



HELLENIC INSPIRATION
Istanbul
Go Beyond Exclusive
3 Night Pre-Cruise Program

September 23-26
Hotel check-in date is September 23

\$1,999 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
\$2,299, SINGLE, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY



Explore Istanbul on this tour designed to give well-deserved attention to an incredible destination that would otherwise be missed. This pre-cruise tour is the ultimate accessory to a remarkable trip.

Where the east meets the west—the ancient city of Istanbul is the only pan-continental city in the world to straddle two continents: Europe and Asia. Shop world-famous markets, including the Spice Market and Grand Bazaar. Enjoy Ottoman cuisine after learning about rich Ottoman history at the Topkapi Palace Museum. Explore ancient Byzantine architecture at the Underground Cistern and Hagia Sophia Holy Grand Mosque and take in the majestic architecture of the Ottoman Blue Mosque.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights at the 5-star Hotel Barcelo with Breakfast
- 2 full-day and 1 half-day sightseeing excursions as specified in itinerary, including entrance fees
- Professional tour guide
- Exclusive Go Next Program Manager and hospitality desk
- Transfers between airport,* hotel, and cruise ship, with related luggage handling. Airport transfers are only applicable during program dates. Transfers are only provided from Istanbul's (IST) airport.

***FOR GUESTS BOOKING THEIR OWN AIRFARE:** Airport transfers are only applicable on program dates. You must provide your complete flight details to Go Next 30 days prior to departure in order to ensure airport transfers.

LOCAL CUSTOMS: Local customs require covering knees and shoulders when visiting religious sites. Ladies also need to cover their heads when entering a mosque.



ITINERARY

- September 23** Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to the luxurious 5-star Hotel Barcelo. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure.
- September 24** Begin your journey with a full-day exploration of Istanbul's rich heritage and breathtaking views. You'll start with an inside visit to Dolmabahce Palace, a stunning example of Ottoman architecture. Next, enjoy a panoramic boat tour along the Bosphorus Strait, offering incredible views of the city's skyline as you sail between two continents. Following this, embark on a tour of Kadikoy, where you'll experience the unique culture of both Europe and Asia in one day. For lunch, indulge in a cultural food-tasting experience, savoring traditional Turkish dishes. The day concludes with a visit to Camlica Hill, which offers panoramic views of Istanbul, perfect for capturing memories of this unforgettable day.
- September 25** After breakfast, explore the city's ancient history and remarkable landmarks. Visit the grand Topkapi Palace, once the heart of the Ottoman Empire. Then, take a stroll through the historic Hippodrome Square, where chariot races were held in Byzantine times. Descend into the mysterious Underground Cistern, an ancient water reservoir with an awe-inspiring atmosphere. Midday, you'll enjoy a delightful lunch at an Ottoman restaurant, savoring the flavors of the region. This full-day tour offers a deep dive into Istanbul's glorious past and cultural significance.
- September 26** On your final day, begin on a half-day tour that covers some of Istanbul's most iconic sights. Start with a visit to the exterior of the Blue Mosque, an architectural masterpiece adorned with intricate blue tiles. Then, explore the magnificent Hagia Sophia on an inside tour, marveling at its impressive dome and rich history as both a church and a mosque. Finally, wander through the lively Spice Market, where you can browse a vibrant array of spices, sweets, and local products.

As the tour comes to a close, transfer to *Vista* to embark on your cruise.



Hotel Barcelo

Hotel Barcelo offers a luxurious stay in the heart of the city, combining modern elegance with comfort. This 5-star hotel boasts spacious rooms, exquisite dining options, and world-class amenities, including a spa and fitness center. Located just minutes from Istanbul's top attractions, it's the perfect base for exploring the city's rich history and vibrant culture. Start each day with a delicious breakfast before heading out to discover the wonders of Istanbul.



MOBILITY STATEMENT: Travelers should be confident in their ability to walk and stand for up to 3-4 hours with a total of up to 2 miles per day while keeping a steady pace with a group or tour guide. This tour can involve walking on mostly uneven ground and occasionally stairs, some with no handrails. Travelers should be able to board a coach and boat independently. This tour is not recommended for those with a walker or wheelchair.