

ISTANBUL ITINERARY (NOV 22-25)

DAY 1 - SATURDAY NOV 21

Check in. Meet us (IAR group) at the Departing Gate

Depart from the Washington DC (IAD) with Turkish Airlines at 9:10 PM



DAY 2 - SUNDAY NOV 22

Welcome to Istanbul! Proceed to Immigration/Passport Control

Pick up your luggage and take a private bus to your hotel

Check in at the **Crowne Plaza hotel** in Istanbul's old city, within walking distance (15-45 mins) of all the major attractions

After we check-in, we will do a few quick tours:

1. Quick Orientation: We will do a quick walk-around to show you what's around. The tram access, using Google Maps, shops around us, etc.

Back to our Hotel. Overnight stay in Istanbul



DAY 3 - MONDAY NOV 23

After breakfast, start our second day of tours in Istanbul: (order may change)

1. **Topkapi Palace:** It has been home to the Ottoman dynasty for many years, was used for educational, administrative and as the art center of the state.

2. **Hagia Sophia:** It's the most famous museum in Turkey and one of the greatest marvels of architecture. It was built as a church in the 6th century by the Emperor Justinian.



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3. **The Blue Mosque:** as known as the **Sultanahmet Mosque**, this breath-taking building is one of the most majestic Ottoman Mosques in all of Turkey.
4. **The Hippodrome:** It was the center of sports activities of Constantinople.
5. **Grand Bazaar:** It is the biggest market and the most attractive shopping center of Istanbul, which has lots of shopping opportunities.

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DAY 4 - TUESDAY NOV 24

After breakfast, meet our guide in the hotel lobby to start the tour

1. **The Suleymaniye Mosque & Eyup Mosque:** visit some of the most important Ottoman imperial mosques located on the Third Hill of Istanbul.
2. **Egyptian Bazaar:** Specialized in typical products such as spices, sweets and nuts. It is a very colorful market with a rich history.
3. **The Bosphorus Cruise:** We continue to enjoy a private boat cruise from Eminönü that forms the famous Golden Horn. The cruise will continue on the Bosphorus River.

Overnight in Istanbul



DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY NOV 25

Check out of the hotel at **5:00 AM** and head to the airport

Breakfast boxed meals will be provided

Head to Istanbul airport and take the Madinah flight at **09:30 AM**

MADINAH ITINERARY (NOV 25-28)

DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY NOV 25

Welcome to Medina! Arrive at Medina Airport around 1:00 PM

Transfer by Private Bus to our hotel, **Maden Taiba Hotel**

Enjoy the five daily prayers at the Haram



DAY 6 - THURSDAY NOV 26

Rawdah Group Visit (tentative times to be confirmed)

Meet in the lobby for Zyarat/Sightseeing tour: **Uhud Mountain, Quba Mosque, and more!** (Time TBA)

Enjoy the five daily prayers at the Haram



DAY 7 - FRIDAY NOV 27

Get ready early for the Jumaa prayer (12:09 PM)

Al Ossia (Bird) Sanctuary Tour

Umrah Workshop at the hotel after Asr (TBC)

Pack your luggage for the next day's departure to Makkah



DAY 8 - SATURDAY NOV 28

Leave your luggage outside your room at 08:00 AM for luggage transfer to Makkah. **Please keep your valuables with you (e.g., money, passport)**

Take the bus to the train station at **1:30 PM**. Our train departs at **3:30 PM**.

MAKKAH ITINERARY (NOV 28-DEC 02)

DAY 8 - SATURDAY NOV 28

Welcome to Makkah! Arrive at **Swissôtel Al Maqam** around **7:00 PM**

Tentative Umrah at 10:00 PM. Meet in the Lobby at **9:30 PM**

Enjoy the five daily prayers at the Haram



DAY 9 - SUNDAY NOV 29

Free Day. Get some rest

Enjoy the five daily prayers at the Haram



DAY 10 - MONDAY NOV 30

After breakfast, meet in the lobby at **8:00 AM** for the sightseeing tour: **Ghar Thawr, Alnour Mountain, Hajj Sites & Hira Museum**

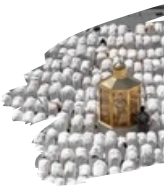
(Optional) 2nd Umrah: Bus Service to Masjid Aisha (Altaneem) after Dhuhr at **12:30 PM**



DAY 11 - TUESDAY DEC 01

Check out after Isha prayer & take the bus to Jeddah Airport

Arrive at Jeddah airport. Receive your Zamzam. Head to Check-in/Gate



DAY 12 - WEDNESDAY DEC 02

Take our flight to Istanbul Airport at **2:25 AM.**

Arrive at Istanbul Airport at **6:30 AM.** Transfer & Depart for DC at **8:30 AM.**

Arrive Dulles Airport (IAD) at 11:30 AM ET.

