

## Sightseeing and Tour Packages

Tour Select has been chosen as the preferred local agent for travel and tour options. A sampling of available tours is noted below. To make your tour reservation, complete the "Tours" section on the [Secondary Hotel and Airport Transfer Request Form](#). Tour Select will respond to your request via email or fax. Contact Tour Select directly with any questions about these and any other tourist activities.

*"Experience Istanbul; the mosaic of civilizations, cultures and religions, the bridge between Europe and Asia and a thriving metropolis of 12 million people. The selection of optional daily tours is designed to suit different interests and to live up to high expectations. We would like to offer our guests the opportunity to taste and enjoy the culture, history and nature of Turkey."*

*Your Guides to Turkey,*

Tour Select Ltd.  
Halaskargazi Cad. 323/2  
34381 Şişli/Istanbul  
Tel: +90 212 232 4885  
Fax: +90 212 232 4889  
www.tourselect.com.tr

### PRE - and POST- FORUM TOURS

*All tours depart from and return to the Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel and will be accompanied by an English speaking guide.*

*Guests of delegates may contact Tour Select to learn about daily tour options available during the Forum.*

#### **Byzantine Visions (Half Day)**

**Tour Dates: April 15 or 19**

This tour guides participants over the Golden Horn to the old city of Istanbul. Visiting St. Sophia, the most magnificent Byzantine Church of all times and one of the finest and largest architectural works of art in the world. Many historians have nominated it the eighth wonder of the world. Visit the Byzantine Hippodrome, the former center of sporting and political activities of Constantinople. This visit includes the Obelisk from Egypt, the Serpentine Column from Delphi and the fountain of Wilhelm II. The Blue Mosque is one of the largest mosques in Istanbul, this 17th century building dominates the skyline of Istanbul. It is also famous for its blue tiles and six minarets. And finally the Grand Bazaar, apart from its historical importance, the bazaar will tempt even non-shoppers with its rich collection of precious handmade carpets, jewelry, leather goods and souvenirs.

#### **Ottoman Visions (Half Day)**

**Tour Dates: April 15 or 19**

This tour starts with the Topkapı Palace, the former imperial residence of the Great Ottoman Empire and today a spectacular museum with one of the largest collections of Chinese and Japanese porcelain and housing the famous treasures of the Royal Family, among them some of the most spectacular gemstones\* in the world. Then on to the Süleymaniye Mosque built in the 16th century by the famous architect Sinan for Sultan Süleyman "The Magnificent".

\*A visit to the treasure department of Topkapı Palace is included in the price of the tour.

### **Bosphorus Cruise (Half Day)**

**Tour Dates: April 15 or 19**

Transfer by coach for a short visit to the famous Egyptian Spice Bazaar, then board the ferry for an unforgettable excursion between two continents, Europe and Asia. The boat sails past the last Ottoman palaces of Dolmabahçe and Beylerbeyi as well as 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century wooden villas and contemporary mansions in the elegant district of Istanbul. A visit to the Rumeli Fortress is included before returning to the hotel by coach through the villages on the European side.

### **St. Chora Church and Golden Horn Tour (Half Day)**

**Tour Dates: April 15**

St. Chora Church: This 11<sup>th</sup> century church of "St. Savior" in the Chora complex is, after St. Sophia, the most important Byzantine Monument in Istanbul. Golden Horn: This horn-shaped estuary, which divides the European Istanbul, is one of the best natural harbors in the world. Byzantine and Ottoman navies and commercial shipping sites were based there.

### **Turkish Night 19:30 – 23:00**

**Tour Dates: April 15, 17, 18**

In an Oriental atmosphere, enjoy the "Kanun", a typical Turkish musical instrument; discover the delights of a typical "Fasil" orchestra; and then a program extravaganza to experience the flavor of words and customs of our traditional folklore and belly dancing. A rich variety of classic Ottoman and Turkish cuisine, and limited local drinks, will be served during the dinner.

### **Full Day Istanbul Classic Tour**

**Tour Date: April 19**

A combination of Byzantine Visions & Ottoman Visions tours, including lunch at Konyalı restaurant located within the premises of Topkapı Palace. At the end of the tour, shopping is possible at the Grand Bazaar.

### **Full Day Tour to EPHEBUS**

**Tour Date: April 19**

Begin with an early morning transfer to the airport for your flight from Istanbul Atatürk Airport to Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport. Arrive in Izmir, meet your guide and travel by bus to Ephesus. Visit the Shrine of the Virgin Mary, known to be her last residence. Visit the old Greco-Roman city of Ephesus, Marble Street, Odeon, Library, Double Church, and Great Theatre. Lunch will be served before the tour of the Archaeological Museum and the St. John Basilica. At the end of the tour, travel back to the airport for an evening flight to Istanbul.

The tour includes: Istanbul - Izmir - Istanbul airfare, qualified English speaking guide, transportation by deluxe air-conditioned bus, lunch, admission fees, and transfers.



### **Two-Day Tour to CAPPADOCIA**

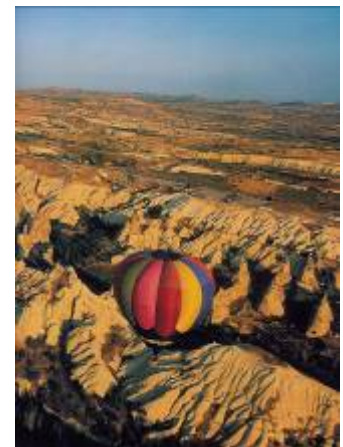
**Tour Date: Depart: April 19**

**Return:**

**April 20**

**1st Day** Early morning flight to Kayseri and travel by bus to Cappadocia. The tour will take you along the famous Silk Road to the underground city of Kaymaklı, which was used by the Christians of 7A.D. as a hideout from persecutions. Travel to Uchisar, a natural citadel, which will enable you to enjoy a splendid panoramic view of the area. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be provided in a hotel in Cappadocia.

**2nd Day** After breakfast at the hotel, visit of the Göreme Valley, a highlight of the Cappadocia region. This valley houses rock churches and monasteries



painted with colorful frescoes. At the end of the tour, departure to Istanbul by plane.

The tour includes: Istanbul - Kayseri - Istanbul airfare, qualified English speaking guide, transportation by deluxe air-conditioned bus, overnight accommodation on half-board basis in a 4-star hotel, lunch, admission fees, and transfers.

### **Four-Day Tour to ANTALYA**

**Tour Date:**    **Depart: April 19**        **Return: April 22**

**1st Day** Early travel from Istanbul to Antalya by plane. Afternoon tour of the Roman Emperor Adrian's Gate and visit of the Old Harbor and Archaeological Museum. Dinner and overnight stay at a hotel in Antalya.

**2nd Day** Buffet breakfast. Departure from the hotel for a full day tour to the Pamphylian Cities of Perge, Aspendos and Side, with their impressive ruins and well preserved theatres in the fertile plains of Antalya. Visit of the ruins of the Great Theatre, the Stadium and the huge Hellenistic and Roman Gates of Perge, and then drive to Aspendos to see the best-preserved Roman theatre in the region. On the way to the ancient city of Side, visit of the Manavgat Waterfalls. Lunch will be served during the tour. Dinner and overnight stay at a hotel in Antalya.



**3rd Day** Buffet breakfast. Visit of the ancient city of Phaselis. Swimming on the sandy beaches, as well as a chance to wander Roman and Byzantine inspired ruins. Lunch will be served in Demre. Afternoon visit of the finest examples of Lycians funerary architecture found at Myra, and of the church of St. Nicholas. Dinner and overnight stay at a hotel in Antalya.

**4th Day** After breakfast at the hotel, return back to Istanbul by plane.

The tour includes Istanbul - Antalya - Istanbul airfare, qualified English speaking guide, transportation by deluxe air-conditioned bus, daily buffet breakfast, 3 nights accommodation in Antalya, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, admission fees, and transfers.