

Tour Option 2:

İSTANBUL

23-24 October 2010



Due to her geographic location, İstanbul has always been a settlement area from early ages onwards. And besides connecting the two continents, Europe and Asia, İstanbul has become a center where various cultures and religions are combined, survived and succeeded each other.

Istanbul of the day conforms the definition of a great city, not only with her population and the area she covers but also with the variety of cultures and ways of living. This cultural structure which enables a good number of elements that contradict with each other and yet exist together even one in another, is the produce of an accumulation of about one thousand years. Although first settlements in İstanbul were observed in prehistoric periods, continual settlements, however, have started in the colonial period. Foundations of today's İstanbul were laid during recent periods of the Roman Empire. Byzantium and Ottoman periods are the most significant stages in the history of İstanbul. In both of these periods, İstanbul has preserved her features of being a political and religious center and has become the religious center of both the Christianity and the Islam. Therefore, she was ornamented with many great monuments with different functions belonging to these two religions. Although Ankara was elected to be the capital during the Republic period, İstanbul conserved her characteristic of being the cultural capital.





Tour Program

DAY 1 :

Meeting with your guide and departure from Ankara at 07:30 a.m. After 5 hours trip, arrival to İstanbul. Visiting the pearls of the city; Hagia Sophia (St. Sophia) - it is the supreme masterpiece of Byzantine architecture; the Blue Mosque famous for its blue tiles; the Basilica Cistern is the largest and most magnificent covered cistern in İstanbul; Topkapı Palace – it was the official and primary residence in the city. Turkish Night will be held (spiritous beverage alternatives, belly dancer, folkloric dance, unlimited entertainment...) in the evening. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 2 :

After breakfast visiting the magnificent Dolmabahçe Palace and boat trip on Bosphorus. Then free time in the Grand Bazaar (Covered Bazaar). Return to Ankara.

Tour Fee:

Double Room: 200€

Single Room: 250€

Tour fee Includes:

* Transportation in air-conditioned vehicle, all of the tours which is mentioned in itinerary, Boat Trip along Bosphorus, Dinner at Kumkapı, Private Professional guiding services

* All lunches and beverages, Turkish Night, Entrance fees to museums, Personal expenses and tips are not included in the tour fee.