

Istanbul Guided Best Tour — Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia & Basilica Cistern

Daily Tours · 3 hour · Guide: en

PRICE

€120

€97

per person · incl. taxes

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

All Inclusive (Mon-Wed-Thu-Sat-Sun) €97/adult €97/child

All Inclusive (Tuesday) €97/adult €97/child

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

A half-day guided experience through the most important Byzantine and Ottoman monuments of the Old City.

ITINERARY

1 Sultanahmet Hippodrome

Egyptian Obelisk, Serpent Column, Walled Obelisk, German Fountain.

2 Blue Mosque (Sultanahmet Mosque)

Cascading domes, six minarets, İznik tiles.

3 Hagia Sophia

The central dome, mosaics and marble interior (Visitor Area + Upper Gallery).

4 Basilica Cistern

Medusa-head columns and Roman architecture.

WHAT'S INCLUDED / EXCLUDED

- ✓ English-speaking guide
- ✓ Blue Mosque tour
- ✓ Basilica Cistern skip-the-line ticket and tour
- ✓ Old City highlights tour
- ✓ Hagia Sophia skip-the-line ticket
- ✓ Hagia Sophia audio guide
- ✗ Skip-the-line entry to the Blue Mosque
- ✗ Headscarf/body cover for the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Guests who do not speak English can get a separate ticket with an audio guide in their preferred language instead of joining the group. Tickets skip the ticket queue at Hagia Sophia and the Basilica Cistern but not the security queue (Hagia Sophia security can take up to 60 minutes in high season, Basilica Cistern up to 30 minutes). The Hagia Sophia ticket grants access to the Visitor Area and Upper Gallery, not the prayer area. Knees must be covered; if wearing shorts, a body cover can be rented for 100 TL. The Basilica Cistern may undergo renovation after April 28 — in that case the tour visits the Theodosius Cistern or the 1001 Direk Cistern instead. No wheelchair/stroller access. Reservation arrangements at Hagia Sophia are ongoing. Payment/Cancellation: free cancellation up to 24 hours before; partial payment available (50% now, remainder later).

MEETING POINT

In Sultanahmet at the Hippodrome, opposite Design Café and the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts, under the trees.
(Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/P6mCcvd2SYJ3mdEL8>)