

Short Break in Istanbul - 3 days

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This three-day break in Istanbul offers the chance to explore a city founded in 660BC and rich in history. Founded as Byzantium, renamed Constantinople and finally Istanbul, this fascinating place straddles the Bosphorus. The resultant blend of east and west, Asia and Europe, makes for a heady mix of sightseeing. From mosques to palaces, underground cisterns to panoramic views, Istanbul's rich heritage will ensure no visitor leaves disappointed.

DEPARTURE DATES: 05.07.2025; 12.07.2025; 19.07.2025; 26.07.2025; 02.08.2025; 09.08.2025; 16.08.2025; 23.08.2025; 30.08.2025; 06.09.2025; 13.09.2025; 20.09.2025; 27.09.2025; 04.10.2025; 11.10.2025; 18.10.2025; 25.10.2025; 01.11.2025; 08.11.2025; 15.11.2025; 22.11.2025; 29.11.2025; 06.12.2025; 13.12.2025; 20.12.2025.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Istanbul

On arrival, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. There's likely to be time for a stroll around the neighbourhood and a delicious dinner before tomorrow's sightseeing begins. The city of Istanbul is home to over 15 million people, but the compact Old Town is easily walkable and an efficient public transport system ensures you'll be well connected wherever you stay. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 - Istanbul

The Topkapi Palace sits on a promontory overlooking the Golden Horn, where the Bosphorus meets the Marmara Sea. The residence of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th century, today its buildings, harem and courtyards form one of Istanbul's most interesting museums. Originally a church, later a mosque and now a museum, Hagia Sophia is the next stop. Its impressive architecture, gilded decoration and ornate calligraphy will take your breath away. The Blue Mosque, formally known as Sultan Ahmed Mosque, is equally magnificent, boasting six minarets and beautiful marble latticework. It takes its nickname from the Iznik tiles that cover its interior. Also on today's itinerary is the Byzantine Hippodrome, once the stage for chariot races, and the atmospheric Basilica Cistern, an underwater reservoir that used to provide the city's drinking water and even some of its fish. No tour of Istanbul could be complete without a visit to the Grand Bazaar; opened in 1461, it's one of the world's oldest markets. Overnight in Istanbul. (Breakfast, lunch)

Day 3 - Istanbul

Istanbul would be nothing without its waterways. Early risers can watch the fisherman landing their morning catch on the Galata Bridge, or the spice sellers opening up in the 17th century Egyptian Bazaar nearby. This morning you'll board a boat for a cruise along the Bosphorus. This important river is lined with palaces and grand mansions - look out for the Dolmabahçe Palace, Beylerbeyi Palace, Çırağan Palace and Rumeli Fortress as you chug by at a leisurely pace. Later, you'll transfer to the airport for your flight to your next destination. (Breakfast)

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

International flights
Accommodation
Guided tours & cultural programme
English - speaking guides
Half board meals
Ground transportation
Airport transfers

Not included

Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions

Practical information

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AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3* PACKAGE

| Dates | Excl. flights | Incl. flights* | Single suppl. |
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| 05/07/2025 - 07/07/2025 | £645 | £1045 | £95 |
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PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

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ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

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Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > Best of Istanbul - 5 days (TR-04), Price from £1,095, 5 days
- > Short Break in Istanbul with a Visit to Cappadocia - 6 days (TR-02), Price from £1,095, 6 days
- > Best of Turkey Tour - 13 days (TR-05), Price from £3,495, 13 days
- > Classical Turkey Tour: Istanbul, Cappadocia, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Izmir - 8 days (TR-03), Price from £2,995, 8 days
- > Highlights of Azerbaijan - 6 days (AZ-01), Price from £995, 6 days
- > Discover Armenia, Georgia & Azerbaijan: from the Highlands to the Caspian - 16 days (CT-02), Price from £2,995, 16 days
- > Best of Armenia and Georgia - 12 days (CT-05), Price from £2,195, 12 days
- > Great Georgian Discovery - 11 days (GE-03), Price from £1,995, 11 days

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Best of Caucasus holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.best-of-caucasus.co.uk and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Best of Caucasus, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@best-of-caucasus.co.uk, or

Phone: call us on **+44 (0)20 30 51 76 40**

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum BJ100) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card, cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.

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