COMPANY PROFILE

Luxury Istanbul is the Turkey’s foremost luxury travel company, combining comfort and authenticity in the Turkey's greatest destinations. We offer a comprehensive range of luxury holidays and travel services in Turkey. Our long-established rapport with the Turkey’s leading tour operators, hotels and other service providers ensures affordable prices and unique deals.

We are a privately held luxury travel company based in Istanbul, Turkey, specializing in creating luxury, tailor-made holidays to hotels and resorts in numerous, diverse locations whole around Turkey, combining in-depth experience in all aspects of the travel industry, with the highest standards of client care.

Luxury Istanbul is a registered and licensed member of TURSAB, the Association of Turkish Travel Agents.

Our company is run by seasoned professionals with over 18 years of combined experience in the travel industry. Both of our founders have built and managed a wide range of businesses engaged in the sale and delivery of travel services prior to founding Luxury Istanbul. The rest of our team has previously worked at major tour operators, hotel companies and airlines.

We also have professional & high-end travel solutions for Businessmen, Expats, Shopaholics, Foodies and for those who are interested in history & culture, archeology, fine-arts, high fashion, gourmet food & wine, auctions, antiques, real estate, home decoration, … to make your vacation to Turkey more delightful with a personal touch.

At Luxurystanbul.com we never stop innovating and finding new places and travel experiences to offer. We've grown our portfolio by acquiring companies that share our passion for personal service, high quality holidays and attention to detail.

Our expert partners are at the forefront of their respective fields, providing professional service to fulfill your requests.

As a client of Luxury Istanbul, your desired tour will be specifically customized your by our foremost travel experts.

You are very welcome to Luxury Istanbul hospitality and we wish you very pleasant journeys to Turkey.

Let us help you for a great journey of a lifetime experience…

Sincerely yours,

Yaşar ÇELEN (Mr.)
CEO
“ISTANBUL, The Most Inspiring City Of The World”

"Unique holidays turn into unforgettable memories with Luxury Istanbul"
“TURKEY, Cradle of Civilisations”

“We invite you to come and turn the pages of the great history & civilizations, archaeology & nature.”
VIP MEETING AT THE AIRPORT
CHAUFFEURED LIMOUSINE SERVICES
PREMIER ACCOMMODATION ALTERNATIVES

LES OTTOMANS “Mystical Ottoman Night” (Luxurious Boutique Hotel at the European Side)

Les Ottomans was genuine ottoman mansion and assures the perfect atmosphere with its amazing bosphorus view.

AJIA “Trendy Istanbul” (Luxurious Boutique Hotel at the Asian Side)

A distinguished boutique hotel A’jia is an old wooden mansion located in a quiet sea front district of Istanbul called Kanlica on the Asian shores of the Bosphorus. A’jia offers a quite ambience, with exquisite views of the city for an unforgettable experience.
EXCLUSIVE NIGHT OUTS FOR SPECIAL DAYS

MAIDEN’S TOWER “Byzantium Style”

The Maiden’s Tower, also known in the ancient Greek and medieval Byzantine periods as Leander’s, sits on a small islet located at the southern entrance of Bosporus strait 200 m (220 yd) off the coast of Üsküdar. Used as a lighthouse for centuries, the interior of the tower has been transformed into a popular café and restaurant, with an excellent view of the former Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman capital.

As this splendid venue is located in the middle of the Bosphorus, guests may enjoy a wonderful cocktail along with a mystical Bosphorus Cruise no matter how big or small the group is. We may live up the venue with additional entertainment alternatives.

EXCLUSIVE ACTIVITY ALTERNATIVES

ISTANBUL BY AIR (An unforgettable experience By Agusta VIP AW109, Available for 6 passengers)

Fly over the Bosphorus and discover Euro Asia By Air
LUXURIOUS YACHT TOUR “Piers of the Bosphorus”

The boat is also available for cocktail and/or lunch alternatives during the tour.

In Istanbul, all roads lead to the Bosphorus. No trip to the city would be complete without a cruise along this winding strait, meandering between the continents of Europe and Asia.

The Bosphorus, the 20-mile strait that joins two seas and two continents, has been, through the ages, the subject of much legend and art. Small fishing villages line the inlets while the many churches, monasteries, and summer palaces along its shores add to its natural beauty.

First visit will be to Ortaköy which is a very lively seafront neighborhood full of cafés and street vendors. Here our guests can enjoy a day among the locals rather than tourists. There are also hookah cafés and traditional Turkish street food sellers. Ortaköy is also known as the meeting spot of the three religions of the book with its magnificent baroque mosque by the sea, sinagogue at its enterance and Greek Orthodox Church at the side enterance to its narrow cobble-stoned streets.

We shall start cruising along the Bosphorus and crossing over to the lesser-known Asian side. First, we will stop at Beylerbeyi Palace, built during the reign of Sultan Abdulaziz in the year 1865 and used as the summer palace of the sultans.

Our next stop will be the Kanlica pier which is famous for its home made yoghurt. While strolling around, you will be offered this special yoghurt which you can eat plain, with sugar or with ice-cream.

Our second stop will be at Kuzguncuk with its synagogues, mosques, and churches, where, again, the three religions meet.
SAILING ON THE BOSPHORUS

We are working with Sailing Academy for this half day sailing activity. While enjoying the Bosphorus views our guests will be taking first steps for sailing. Minimum 8 participants are required.

We also have the option of turning this activity into a challenge. The group can be divided into teams and race to win a award.

The sailing experience includes:
- Logistic transfer boat
- Professional skipper on each boat
- Necessary sailing gear and equipment

RELAXATION AT TURKISH BATH “AYASOFYA HURREM SULTAN”

Turkish Bath is such a relaxing and rejuvenating experience. First, our guests will be taken to the dressing/resting rooms to change. They will all be given a traditional bath cloth to wrap themselves with... They can also wear their swimming suits if they wish. When they are ready, they will be taken into the Hamam – hot room, where they will be washed. They can experience the body scrubbing (all dead cells are peeled off by a special cleaning glove) and the soap massage.

The Ayasofya Hürrem Sultan Hamamı, also known as the Haseki Hürrem Sultan Hamami, is located in a building designed by legendary architect Sinan in 1556 for the notorious Hürrem Sultan (Roxelana) a concubine who
became the wife of Sultan Süleyman the Magnificent. Following a major renovation, the building has become a hamam once more, and offers bath basic and luxurious bath services in a spotless and beautiful setting.

After bath, refreshments can be served to the guests.

The historical Hammam can also be privatized for the exclusive use of your group.

15-20 guests can be served on the same time. The treatment takes about 30 minutes.

**ANTIQUING IN ISTANBUL**

Istanbul, a city so rich in history, is naturally a wonderful place for antique collectors. Antiques are not limited to traditional Turkish pieces, but there is also a selection of European artifacts as well.

This antique excursion tour will begin with a visit to Antik Palace, a repertory of amazing antiques including centerpieces made for the Prince of Switzerland’s wedding, bronze statues, gifts from the legendary queen Eugenie to Sultan Abdualaziz, silverware used by sultans, hand-written Korans, authentic calligraphy pieces and Ottoman miniature paintings, just to name a few. The building itself, a historic structure with more than 9000 square feet of floor space on five levels, has been featured in numerous antique magazines and television programs. The beauty of the Antique Palace is unlike other antique showrooms, here, you will be able to see, touch, feel and in a sense live the history of the pieces on display. (Weekdays open until: 18:00pm & Weekends open until 16:00pm)(Closed on Sundays)

Continue to Cukurcuma, a very local antique market. Tea/coffee to be served in a very atmospheric renovated Ottoman House, owner of which is a collector himself.

*This activity can be done for groups of maximum 30 guests.*
DISCOVER TURKISH WINE & CHEESE AT SENSUS

Sensus Wine and Cheese is a brand new, gorgeous and best-of-its type wine and cheese cellar located in the historically European part of town, right next to the famous Genoese Tower. Venues collection consists solely of Turkish grapes, wines and cheeses. Here the guests will be given a mini –introduction to Turkish wine culture and grapes while sampling various prominent bottles of wines and cheeses suggested alongside them. A mini orchestra will welcome the guests playing Turkish tunes. They also have a shop where you can also olive oil.

*This activity can be done for groups of maximum 30 guests.

CULTURAL TOUR ALTERNATIVES

UNDERGROUND CISTERN

The largest and most magnificent covered cistern in the city is entered through a small building to the west of the Hagia Sophia Square. The ceiling of this forest of columns is made of brick and is cross-vaulted. It was built during the reign of Justinian I (527-565) to supply water to the palaces in the vicinity. Its 336 columns are arranged in 12 rows of 28 each. The columns are topped with capitals, some of them plain, but most in Corinthian style. The water level in the cistern changed from season to season. The water was distributed
through the pipes at different levels in the eastern wall. The ground was cleared during the major restoration in 1987, and when over one meter of mud was removed, the original brick pavement and two marble Medusa heads at the base of two of the columns were revealed.

*In the cistern we have possibility to have early breakfast and private visit of the cistern between 07:00-09:00 in the morning which is before the public visit. Also, we have possibility to have cocktail in this historical venue after 19:30.*

**EXCLUSIVE HAGIA SOPHIA VISIT (Mondays Only)**

Haghia Sophia was built by Constantine the great and considered as a masterpiece of Byzantine art. Its first construction dates back to the end of the 4th century. Haghia Sophia served as a church for 916 years and as a mosque for 477 years until Ataturk’s orders converted it into a museum, now displaying the pieces both from Christianity and Islam.

Except for public visit, on Mondays, we have the possibility to arrange exclusive visit to the museum.

**IMPERIAL TOPKAPI PALACE & THE HAREM SECTION**

The Topkapi Palace is a must to see when you come to Turkey. This palace was the imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans and it is the most extensive and fascinating monument of Turkish civil architecture in existence. In addition to its historical and architectural interest, it houses extraordinary collections of porcelain, armour, fabrics, jewellery, miniatures, calligraphy and many other precious objects that once belonged to the sultans and their court.
The Imperial Harem (Harem-i Hümayûn) occupied one of the sections of the private apartments of the sultan; it contained more than 400 rooms. The harem was home to the sultan’s mother, the Valide Sultan; the concubines and wives of the sultan; and the rest of his family, including children; and their servants. The harem consists of a series of buildings and structures, connected through hallways and courtyards. Every service team and hierarchical group residing in the harem had its own living space clustered around a courtyard. The number of rooms is not determined, with probably over 100, of which only a few are open to the public.

EXCLUSIVE CHORA CHURCH VISIT (Wednesday Only)

The Chora Museum, is considered to be one of the most beautiful examples of a Byzantine church. The church is situated in the western, Edirnekapi district of Istanbul. In the 16th century, the church was converted into a mosque by the Ottoman rulers, and it became a secularised museum in 1948. The interior of the building is covered with fine mosaics and frescoes.

Except for public visit, on Wednesdays, we have the possibility to arrange exclusive visit to the museum.

After the visit of the Chora Church, the group may enjoy a traditional ottoman lunch in Asitane Restaurant which is next to the church.
HIDDEN GEMS OF GRAND BAZAAR

The Grand Bazaar (Turkish: Kapalıçarşı, meaning Covered Bazaar) in Istanbul is one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world, with more than 58 covered streets and over 4,000 shops which attract between 250,000 and half a million visitors daily. The guests will have opportunity to explore its mysterious atmosphere and wander the aisles, smell the spices and discover the gold merchants.

Shopping in Istanbul is a lot of fun as well as being a cultural experience. You will remember being offered by merchants, feverishly bargaining, and the interesting conversations that will take place during your shopping.

FAIRY CAPPADOCIA (Cave Hotels & Hot Air Balloon & Fairy Chimneys & Ancient Underground Cities)

The Cappadocian Region located in the center of the Anatolian Peninsula, with its valley, canyon, hills and unusual rock formation created as a result of the eroding rains and winds of thousands of years of the level, lava-covered plain located between the volcanic mountains Erciyes, Melendiz and Hasan as well as its troglodyte dwellings carved out of the rock and cities dug out into underground, presents an otherworldly appearance. The eruptions of these mountains which were active volcanoes in geological times lasted until 2 million years ago.
PAMUKKALE (Cotton Castle & Hierapolis & Wellness)

Pamukkale is one of Turkey’s top attractions and a precious in the world with its cotton-look terraces. The underground water once gave life to the ancient city of Hierapolis now helps Pamukkale be one of the most important thermal centers of Turkey. Tourists and locals visit Pamukkale and Hierapolis frequently not only for its extraordinary look and its ancient history but also for wellness.

EPHESUS (Ephesus Ancient City, House of Virgin Mary, Artemis Temple)

Ephesus which was established as a port, was used to be the most important commercial centre. It played a great role in the ancient times with its strategic location. Ephesus is located on a very fertile valley. Ephesus, once, the trade centre of the ancient world, a religious centre of the early Christianity and today, Ephesus is an important tourism centre in Turkey. The ancient city Ephesus is located in Selcuk, a small town 30km away from Kusadasi.
BLUE VOYAGE IN TURKEY (Traditional Sailing Boats, Gulet)

For those who look for a great journey of a lifetime experience...

With over 8,333 kilometers of coastline along the four seas, Turkey is a treasure chest of coves, inlets, bays and beaches at which yachtsmen can choose a different and private anchorage each night. The sailing paradise of Turkey is also home to Blue Voyage. This idyllic cruise means sailing with winds, into coves and over the seas and becoming one with nature. It is also an experience of the history of man from the land, a journey that will carry you to the private beach of Cleopatra, the eternal fires of remains of ancient civilizations.

Turkey is considered to be the cradle of numerous ancient civilizations such as Hierapolis, Ephesus, Halicarnassus, Olympos, Phaselis, Letoon, Xhantos, Patara, which are nowadays called, Bodrum, Marmaris, Gocek, Fethiye or Antalya.

We invite you to an unforgettable voyage called Blue Cruise, a perfectly organized motor yacht charter in Turkey with confidentiality and peace of mind, where Lycian, Karian civilizations such as, Xhantos, Patara, Letoon, ancient ruins welcome you in each and every bay you drop anchor luxuriously relaxed while sipping one of our delicious Anatolian red wine or Lion’s Milk “Raki” with a Turkish variety of meze plates served by the yacht crew.

You will pass through nature and at the moment you will watch all the beauty of nature, the islands and the untouched bays.

In the thousands of year old historic cultural estate of Likia, after a swim, you will have your self-caught fish, cooked by your own chef and enjoy drinks with friends.

The Blue Cruise will make you forget about all the routines and the stress of daily life as you are surrounded in the nature’s beauty. After a night’s sleep in one bay, you will awaken and find yourself in another bay to explore.