

REGULAR KUSADASI SIGHTSEEING TOURS (08.02.2018 – 31.10.2018)

Full Day Tour to Ephesus from Kusadasi (KRVKUS)

Daily departure at around 08:30

Duration: 6 hours

Language: English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese

Minimum Participant: 2 pax

Price: EUR 60. -per person

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

TOUR PROGRAM:

- After breakfast leave for Ephesus, visit the shrine of Virgin Mary where she is said to have spent her later days. At Ephesus and see the spectacular ruins, some of which have only recently been excavated. We will see the Odeon, the Bouleterion, the Fountains, the Temples, the Brothel, the Library, the Double Church and the Stadium; Ancient city of Ephesus. The foundation of Ephesus by colonists of Hellenic stock took place between the 16th and 11th centuries B.C. Testament to the importance Ephesus had in the Roman world are the visits paid by illustrious figures such as Brutus, Cassius, Anthony and Cicero himself. The city grew and soon became an active commercial center, headquarters of the Roman Governor and one of the first five cities of the Empire. After lunch we will visit the Ephesus Museum and St. John's Basilica.

CLOSED

Ephesus Museum and St. John Basilica will be closed to visit on the first days of Religious Holidays.

Half Day Shore Excursion from Kusadasi (KRVKUS-RE1)

Daily departure at around 08:30

from Kusadasi Cruise Port

Duration: 3 hours

Language: English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese

Minimum Participant: 2 pax

Price: EUR 40. -per person

Price Includes: Pick up and drop off from/to Kusadasi Cruise Port, entrance fees, guiding services, A/C transportation and parking.

TOUR PROGRAM:

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. Visit the shrine of Virgin Mary where she is said to have spent her later days. Shopping time for the well-known merits of the area. Return to Kusadasi Port.

Full Day Shore Excursion from Kusadasi (KRVKUS-RE2)

Daily departure at around 08:30 from Kusadasi Cruise Port

Duration: 7 hours

Language: English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese

Minimum Participants: 2 pax

Price: EUR 42. -per person

Price Includes: Pick up and drop off from/to Kusadasi Cruise Port, entrance fees, set menu lunch, guiding services, A/C transportation, parking fees.

TOUR PROGRAM:

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. Walk back to your coach along the Arcadian Way, where once Mark Anthony and Cleopatra rode in procession. It is already time for lunch. Taste the local food before you continue with the visit Basilica of St John. It is believed that the evangelist St. John had spent his last years in the region around Ephesus and buried in the southern slope of Ayosolug Hill. Three hundred years after the death of Saint Paul, a small chapel was constructed over the grave in the 4th century. The church was changed into a marvellous basilica during the reign of Emperor Justinian (527 -565 AD). The monumental basilica was in the shape of a cross and was covered with six domes. Its construction, being of stone and brick, is an extremely rare find amongst the architecture of its time. Raised by two steps and covered with marble, the tomb of St John was under the central dome; that was once carried by the four columns at the corners. Return to Kusadasi centre. Those requiring will find some free time at Kusadasi market before you sail to your next destination.

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St.John Basilica will be closed to visit on the first days of Religious Holidays.