



## City stay in Istanbul

2-Night Pre-voyage City stay

Program Begins in: Istanbul

Program Concludes in: Istanbul

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Experience life as a local in Istanbul, where unique historical and cultural riches collide in a city that's hosted many different civilizations. This special city, spread over two continents, is admired for its charming character and attractive atmosphere. Here, the past and future come together, in a modern city with a sense of history at every step. Discover the special natural features, vibrant nightlife, rich cuisine, and culture found in each region of the city influenced by the past 2,500 years. On your journey, spend two nights in Istanbul where you'll live like a local as you visit landmarks, eat delicious and authentic meals, and connect with the local people in the city of four empires.

**Many countries (including USA/Canada/Australia) require e-Visas to enter Turkey. They are available online for a small fee & must be obtained prior to arrival. United Kingdom nationals can enter Turkey without a visa. Guests without a valid visa for Turkey will not be permitted to travel and will be in 100% cancellation penalty. All Passport details should be confirmed at the time of booking. Sales of this program close 90 days prior: book early to avoid disappointment, as space is limited.**

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit Topkapı Palace, the former main residence of Ottoman Sultans, now a large museum and treasure trove of items of historical importance.
- Step into the stunning architecture of Hagia Sophia.. Sophia Mosque.
- See the Byzantine Hippodrome, once the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life. Here, find the Obelisk of Theodosius from Egypt, the Serpentine Column from Delphi, and the German Fountain constructed for Wilhelm II.
- Enjoy a local lunch in the heart of the old city.
- Explore Grand Bazaar, one of the largest covered markets in the world with nearly 4,000 shops, and enjoy a presentation on the art of Turkish carpet weaving.
- Taste a delicious and authentic dinner at one of the best Kebab Houses in the city

- In the evening, witness the astonishing music and moves of a Sema Ceremony, a spiritual journey of Dervishes Whirling for divine love.
- Visit Beylerbeyi Palace, a glorious 19th-century monument with gardens and mansions, overlooking the vast waters of the Bosphorus.

## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### Day 1

Upon arrival at Istanbul Airport or Sabiha Gökçen Airport, you will be driven to your hotel in Istanbul. After settling in, relax and spend the rest of the day exploring the city at your leisure. Your Azamara Host is available to help you plan your time in Istanbul, so you can make the most of your time.

### Day 2

After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, you depart to visit Topkapı Palace, built over 400 years and where 25 different sultans added their own creative vision. Then, it's onto Hagia Sophia Mosque, originally built as a Christian Orthodox church and once used as a mosque by the Ottoman Empire. Enjoy a special exclusive lunch in an authentic restaurant in the heart of the Old City, offering you dishes of today's Ottoman cuisine before heading to the Byzantine Hippodrome, once the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life. Next, visit the stunning architecture of the Blue Mosque, with over 20,000 shimmering blue İznik tiles inside. Then, learn about the unique art of Turkish carpet weaving followed by shopping time at the lively Grand Bazaar, one of the largest covered markets in the world. In the evening, witness the mystical ritual of the Sufi Mevlevi Order or "Whirling Dervishes" with the Sema ceremony, an astonishing experience of music and moves followed by an authentic dinner at one of the best Kebab Houses in the city.

*Notes: As Topkapı Palace is closed on Tuesdays, the visit will be replaced with Dolmabahçe Palace. As Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays, the visit will be replaced with Spice Market. As Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia Mosques are closed until 2:30 pm on Fridays, the order of itinerary is subject to change. Modest attire is required during mosque visits; knees, shoulders, and midriffs must be covered, and women must cover their head with a scarf, which will be provided by Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia. Shoes must be removed to enter the mosque(s). Shoe bags will be provided.*

### Day 3

Check out of your hotel after breakfast. Your Istanbul adventure continues with a guided visit of Beylerbeyi Palace, a magnificent palace overlooking the vast waters of the Bosphorus. This glorious 19th-century monument features serene gardens and fascinating mansions where the past merges with the present. Enjoy one last local lunch before boarding your immersive Azamara® cruise.

*Notes: As Beylerbeyi Palace is closed on Mondays, the visit will be replaced with Yıldız Palace.*

## WHAT YOUR CITY STAY PRICE INCLUDES:

- Arrival airport transfers to your hotel (all flight details must be confirmed 60 days prior or transfers are voided and non-refundable)
- 2-nights of accommodation at Grand Hyatt Hotel, Istanbul or similar— superior room
- Guided sightseeing in air-conditioned vehicle (exceptions may apply)
- Services of Professional English-Speaking Guide(s) and/or Tour Director as detailed in your itinerary
- Meals (2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches and 1 Dinner) and beverages (1 beer/wine/soft drink for lunch & 2 beer/wine/soft drink for dinner), as noted in your itinerary
- All planning, handling and operational charges, including entrance fees to the venues as noted in your itinerary

## NOT INCLUDED:

- Any item we mention in itinerary as being optional or on your own account
- International and regional airfare, unless otherwise stated
- Meals other than those mentioned in itinerary
- Excess baggage fees imposed by airlines or storage fees charged by hotels
- The cost of personal items such as laundry, telephone calls, Wi-Fi, and additional incidentals, etc.
- Optional and additional exploration not included in itinerary
- Cost of obtaining passports or required visas where necessary. Contact your travel professional or the appropriate Consulates and/or Embassies to determine if you have proper documentation prior to commencement of travel.
- Transport between your home and home airport/port/station
- Travel Protection Insurance
- Gratuities

**IMPORTANT NOTES:** This City stay involves a moderate amount of walking that may be strenuous at times. You will be required to walk up/down inclines and stairs, over paved, cobbled, and unpaved surfaces. We suggest you wear flat, non-slip walking shoes. This City stay is recommended to guests who are able to walk for extended periods, at a moderate pace. Guests who utilize a wheelchair may not be able to participate in all activities as described. If you require special assistance of any kind, please advise Azamara or your travel professional at the time of booking. **For all nationalities which require an e-Visa to enter Turkey, visas must be obtained prior to arrival. Those without a valid e-visa for Turkey will not be permitted to travel and will be in 100% cancellation penalty.**

Purchase your flights to Istanbul through Azamara. If booking independently, ensure you have the correct city and arrival date prior to reserving your flights. Azamara is not responsible for any disruption to your City stay due to independently-booked air issues.

All programs have a limited capacity and are available on a first-come basis. A minimum number of guests is required to operate this City stay. Should that minimum not be met, the program will be repriced and guests will have the option to cancel or repurchase at the new selling price. Cancellation penalties begin 120 days prior to sailing and will include any non-refundable air costs. Please read the full details of your City stay contained in your final guest documents, emailed to you approximately 30 days prior to your cruise. If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding your City stay, please contact us at 1-855-AZAMARA (292-6272)

This description is a general overview of the highlights of this City stay. Your City stay is operated by **Tura Turizm** and their local representative. The local representative will do everything possible to ensure that all of the sites described here are visited, though the tour sequence is subject to change. Closure of some sites due to local or national holiday observances, flight schedules, weather or other factors may affect the City stay, and the local representative reserves the right to substitute other sites if necessary. All programs are priced per person, based on double occupancy and by departure date, and may vary from the price indicated on this document. Single occupancy pricing may be available upon request but cannot be guaranteed. All pricing is subject to change. Book early for the best price.

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