



EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: ISTANBUL

# Inspired Istanbul

From Grand Highlights to Lesser-Known Experiences

**From Spices to Silk:** This full-day, privately guided tour of Istanbul's exotic sights includes:

Misir Carsisi, the exotic Egyptian Bazaar filled with spices; cruising the Bosphorus Strait aboard a local ferry past villas, palaces, and mosques; lunch in a local seafood restaurant; and a visit to the privately owned Sadberk Hanim Museum, housing rare Ottoman and Turkish art, Iznik tiles, textiles, and Anatolian art and antiquities.

**Istanbul Essentials Private Day:**

**Explore the quintessential historical highlights** of this enchanting city with a private guide and air-conditioned vehicle. Turn back time at Hippodrome Square, where ancient chariot races took place, then marvel at the beautiful Iznik tiles that line the interior of the Blue Mosque. Be amazed by the scale of the Hagia Sophia church and dazzled by the size of the Kasikci Diamond and other priceless imperial artifacts in Topkapi Palace, the former imperial residence of Ottoman sultans. To top it all off – shop in the Grand Bazaar!

**A Walking Tour of Beyoglu:** This **intriguing walking tour** showcases the local life and sights of the Beyoglu (Pera) district, on the European side of Istanbul. Accompanied by your private guide, you'll cross the Golden Horn via the Galata Bridge to discover wonderful vistas from Galata Tower; an opulent palace hotel; the famed Istiklal Caddesi pedestrian street ("Independence Street"); Taksim Square; and the ornate Cicek Pasaji ("Flower Passage") filled with restaurants locals frequent for delicious plates of *meze* and Kebabs.



*Clockwise from top: Inside the Blue Mosque; Rumeli Fortress overlooking the Bosphorus Strait; spices at the market; Dolmabahce Mosque*



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