

Istanbul

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Founded in the 7th century BC Istanbul was the great capital of the Byzantine Empire and then of the Ottoman sultans; as a result both East and West have influenced its artistic traditions. This study tour will introduce its most famous monuments such as Hagia Sophia, Justinian's great church and the inspiration of much Ottoman architecture; the Suleymaniye Mosque, Sinan's masterpiece; the Blue Mosque with its tiled interior; the Roman Underground Cistern; the Topkapi Palace, former residence of the sultans. Its museums will reveal masterpieces of sculpture and mosaic. There will be time to study Byzantine works such as the Church of St Saviour at Chora and Theodosius II's massive land walls; some less known mosques and thriving bazaars will also be explored.

By taking a boat trip along the Bosphorous we shall admire the city's famous skyline and unique vernacular architecture.

Accommodation	Single room supplement £210
Centrally located Hotel Nena in Istanbul. Bed and Breakfast tariff in twin-share room with private facilities.	
Course Cost	£695
Inclusive of tuition, airport transfers (airport transfers are only available for the Siragusa Ltd nominated flight), accommodation and breakfast.	
Travel Insurance	
Once tour is viable and if we have booked a flight for you through Travelpack, you can call Lorraine on 08444 930465 for an immediate quote (unless you already have insurance)	
Flight	Ca. £190 scheduled flight to Istanbul Ataturk Airport
Note that the cost is an estimate and if it is less you pay less. Please see Booking Conditions for more information concerning nominated flights	
Local Transport	
Airport transfers by hotel bus	
Group Size	16
Tutor(s)	Dalila Castelijm

Related OU Courses	General Interest
<i>Itinerary</i>	
DAY 01	
Arrival in Istanbul and orientation.	
DAY 02	
am The Hippodrome and the Church of SS Sergius and Bacchus pm Hagia Sophia and Yerebatan Cistern	
DAY 03	
All day visit to Theodosius II land walls, to include Tekfur Sarai, Yedikule Fortress; Church of St Saviour at Chora	
DAY 04	
am Sokollu Mehmet Pasa Mosque and the Blue Mosque pm Suleymaniye Mosque and the Grand Bazaar; rest of afternoon free	
DAY 05	
am Rustem Pasha Mosque pm Boat trip on Bosphorus	
DAY 06	
am Fountain of Ahmet III, Topkapi Palace and its Museums pm free	
DAY 07	
Free until departure	
This itinerary and study programme is provisional and may be subject to change in response to local conditions	

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