

BYZANTINE HERITAGE TOUR in ISTANBUL Full Day

Tour Code - IST4
Tour Days - Everyday (According to the available weather conditions)
Highlight - Hagia Sophia – Underground Cistern - Hipodrom Square

ITINERARY

After breakfast, meet your guide in hotel lobby at 08:30 am to start our tour in Istanbul.
Visit Hagia Sophia – Underground Cistern – Chora Church – City Walls - Hipodrom Square
Break time for lunch in a local restaurant. End of the tour drop to hotel overnight in Istanbul

Places To Visit

Hagia Sophia - Built between 532-537 by the Emperor Justinian when Istanbul was Byzantine Empire years, this magnificent example of Byzantine architecture boasts a magnificent massive dome, a lengthy nave, and an interior decorated with onyx marble, precious stones, and columns from Ephesus. Saint Sophia was the largest building in the world for over 1000 years.

Underground Cistern - is the largest indoor cistern in Istanbul. Built by Justinian in the (572 – 565). Cistern was built as a water reservoir to meet the public's water needs. The ceiling in the view of the column forest is bricks, cross-vaulted. The Underground Cistern is supported by 336 beautiful columns. The columns on two medusa heads made of marble is worth seeing.

Hippodrome Square - The large, open square was the site of a Roman circus that rivaled the Colosseum during the Roman Empire and was able to occupy more than a quarter of a million spectators. Among the monuments are the Snake Column from Delphi and an Egyptian obelisk of German Fountain at Luxor. Saint Sophia, Topkapi Palace, the Blue Mosque and the Cistern basilica are all around the Hippodrome square.

City Walls - We will travel by car by seeing the walls of Constantinople from the Topkapi Palace to Edirnekapi District.

The city walls of Istanbul were built for the first time in 203 years by Emperor Septimus Severus. The city walls, which completely turned the city, were built in the 5th century by Emperor Theodosius II. From the Golden Horn, you will admire the walls, which extend 6.5 km (4 miles) from the Sea of Marmara. You can look at them in many places in Istanbul, but it is best to combine the views of the city walls by visiting the Chora Church.

Chora Church - Kariye Museum is an important museum in Karagümrük district of Istanbul. During the Byzantine period, the church was used as a mosque in the Ottoman Empire. Since a historic building used as a museum since the establishment of the Republic of Turkey. It was built in 565 by the emperor Justinian in the 5th century. The mosaics and frescoes in the Chora museum are very beautiful examples from the Byzantine period. The vivid natural colors in the mosaics and frescoes represent the characteristic elements, figures, depths, movements, narratives and characters of the paintings.

End of the tour drop to your hotel or Istanbul port.

PRICES

*Regular tour mix group prices per person : **70 EURO**

* **Private Tour prices** : Rates are based on per person

2 Pax	3 - 4 Pax	5 - 6 Pax	7 - 8 Pax	9 Pax over
147 €	112 €	88 €	80 €	75 €

- Please kindly contact us for your high group requests

Full Day Byzantine Heritage Tour in Istanbul Prices includes

- Transfer pick-up and drop back to your hotel or Istanbul Port.
- All Entrance Fees
- Professional licenced tour guide
- Private air-conditioned transportation, parking and VAT.

Prices excludes

- Beverages
- Tips
- Personel expences

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