

Istanbul Dolmabahçe Palace & Cable Car & Bosphorus On Boat Tours **(Full Day Tour / Lunch Included)** **Combination of Tour 5M & 4A** **(TOUR 7)□**

DOLMABAHCE PALACE The Dolmabahçe Palace, a blend of various European architectural styles, was built between 1843-1856 by Karabet Balyan, the court architect of Sultan Abdulmecid. The tree-storied palace built on a symmetrical plan has 285 rooms and 43 halls. The Palace has survived intact with its original decorations, furniture, and the silk carpets and curtains. It surpasses all other palaces in the world in wealth and magnificence.

YILDIZ□ ROYAL GARDEN Here it's a nice oxygen break from the noise and rat-race of the city. Take a walk in the imperial gardens ornamented with some kiosks and beautiful vegetation in the middle of Istanbul. Witness of the beauty of Yıldız Royal Garden as reminder of the formidable Ottoman Empire.

SHOPPING□ As Turkey is one of the best leather producing countries in the world. We will watch a fashion-show in an outlet center which produces and manufactures different various of great quality leatherware. So it's a good opportunity to have a look at the reasonable priced good quality leather accessories.

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CITY□ WALLS The first breach of the walls was by the **Fourth Crusade** in 1204, the second by the cannons and troops of **Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror** in 1453.

CABLE CAR & PIERRE LOTI HILL Was named after the famous French writer, you will enjoy magnificent scenery of Golden Horn and the city.

BOAT TRIP ON THE BOSPHORUS A traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion you will pass the magnificent Dolmabahçe Palace, and further along, the parks and imperial pavillions of Yildiz Palace. On the coastal edge of this park, is Ciragan Palace, 300 meters of its marble facade faces the shore. At Ortakoy a great variety of artists gather every Sunday to display their work along the street. Ortakoy is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries.

RUMELI FORTRESS (FROM THE SEA, NO INTERIOR VISIT) Istanbul had been besieged many times before Mehmet the Conqueror took the city in 1453, but it managed to defend itself with the help of the Roman city walls.

THE LANDER'S TOWER (FROM THE SEA) (NO INTERIOR VISIT) This is a small and attractive tower built on an islet at the entrance to the Bosphorus. It is one of the symbols of Istanbul. Used in the past as a watchtower and a lighthouse, it has been preserved in its 19th Century appearance.

also visioned during the tour

ÇIRAĞAN PALACE HOTEL KEMPINSKI

ORTAKOY MOSQUE * MILITARY HIGHSCHOOL

BOSPHORUS BRIDGE connecting EUROPE & ASIA continents

DOLMABAĞÇE PALACE from the sea

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This tour is not operated on Monday and Thursday.

Dolmabahçe (Bezm-i Alem Valide) Mosque is visited in the winter season instead of the Yıldız Royal Garden.



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