



## Ottoman Relics and Western Civilizations (Istanbul, Ephesus, Pergamon Tours)

**Tour Days :** 7

**Tour Departure From :** Istanbul

**Tour Departure End :** Izmir

**Tour Departure :** All year round (Everyday)

**Tour Overview :** 3 nights Istanbul, 3 nights Izmir accomodation at best 4 star hotels with full day tours

- Our group tours can be operated with minimum 2 people.
- On Mondays, when St. Sophia is closed, we visit the Chora Church, famed for its mosaics.
- On Tuesdays, when Topkapi Palace is closed, this tour is not offered.
- On Mondays and Thursdays, Palace of Beylerbeyi is closed and replaced with Kariye Museum.

### Tour Highlights

- St. Sophia Museum, Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome Square, Grand Bazaar
- Egyptian Spice Market, Bosphorus Boat Tour, Palace of Beylerbeyi
- Acropolis, Asclepion
- Virgin Mary`s House, Ephesus, Temple of Artemis

### Tour Itinerary

#### Day 1 : Istanbul Arrival

Arrival in Istanbul, the only city in the world built on two continents. Transfer to your hotel. Free afternoon and overnight in Istanbul.

#### Day 2 : Istanbul

Full day Historical Istanbul Tour; visit the St. Sophia Museum (built in 6th century, once was the largest Christian Church in the world), the Topkapi Palace (Imperial Residence of Ottoman Sultans, with displays of priceless World-class collections of artifacts, jewelry and rare porcelain), the Blue Mosque (unique with its 6 minarets, and famous for its blue Iznik tiles), the Hippodrome Square where ancient chariot races were held, and then visit the world famous Grand Covered Bazaar. Finally, enjoy a display on Turkish handicrafts. Overnight in Istanbul. (B, L)

#### Day 3 : Istanbul

Full day Bosphorus and Asia Tour. Visit the Egyptian Spice Market, and then embark on a Bosphorus Boat Tour viewing the beauty of the European and Asian shorelines on either side. After lunch, visit the Palace of Beylerbeyi on the shore of the Bosphorus which is the most elegant of the late Ottoman places. Finally, enjoy a display on Turkish handicrafts. Overnight in Istanbul. (B, L)

#### Day 4 : Istanbul - Izmir

Transfer to Istanbul airport for your flight to Izmir. Izmir arrival. Meet and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Izmir. (B)

#### Day 5 : Pergamon

Drive to Pergamon. Visit the Acropolis, the Temple Of Athena, the famous Library, the Royal Palaces, the Temple Of Trojan, the steepest Theatre of the world, the Temple Of Dionysos, the Altar Of Zeus (Seat of Satan), and the view of the Red Basilica (St. John`s church). Lunch in town. Visit the ruins of Asclepion (Medical Center of the ancient world). Finally, enjoy a display on Turkish handicrafts. Overnight in Izmir. (B, L)

## Day 6 : Ephesus

Leave for Ephesus, the veritable cradle of early Christianity. Visit the Shrine of The Virgin Mary where she supposedly spent her later days. Proceed to Ephesus and see the spectacular ruins from the period of St. Paul, some of which have only recently been excavated. See the Odeon, the Bouleterion, Fountains, the Temples, the Brothel, the Library, the Agoras, the Great Theatre, the Roman Baths, the Gymnasiums. After lunch visit the Temple Of Artemis (one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world). Finally, enjoy a display on Turkish handicrafts. Overnight in Izmir. (B, L)

## Day 7 : Izmir Departure

Transfer to Izmir airport per your departure time. End of our services. (B)

## Tour Inclusions

- 6 nights hotel accommodation at the above mentioned hotels
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All escorted transfers
- 6 breakfast, 4 lunch
- Transportation by A/C vehicle
- English speaking government licensed professional tour guide
- All entry fees to the sites & museums
- Service charges & local taxes

## Tour Excludes

- All flights
- All drinks and any other meals which are not mentioned in the itinerary
- All personal expenses
- Turkish Visa Fee
- Tips to the tour guide and driver
- Everything which is not particularly mentioned in "Including" section

## Tour Map :

