

## REGULAR ISTANBUL SIGHTSEEING TOURS (08.02.2018 – 31.12.2018)

### **Byzantine & Ottoman Marvels (KRV1)**

Daily departure at around 08:30

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Language:** English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic

**Minimum Participant:** 1 pax

**Price:** EUR 29. -per person

**Price Includes:** Pick up and drop off from city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation and parking.

#### **TOUR PROGRAM:**

- After breakfast, we will start our full day sightseeing tour of Istanbul. First we will visit the **Blue Mosque**, famous for its blue Iznik (modern name: Nicaea) tiles and unique with its' 6 minarets. After the Blue mosque, we will walk to the **Hippodrome**, which was the center of sports events (chariots races and athletic games) and political activities in the old city. From the Hippodrome, we will walk to **Hagia Sophia, which** is right across from the Blue Mosque. Built as the church of divine wisdom, it is still one of the greatest marvels of architecture in the World. The Byzantine Emperor Justinian constructed it as a basilica in the 6th century. We will end the day after a visit to the **Grand Bazaar**. It is the biggest oriental bazaar (market) in the world with around 4,000 shops, which sell antiques, jewelry, gold, carpets, leather, etc.

#### **CLOSED**

**Hagia Sophia** is closed on Mondays and replaced with **Underground Cistern**.

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

### **Byzantine & Ottoman Wonders (KRV2)**

Daily departure at around 13:30

**Duration:** 3,5 hours

**Language:** English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic

**Minimum Participant:** 1 pax

**Price:** EUR 29. -per person

**Price Includes:** Pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation and parking.

#### **TOUR PROGRAM:**

We will visit the **Topkapi Palace Museum**, which was the imperial residence of Ottoman Sultans. Today in the rooms of this palace, there are exhibits of the imperial treasury, Chinese porcelain, weapons, and holy relics (**the Sword of King David, the staff of Moses, the Turban of Joseph, Relics of St. John the Baptist**). (*Harem is a separate museum and is not included in the program*)

After the visit of Topkapi Palace, our tour director will take you to the **monumental tombs of the Sultans**.

#### **CLOSED**

**Topkapi Palace** is closed on Tuesdays and replaced with Tour to Bosphorus and Spice Market.

### **Byzantine & Ottoman Complete (KRV 3)**

Daily departure at around 08:15

**Duration:** 8 hours

**Language:** English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic

**Minimum Participants:** 1 pax

**Price:** EUR 50. -per person

**Price Includes:** Pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, entrance fees, set menu lunch, guiding services, A/C transportation, parking fees.

#### **TOUR PROGRAM:**

After breakfast, we will start our full day sightseeing tour of Istanbul. First we will visit the **Blue Mosque**, famous for its blue Iznik (modern name: Nicaea) tiles and unique with its' 6 minarets. After the Blue mosque, we will walk to the **Hippodrome**, which was the center of sports events (chariots races and athletic games) and political activities in the old city. From the Hippodrome, we will walk to **Hagia Sophia, which** is right across from the Blue Mosque. Built as the church of divine wisdom, it is still one of the greatest marvels of architecture in the World. The Byzantine Emperor Justinian constructed it as a basilica in the 6th century. In the afternoon, we will continue with a tour of the **Topkapi Palace Museum**, which was the imperial residence of Ottoman Sultans. That day in the rooms of this palace, there are exhibits of the imperial treasury, Chinese porcelain, weapons, and holy relics (**the Sword of King David, the staff of Moses, the Turban of Joseph, Relics of St. John the Baptist**). After the visit of Topkapi Palace, our tour director will take you to the **monumental tombs of the Sultans**. We will end the day after a visit to the **Grand Bazaar**. It is **the biggest oriental bazaar** (market) in the world with around 4,000 shops, which sell antiques, jewelry, gold, carpets, leather, etc. \*

#### **C L O S E D**

**Hagia Sophia** is closed on Mondays and replaced with Underground Cistern.

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

**Topkapi Palace** is closed on Tuesdays and replaced with Tour to Bosphorus and Spice Market.

### **Beylerbeyi & Asia (KRV4)**

Daily departure at around 13:30

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Language:** English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic

**Minimum Participant:** 1 pax

**Price:** EUR 24. -per person

**Price Includes:** Pick up and drop off from city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation, parking fees.

#### **TOUR PROGRAM:**

**Camlica Hill:** This is the highest hill of the city. Locals come here to enjoy the breathtaking views of the city and its' Bosphorus Strait.

**Beylerbeyi Palace:** The lavishly appointed 19th century summer palace of the Ottoman Sultans is located on the Bosphorus. The opulence of the wall decorations and the ceilings were modeled after Europe. 19<sup>th</sup> century was the time when Ottoman tried to change in order to be more westernized.

#### **C L O S E D**

**Beylerbeyi Palace** is closed on Mondays and Thursdays, replaced with St. Chora Museum.

### **Bosporus Tour by Boat (Morning) (KRV 5)**

Daily departure at around 08:00.

**Duration:** 3 hours and 30 minutes

**Language:** English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic

**Minimum Participant:** 1 pax

**Price:** EUR 20. -per person

**Price Includes:** Pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation, parking fees.

#### **TOUR PROGRAM:**

We will start the day with a **Bosporus Cruise** on a regular boat. During the boat ride along the strait separating Asia and Europe, we will see imperial palaces, old Ottoman wooden mansions, Ottoman fortresses, embassy estates, and small fishing villages located on the Asian and European sides of Istanbul.

The **Spice Market** will be our second visit. Built in the 17th century, this is **the second largest oriental covered bazaar** in Istanbul. In the Spice Market, the enchanting and savory aroma of exotic oils, herbs and spices hang in the air. People looking for herbs, spices, tea and Turkish delight (candy) have frequented this 350-year-old market for centuries. Today also selling nuts, honey, dried fruits, traditional sweets, and herbal remedies, the Spice Bazaar's vendors will try to lure you into their shops with their amusing calls.

### **Private Bosporus & Asia (Morning) (KRV 6)**

Daily departure at around 08:00

**Duration:** 8 hours

**Language:** English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic

**Minimum Participant:** 1 pax

**Price:** EUR 40. -per person

**Price Includes:** Pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation, set menu lunch, parking fees.

#### **TOUR PROGRAM:**

**Bosporus Cruise:** We will start the day with a **Bosporus Cruise** on a regular boat. During the boat ride along the strait separating Asia and Europe, we will see imperial palaces, old Ottoman wooden mansions, Ottoman fortresses, embassy estates, and small fishing villages located on the Asian and European sides of Istanbul.

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**C L O S E D**

**Beylerbeyi Palace** is closed on Mondays and Thursdays, replaced with St. Chora Museum.

### **Private Princess Islands (KRV 7)**

Daily departure at around 08:00

**Duration:** 8 hours

**Language:** English, French, Arabic

**Minimum Participants:** 1 pax

**Price: EUR 40. -per person**

**Price Includes:** Pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, round trip boat tickets, lunch at a fish restaurant, tour of the island by horse-drawn Carriages, guiding services, A/C transportation, and parking are included

#### **TOUR PROGRAM:**

We will start the day with a cruise in the Marmara Sea to Princess Islands. We will stop at Büyükada, and take a horse-drawn carriage ride. Depending on time, we might visit a church on the island. There are beaches and we will have some time for sunbathing and swimming. Lunch will be in one of the fish restaurants of the island. In the evening, we will return to downtown Istanbul, and go to hotels.

### **KRV 8 - (Whirling Dervish Tour)**

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Whirling Dervishes, a well-recognized symbol of Turkey, are in fact members of the Sufi Order of Islam, or the Mevlevi—followers of the 13th century poet and mystic Mevlana Celaddin Rumi. At the historic Hodja Pasha you will witness a sema whirling ceremony which represents a mystical journey of man's spiritual ascent, accompanied by the haunting, mournful music of the traditional ney reed flute.

**Language:** English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic

**Price: € 40. -per person / min.2 pax**

- ☐ **Includes:** Transfers from/to hotel, Entrance fee, English Speaking Ass.

### **KRV9 – (Turkish Bath)**

Çemberlitaş Hamamı in Sultanahmet built by Ottoman master architect Sinan. Luxuriate in the steam, let yourself be massaged and exfoliated by the attendants, and let the hot rock melt your muscles. (Note: All authentic historic and neighborhood hamams are gender-separated so you can relax comfortably.)

**Language:** English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic

**Price: € 55. -per person / min.2 pax**

- ☐ **Includes:** Transfers from/to hotel, Entrance fee to Turkish Bath & Soap Massage, English Speaking Ass.

### **KRV10 – (Dinner Cruise on the Bosphorus)**

Daily departure at around 19:30

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Language:** No guiding services

**Minimum Participant:** 1 pax

**Price: EUR 45. -per person**

**Price Includes:** Pick up and drop off from/to city center hotels, fix menu dinner, limited local drinks (2 glass), belly dancers and Anatolian Folkloric dances show, A/C transportation.

#### **TOUR PROGRAM:**

An enchanted night cruise starts while you sip your welcome drink as the sun sets on Istanbul. Beneath the Bosphorus Bridge by moonlight, glide past the Ciragan Palace, nowadays Hotel Kempinski, Dolmabahce Palace on European shores and the Beylerbeyi Palace, Kanlica and Anatolian Fortress on Asian shores. A rich variety of open buffet dishes, specialities of Turkish Cuisine and barbeque, **unlimited local drinks**. The twinkling lights of the European shores from Tarabya to Bebek.

Transfer to hotels before goodnight Istanbul.