



1. 4 nights hotel accommodation in a good centrally located 4* hotel
2. 3 Full day sightseeing tours as in the itinerary below
3. Return airport transfers by private car
4. Airport taxes, fuel surcharges and hotel taxes
5. Travel insurance

AED 2250.00 per person
Twin Sharing

ITINERARY:

Day 01: Arrival at Istanbul

After arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel of your preference. Check into your hotel and relax. This spectacular city is divided into two continents by the river Bosphorus.

Day at leisure, overnight at the Hotel.

Day 02: City Tour for Asia and Bosphorus

After breakfast, depart for a full day Asia and Bosphorus tour. Our tour begins with a drive across the magnificent Bosphorus Suspension Bridge, which divides the continents of Europe and Asia. Then, we continue to Camlica Hill, the highest point of Istanbul. From here you can take photos of the stunning panorama before you. A short drive from here is the summer palace of the Sultans which is located in a small village by the Bosphorus called Beylerbeyi. Beylerbeyi Palace is a mansion built under the influence of Western architecture in the 19th century and we will take a guided tour of its extravagantly decorated interior. After lunch visit the Egyptian Spice Bazaar which is full of the mystical aromas of various spices and colorful shops selling fruit, vegetables, flowers and fish etc. Next we board our boat for a cruise along the Bosphorus, the waterway separating the two continents of Europe and Asia. As we travel, you will have the chance to see the European style palaces of the Ottomans and the palaces of Dolmabahce and Beylerbeyi, in striking contrast to some of the modern villas that line the shores. Overnight stay at the hotel

Day 03: Full day City Tour of Istanbul

After breakfast, set off on a full day tour to Hippodrome Square, the Blue Mosque, St.Sophia, Topkapi Palace, Rustem Pasa Mosque and the Grand Bazaar, a great place for souvenir shopping. See the Obelisk from Egypt, the Serpentine Column from Delphi and the fountain of Willhelm II. Continue to the Blue Mosque, one of the largest of Istanbul. It is one of the principal adornments on the skyline and also famous for its blue tiles and 6 minarets. Then visit St. Sophia, one of the most magnificent Byzantine churches, and nominated the 8th wonder of the world by many historians. After lunch continue to Topkapi Palace (including the jewellery section), the imperial residence from which the Great Ottoman Empire was ruled but today a museum holding large collections of Japanese and Chinese porcelains and displaying holy relics. Proceed to Rustem Pasa Mosque, built in 16th century by architect Sinan. The tour ends at the Grand Bazaar tempting souvenir-hunters with its rich collection of precious handmade carpets, jewellery and leather. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04: Full day trip to Bursa

After breakfast, set off on a full day trip to Bursa, the first capital of the Ottoman Empire, this makes for an interesting historical and cultural excursion out of Istanbul. We depart by ferry early in the morning to Yalova and then continue by deluxe vehicle (depending upon number of passengers in the group) to Bursa, the former Ottoman capital. Acclaimed as Turkey's 'Emerald City', Bursa contains a rich and underrated historical legacy. We visit the Green Mosque, the Green Mausoleum and the Grand Mosque. After lunch at a very nice 'Kebab' Restaurant, we visit the covered Bazaar and Old Silk Market. After a short drive through the countryside surrounding Bursa, we arrive at one of the oldest Turkish villages, Cumalikizik, where the oldest examples of the early Ottoman civil architecture can be seen. Return to Istanbul and overnight at hotel

Day 05: Departure to Home

Day free till afternoon, check-out and be transferred to Istanbul airport for your flight back to Dubai.

*Offer valid till 25th Aug 2011 *Terms & conditions apply