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Susan's Istanbul Tour
OCTOBER 13, 2025 – OCTOBER 16, 2025
- Itinerary -



12 OCT DEPART USA

13OCT ARRIVE ISTANBUL, TURKEY

On arrival at the Istanbul Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Check in and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. This is a group transfer for a specific flight (to be determined at a later date). Private transfers can be arranged for about 135 euros per 5 passenger SUV.

Accommodation: Radisson President Old Town or similar (3 Night)

14OCT FULL DAY ISTANBUL CITY TOUR (B)

After breakfast, depart for a full day tour of the city. Your first stop will be **Blue Mosque or Sultan Ahmed Mosque**, famous for its stunning blue tiles and six minarets, this mosque is one of Istanbul's most iconic landmarks. Visitors can admire its intricate interior and learn about its significance in Ottoman religious life.

Continue to Haggai St. Sophia, built by Emperor Constantius in 360 AD. St. Sophia was for many centuries the world's largest church and today is the fourth largest one after St. Paul's in London, St. Peter's in Rome and Duomo in Milan. Throughout its Byzantine history, St. Sophia served as the cathedral of the city.

where emperors were crowned and victories celebrated. Today it is a grand Mosque.

Proceed to the underground cistern, an awe-inspiring ancient water storage system, this subterranean marvel is supported by 336 columns and features dim lighting that creates a mystical atmosphere. It was built during the Byzantine Empire to supply water to the city.

Lastly, make a stop at the hippodrome, once a grand chariot-racing arena. Today, it is home to significant monuments like the Egyptian Obelisk and the Serpent Column.

Break for Lunch (not included).

After lunch we will head to the **Spice Market**: Also known as the Egyptian Bazaar, this market is a sensory delight filled with the rich aromas of spices, herbs, teas, dried fruits, nuts, and sweets. Originally built to fund the New Mosque, the Spice Market is a historical landmark where visitors can explore the vibrant colors and smells while sampling traditional Turkish delights like lokum (sweet jelly candy) and baklava. This market provides an immersive experience in Istanbul's culinary delights, you will get a chance to taste authentic Turkish teas and Turkish delights. Don't forget to bring out your haggling skills.

After the tour, you will be transferred to your hotel for overnight and leisure.
Both men and women are required to wear clothing that covers their shoulders and knees. Women should also cover their heads with a scarf.

15OCT **TOPKAPI PALACE AND GRAND BAZAAR TOUR** (B)

After breakfast, depart for your day tour of the Topkapi palace and the Grand Bazaar.

Our day starts with a visit to the Topkapi Palace, a stunning historical complex that served as the primary residence of Ottoman sultans for nearly 400 years. The palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site, offers a fascinating glimpse into the opulence of the Ottoman Empire. Visitors can explore its grand courtyards, intricate rooms, and remarkable collections, including sacred relics, imperial treasures, and exquisite art. Highlights include the Harem, the Imperial Treasury, and the breathtaking views of the Bosphorus from the palace's terraces. A tour of Topkapi Palace unveils the rich history and luxurious lifestyle of the sultans who ruled over vast territories.

Break for Lunch (not included)

Today is a fascinating journey through one of the city's most iconic and historic marketplaces. Your second stop will be at the **Grand Bazaar**: One of the largest

and oldest covered markets in the world, the Grand Bazaar features over 4,000 shops spread across 61 streets. It's a bustling hub where visitors can find a variety of goods, including textiles, jewelry, antiques, leather goods, and ceramics. The maze-like structure offers a unique shopping experience, showcasing Ottoman architecture and the vibrant energy of Turkish commerce. This market provides an immersive experience in Istanbul's culture, history, making for an exciting and authentic tour. Don't forget to bring out your haggling skills.

After the tour, return to your hotel for leisure and overnight.

16OCT DEPART ISTANBUL (B)
 After breakfast, check out of your hotel and **transfer to port for your cruise.**
 Happy cruising!

LAND ONLY PACKAGE RATES:

Dates: 13 Oct – 16 Oct 2025

Hotel: Radisson President Old Town

Minimum # of guests required: 10 **Cost:** \$846.00 per person

Single Room Supplement: \$349.00 per person

Inclusions in above prices:

- Moderate Class hotel accommodation as per itinerary based on twin share
- All transfers and transportation is by private, air-conditioned coach (**One Group transfer** meeting one flight only on arrival and departure is included.) Private transfers also available for an additional fee.
- Arrival Meet & Greet guide assistance, transfer to the port for our cruise
- Entrances as noted below:
 - Blue Mosque
 - Haggai Sophia
 - Underground Cistern
 - Topkapi Palace
- Tours as noted below:
 - Full day Istanbul Tour
 - Grand Bazaar and Topkapi Palace
- Meals
 - 3 x Breakfast
 - 0 x lunches
 - 0 x dinners
- Hotel portorage

Exclusions in above prices:

- All airfares, departure taxes & fuel surcharges. Additional charges will apply for extra transfers if anyone in the group is arriving or departing on different flights.

- Any future fuel surcharges on land arrangements or additional costs due to COVID rules
- Personal items
- Optional Tours
- Meals unless listed in itinerary
- Tips & Gratuities
- Increase in local tax rates
- Early check-in & late check out of rooms (standard check-in time is 2pm and check out 10am)
- Travel Insurance
- Visa/passport handling fees

IMPORTANT:

Due to record number of travellers, many attractions have restricted access, restrictions of volume of visitors, and the late release of tickets. Please note that some entrance tickets cannot be guaranteed until the group is finalized and are subject to availability at late release dates.

Tour Luggage Allowance - Land Arrangements:

One piece of standard size luggage per person is included on tour coaches. If your group is travelling with more than one piece each, then you must advise us prior to final payment of the group. Additional arrangements may be required (cost not included). Failure to do so could impact the smooth running of your tour and incur costs locally.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Dated: December 19, 2024

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT:

I. DEPOSIT:

A nonrefundable deposit of \$250 per person is required to confirm your spot.
This amount will be deducted from the final invoice.

II. PAYMENTS:

All payments must be made via credit card only
Final payment is May 9, 2025

CANCELLATION:

LAND PENALTIES:

- More than 91 days prior to departure loss of non-refundable deposit
- Between 90-61 days prior to departure 75% of the tour price
- 60 days or less prior to departure 100% non-refundable

Important Note: Cancellation penalties for some travel arrangements may differ from our general conditions. In this occurrence, you will be advised of these addendums at the time of confirmation or prior to any penalties becoming applicable and as soon as we are notified of these special conditions.

INSURANCE:

It is strongly recommended that you purchase cancellation insurance to protect against cancellation due to illness prior to or during travel. In the event a traveller becoming ill during a tour and has not purchased insurance, all hospital and medical expenses are the traveller's responsibility. Based on Goway Travel's current cancellation policies the passenger may incur up to 100% cancellation penalties and should protect themselves with cancellation insurance.

PASSPORT & VISA INFORMATION:

Please ensure that you have arranged all documentation with the appropriate consulate well in advance of your departure from the US and that your passports are also valid for the minimum validity required for **ALL** destinations being travelled to. The information following only applies to the itinerary booked with Goway Travel and does not cover any independently arranged destinations.

I. **PASSPORTS**

Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your scheduled return date.

II. **VISAS**

Important:

At the time of this quotation, US Citizens do not require a visa to enter Turkey or Greece however an ETIAS Visa waiver will be required for US passport holders to 22 European Countries (Greece included) plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway & Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino & Vatican City. The current tentative scheduled date for the launch of this requirement is for some time in 2025. For the **latest** information, please visit <https://etias.com/>.

*The above information applies to US passport holders only. Please make sure that all destinations to be visited or transited are verified with the applicable consulate(s) for entry requirements prior to departure, together with requirements for anyone travelling on **non US passports**.*

HEALTH INFORMATION:

- I. It is the traveler's responsibility to check with their local travel medical professional for advice on any recommended vaccinations and health precautions for their trip.
- II. **Travelling with medicines:** Some countries have restrictions on travelling with medicines (prescriptions and/or nonprescription). It is the travelers' responsibility to

check these requirements.

GENERAL:

I. CURRENCY AND PRICING FLUCTUATIONS

This proposal is based on the current exchange rate(s). Should there be considerable currency fluctuations, we reserve the right to apply any necessary surcharges. In the event of any additional fuel surcharges by the Land Suppliers and/or airlines, we reserve the right to add these to the costs of the land package and/or airfare. Any applicable increases will be advised in writing prior to final payment. Prices are guaranteed once final payment has been made.

II. FORCE MAJEURE

We shall not be liable for any claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses, delays or loss of enjoyment, of any nature or kind whatsoever, resulting from events beyond our or a supplier's reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts or restraints imposed by government authorities

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

Goway Travel Ltd. and/or its agents act only as agents for the client in all matters pertaining to travel. They assume no responsibility nor liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel, carriage, aircraft, motor or other conveyances which may be used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passenger; neither will it be responsible for any act, error, or omission, or any injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through the neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which tickets or coupons are issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or well-being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operators. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers, conversely refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event, during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all tours should conditions warrant, also to decline to accept or retain any passengers as Members of the tours. Goway Travel Ltd or agent can assume no responsibility for lost tickets or coupons.