

## Daily and Pre&Post Conference Tour Suggestions

**27<sup>th</sup> of April**

### **Ottoman Secrets Full Day**



**09.30** Departure to the old city and visit the Topkapi Palace which was the royal residence of the Ottoman Sultans more than 400 years. Continue visiting Suleymaniye Mosque, which was built by Sinan, the Great Architect under the patronage of Sultan Suleyman the Magnificent. Stroll down through the old narrow streets of Mahmut Paşa, observing the masses of local people in their colorful daily motion.

**12.30** Lunch at a local restaurant.

**14.00** After lunch continue visiting Rustem Pasha Mosque, a small masterpiece from the 16th century, famous for its tiles. Lastly, explore the spirit of the orient in the streets of Spice Bazaar.

**16.30** Return to hotel

**Per Person 85 Euro**

**27<sup>th</sup> of April**

### **Bosphorus Cruise & Sadberk Hanım Museum**

**09.00** Departure from the hotel. Board on a private boat for 1,5 hours -**Bosphorus Cruise**. While cruising along the strait, just relax and admire the shoreline of beautiful mosques, lavish palaces, and decadent villas - you'll see Dolmabahce and Beylerbeyi Palaces, Ottoman summer mansions and Ortakoy mosque, the defensive Rumeli Fortress and Bosphorus Bridge - one of the world's largest suspension bridges.

**11.00** Disembark at Yeniköy and visit the Sadberk Hanım Museum, a gracious three-story waterfront mansion housing a rich collection of Anatolian works of arts, antiques and relics dating back to 6,000 BC.

**12.30** Return to Hotel

**Per Person 80 Euro**

# Oasis

**1<sup>st</sup> of May**

## **Byzantine Secrets Full Day**

**09.00** Departure from the hotel. Cross the Ataturk Bridge on Golden Horn and drive along the City Walls dating back to the 6th century ad. built by Theodosius II. Visit Fener Roman Orthodox Patriarchate. Then visit Chora Church, an ancient Byzantine church which had been converted into a mosque in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, famous for the finest example of Byzantine mosaics decorating the ceiling and the walls with scenes taken from the old and the New Testament. Take a stroll through the typical Turkish neighborhood around the church and visit Zeyrek Camii, (Pantocrator) one of the oldest Byzantine churches dating back to 5th-century a.d.

**12.30** Lunch at Sultanahmet Koftecisi.

**14.00** After lunch drive to the old town to visit the Saint Sophia Church Museum which was the largest Church of the East Roman Empire, then converted into a mosque during the Ottoman Era, now serves a museum for visitors from all over the world. Continue visiting the Underground Cistern Basilica which was built as a part of the St. Sophia Complex and served as the water reservoir of the city both during the Byzantine and the Ottoman Empires.

**17.00** Return to hotel

**Per Person 90 Euro**

**1<sup>st</sup> of May**

## **The Old Town; Mosques & Palaces**



**09.00** Departure from the hotel by private coach. Tour includes visits to The Roman Hippodrome, The Blue Mosque, famous for the Blue Iznik tiles decorating the interior part. Then walk onto the St. Sophia Church-Museum, one of the most remarkable cathedrals of the world, dating back to the 6th-century a.d.

Walk into Topkapi Palace, which was the royal seat of the Ottoman Sultans for more than 400 years. Lunch will be served at Konyali Restaurant. The last visit will be to the Istanbul Archaeological Museum which houses the remnants from pre-historic times to Greek, Roman & Byzantine periods. The highlight is the sarcophagus of Alexander the Great and the Grand Bazaar, the world's oldest and the largest covered market.

**17.30** return to Hotel

**Per Person 95 Euro**



## Pre & Post Tours

### 1 night Ephesus Tour – 26-27 April 2020

**Day 01** Flight to Izmir in the morning. Drive to Ephesus, one of the most well-preserved Greco-Roman city of the ancient world. Tour starts with a visit to Mother Mary's House which was announced as to be a pilgrimage place for Roman Catholics by Pope Paul VI. Then visit the spectacular remains and edifices of the city of Ephesus including the State Agora, Odeon, Curetes Street, Marble Road. Temples of Hadrian and Trajan. Then onto Celcius Library and finally the famous Amphitheatre where St.Paul preached to Ephesians. Afternoon, continue visiting St. John's Basilica and the local museum where the major findings from Ephesus on display. Dinner & overnight in Selcuk.

**Day 02** After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Istanbul

#### Tour Price

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| Per person in twin room   | 305 Euro |
| Per person in single room | 15 Euro  |

#### Tour price includes:

- \* 1-night accommodation in first class hotels
- \* Istanbul - Izmir - Istanbul domestic flight, economy class
- \* above mentioned sightseeing tours and transfers, entrance fees
- \* 1 dinner, 1 lunch, and 1 breakfast

### 1 night Cappadocia Tour - 1-2 May 2020

**Day 01** a.m. fly to Kayseri or Nevsehir and transfer to your hotel in Cappadocia. Full day tour of Cappadocia. Tour will include the Open Air Museum of Göreme, where this religious education was started. You will visit the churches, chapels, and monasteries carved into the fairy chimneys from the 10th to the 13th centuries with frescos painted on the walls Lunch in a typical cave restaurant. Continue to Kaymakli underground cities where the early Christians once sheltered from non-Christian tribes. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

**Day 02** After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Istanbul

#### Tour Price

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| Per person in twin room   | 290 Euro |
| Per person in single room | 45 Euro  |

#### Tour price includes:

- \* 1-night accommodation in first class hotels
- \* Istanbul – Kayseri/Nevsehir – Istanbul domestic flight, economy class
- \* above mentioned sightseeing tours and transfers, entrance fees
- \* 1 dinner, 1 lunch and 1 breakfast

**All of the above tours will be operated with the participation of minimum of 6 persons. All tours will be conducted by expert English-Speaking Guides unless another language speaking guide is required and private deluxe coaches.**



## **FLIGHTS**

There are 2 airports in İstanbul. İstanbul Airport (new one) is on the European side and most of the international flights and domestic flights use this airport. Most of you will probably be landing to this airport. İstanbul Sabiha Gokcen Airport is the one on the Asian side and some domestic flights depart from this airport as well as some international flights.

## **TRAVEL TO/FROM AIRPORT**

There are taxis available at the airports. Taxis from Ataturk Airport cost around 125 TL to 150 TL to Sultanahmet and around Taksim. Taxis from Sabiha Gokcen Airport cost around 110 to 130 TL to Sultanahmet and around Taksim. (All prices vary depending on time spent in traffic). If you would like to arrange an airport transfer (for example if you are arriving in a group) please contact Oasis directly. Transfers costs are around € 90 up to 8 people. There are also buses operated by a company called Havaist (from İstanbul APT) and Havabus (from SAW) which is approximately 3 €. Depending on traffic (which can be heavy during morning and evening rush hour), it may take up to 1 hour to travel to Sultanahmet and up to 2 hours to Taksim from İstanbul Airport. Please factor in travel time when planning your arrival & departure.

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