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Honeymoon Tour- Istanbul (6 days / 5 nights)

Day 1: Arrival in Istanbul at Istanbul Airport:

On your arrival, a friendly Mavi Tour representative will receive and drive you to your hotel. No tour will be organized this day, you may rest, relax, and overcome the jet lag. On your own, you are free to explore the city, and or nearby places in the hotel's vicinity.

Help desk available in Istanbul speaking English, Turkish, Urdu, and Hindi languages will be available to assist you throughout your stay in Turkey. Please contact at cell number +90 533 634 95 15.

Hotel Spa & Fitness welcomes its guests to experience a relaxing retreat from everyday life. The 1,000 sqm spa and fitness area features a fitness center, swimming pool, spa, Turkish bath, resting area, sauna, steam bath, Jacuzzi, vitamin bar and shock showers in this 1,000 square meter area. Relax and rejuvenate with massages carried out by professional therapists at the spa center or simply swim at the indoor pool.

Brief about Istanbul:

The foundation of Istanbul (Constantinople) was laid in 330 AD. Also called a city of seven hills, Istanbul is the largest city and the country's economic, cultural, and historic center. Istanbul is the only city in the world which straddles two continents, Europe, and Asia, divided by strait of Bosphorus. It boasts a population of over 16 million residents, comprising 19% of the population of Turkey.



Taksim Square, Istiklal Street

HOTEL'S LOCATION: TAKSIM

The **Taksim Square** is a cosmopolitan communications hub, and an important commercial, entertainment and sightseeing area for both locals and tourists. Taksim Square is also a popular meeting point, and an ideal place to conduct an Istanbul city walking tour, including a long colorful pedestrian street, also known as “Istiklal Street”. It is a 24-hour hot spot for people young, old, local or foreigners.

You will find “The Galata Tower” at the end of Istiklal street, built first by the Byzantine Emperor Justinianos in 507-508AD. The Genoese rebuilt the current tower in 1348-49, it is a medieval stone tower with cone-capped cylinder that dominates the skyline and offers a panoramic view of Istanbul. It is a nine-story tower with an observation deck and was the city’s tallest structure at the time it was built. Year 1717 AD onwards, the Ottomans used the tower for assessing the incoming naval threats coming up the Bosphorus, in addition to spotting city and forest fires.



Taksim Square

Day 2 - Istanbul

Istanbul sight-seeing Tour: Meet at the lobby 9:00 am for pick up.

Today we will have a memorable visit of Istanbul Old Town. Your tour guide will take you to the old city including historical sites of:

- Topkapi Palace (Built in 1460 by Fatih Sultan Mehmet)
- Hagia Sophia (Built in 537 by Byzantine Emperor Constantius)
- Blue Mosque (Built in 1609 by Sultan Ahmet)
- Hippodrome (Built by Roman Emperor Severus in early 3rd Century)
- Cistern (Underground water storage system from Byzantine days)

Lunch break: 12.00- 13.00. Tour ends at 17.00 hours and the car will take you to the hotel.

You will be on your own to venture out and explore the city, walk around the Istiklal street, which is full of shopping, coffee shops, restaurants, and bars, offering traditional Turkish food, fish restaurants and continental food.



Old City : Hagia Sophia and Blue Mosque

Day 3 - Istanbul

Bosporus Tour: Meet at the lobby 9:30 am.

After breakfast, Half-day Morning Bosporus Cruise. You will enjoy the drive to the pier and have a shared boat tour and cruise along the Bosporus which is a narrow strait between the continents of Europe and Asia connecting the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara. You will be able to view the Ottoman palaces, Bosporus bridges, citadels, centuries-old mansions, and both the European and Asian shorelines while onboard the boat. At the end of the tour, you will be dropped back to the pier, a free time for lunch for an hour.

Dolmabahçe Palace:

Dolmabahçe Palace was the first European-style palace in Istanbul built by Sultan Abdülmecid between 1842 and 1853, at a cost of five million Ottoman gold pounds, the equivalent of 35 tons of gold. Fourteen tons of gold leaf was used to adorn the ceilings of the palace. At the center of the hall, the world's largest Bohemian crystal chandelier can be found; it was a gift from Queen Victoria. The chandelier has 750 lamps and weighs 4.5 tons. Dolmabahçe has the largest collection of Bohemian and Baccarat crystal chandeliers in the world, and one of the great staircases has bannisters of Baccarat crystal, brass, and mahogany, all in the shape of a horseshoe. Another notable feature is the 150-year-old bearskin, a gift from the Tsar of Russia.



Dolmabahçe Palace

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Day 4 - Istanbul

Sight-seeing and shopping Tour: Meet at the lobby 9:00 am.

Tour of Spice Market:

No visit to Istanbul is complete without stopping by the atmospheric Spice Bazaar. While the Covered Market may be the largest and most famous of Istanbul's covered bazaars, this spice market wins the prize for being the most colorful, fragrant, and often the most fun, as visitors can taste the items on sale.

Built in 1664, as part of the Yeni Camii complex, it is known in Turkish as Egyptian Bazar as well. Aside from the spices, there are: rosebud, jasmine, fruit teas, Turkish delight in every color and flavor, herbal remedies; dried fruits such as apricots, figs, dates and even strawberries and kiwis; honey and nut-soaked baklava; olive oil soaps; Turkish Coffee; and much more.

Tour of Covered Market:

Covered Bazar, built in 15th century, is the oldest covered market in the world covering an area of 55,000 sq. meters having around 4,000 shops. It has 21 gates, 51 streets and around 4,000 shops selling all type of items including tiles, ceramics, gold, silver, leather goods, carpets, and kilims and many more gift items.

Lunch break 13.00-14.00.

Tour of shopping mall:

Isitinye Park is one of the most luxurious and one of the largest shopping malls in Istanbul. The center is divided into two sections: an indoor shopping mall with hundreds of shops bringing together Turkish and international ready-to-wear brands, appliances, a floor dedicated to restaurants (mostly fast food), a covered bazaar where you will find spices and more traditional products, a cinema with an imax3d room, and much more.

But what really catches our attention in Isitinye Park is the open section, organized like a small village where each brand has its own building. Here you will find luxury brands like Dolce & Gabbana, Dior, Prada, Celine and Fendi, Hugo Boss, Max Mara, Louis Vuitton, Zara, Boyner, Mango, M.A.C., Sephora, Sevil and Vakko.

It also has a variety of famous Turkish eateries along with the food court. Some of the best-known restaurants and cafes are Godiva, Armani Café, Pelit, Nusr-et, Mezza, Gunaydin and Masa.

Tour will end 19.00 hours.



Grand Bazaar

Day 5 – Istanbul

Pick up from hotel at 9.30am.

A full day tour of Istanbul will take you to both European and Asian side of Istanbul including the following places which are popular with both the Turks and Tourists.

European Side:

- Ortakoy
- Bebek
- Bosphorous shore drive European side.
- Ulus Park

Asian Side:

- Kadikoy
- Bostanci shore drive
- Baghdad street
- New Camlica mosque
- Bosphorous shore drive Asian side.

During the tour you can have a break for tea, Coffee, lunch at famous fish or Kebab restaurants and evening snacks.

Tour will end at 17.00 hours.



Day 6 – Istanbul / Istanbul Airport

Depart for the Istanbul Airport. Time to be decided depending on the flight timings.

Price and Terms of Payment:

Per Person in DOUBLE room : \$ 1,700

Hotel: THE MARMARA TAKSIM is a 5-star hotel for 5 night's stay with Bed and Breakfast (Deluxe City View room) for upgrade to Bosphorus view Deluxe room an additional charge of \$75 per person needs to be paid.

Or similar Hotels depending on availability.

The payment needs to be paid 21 days prior to the start of the tour.

Rate is valid from 1st April to 31st October 2022.

Note: The above hotel is certified as safe for tourism.

What is included:

1. Hotel accommodation in Istanbul – 5 nights Bed and Breakfast basis
2. VIP set-up in the room (Chocolate or Fruit and Vine or Juice)
3. Transportation by luxury air-conditioned minibus including pick & drop from the airport/hotel
4. A qualified/licensed English-speaking tour guide throughout the tour
5. Customer service contact available speaking English, Turkish, Urdu, and Hindi languages to assist you throughout the tour at +90 533 634 95 15.
6. Museum entrance fees and Bosphorus cruise.

What is excluded:

1. Flight air ticket from your home country to Istanbul and back.
2. Visa and related expenses
3. Tips and personal expenses
4. Lunches and Dinners
5. Insurance and Medical expenses, if incurred during the tour.
6. PCR test, if required by your home country.
7. Expenses incurred, such as treatment and quarantine in case you are tested Covid-19 positive during the tour.