

Excursion from the port of Istanbul



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Meet the guide and reach the square of the ancient Byzantine Hippodrome in one of the best known districts and city centre. We will visit the *Basilica of Saint Sophia*, remembered for its large cupola. Today it is a museum, after being a Catholic Church until the fall of Constantinople and then a mosque; we will admire the largest and most fascinating religious temple present in the capital: the *Blue Mosque*, opposite the *Basilica*, features majolica which also clad its interior. We will continue to *Topkapi Palace*, the primary residence of the Ottoman Sultans, positioned on a promontory overlooking the Bosphorous and the *Golden Horn*, from where we can immortalise breathtaking panoramas. The inside of the palace features a labyrinth of constructions, with rich and colourful gardens and courtyards. Free time for lunch, followed by a thrilling shopping experience at the *Gran Bazaar*, a labyrinth of roads and passageways, with more than 4000 shops. Turkish craftwork offers delightful gifts and souvenirs: rugs, hand-painted ceramics, copper and brass items, gold jewels, excellent quality leather articles, spices of a thousand colours and fragrances. Return to the port.

Price p.pax: 25,00 €

+ 12 € Saint Sofia + 12 € Topkapi Palace + 2 € Earphones

Duration: 8h

