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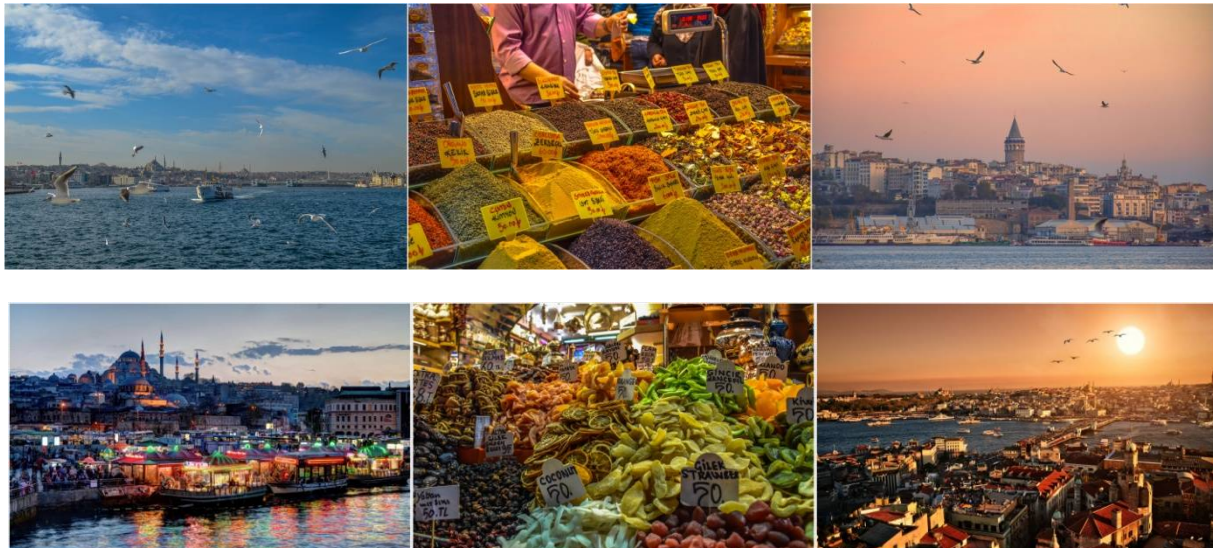


İSTANBUL EXTENSION PACKAGE (3 NIGHTS & 4 DAYS)

Starting from 290€!!!

1. Day: Arival to İstanbul (Half Day Bosphorus Cruise with Spice Market)

Arrival to İstanbul. Pick-up from the airport. Then we drive to Eminönü to start our **Bosphorus Cruise** with **Spice Market Tour**. In this tour, you will have chance to see the gorgeous **Bosphorus** during your boat journey. The Bosphorus is the unique strategic waterway which connects the two continents -Europe and Asia- so it is a bridge between European and Asian Sides that makes Istanbul unique as well. You'll also have a chance to see **Spice Market**. Being within the complex of **Yeni Camii**, **Spice Market** hosts 88 shops which are all under the same dome. You will feel that Istanbul is a vibrant city while smelling the scents of spices and herbs, trying different tastes like **Turkish delight**, seeing the lights and hearing the sounds of the crowd. We suggest you to indulge yourself with **halvah and baklava** while drinking your **Turkish coffee**. After tour, we are transferred to our hotel in Taksim. Overnight stay in İstanbul at Taksim.



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2. Day: İstanbul (Full Day İstanbul Classics & Ottoman Relics - by walk)

After breakfast at the hotel, we start our tour **İstanbul Classics & Ottoman Relics**. We're doing this tour on foot. In this tour, you'll have a chance to see **Hagia Sophia - Aya Sofya (532-537)**, which is one of the most impressive architectural samples of Byzantium Era and it is absolutely mystical unique example of art where you can see motifs and traces of Christianity and Islam together. Thereafter, we visit **Blue Mosque - Sultan Ahmet Camii**, Imperial Mosque of Sultan Ahmet (1609-1616) is one of the great masterpieces of the world and it is the last sample of classical Ottoman architecture. Then, we visit **Hippodrome of Constantinople - Sultanahmet Meydanı**. In the past, It is being used as an arena for chariot races, athletic activities and rebellions in Byzantium Era, Hippodrome was also used for similar purposes including executions in Ottoman Period. Today, it is the heart of the Old City which hosts other ancient monuments. **Lunch will be taken during tour in a local restaurant (there will be veggie options the menu)**. After lunch, we visit **Topkapi Imperial Palace - Topkapi Sarayı**. The palace was started to build in 1460 and finished in 1478 for Sultan Mehmet - the conqueror of İstanbul, Topkapi Palace was the primary residence of Ottoman Sultans. The palace was transformed into a museum in 1924 and was declared as a World Heritage by UNESCO in 1985. Thereafter, we visit **Basilica Cistern - Yerebatan Sarnıcı**. This subterranean structure was commissioned by Emperor Justinian and built in 532. The largest surviving Byzantine cistern in İstanbul, it was constructed using 336 columns, many of which were salvaged from ruined temples and feature fine carved capitals. Then we visit **Historical Grand Bazaar - Kapalı Çarşı (1461)**. In addition to its historical importance, it's a bazaar that will tempt even the no shoppers with its rich collection of precious handmade carpets, jewellery, leather and souvenirs. After tour we are transferred to our hotel in Taksim. **Free time for shopping in İstiklal Street - İstiklal Caddesi**, which is the most popular shopping street in İstanbul, also it is considered the heart of İstanbul which is only 5 minutes by walk from our hotel in Taksim. Overnight stay in İstanbul at Taksim.



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3. Day: İstanbul (Half Day Asian Side & Dolmabahce Palace)

After breakfast at the hotel, we start our tour **Asian Side & Dolma Bahce Palace**. This is half day tour and it includes following sightseeing's: **Dolma Bahce Palace - Dolmabaçe Sarayı** which is being royal residence of Ottoman dynasty after 1856, this spectacular palace is a combination of **Art Nouveau and Baroque style**. The palace has cost 5 million Ottoman gold coins which are equal to 40 tons of gold today. 14 tons of gold in the form of gold leaf were used to gild the ceilings of the palace which cover 45,000 square meters mono block. Last Sultan left the palace in 1923 when The Republic of Turkey was founded. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk also breathed his last over there. Today, Dolmabahce Palace serves as a museum. Then we see **Bosphorus Bridge - Bogaziçi Köprüsü**, the first bridge of Istanbul which was built in 1973 connects the two continents. Thereafter, we see **Camlica Hill - Çamlica Tepesi**, the highest point of Istanbul which offers extensive panoramic view of the city including Bosphorus. After Camlica Hill, we'll visit **Golden Horn - Haliç** district by bus. Golden Horn is an inlet of the Bosphorus dividing the city of Istanbul. It is called as Golden Horn because of its shape. During Ottoman Empire, lots of non-muslims lived in that area so you can see lots of churches and synagogues over there today. You will visit this district by bus after Camlica Hill. Finally, we'll see **Fener Greek Patriarchate (Fener Rum Patrikhanesi)**. Its role as the Mother Church among the most modern Orthodox churches makes it very important place to visit. Since 1586, the Orthodox Patriarchate has had its headquarters in the relatively modest Church of St. George in Fener district of Istanbul. After tour we are transferred to our hotel in Taksim. Free time for shopping in İstiklal Street - İstiklal Caddesi Overnight stay in İstanbul at Taksim.



4. Day: Departure from İstanbul

After breakfast at the hotel, we're transferred to the airport for return. Departure from İstanbul. End of our services.



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Per person package price for İstanbul Extention starting from 290€

Price based on per person in a DBL room

Minimum 10 pax

Included Services in PACKAGE PRICE:

- İstanbul Atatürk (Sabiha Gökçen) Airport return airport transfer
- 1. Day Tour: Half Day Bosphorus Cruise with Spice (Pick up & drop off from/to your hotel)
- 2. Day Tour: Full Day İstanbul Classics & Ottoman Relics (Pick up & drop off from/to your hotel)
- 3. Day Tour: Half Day Asian Side & Dolmabahce Palace
- Professional Guidance (English, German, Dutch, Turkish language options, please ask for other languages)
- Lunch on the 2.Day Tour (veggie options on the menu, drinks are not included)
- 2 night accommodation at a hotel in Taksim area
- All transfers as per mentioned in the itinerary
- Entrance to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- 2 breakfast at a hotel in Taksim area

Excluded Services in PACKAGE PRICE:

- Personal expenses
- Drinks during lunch on the 2. Day Tour.
- Customary tip to driver and tour guide
- Anything unless specified being included



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