

#### ISTANBUL

# ISTANBUL – PAMUKKALE – EPHESUS – ISTANBUL (4 NIGHTS – 5 DAYS PROGRAM)

## Sample Tours #2

#### Day 1 - Istanbul

Arrival to Istanbul / Meet& Great welcoming service at the airport CIP Service has been designed to offer the highest level of comfort for luxurious conveniences. You will be greeted at the plane gate upon your arrival, entrance procedures will be completed at the exclusive "Meet & Greet" CIP Service Passport Counter. Your luggage will be taken care of by an exclusively assigned porter. And you will be introduced to your Professional Guide after the customs clearance and escorted to your vehicle. Transfer to your hotel which will take approx. 1 hour.

#### Day 2 - Istanbul

After the breakfast departure for the full day city tour in Istanbul.

St. Sophia: The magnificent Byzantine Church; one of the finest architectural works in the world. It has been nominated as the 8th wonder of the world by many historians. Considered one of the world's most beautiful buildings, the Hagia Sofia, which means Church of Holy Wisdom of God, is an important surviving example of Byzantine architecture.

Blue Mosque; One of the largest mosques in Istanbul dating from the 17th century it is one of the principal adornments on the skyline of Istanbul. Also famous for its blue tiles and 6 minarets.

Hippodrome: The former center of sportive and political activities of Constantinople. During the visit, you'll be able to see the Obelisk from Egypt Serpentine Column; from Delphi and the fountain of Wilhelm II. and Obelisk of Theodosius; This obelisk once graced the Karnak Great Temple of Amun (Amon) in ancient Thebes (now, Luxor).







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It was one of two erected at the south of the 7th Pylon of the Great Temple by Tuthmosis III. No one knows who ordered its removal from Karnak, or whether it was still standing when it was taken. Serpent Column; is an ancient column at the Hippodrome in Sultanahmet quarter of Istanbul, Turkey. It is an ancient Greek sacrificial tripod, originally located in Delphi and later relocated to Constantinople by Constantine in 324. The serpent heads of the 8-meter high column remained until the end of the 17th century.

**Topkapi Palace**: The former imperial residence from where the Great Ottoman Empire was ruled. Today a spectacular museum that has one of the largest collections of Chinese and Japanese porcelain.

**Grand Bazaar**; In addition to its historical importance, it's a bazaar that will tempt even the non-shoppers with its rich collection of precious handmade carpets, jewelry, leather and souvenirs.



After the breakfast transfer to the airport for the flight to Denizli (approx. 1 Hr), Upon your arrival at Denizli Airport you will be met by our driver and transferred to Pamukkale to join the daily Pamukkale Day Trip tour.

#### Visit Pamukkale & Hierapolis.

In Pamukkale, you will see the Cotton Cliffs, one of the natural wonders of the world formed by deposits of calcareous salts. Also visit the ancient ruins of the City of Hierapolis with its basilica, theatre and Roman Baths. After the tour, transfer to Sirince village near Selcuk / Ephesus the drive will take approx. 3 hrs. and overnight at Sirince.







#### DAY 4 - Ephesus - Istanbul

After the breakfast start with the visit of ancient city Ephesus,

#### Visit of Magnificent Ephesus Ancient City;

A visit to Ephesus, one of the largest and best-preserved ancient cities in the world, is a must for those who are interested in archaeology and culture. Ephesus, once the most important commercial center of the western Anatolia, is one of the highlights of Turkey.



Visit of Virgin's Mary House; It is the place where Mary may have spent her last days. Indeed, she may have come in the area together with Saint John, who spent several years in the area to spread Christianity.

#### DAY 5 - Istanbul

Departure from the hotel with deluxe Mercedes Vito, after arrival to the airport you will be assisted until the check-in desk.



#### Included:

Bed & Breakfast (5\* Hotel) chauffeur-drive (Mercedes Vito A/C) English speaking licensed guide Entrance fees Round-Trip Domestic Flights

#### Excluded;

Lunch Dinner Driver and Guide gratuities