

ISTANBUL & BURSA TRAVEL ITINERARY GROUP TOUR 2021

Close your eyes and imagine yourself in a city; the mysticism of the East and the modernity of the West, the constantly time travel between the past and the future, the balance of the traditional and the modern. Istanbul not only joins continents, it also joins cultures and people and Experiences

DAY 1

Departure from Nairobi or Istanbul on Turkish Airline Direct Flight for arrival at Mid-Morning. Pick up on Air Conditioned **Bus (Joint Transfers to Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Topkapi) Check in to the Hotel and Relaxation for the Day (Free to Walk Around the City in the Afternoon)**

Pre Departure Checklist

Ensure you have Turkish Visa , Your Insurance Policy, Yellow Fever Card and Cash Or Card for Personal Use During the trip

For any COVID-19 Related Information follow link for Updates
<https://www.turkishairlines.com/en-int/announcements/coronavirus-outbreak/>

04:25 NBO (Nairobi) Direct ^(6h 45m) 11:10 IST (Istanbul)



DAY 2

Pick Up from the Hotel Lobby at 9:00am and Begin your tour by driving to the very heart of old Istanbul, the Sultanahmet Square. Once the sporting and social Centre of Constantinople with a huge horseracing circuit, it is now a beautiful square in the heart of the city and still contains relics of the original structure. Tour its key points and learn about the atmospheric events that would regularly take place here.



Stop at: Hagia Sophia, Ayasofya Square, Sultanahmet, Istanbul 34122 Turkey Hagia Sophia, the Church of Divine Wisdom, one of the greatest marvels of architecture, constructed as a basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian **Duration: 1 hour** Hagia Sophia, Turkish Ayasofya, Latin Sancta Sophia, also called Church of the Holy Wisdom or Church of the Divine Wisdom, an important Byzantine structure in Istanbul and one of the world's great monuments. It was built as a Christian church in the 6th century CE (532–537) under the direction of the Byzantine emperor Justinian I. In subsequent centuries it became a mosque, a museum, and a mosque again. The building reflects the religious changes that have played out in the region over the centuries, with the minarets and inscriptions of Islam as well as the lavish mosaics of Christianity.

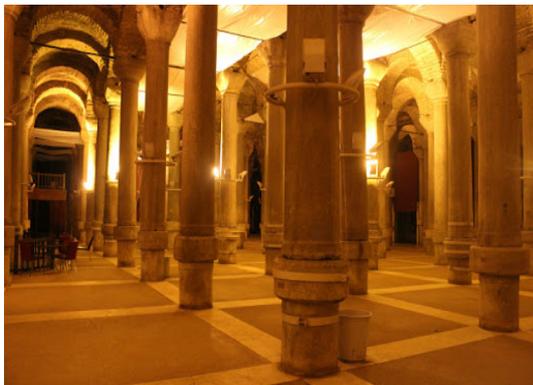
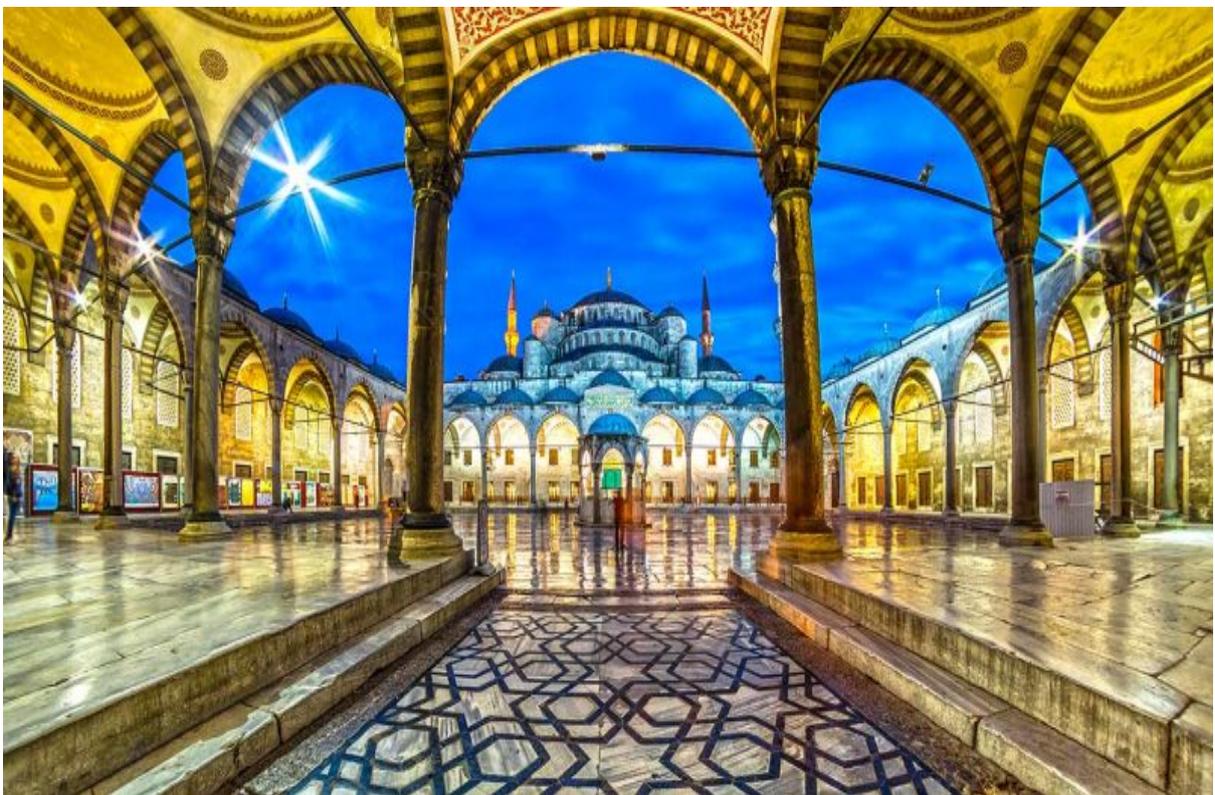


Stop At: Blue Mosque, Sultanahmet Mah At Meydani Cad No 7, Istanbul 34122 Turkey Blue Mosque, facing Hagia Sophia, famous with its blue İznik tiles and unique with 6 minarets, built in the name of Sultan Ahmet. **Duration: 30 minutes** Sultan Ahmed Mosque (Turkish: Sultan Ahmet Camii), also known as the Blue Mosque, is an Ottoman-era Friday mosque located in Istanbul, Turkey. A functioning mosque, it also attracts large numbers of tourist visitors. It was constructed between 1609 and 1616 during the rule of Ahmed I. Its Külliye contains Ahmed's tomb, a madrasah and a hospice. Hand-painted blue tiles adorn the mosque's interior walls, and at night the mosque is bathed in blue as lights frame the mosque's five main domes, six minarets and eight secondary domes. It sits next to the Hagia Sophia, the principal mosque of Istanbul until the Blue Mosque's construction and another popular tourist site.

Stop at: Grand Bazaar Jewelers, Alemdar Mah. Bab-I Ali Cad. Guran Han No:34 D. 4, Istanbul 34110 Turkey Grand Covered Bazaar, most attractive shopping center and the biggest "souk" in the world with nearly 4000 shops selling antiques, jewellery, gold, carpets, leatherware and souvenir. **Duration: 1 hour**

Stop At: Hippodrome, Binbirdirek, Sultan Ahmet Park No:2, Istanbul Turkey The Hippodrome of Constantinople Romanized: Hippódromos tēs Kōnstantinouπόλεōs) was a circus that was the sporting and social Centre of Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine Empire. Today it is a square named Sultanahmet Meydanı (Sultan Ahmet Square) in the Turkish city of Istanbul, with a few fragments of the original structure surviving.

Duration: 30 minutes The Cistern of Philoxenos (Greek: Κινστήρνα Φιλοξένου), or Binbirdirek Cistern, is a man-made subterranean reservoir in Istanbul, situated between the Forum of Constantine and the Hippodrome of Constantinople in the Sultanahmet district. It has been restored and is now visited as a tourist attraction. The entrance is located at İmran Öktem Sokak .Binbirdirek Cistern is the second largest cistern in Istanbul after the Basilica Cistern



Free Time in the Afternoon, to Relax at the Hotel, Indulge in Shopping or Touring the Rest of the City of Istanbul

DAY 3

Pick up from the Hotel at 7:30am We travel by ferry to Yalova, then by luxury coach to the city of Bursa*, which dates back to the 2nd century B.C. The first capital of the Ottoman Empire, Bursa is one of the greatest treasure houses of Islamic architecture. **HISTORICAL BURSA** - The first capital city of the Ottoman Empire! Despite its smaller size, many of Bursa's Ottoman landmarks rival those of Istanbul. Best of all, this lush city, known as "Green Bursa", rests at the base of Mt. Uludag, a forested peak once thought to be the mythical Mt. Olympus. Enjoy a magical day of incomparable architectural wonders and natural beauty.



Green mosque and Green Mausoleum will be first stop in Bursa, both built by 5th Ottoman Sultan Mehmet Çelebi in 15th century. Then we will climb up Uludag Mountain by cable car and have fun with magnificent city view. You will want to take photo in every seconds while passing through forest with lots of tree species. You will go to top of mountain which is 2.486 metres above sea level and feel fresh air. We will have lunch on the Mountain with Barbeque. Next, you will see gorgeous Old Tree which is more than 600 years old. While coming back to Istanbul, we will stop one of the most famous delight factory with most delicious ones in Bursa. Late evening return to Istanbul and transfer to hotel



Green mosque

DAY 4

Relaxation in the Morning, or Personal Off Itinerary Tours (We Can Arrange for More Intriguing Experiences i.e. a Photographic Tour by a

Local Inclusive of Professional Photos, Turkish Bath at Aga Hammami or a Tour of Princess Islands. (Note that this will be on Extra Cost)

Evening Pick Up at 18;45 at the Hotel Lobby. Dine in style as you cruise past illuminated city landmarks like the Blue Mosque, Dolmabahçe Palace and the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge on this 3.5-hour evening cruise along the Bosphorus. Sample typical Turkish cuisine and wine as you watch the sunset over the Istanbul skyline, then settle back to enjoy some traditional entertainment, including belly dancing and folk music, Show Program, Whirling Dervish Turkish, Gypsy Dance, Henna Ceremony, Caucasian Dance Belly Dancer, Group Show Turkish Folk Dance, Professional DJ Performance



DAY 5

Relaxation in the Morning, Breakfast and Check Out from the Hotel at 12Pm. Luggage Can Remain at the Lobby for Last Minute Shopping and Pick up at 4:30pm for Transfer to Airport and Flight Back to Nairobi

20:15 IST (Istanbul)

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02:55 NBO (Nairobi)