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Our first tour of 2023 is a 3-day city break to the exciting cosmopolitan city of Istanbul. This tour will give you an insight into the history of this great city through some of the world's most historic buildings which are a must see for anyone visiting Istanbul, whilst at the same time giving you the opportunity to experience life in this bustling city which never sleeps. This tour will also give you a good grounding for when you next visit Istanbul either on your own or with friends.

Throughout the entire tour you will be accompanied at all times by an experienced English-Speaking tour guide. Travel insurance included.

If you require any information other than what is in this document, please email our Tour's Organiser on: -

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**NON-MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN ATA MEMBERS ON THIS TOUR**

# **ATA ISTANBUL TOUR**

**2 NIGHTS / 3 DAYS**

**May 09/10/11/ 2023**

Hotel	Double room (pp)	Single room (pp)
4* Hotel	575 EUR	635 EUR

**NON-MEMBERS (as of 07/02/2023) + 50 EUR (pp)**

**09/05/2023 Outbound Flight Departs Ercan Airport 8:25am (08:25)**

**Day 1: 1453 Panaroma Museum, Miniaturk**

After our flight from Northern Cyprus, we arrive at Sabiha Gökçen Airport at 9:30am. Our coach for the duration of the tour will then take us to the Pendik Marina area of Istanbul where we will be able to have some free time for breakfast. Following which our excursions for the day are to: -

**1453 Panorama Museum**, here you will be given some information about the conquest of Istanbul. The museum is located in Topkapı Park.

**Miniaturk**, is the largest miniature park in the world, with models of various highlights of Turkey. It covers an area of 60,000 square meters in the Beyoğlu district of Istanbul.

After the visit to Miniaturk, we will check in to our hotel.

*The evening is then free for you to explore the area around the hotel and dine in a restaurant of your choice either on your own or with fellow tour members.*

### **Day 2: Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, The German Fountain, Basilica Cistern, Grand Bazaar**

After breakfast; at 8.30am, our coach will pick us up from our hotel and the day's excursions will be to: -

**Hippodrome**, where chariot races used to be organised during the Byzantine Period. The capacity of the stadium was 100,000 spectators. Egyptian Obelisk, Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine will also be seen during this excursion.

**Blue Mosque**, the only imperial mosque with six minarets, dating back to the 17th century. The mosque owes its name from the exquisite tiles adorning its interior.

**Hagia Sophia**, built by Eastern Roman Empire Justinian in the 6th century AD, Hagia Sophia is one of the architectural marvels of all times and in recent times has been converted into a mosque.

**The German Fountain**, this was constructed to commemorate the second anniversary of the German Emperor Wilhelm II's visit to Istanbul in 1898. The neo-Byzantine style fountain's octagonal dome is located on eight marble columns and dome's interior is decorated with golden mosaics.

**Basilica Cistern**, is an underground water cistern built in 526-527 to meet the water needs of the city. It is very close to Hagia Sophia. Because of the marble columns in the water, it is called the Basilica Palace among the people.

**Grand Bazaar**, this is the commercial heart of the old city with its 4,000 shops. It's considered to be one of the largest covered markets in the world and is full of treasures such as; carpets and kilims, silk, jewellery, ceramics, icons and leather goods, not to mention spices, sweets and a thousand and one other products.

There will be some free time at the Grand Bazaar for you to go shopping, before we head back to the hotel.

*The evening is then free for you to explore the area around the hotel and dine in a restaurant of your choice either on your own or with fellow tour members.*

### **Day 3: Bosphorus Boat Tour and Lunch**

After breakfast; at 8.30am, we will check out of our hotel and the day's excursion will be a boat cruise on the Bosphorus (with lunch included). Places that we will be able to admire from the sea are: Çırağan Palace, Hotel Kempinski, Ortaköy Mosque, Rumeli Fortress, Military High School, Beylerbeyi Palace, Maiden Tower, Çamlıca Hill.

After the boat cruise we will transfer to the airport for our flight home. (If time allows we will stop at a

shopping mall for a short break)

**11/05/2023 Return Flight departs Sabiha Gökçen Airport at 7:55pm (19:55)**

**PRICES per person are:**

Hotel	Double room (pp)	Single room (pp)
4* Hotel	575 EUR	635 EUR

**NON-MEMBERS (as of 07/02/2023) + 50 EUR (pp)**

**This tour is restricted to a maximum number of 27 people.**

**As with all ATA tours, a place on a tour is only guaranteed once a deposit payment is made – with tour places allocated on a first come basis applying.**

**Included in the tour price is:**

Return Flights: Ercan – İstanbul (S. Gökçen) – Ercan

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**11/05/2023 Return Flight Departs Sabiha Gökçen Airport at 7:55pm (19:55)**

B&B accommodation in a 4\* Hotel

Travel Insurance included whilst in Turkey

Transportation with A/C coach throughout the tour whilst in Turkey

Professional English Speaking Guide

Entrance Fees to Hagia Sophia, Miniatürk, Panorama Museum and Basilica Cistern

Service charges

Local tax's

Bosporus Boat Tour including lunch

2X(50ml) bottles of water pp per day

Tips to the guide and coach driver

Transfer if required Girne – Ercan - Girne

**Excluded:**

First day's breakfast at the Pendik Marina

Drinks during the lunch on Bosporus cruise

Personal expenses

Evening Meals & Drinks

Lunches except where stated

Visa fee (if necessary) (UK citizens are exempt from visa)

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

**7th February; Registration & deposit payment; €125 pp (NON REFUNDABLE) at Eziç Premier, Girne between 10:30am to 12:30pm.**

**Please bring a completed tour application form with you at the time your deposit is paid.**

**14th March; Payment of outstanding balance at Eziç Premier, Girne between 10:30am to 12:30pm.**

\* In case of payment by bank transfer; bank charges must be added on top of the amount to be sent (+€5 within TRNC and +€30 from abroad) (approx.)

For Bank transfers please send the money (in Euros) to: Türkiye Vakıflar Bankası T.A.O., Ankara. Swift/BIC: TVBATR2A IBAN: TR89 0001 5001 5804 8014 6767 85 - Kıbrıs İktisat Bankası Ltd. - € Account no: 9018- 17806-355 Name: Gülter Kuran

### **CONDITIONS REGARDING CANCELLATION:**

- Cancellation up until the 1st of April, the refund is 100% of tour cost (excluding non-returnable deposit)
- Between the 2nd April to 14th April, the refund varies dependent upon date canceled
- After the 15th April, or No-Show, there is no refund.
- Names can be substituted for a limited period of time.

WARNING: In the case of any unexpected increase in tour costs, we reserve the right to reflect the amount of the increase, into the tour price. (Presidential elections will take place in Turkey in April which may effect the Turkish economy!)

Whilst basic travel insurance when in mainland Turkey is included in the tour price, the ATA recommends all participants on an ATA tour should have their own personal Travel Insurance, which is available from the following ATA Discount Providers: -

Turkish based policies: -



English based policies: -

