian Temple**, It was dedicated in 118 AD to Hadrian, Artemis, and the people of Ephesus but greatly reconstructed in the 4th century. Next, you will visit the newly excavated spectacular **Terrace Houses (Villas)** located on top of the hill within the City of Ephesus. They were inhabited by wealthy Ephesians, and are finely decorated with mosaics and frescos. Proceed to **Celsus Library**, The library is the best preserved structure of its kind. The inscription on the side of the building's front staircase says that the library was build by Julius, in his father's honour, after his death. His father, Celsus was the Roman governor of Asia Minor early in the 2nd century AD. Then visit **The Great Theatre**, dates back to the Hellenistic period. In the 1st century AD it was successfully reconstructed, expanded by the Romans until it reached the seating capacity of 25,000. **Marble Road**, runs between the Library of Celsus and the theater and is a part of the sacred walk way. You will have a lunch break at a local restaurant. After your lunch, you will visit the **House of Virgin Mary**, where the Virgin is said to have lived the last years of her life. The building was rediscovered in the late 19th century by Lazartis from Smyrna based on the vision of a German nun. The site is officially declared a shrine of the Roman Catholic Church and visited by Pope Paul VI in 1967, Pope John Paul II in 1979 and Pope Benedict XVI in 2007. Last, see the **Basilica of St.John**, where John and the Virgin Mary went between 42 and 48 AD and lived. Three hundred years after the death of Saint Paul, a small chapel on the Ayasuluk Hill was constructed over his grave in the 4th century AD. This church was replaced in the 6th century AD by a huge basilica built by the Emperor Justinian, the impressive ruins of which are still visible. At the end of your visits appr. at 5:00pm, you will be dropped off at your hotel or the port.

Inclusions

Professional English speaking guide who is specialized on Eastern Roman History

Hotel/port pickup and drop-off

Private tour Transport by deluxe A/C vehicle

Set menu lunch with 1 soft drink

Entrance fees to the sites indicated in the itinerary

Exclusions

Personal expenses of the guests

Gratuities (optional)

Kusadasi

Tour Name

**Private Ephesus Tour with
3 D Glasses
«Daily Departure»**

Approximate Duration

6 ½ hours –F/DAY

Tour Code

KUS-SHO-10

Highlights

**Ephesus Tour with 3D
virtual reality glasses**

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

This tour will be unlike any other you have ever experienced, a classic guided tour is enriched by creating a completely unique, interactive experience allowing you to travel in time. **3D** recreation happens when you place augmented **virtual reality glasses** on and you see how the buildings, shops, streets, palaces and temples looked with a vivid computer reconstruction. Live scenes played by actors unfold in front of your eyes in the ancient world and allow you to feel like an Ephesian. Behind this technological innovation is a team of professionals from different sectors including tourism, history, archaeology, art and architecture with different visions for the same philosophy: To bring the culture and antiquities of the past to life through new technologies.

After a scenic drive from the ship, you will arrive at the spectacular Ephesus, one of the best-preserved cities of antiquity. Enjoy a walking tour of this incredible site and pass by the Temple of Hadrian, the 25,000-seat Great Theatre, and perhaps the most recognizable building in the city, The Library of Celsus. With your guide, you will enter the city through the Magnesian Gate, the ancient entrance to the city at the top of Kuretes Street. Listen to detailed historical and architectural information supplementing your guided visit, this is an awe-inspiring journey through time. By using state-of-the-art technology, you will see the reconstructed 10 highlights of the famous ancient city. It is not only a visual show but a valuable, detailed historical and architectural audio and visual lesson with information enhancing your guide's explanations. At 5 places throughout your guided tour, you will watch scenes captured by real life actors, with the backdrop of ancient Ephesus brought to life with 3D imagery. Imagine watching Romans discussing state issues in Odeon, Cleopatra and Mark Anthony riding on Arcadian Way, or Romans trying to interrupt St. Paul's entry to the grand theatre. All with you immersed in the heart of the action! Before your return to port stop by a ranch style rug weaving center where you will be given information about this art as well as time for shopping. Taste the mezes prepared by local products and the local wine in the courtyard before you return to your ship waiting for you.

Please Note: This tour involves over a mile of walking on uneven, cobblestones surfaces. Comfortable walking shoes, hat and sun protection is recommended. Restrooms are available at the entrance and at the exit (free) of Ephesus.

Istanbul



Private Shorex Programmes

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Istanbul

Tour Name

Byzantine & Ottoman
Marvels

«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

4 ½ hours – H/DAY

Tour Code

IST-SHO-1

Highlights

Blue Mosque Hippodrome

Hagia Sophia

Grand Bazaar

Language

(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)

02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus

10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus

16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach

Description

In the Old City you will visit the **Byzantine Hippodrome**. It had a capacity for 100,000 spectators, while the horse racing and chariot racing that here offered an opulent spectacle. You will admire the Kaiser's German fountain, the bronze Serpent Column of Delphi, the Egyptian Obelisk and the Walled Obelisk of Constantine VII. The next monument is the Mosque of Sultan Ahmed or "**The Blue Mosque**". It is the most beautiful mosque of Istanbul, built upon the order of 20 year old Sultan Ahmed I, whose grave lies inside the mosque. The Church of the Holy Wisdom of God is your next magnificent destination. **Hagia Sophia** is a symbol of the city and a very important monument that is a pole of attraction not only for those seeking religious tourism. Your next and last visit is the exotic **Grand Bazaar**. Turkey's largest covered market with 4000 shops offering excellent shopping as beautiful tiles, copper and brassware, apparel made of leather, cotton and wool, meerschaum pipes and all sorts of other things. **Unique moment:** During the visit of the Grand Bazaar we will be experiencing Turkish coffee from **Sark Kahvesi**, historical coffee roasters located in the Grand Bazaar. Each variety has been prepared with a blend of traditional knowledge, experience and an abiding "**Love of Coffee**"

Please note: The Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays. Blue Mosque is closed on Fridays. Hagia Sophia is closed on Mondays.

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:00	Arrive to Sultanahmet Square . Visit Blue Mosque & Hippodrome
10:00	Visit the Hagia Sophia
11:00	Drive to Grand Bazaar
11:20	Arrive to Grand Bazaar and free time for visit and shopping
12:40	Drive to port
13:10	Arrive to port

Including Private Transportation from/to Istanbul Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking.

Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip, Lunch.

Notes

Walking (Including the sights): 1000 to 1500 mt. on mainly even and cobblestone surface.

Restrooms There are available restrooms in the museums (free of charge) and in the Sultanahmet Square with the cost of TL 1,00 per person (approx : 50 US Cents).

Mosque Visit : Shoes are not permitted inside the mosque. We will give you a plastic bag where you can put your shoes and carry with you. For your information the mosque is covered with carpet.

Men and Women cannot enter into the mosque with shorts or sleeveless shirts.

Men can wear long trousers and a sleeved shirt. **Women** may wear slacks or a dress or blouse and skirt (at least below the knees), preferably with elbow-length or longer sleeves (no bare shoulders or upper arms).

Women should cover their head with a scarf. No need to cover the face, the covering is meant to hide your hair only.

If your dress is not matching these requirements do not worry as you are still able to visit the mosque. At the entrance of the mosque the attendants do provide robes and/or scarfs to wear during your visit. It is free of charge.

Istanbul

Tour Name

Byzantine & Ottoman
Wonders

«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

4 Hours – H/DAY

Tour Code

IST-SHO-2

Highlights

Topkapi Palace
Suleymaniye Mosque
Grand Bazaar

Language

(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)

02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus

10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus

16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach

Description

In the Old City you will visit the **Topkapi Palace**. In the interior of the Palace, which is declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The **Suleymaniye Mosque**, ranking as one of the masterpieces of the famous Ottoman architect Sinan, this mosque was built in the name of Suleiman the Magnificent during the 16th century. Your next and last visit is the **Grand Bazaar**. Turkey's largest covered market with 4000 shops offering excellent shopping as beautiful tiles, copper and brassware, apparel made of leather, cotton and wool, meerschaum pipes and all sorts of other things. **Unique moment:** During the visit of the Grand Bazaar we will be experiencing Turkish coffee from **Sark Kahvesi**, historical coffee roasters located in the Grand Bazaar. Each variety has been prepared with a blend of traditional knowledge, experience and an abiding **“Love of Coffee”**

Please note: The Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays. Topkapi Palace is closed on Tuesdays.

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:00	Arrive to Topkapi Palace
11:00	Drive to Suleymaniye Mosque
11:45	Drive to Grand Bazaar
12:00	Arrive to Grand Bazaar and free time for visit and shopping
13:15	Drive to port
13:30	Arrive to port

Notes

Walking (Including the sights): 1000 – 1200 mt. on mainly even surface.

Restrooms There are several restrooms in Grand Bazaar. The cost is TL 1,00 per person (approx : 50 UScents or 40 EuroCent).

Including Private Transportation from/to Istanbul Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking.

Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip, Lunch.

Mosque Visit : Shoes are not permitted inside the mosque. We will give you a plastic bag where you can put your shoes and carry with you. For your information the mosque is covered with carpet.

Men and Women cannot enter into the mosque with shorts or sleeveless shirts.

Men can wear long trousers and a sleeved shirt. **Women** may wear slacks or a dress or blouse and skirt (at least below the knees), preferably with elbow-length or longer sleeves (no bare shoulders or upper arms).

Women should cover their head with a scarf. No need to cover the face, the covering is meant to hide your hair only.

If your dress is not matching these requirements do not worry as you are still able to visit the mosque. At the entrance of the mosque the attendants do provide robes and/or scarfs to wear during your visit. It is free of charge.

Istanbul

Tour Name

Private Highlights of Istanbul

«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

8 hours – F/DAY

Tour Code

IST-SHO-3

Highlights

Blue Mosque
Hipodromme
Hagia Sophia
Topkapi Palace
Grand Bazaar

Language

(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)

02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus

10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus

16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach

Description

In the Old City you will visit the **Byzantine Hippodrome**. It had a capacity for 100,000 spectators, while the horse racing and chariot racing that here offered an opulent spectacle. You will admire the Kaiser's German fountain, the bronze Serpent Column of Delphi, the Egyptian Obelisk and the Walled Obelisk of Constantine VII. The next monument is the Mosque of Sultan Ahmed or "**Blue Mosque**". It is the most beautiful mosque of Istanbul, built upon the order of 20 year old Sultan Ahmed I, whose grave lies inside the mosque. The Church of the Holy Wisdom of God is your next magnificent destination. **Hagia Sophia** is a symbol of the city and a very important monument that is a pole of attraction not only for those seeking religious tourism. You will visit the **Topkapi Palace**. In the interior of the Palace, which is declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Your next and last visit is the exotic **Grand Bazaar**. Turkey's largest covered market with 4000 shops offering excellent shopping as beautiful tiles, copper and brassware, apparel made of leather, cotton and wool, meerschaum pipes and all sorts of other things. **Unique moment:** During the visit of the Grand Bazaar we will be experiencing Turkish coffee from **Sark Kahvesi**, historical coffee roasters located in the Grand Bazaar. Each variety has been prepared with a blend of traditional knowledge, experience and an abiding "**Love of Coffee**"

Please note: The Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays. Blue Mosque is closed on Fridays. Hagia Sophia is closed on Mondays. Topkapi Palace is closed on Tuesdays.

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:00	Arrive to Sultanahmet Square . Visit Blue Mosque & Hippodrome
10:00	Visit the Hagia Sofia
11:00	Walk to Topkapi Palace
11:20	Visit The Topkapi Palace
13:20	Lunch
14:20	Drive to Grand Bazaar
14:40	Arrive to Grand Bazaar and free time for visit and shopping
16:00	Drive to port
16:30	Arrive to port

Including Private Transportation from/to Istanbul Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking, lunch.

Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip.

Lunch

4 Courses Set Menu Lunch at Konyali Restaurant

<http://www.konyalilokantasi.com> or similar

Notes

Walking (Including the sights) : 1800 to 2000 mt. on mainly even and cobblestone surface.

Restrooms There are available restrooms in the museums (free of charge) and in the Sultanahmet Square with the cost of TL 1,00 per person (approx : 50 UScents).

Istanbul

Tour Name

**Private Bosphorus Cruise
by Regular Boat
«Daily Departure»**

Approximate Duration

4 hours – H/DAY

Tour Code

IST-SHO-4

Highlights

**Private Bosphorus Cruise
by a regular boat
Grand Bazaar**

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

After a short drive we reach the boat pier and on board our regular. Boat tour through the waterway separating Asia and Europe. Seeing along the way the old Ottoman wooden mansions, marble palaces, foreign embassies estates and small fishery villages, located at the Asian and European sides. Do not miss important sightseeing spots at the Bosphorus such as Dolmabahce Palace, Rumeli Fortress and Beylerbeyi Palace. Your next and last visit is the exotic **Grand Bazaar**. Turkey's largest covered market with 4000 shops offering excellent shopping as beautiful tiles, copper and brassware, apparel made of leather, cotton and wool, meerschaum pipes and all sorts of other things.

Unique moment: During the visit of the Grand Bazaar we will be experiencing Turkish coffee from **Sark Kahvesi**, historical coffee roasters located in the Grand Bazaar. Each variety has been prepared with a blend of traditional knowledge, experience and an abiding **“Love of Coffee”**

Please note: The Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays.

Timing

08:30	Depart from port .
09:00	Cruise along the Bosphorus strait
10:30	Drive to Grand Bazaar
10:45	Arrive to Grand Bazaar and free time for visit and shopping
12:00	Drive to port
13:30	Arrive to port

Including Private Transportation from/to Istanbul Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking.

Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip, Lunch.

Notes

Walking (Including the sights): 600 to 1000 mt. on mainly even and cobblestone surface.

Restrooms There are available restrooms in the museums (free of charge) and in the Sultanahmet Square with the cost of TL 1,00 per person (approx : 50 UScents).

Istanbul

Tour Name

**Private Archaeology and
Art in Istanbul
«Daily Departure»**

Approximate Duration

8 hours – F/DAY

Tour Code

IST-SHO-5

Highlights

**Archaeology Museum
Byzantine Cistern
Hippodrome
Ibrahim Pasha Palace
Grand Bazaar**

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

In the Old City you will visit the **Istanbul Archaeology Museum** is a group of three Archaeology museums located near Topkapi Palace and they houses over one million objects that represent almost all of the eras and civilizations in world history. The Archaeology Museum architect was the Levantine Alexandre Vallaury. The facade of the building was inspired by the famous Alexander Sarcophagus and the Sarcophagus of the Mourning Women from the excavations of Sidon by Hamdi Bey and Demostene Bey Baltazzi and which are the highlights housed inside the Museum. The Museum is one of the prominent structures built in the neo classical style in Istanbul. **The Underground Cistern**, the largest of the many underground cisterns built during the Byzantine Empire to supply the city with water. This cistern is especially fascinating because the Byzantine builders recycled many stone structures—capital heads and columns—that had been used in earlier temples. Now an upside down Medusa stares out at us from her watery home. Continue with the visit of **Byzantine Hippodrome**. It had a capacity for 100,000 spectators, while the horse racing and chariot racing that here offered an opulent spectacle. You will admire the Kaiser's German fountain, the bronze Serpent Column of Delphi, the Egyptian Obelisk and the Walled Obelisk of Constantine VII. After a short walk, you will reach the **Ibrahim Pasa Palace** and visit its fine collection of art and ethnography in a lovely setting. It was built in the 16th century and donated to Grand Vizier Ibrahim Pasha by the great sultan Soliman the Magnificent. You will end your tour with a trip to the exotic **Grand Bazaar** area. **Unique moment:** During the visit of the Grand Bazaar we will be experiencing Turkish coffee from **Sark Kahvesi**, historical coffee roasters located in the Grand Bazaar. Each variety has been prepared with a blend of traditional knowledge, experience and an abiding **"Love of Coffee"**

After free time in the Bazaar, you will be returned to the pier.

Please note: The Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays. Archaeology Museum is closed on Mondays.

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:00	Arrive to Archaeology Museum of Istanbul
11:00	Walk to Basilica Cistern
11:15	Arrive to Basilica Cistern
12:00	Lunch
13:30	Visit of Hippodrome
14:15	Arrive to Ibrahim Pasha Palace
15:00	Arrive to Grand Bazaar and free time for visit and shopping
16:00	Drive to port
16:30	Arrive to port

Lunch

4 Courses Set Menu Lunch at Hagia Sophia Hotel Restaurant

<http://www.hsoldcity.com/tr/north.html> or similar

Including

Private Transportation from/to Istanbul Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking, Lunch

Excluding

All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip.

Notes

Walking (Including the sights): 1000 to 1200 mt. on mainly even and cobblestone surface.

Restrooms There are available restrooms in the museums (free of charge) and in the Sultanahmet Square and Bazaar/Market Grand Bazaar with a cost of TL 1,00 per person (approx: 50 US Cents).

Istanbul

Tour Name

**Private Dolmabahce Palace
and
Tea at Ciragan Palace
«Daily Departure»**

Approximate Duration

4 hours – H/DAY

Tour Code

IST-SHO-6

Highlight

Dolmabahce Palace

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

Meet your professionally-trained tour guide and begin with a short orientation drive through the modern city of Istanbul. Continue to **Dolmabahce Palace**. The palace represents a period in time when Ottoman traditional architectural style was ignored for the more western patterns being used elsewhere in Europe. The palace, which consists of 285 rooms, 46 halls, four grand salons, six galleries and six baths is divided into two sections: the Ceremonial Section - where the sultan would receive distinguished guests from all over the world, and the Harem - where the Sultan's wife, mother and concubines lived. After this exciting visit, you will stop at the **Ciragan Palace Hotel** for a **Turkish tea break**. This 5-star luxury Imperial Palace hotel, lovingly restored and ideally located on the shores of the magnificent Bosphorus, provides a one of a kind experience with its historical ambiance, luxurious facilities and impeccable service. After tea, you will visit the Palace section. When Sultan Abdulaziz came to throne in 1861, Cirağan Palace was built with a bridge connected to the Yildiz Palace, which is located behind it. For centuries, the palace has always been one of the most precious buildings enriching the shores of the Bosphorus. The columns of the palace are the most beautiful examples of stone work. Besides precious carpets and furniture, there are rooms decorated by handwork covered by golden gloss and mother-of-pearl. The front walls of the palace made up of colorful marbles also add vividness to its architecture. The palace is used for private and public events so the rooms viewed will not be known until the day of the tour. After your visit to the palace building, you will return to the pier.

Please note: Tea at the Palace is from a set menu and is included in the tour price. (Tea Time between 15:00 – 17:00 Hours)

Please note: Dolmabahce Palace is closed on Mondays & Thursday.

Timing

13:30	Depart from Port.
14:00	Arrive to Dolmabahce Palace
15:00	Drive to Ciragan Palace
17:00	Drive to Port
17:15	Arrive to port

Including Private Transportation from/to Istanbul Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking.

Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip, Lunch.

Notes

Walking (Including the sights) : 600 to 1000 mt. on mainly even and cobblestone surface.

Istanbul

Tour Name

**Private Istiklal Street and
Grand Bazaar
«Daily Departure»**

Approximate Duration

4 ½ hours – H/DAY

Tour Code

IST-SHO-7

Highlights

**Istiklal Street
Grand Bazaar**

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

After meeting your professionally trained guide, you will take a short drive to Taksim Square, the heart of modern Istanbul. The square was laid out in the late 1800's near a Taksim (branching-point) in the city's water distribution system. At the southern end of the square is a statue of the founder of modern day Turkey, Kemal Atatürk. Walking to the far side of the square you come to the beginning of **Istiklal Caddesi (Independence Avenue)** which is the main artery of the Beyoglu district. Now a pedestrian way, it is the city's most popular strolling, shopping and meeting street. Many of the buildings date back to the 19th-century when this area was referred to as the Paris of the East, with its half-European, half-Asian culture. The store fronts are lined with boutiques, cafes, consulates, restaurants, galleries, cinemas and banks, with residential apartments above. During your walk, you will visit one of the many wine houses where you will have the opportunity to taste a glass of local wine. There are two churches on the street. St Maria Draperis and the Italian church St. Antoine which dates back to 1906 and is the most important Catholic church of Istanbul. Halfway along Istiklal Caddesi is Galatasaray Square, named after the Galata Palace, the first official European-influenced high school in the Ottoman Empire. Other sites you will see in this area include the Galatasaray Bath, which dates back to 1482, I Ek Pasaj - the flower passage, Pera Palas, which is one of the oldest hotels in Istanbul, and the Nostalgic Istiklal Caddesi Tram, a 19th-century tram that was restored and placed back into service when the street became a pedestrian street. At the end of Istiklal Street, is the area called Tunel, where French engineers built Istanbul's Tunel underground train in 1875. It allowed European diplomats and businessmen to ride between their waterside offices in Karakoy and their hilltop residences in Beyoglu. It was only the third underground railway built in the world at that time. The final stop on the tour is the exotic **Grand Bazaar** area where you will have the opportunity for exploring some of the 4,000 shops. **Unique moment:** During the visit of the Grand Bazaar we will be experiencing Turkish coffee from **Sark Kahvesi**, historical coffee roasters located in the Grand Bazaar. Each variety has been prepared with a blend of traditional knowledge, experience and an abiding **“Love of Coffee”**. After free time in the Bazaar, you will be returned to the pier.

Please note: The covered area of the Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays.

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:00	Arrive to Istiklal Street
11:00	Drive to Grand Bazaar
11:15	Arrive to Grand Bazaar and free time for shopping
12:30	Drive to Port
13:00	Arrive to Port

Including

Private Transportation from/to Istanbul Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking.

Excluding

All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip, Lunch.

Notes

Walking (Including the sights) : 1800 to 2000 mt. on mainly even and cobblestone surface.

Restrooms

There are available restrooms in the Taksim Square with the cost of TL 1,00 per person (approx : 50 UScents).

Istanbul

Tour Name

**Byzantine & Ottoman
Relics**

«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

7 ½ hours – F/DAY

Tour Code

IST-SHO-8

Highlights

**St.Chora Church
Spice Bazaar
Ungerground Cistern
Grand Bazaar**

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

In the Old City you will visit the **Byzantine Church of St. Saviour** in Chora. Built in the 11th century, the walls are decorated with beautiful mosaics and frescoes. The mosaics depict the life of Virgin Mary and the infancy, genealogy and ministry of Christ. Continue your tour with a visit to the cavernous **Egyptian Spice Bazaar** where tastes and smells from the orient assault your senses. The Spice Bazaar continues to be an exotic trading house for dried herbs, spices and exotic condiments. You can also find colorful local produce, fresh cheeses, pickles and other Turkish specialties such as sucuk (chorizo-like sausages) and pastirma (cured beef). There will be ample time to stock up on saffron, Turkish apricots and freshly made Turkish Delight. **Unique Moment:** During the visit of Spice Market you will have a short break at Ali **Muhiddin Hacı Bekir's shop – the inventor of Turkish delight**. From the time of its founding during the Ottoman Empire, the name Hacı Bekir has become a legend in Ottoman and Turkish confectionery and a leading symbol of this art. **Basilica Cistern**, constructed in 532 AD built by Justinian to hold the water supply for the Great Palace. The Cistern is 70 meters wide and 140 meters long, with a capacity of 80,000m³ of water. Here you will find an atmospheric forest of 336 beautiful columns, don't miss the two columns featuring the head of Medusa on their bases. Your next and last visit is the exotic **Grand Bazaar**. Turkey's largest covered market with 4000 shops offering excellent shopping as beautiful tiles, copper and brassware, apparel made of leather, cotton and wool, meerschaum pipes and all sorts of other things. **Unique Moment:** During the visit of the Grand Bazaar we will be experiencing Turkish coffee from **Sark Kahvesi**, historical coffee roasters located in the Grand Bazaar. Each variety has been prepared with a blend of traditional knowledge, experience and an abiding **"Love of Coffee"**

Please note: The covered area of the Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays. St.Chora is closed on Wednesdays.

Timing

08:30	Depart from port
09:15	Visit the St.Chora Church
10:30	Visit the Spice Bazaar
11:15	Drive to the Old City
11:40	Visit The Underground Cistern
12:30	Lunch
13:45	Drive to Grand Bazaar
14:00	Arrive to Grand Bazaar and free time for visit and shopping
15:45	Drive to port
16:00	Arrive to port

Lunch

4 Courses Set Menu Lunch at Hagia Sophia Hotel Restaurant
<http://www.hsoldcity.com/tr/north.html> or similar

Including Private Transportation from/to Istanbul Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking, Lunch.

Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip.

Notes

Walking: 1000 to 1500 mt . on even surface.

Restrooms : There are available restrooms in the vicinity of the Spice market

Istanbul

Tour Name

Cultural Gems – Unique Moments

«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

8 ½ hours – F/DAY

Tour Code

IST-SHO-9

Highlights

Pera Palace

Istiklal Street

Orhan Pamuk's Museum of Innocence Cukurcuma

Kilic Ali Pasa Mosque

Grand Bazaar

Language

(English, German, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian)

02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C Deluxe Minibus

10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C Deluxe Midibus

16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C Deluxe Motorcoach

Description

Visit the **Pera Palace Hotel** and **Pera Area**. We will begin with walking tour of the Pera District, now known as Beyoglu and the heart of modern Istanbul. The European side of the city was largely built in the 18th and 19th centuries; here we'll find examples of neo-classical, neo-renaissance, and First Republic buildings and see the ancient Galata Tower. Explore the up and coming district of Cukurcuma. Wander the winding streets where antique shops sit side by side with fashionable boutiques and quirky cafes. Visit **Cukurcuma Area**, Wander the winding streets where antique shops sit by side with fashionable boutiques and quirky cafes. Then head to **the Museum of Innocence**, founded by Orhan Pamuk, the winner of Nobel Prize in literature, based on the museum described in his book. It is located in a building in Cukurcuma and displays an evocative collection of everyday life and culture of Istanbul during the period in which the novel is written. Then we will visit **The Kilic Ali Pasha Complex** is a group of buildings designed and built between 1580 and 1587 by Mimar Sinan, who at the time was in his 90s. The mosque itself was constructed in 1578-1580. Our next stop will be the **Grand Bazaar**, the vast and legendary covered market that is the biggest souk in the world with nearly 4000 shops of antiques, jewelry and carpets. **Unique moment:** During the visit of the Grand Bazaar we will be experiencing Turkish coffee from **Sark Kahvesi**, historical coffee roasters located in the Grand Bazaar. Each variety has been prepared with a blend of traditional knowledge, experience and an abiding **"Love of Coffee"** **Please note:** The covered area of the Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays. Museum of Innocence is closed on Mondays.

Timing

08:30	Depart from port
09:00	Visit Pera and Istiklal Street
10:00	Visit the Museum of Innocence
11:15	Visit Cukurcuma
12:30	Visit the Kilic Ali Pasha Complex
13:30	Lunch
14:45	Drive to Grand Bazaar
15:00	Arrive to Grand Bazaar and free time for visit and shopping
16:45	Drive to port
17:00	Arrive to port

Lunch

4 Courses Set Menu Lunch at Hagia Sophia Hotel Restaurant
<http://www.hsoldcity.com/tr/north.html> or similar

Including

Private Transportation from/to Istanbul Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking, Lunch.

Excluding

All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip.

Notes

Walking: 1000 to 1500 mt. on even surface.

Restrooms: There are available restrooms in the Taksim and in Pera Palace.

Istanbul

Tour Name

**Customized Istanbul Tour with
Private Guide & Driver
«Daily Departure»**

Approximate Duration

8 ½ hours – F/DAY

Tour Code

IST-SHO-10

Highlights

**Flexibility to customize your
itinerary according to your
personal interests**

**Licenced English Speaking local
guide**

**Private A/C luxury vehicle and
professional driver**

Hotel/Port pick up and drop off

**Get insider tips from your
guide on sites, shops and local
places**

Language

**(English, German, Portuguese,
Spanish, Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C Deluxe
Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C Deluxe
Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C Deluxe
Motorcoach**

Description

Explore this magnificent city with a private professional tour guide for 9 hours. You will be met at your hotel or cruise ship around 8:30am or anytime you want and have your guide and driver at your disposal until 5:30pm. You can either visit the main highlights or discover the hidden gems. If you are a shopper, your guide can take you the best local shops where you can find unique souvenirs to take home. The route covers the Taksim area, old city, Beylerbeyi, and Camlica Hills. Meals and entrance fees are not included.

What you can expect

Choose this private, highly personalized tour that will take you to wherever you wish to go. Even more, you can tailor your own itinerary, contact us with your ideas and receive advices and suggestions on eventual changes that could be made in it. You can choose to visit the European side of the city or the Asian side.

Inclusions

Professional English speaking guide

Hotel/port pickup and drop-off

Private tour Transport by deluxe A/C minivan

Exclusions

Entrance fees

Food and drinks

Gratuities (optional)

Price

Full Day usage of Mercedes Vito up to 3 pax:

USD 102,00 per vehicle, including parking.

Full Day usage of Mercedes Sprinter from 4 to 9 pax:

USD 115,00 per vehicle, including parking.

Half Day usage of Mercedes Vito up to 3 pax:

USD 51,00 per vehicle, including parking.

Half Day usage of Mercedes Sprinter from 4 to 9 pax:

USD 58,00 per vehicle, including parking.

Full Day English Speaking Guide : **USD 100,00** per guide

Half Day English Speaking Guide : **USD 90,00** per guide

Notes

- **Capacity:** 01 - 09 guests. Private vans are ordered per vehicle (not per person). This tour includes transport in a private van, driver and English Speaking Guide. Itinerary can be adjusted with tour guide as long as it's in the area and does not exceed the duration of 8 hours. Recommended for physically challenged guests.

Istanbul

Tour Name

**Private Istanbul tour with
a Historian Guide
«Daily Departure»**

Approximate Duration

8 ½ hours – F/DAY

Tour Code

IST-SHO-11

Highlights

**Blue Mosque
Hipodrome
Hagia Sophia
Topkapi Palace
Grand Bazaar**

Language

**(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

This is a perfect opportunity for people who would like to have deeper information about the history of Ottomans and Byzantines. You will visit the must see sites of the city with a historian guide who is an expert on Ottoman and Byzantine history. Set menu lunch and entrance fees will be included

What you can expect

You will be met at your hotel or the port by your guide and drive to the old city for your full day experience. First, you will visit the **Blue Mosque**, completed in 1616, it is a triumph of harmony, proportion and elegance. The blue Iznik Tiles covering the walls have given the mosque its popular name, Blue Mosque. Next, you will visit **Topkapi Palace Museum**. Gain a fascinating insight into this grandiose complex of buildings that formed the residence of the Sultans and the women of the Harem for 400 years. There are four main courtyards which contain extensive gardens, pavilions, fountains, royal gates, divans, kitchens, library, mosques and the Harem. Visit the **Treasury** which houses a glittering collection of jewels, arms and armor, ceramics, imperial costumes and miniatures. It is in the Treasury you will find the famous Spoonmakers Diamond and Topkapi Dagger. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant in the old city. Then you will visit **St. Sophia**, the church of the Divine Wisdom. The architectural marvel of all time. It was built during Emperor Justinian reign (AD 537) and it remained the greatest church in Christendom until the conquest of Constantinople in 1453 by Sultan Mehmet II who ordered to convert Hagia Sophia into a Mosque. In 1934, Atatürk proclaimed it a museum. The walls of this beautiful piece of architecture are decorated with gorgeous mosaics. Last visit will be to the **Grand Bazaar**, the largest and oldest covered Bazaar in Turkey with more than 4,000 shops. A variety of handicrafts, carpets, rare jewels and souvenirs all sold in small shops next to each other. Streets are named according to the trades and the most oriental atmosphere in Istanbul is found in the bazaar. At the end of your visits appr. at 5:00pm, you will be dropped off at your hotel or the port.

Highlights

8 ½ hours of private Istanbul tour.

Private guide for a more personalized experience who is specialized on Ottoman and Byzantine History.

Hotel/port pickup and drop-off

Private tour Transport by deluxe A/C vehicle

Get insider tips from your guide on sites, shops and local places

Lunch and entrance fees are included

Inclusions

Professional English speaking Historian guide

Hotel/port pickup and drop-off

Private tour Transport by deluxe A/C minivan

Set menu lunch with 1 soft drink

Entrance fees to the sites indicated in the itinerary

Exclusions

Personal expenses of the guests

Gratuities (optional)

Istanbul

Tour Name

Full Day & Half Day

Private

VAN + Guide

Usages

Approximate Duration

8 ½ hours

for Full Day

4 ½ Hours

for Half Day

Language

(English, German,
Portuguese, Spanish,
Italian)

Description

Explore at your leisure with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide. This exclusive tour will allow you to customize your time ashore and explore the most interesting sites in the comfort and privacy of your own van. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore. See the iconic sites of the city, or create your own personal stops to make the experience your own.

Timing

08:30 – 17:30 Full Day

08:30 – 13:00 Half Day

Price

Full Day usage of Mercedes Vito up to 3 pax:

USD 102,00 per vehicle, including parking.

Full Day usage of Mercedes Sprinter from 4 to 9 pax:

USD 115,00 per vehicle, including parking.

Half Day usage of Mercedes Vito up to 3 pax:

USD 51,00 per vehicle, including parking.

Half Day usage of Mercedes Sprinter from 4 to 9 pax:

USD 58,00 per vehicle, including parking.

Full Day English Speaking Guide : **USD 100,00** per guide

Half Day English Speaking Guide : **USD 90,00** per guide

Notes

- **Capacity:** 01 - 09 guests. Private vans are ordered per vehicle (not per person). This tour includes transport in a private van, driver and English Speaking Guide. Itinerary can be adjusted with tour guide as long as it's in the area and does not exceed the duration of 8 hours. Recommended for physically challenged guests.

Antalya



Private Shorex Programmes

- ANT-SHO-1 F/D Perge, Aspendos & Side
- ANT-SHO-2 H/D Antalya City Tour & Duden Waterfalls

Antalya

Tour Name

**Perge, Aspendos
&
Side
'Daily Departure'**

Approximate Duration

8 ½ hours

Tour Code

ANT-SHO-1

Languages

**(English, German, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

Once you board your coach drive up a to a scenically wonderful coastal road, before we reach the ancient city of **Perge**. Around 1500 B.C. the Hittites settled down in a place we know as Perge. However some people believe that Perge was founded by Mopsus and Calchas in the 13th century B.C. Invaded by Alexander the Great, much of Perge's architectural splendor is a living proof of the Hellenistic period. You will depart for Aspendos where you will visit the **Antique Theatre of Aspendos**. The most important property of the theatre with the capacity of 15,000 people is its solidity. After many earthquakes, Aspendos is still standing with its astonishing architecture. There are the boxes of selected citizens on the main entrances. The upper side of the auditorium is surrounded by 58 columns and a gallery consisted of an arch. The whole auditorium has 20 lines of seat in underside and 21 lines of seat in upper side. This theatre is built by local architects Xenon and his two brothers Curtius Chrispinus and Curtius Auscipatus in the period of the Emperor Antonius Pius (138-164). It attracts attention with its special acoustic. Continue to Side area where you will taste Local Turkish food during our lunch . After lunch you will continue with the visit of **Side**, one of the best-known classical sites in Turkey, was an ancient harbour whose name meant pomegranate. Today a pretty resort town, its ancient ruins, two sandy beaches, many shops and extensive tourist accommodation attract throngs of visitors. you will visit the Agora, the Apollo Temple which is situated near the sea. a fountain and necropolis.

Timing

08:00	Depart from Port.
09:30	Arrive to Ancient City of Perge and visit
10:30	Depart from Perge
11:00	Arrive to Aspendos and visit the ancient theatre
11:50	Depart from Aspendos
12:15	Arrive Side and Lunch
13:45	Visit the temple of Apollo
14:30	Free time in Side Bazaar
15:45	Depart to Antalya
16:30	On Board/Antalya Centre

Including Private Transportation from/to AYT, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking, lunch.

Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tips.

Notes

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Antalya

Tour Name

**Antalya City Tour
&
Duden Waterfalls
'Daily Departure'**

Approximate Duration

4 ½ hours

Tour Code

ANT-SHO-2

Highlights

**Antalya Kaleici, Duden
Waterfalls**

Languages

**(English, German, Spanish,
Italian)**

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

Once you board your coach you will have a very short drive and reach to the beautiful Duden Waterfalls. After we continue to the city center and visit Hadrian's Gate, the clock tower at Kalekapisi, Republic Square with its Ataturk statue and overlook amazing views of the Mediterranean coast and Olympos Mountains. Descending from the square, you'll explore the narrow winding streets of historical Antalya (Kaleici), filled with graceful Ottoman-era houses and gardens. Shopping time for the well-known merits of the area.

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:00	Arrive to the Duden Waterfalls and visit
10:30	Depart for Antalya city center
10:45	Arrive to Kaleici and visit/Free time
12:30	Depart for port
13:00	Arrive to port

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Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tip, lunch.

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Bodrum



Private Shorex Programmes

- BOD-SHO-1 H/D St. Peter's Castle & Mausoleum
- BOD-SHO-2 H/D Highlights of Bodrum

Bodrum

Tour Name

**St. Peter' s Castle
& Mausoleum
«Daily Departure»**

Approximate Duration

3 ½ hours

Tour Code

BOD-SHO-1

Highlights

**St.Peter's Castle
Mausoleum of
Halicarnassus**

Language

(English)

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

Situated on a beautiful peninsula, Bodrum, home of the famous Greek historian Herodotus. A short bus ride from the new port brings you to the Castle of St. Peter. To obtain stone to build the castle, the Knight of Rhodes tore down the famous Mausoleum of Halicarnassus—a magnificent tomb that was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. You will also visit the Museum of Underwater Archaeology, whose artifacts were found underwater and date from the Bronze Age through the Middle Ages. Remnants of cargo from a 13th-century BC Syrian trade ship are on display. You will also visit the Carian Princess section to see a beautiful tiara of gold. Next, you will visit the ruins of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus. This is Bodrum's oldest and most significant treasure. Artemisia II built the tomb in honor of her husband, King Mausolos. The modern generic term for a large tomb is derived from his name. The entire structure stood more than 150 feet tall and featured frescos and other art objects, some of which are now on display in the London Museum. On the way back to the port we will have a chance to take great pictures of Bodrum Peninsula and troll around the narrow streets of the city centre. Shopping time for the well-known merits of the area before we return to our cruise ship.

Timing

09:00	Depart from port
09:20	Walk to the Castle
09:30	Visit Bodrum Castle & Underwater Museum
11:00	Drive to the Mausoleum
11:20	Visit Mausoleum
12:00	Drive to port
12:30	Arrive to port

Including Private Transportation from/to Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking.

Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tips, Lunch.

Notes

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Bodrum

Tour Name Highlights of Bodrum «Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration
4 ½ hours

Tour Code
BOD-SHO-2

Highlights
St.Peter's Castle
Mausoleum of
Halicarnassus
Myndos Gate
Windmills

Language
(English)

02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus

10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus

16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach

Description

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Timing

09:00	Depart from port
09:20	Walk to the Castle
09:30	Visit Bodrum Castle & Underwater Museum
11:00	Drive to the Mausoleum
11:20	Visit Mausoleum
11:50	Drive to visit the Myndos Gate and Windmills
13:00	Drive back to port
13:30	Arrive to port

Including Private Transportation from/to Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking.

Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tips, Lunch.

Notes

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Cesme



Private Shorex Programmes

- CES-SHO-1 H/D A Stroll Through Cesme
- CES-SHO- 2 H/D Picturesque Alacati

Cesme

Tour Name

A Stroll Through Cesme
«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

3 ½ hours

Tour Code

CES-SHO-1

Highlights

**Church of Agios
Haralambos**
Cesme Castle

Language

(English)

**02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus**

**10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus**

**16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach**

Description

Cesme is one of Turkey's most prominent centers of international tourism, and was ranked eighth by the New York Times in its “31 Places to Go in 2010” lineup. Walk with your guide through Cesme to see what this historic city is all about. You will see the Church of Agios Haralambos, a prominent landmark in the Cesme town center which has been restored as an art gallery. Then visit the famous Cesme Castle - the focal point of the town. An imposing site with its six towers and moats on three sides, the castle is guarded by a statue of Cezayirli Gazi Hasan Pasha, one of the naval commanders of the Battle of Cesme. Pasha is depicted caressing his famous pet lion and facing the Town Square. You will enjoy a refreshment of traditional Turkish tea or apple tea accompanied by mastik cookies famous in this region with the impressive Cesme Castle in the background. At the end of your walk, you can choose to return to the ship or stay in town for a while.

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
08:45	Arrive to Cesme Castle and visit.
09:30	Depart from Cesme Castle
09:40	Arrive to Church of Agios Haralambos
10:15	Depart from to Church of Agios Haralambos
10:30	Free time / tea break at the town center
11:30	Depart for the port
11:45	Arrive to port

Including Private Transportation from/to Cesme Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking.

Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tips, Lunch.

Notes

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Cesme

Tour Name

Picturesque Alacati
«Daily Departure»

Approximate Duration

3 ½ hours

Tour Code

CES-SHO-2

Highlights

Aios Constantinos Church
Alacati Bay

Language
(English)

02-09 Pax: 12 Seater A/C
Deluxe Minibus

10-15 Pax: 27 Seater A/C
Deluxe Midibus

16-44 Pax: 44 Seater A/C
Deluxe Motorcoach

Description

Lovely Alacati is a charming district in the region of Cesme—a popular holiday resort and prized location for country houses for the well-to-do of Izmir. In the past, this area had important military and agricultural significance. Stroll with your guide through the cobblestone streets, to admire the beautifully restored old houses and enjoy the Bohemian atmosphere. You'll hear about the history behind what you are seeing and you will visit the Aios Constantinos Church, built in 1874 and later converted to a mosque. Then, take the opportunity to mix with the locals at a teahouse as you enjoy a cup of Turkish tea accompanied by a type of cookie made only in this region. On your way back to Cesme, you will stop to snap some photos of picturesque Alacati Bay.

Timing

08:30	Depart from Port.
09:00	Arrive to Alacati and visit Aios Constantinos Ch.
09:30	Depart from the Church
09:40	Visit the center of the Alacati and tea break
11:30	Depart for port
12:00	Arrive to port

Including Private Transportation from/to Cesme Port, Professional Speaking Guide, Entrance fees, Parking.

Excluding All Personal expenses, Driver & Guide Tips, Lunch.

Notes

- **Dressing Advice:** Comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended. Sunglasses, hat and sunscreen are suggested during summer season.
- **Walking Information:** Wear comfortable walking shoes. This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems. Shade is limited; please dress accordingly. Bring a hat and wear sunscreen. Modest attire is required; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered and shoes must be removed to enter the mosque. No flash photography inside the mosque.