
BOSPHORUS CRUISE

FULL DAY TOUR PROGRAMME

Now it is time to explore more to reach the horizon

Thinking about Istanbul, the first thing that comes to mind and the most remarkable thing that we can associate Istanbul with, is of course **the beautiful Bosphorus**. After a visit to the 17th century **Spice Bazaar**, you will have the chance to be on the meeting point of Asia and Europe, and to get lost among the waves of this vast sea. **The Egyptian Market (or Spice Market)** is filled with the fragrance of the exotic East. Spices, dried fruits, nuts and seeds, lokum (Turkish delight) and other edibles fill most of the shops in Istanbul's **Mısır Çarşısı**. You are lucky to buy and taste these delicious flavors.

After this short visit, it is time to take the ferryboat which will take us to the other side of the city. Along the entire course of the **Bosphorus** you can see tea garden and cafes, restaurants, old wooden houses (Yalis), the maiden's tower, mosques, castles, 19th century mansions, picturesque villages and the extravagant baroque palaces of the late Ottoman sultans. Enjoy the sun, enjoy the weather and don't forget that you can not find this azure world so easily.

The Rumeli Hisar and Anadolu Hisar fortress (built by the Turks in the 14th and 15th centuries) and also the **Bosphorus University** (Turkey's most important institute of higher education, where all the classes are conducted in English) will be the other points to be seen along the way.

We get off at **Sarıyer**, than drive back to **Baltalimanı** where you will have the chance to have your lunch in a restaurant with your favorite choice.

We will have lunch at Angel Blue Restaurant (www.an-gel.com.tr)

Meal Plan

- **STARTERS**
 - WHITE CHEESE**
 - EGGPLANT SALAD**
 - BARLOTTI IN OLIVE OIL**
- **HOT STARTERS**
 - FRIED CALAMARIES**
 - FISH MEATBALL (GRILLED)**
 - FISH PIE**
- **SALAD**
 - SEASONAL SALAD (served with seasonal greens corn and sauce)**
- **MAIN COURSE (choose one from the list)**
 - SEA BASS (GRILLED)**
 - GILTHEAD SEA BREAM (GRILLED)**
- **DESSERT**
 - ANGEL'S BAKLAVA**
- **Limited Drinks (2 soft or 2 Beers or 2 glass of wine)**
- **Tea / Coffee**

The bus will be waiting us net to the restaurant in order to complete the other half of the tour. We begin by driving across the first **Bosphorus Bridge** and head for the summit of **Çamlıca Hill**, which affords panoramic views of Istanbul, the Sea of Marmara and the **Princes' Islands***. From here a short drive brings us to **the Palace of Beylerbeyi** on the shore of **the Bosphorus**. **Beylerbeyi** is a "small" Istanbul summer palace overlooking **the Bosphorus** from its Asian shore. Built on orders of the Ottoman Sultan Abdulaziz (1861-1876), it's a

delightful, if ornate, imperial residence with a fountain in the main salon, the usual sumptuous chambers, Bohemian crystal chandeliers, Sèvres and Chinese vases, and pleasant gardens. The palace was often used as a guest house for visiting royalty. Empress Eugénie of France, Shah Nasruddin of Persia, Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia and other worthies enjoyed its comforts. Sultan Abdulhamid II was deposed by the Young Turks in 1909, and spent the last years of his life (1913-1918) under house arrest at **Beylerbeyi**. Much of the furniture in the palace was made by the sultan himself, who was an accomplished cabinet-maker. Our tour ends here. Now it is time to turn back to our hotels and have a rest after this long and beautiful day.

Tours run everyday *except* Mondays and Thursdays. (**Beylerbeyi Palace** is closed.)

Program inclusions

- Full day Transportation by A/C coach
- Guiding services in English
- Sites and Museum Entrances (Beylerbey Palace; Private Bosphorus Cruise)
- Parking fees, tips to the restaurants
- Meal as per given plan
- VAT of %18

Net Non Commissionable

Valid for min 25 full paying pax

Price per person: 115,00 USD