

Istanbul

TRAVEL GUIDE



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Day 1

HISTORY & HERITAGE

What to See

1. Hagia Sophia
2. Blue Mosque
3. Basilica Cistern
4. Sultanahmet Square
5. Sunset ferry ride across the Bosphorus

Where to Eat

1. Sultanahmet Köftecisi – classic Turkish meatballs
2. Seven Hills Restaurant – rooftop view of Hagia Sophia & Blue Mosque

What to Buy

1. Hand-painted ceramic tiles
2. Evil eye souvenirs (Nazar Boncuğu)



Day 2

BAZAARS & VIEWS

What to See

1. Grand Bazaar (get lost on purpose!)
2. Spice Bazaar
3. Suleymaniye Mosque
4. Galata Tower

Where to Eat

1. Hamdi Restaurant – next to Spice Bazaar, best kebabs with a view
2. Street snacks: roasted chestnuts, simit (Turkish bagel)

What to Buy

1. Spices & Turkish tea blends
2. Handmade jewelry
3. Turkish delight (from Hafiz Mustafa)



Day 3

MODERN VIBES & HIDDEN GEMS

What to See

1. Ortaköy (quaint neighborhood by the water)
2. Dolmabahce Palace
3. Stroll down Istiklal Street → Taksim Square
4. Optional: Turkish Hamam experience

Where to Eat

1. House Café Ortaköy – trendy brunch spot by the Bosphorus
2. 360 Istanbul – rooftop dinner, panoramic views

What to Buy

1. Designer finds from Istinye Park Mall
2. Handmade soaps or artisan textiles from boutique shops in Karaköy

