

FULL DAY TOUR 3

Istanbul Modern Museum & Dolmabahçe Palace

Dolmabahçe Palace

the last residence for Ottoman Sultans with 365 rooms and 22 saloons. Famous with the great collection of European antiquity, furniture and 4.5 tons chandelier.

Built in 19th century is one of the most glamorous palaces in the world. It was the administrative center of the late Ottoman Empire with the last of Ottoman Sultans was residing there.

After the foundation of the Turkish Republic in Ankara, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk transferred all government functions to the youthful capital but on his visits to Istanbul Atatürk occupied only a small room at Dolmabahçe Palace as his own. He stayed, welcomed his foreign guests and made a practical center for national, historical and language congress and for international conferences.

Lunch at.....

Spice Market / The Egyptian Bazaar / Mısır Çarşısı

Istanbul's Spice Market or Misir Çarşisi was constructed in 1663 as a part of the adjacent Yeni Mosque complex in order to generate funds for the upkeep of the mosque. Misir in Turkish means "Egypt" and it is called The Egyptian Bazaar due to the fact that the spices came from India and South-East Asia to Egypt and from there to Istanbul via the Mediterranean Sea. Thus Istanbul marks the last stop along the legendary Silk Road. It was the final destination for Asian goods, which were then distributed to Europe. In fact, Istanbul had developed a spice trade with the Venetians as early as the 13th century.

Most Westerners traveling in the East discover before long that most of their expectations have been based on fantasy and misconceptions. There are, however, certain experiences that do fulfill the Westerners romantic urge to find the Orient. The Egyptian Market, (or Spice Market as it is often called), is one of those experiences. The inviting aromas of cinnamon, cumin, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice fill.

PRICES

Per person: 85.-EURO – For 10 People/ Per person (Prices do not include 18 % V.A.T.)

INCLUDES

- • Transportation by air conditioned vehicles.
- • Fully escorted by an English speaking tour guide.
- • Admission fees, Lunch

EXCLUDES

- Drinks and all personal expenses.

the air, even before you enter the market.