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**Summer Holidays-Türkiye 2023**  
**Istanbul/Trabzon-6 nights/7 days**  
**July to October**

**Day 1:**

On arrival in Istanbul, you will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Please share the details of your arrival with us.

Stay at Vital Fulya Hotel , a 4-star hotel located in Şişli, Istanbul in a double or triple bedrooms with breakfast. <https://vitalhotelfulya.com> or similar hotels depending on the availability at the time of final booking.

No tour will be organized today for you to take rest and relax.

**Day 2: Istanbul**

Pick up from the hotel after breakfast at 9.30am. An English-speaking tour guide will be available today to visit the following sites:

- **Topkapi Palace:** This palace was built in 1460 by Fatih Sultan Mehmet, the conqueror of Istanbul. It is used as an official administration center and residence of the sultans with separate quarters for women called “Harem”. In 1856 the sultans moved to Dolmabahce. *2 hours. (Closed on Tuesdays’, alternatively we will take you to visit Dolmabahce Palace ).*
- **Highia Sophia Mosque:** This structure was built in 537 by Byzantine Emperor Justinian as basilica which was converted to a mosque in 1453 when Sultan Mehmet captured Istanbul in 1453, Ata Turk converted this into a museum in 1935 and again in 2019 it was converted into a mosque. *1 hour*
- **Blue Mosque:** The Blue Mosque (Called Sultanahmet Camii in Turkish) was built during the reign of Sultan Ahmet in 1616. It is also known as Blue Mosque because of blue tiles surrounding the walls of interior design. *1 hour*

- **Basilica Cistern:** The cistern was built under the Byzantine Emperor Justinian. The cistern is a large underground structure that held about 100,000 tons of water to supply water to the residents of Constantinople. It occupies a rectangular area equal to 140 meters in length and 70 meters in width. Inside the tank there are 336 columns with a height of 9 meters each, which form 12 rows of 28 columns each. *1 hour.*
- **Bosporous Cruise Dinner:** It starts at 8.00pm to last for 3 hours with dinner and music and traditional Turkish dance. You will be dropped back to the hotel after the cruise. *3 hours*

45 minutes lunch break.

### **Day 3: Istanbul**

Pick you up from the hotel at 9.30 after breakfast to visit.

- **Covered Market:** Built in 1456 this is one of the largest and oldest covered market in the world, with 61 covered streets and over 4,000 shops, attracting between 250,000 and 400,000 visitors daily. The shops sell Carpets & Kilims, Colorful Lamps & Lanterns, Ceramics, Turkish Metalware, Gold and Silver Jewelry, leather Jackets etc. Price bargains are customary at most of the shops which could be in the range of 10% to 40%. *2 hours.(Closed on Sunday's alternatively we will take to the Spice Bazaar).*
- **Dolmabahçe palace:** Dolmabahçe Palace was built between years 1843-1856 by the Empire's 31st Sultan Abdulmecid I. The palace was home to six Sultans from 1856, when it was first inhabited, up until the abolition of the Caliphate in 1924. It has 285 rooms, 46 halls, 6 baths and 68 toilets. The world's largest Bohemian crystal chandelier is in the Ceremonial Hall having 750 lamps and weighs 4.5 tons. Dolmabahçe has the largest collection of Bohemian and Baccarat crystal chandeliers in the world. *2-hours (Closed on Mondays, alternatively we will take you to Topkapi Palace).*
- **Taksim/Istiklal Street:** İstiklal Avenue, historically known as the Grand Avenue of Pera is one of the most famous avenues in Istanbul, Turkey, visited by nearly 3 million people in a single day over the course of weekends. It is a 1,5 km. long colorful pedestrian street and grand boulevard cutting through Beyoglu and full of all kinds of shops, restaurants, cafes, street shows, and it is located by the Taksim Square. The nostalgic tram runs through the length of the İstiklal Street.

45 minutes lunch break. Back to the hotel at 9.00pm.

### **Day 4: Istanbul/Trabzon**

Pick up from the hotel after breakfast at 9.00am to be transferred to Istanbul airport for flight TK 2820 at 11.00 to reach Trabzon by 12.40.

You will be picked up from the airport to be transferred to the hotel. You can have lunch on way to the hotel.

Stay at Funda Hotel, a 4-star hotel with breakfast, located at the city center in a double or triple bedroom. <https://www.fundahotel.com.tr/Homepage> or similar hotels depending on the availability at the time of booking.

No tour will be organized today, you will be on your own to explore the city center and the areas around the hotel.

### **Day 5: Trabzon**

After the breakfast at 10.00 you will be picked from the hotel to visit.

- **Uzungol: 125 km from Trabzon-2 hours' drive**

Pick up from the hotel at 10.00 to visit Uzungol which is about 125 km from the city and will take about 2 hours. This is one of the popular spots attracting tourists from all over the world. The tourists enjoy the beauty of the picturesque green nature surrounding the Uzungöl lake, and various tourism activities, such as water biking, skydiving from the highlands, and walking in the arms of nature. These all things together attract tourists from all over the world, especially those from Arab countries.

- **Sultan Murad Heights: It is about 35km from Uzungol lake.**

Sultan Murat Yaylası is one of the most beautiful attractions for tourists from all over the world. Where the most beautiful landscapes and called the Sultan Murad because of the tomb of Sultan Murad.

Sultan Murad Heights embracing the clouds, imagine yourself sitting in a beautiful place, watching the clouds around you like you are in heaven! Feels great, isn't it? Not only that, but snow also covers the place throughout the winter to separate a white coat like the bride's dress between the lawns. In the summer and spring, the green plain in the lawns and the mountains. The clouds that occupy their place among the mountains and meadows have a striking appearance like white gazelles.

Return back to the hotel at 9.00pm.

### **Day 6: Trabzon**

After the breakfast at 9.00 you will be picked from the hotel to visit the following sites.

- **Karaca Cave: It is about 95km from Trabzon and takes about one and half hours' drive.**

Karaca Cave is located just southwest of Karaca Neighborhood, Torul District, in Gümüşhane. It's 17 kilometers from the city center and at an altitude of 1550 meters from the sea. Karaca Cave, which takes its name from the neighborhood of the village where it is located, is a masterpiece that nature has created over millions of years with patience and care.

The cave attracts its visitors from the first moment. In the first step you take, you move forward with anticipation of discovering something new. The shapes created by light and shadow in countless interconnected formations take you away from the world outside and transport you to a fantasy land. Notwithstanding, beneath this dreamlike state lurks an intricate but subtle fear that sends shivers down your spine-the reality of man's insignificance before nature is felt everywhere within these earthly walls. In Karaca, we are not kings over nature but humble servants to it instead.

Return back to Trabzon visit the following sites.

- **Sumela monastery:** Sumela Monastery is a Greek Orthodox monastery dedicated to the Theotokos located at Karadağ within the Pontic Mountains, in the Maçka district of Trabzon Province in modern Turkey. Its construction began in 385 AD by Barnabas, a monk from Athens and his nephew Sophronios.
- **Torul Castle Glass Observation Terrace:** The glass view of Turol Castle is located at an altitude of 240 meters above sea level, and is thus among the highest viewing terraces in Turkey. It overlooks the most beautiful natural views of the city of Trabzon with its plains, mountains and distinctive architectural composition, but access to it requires great courage.
- **Hamsikoy Village:** The picturesque village of Hamsikoy is one of the villages of Trabzon that has been famous to Arab tourists for its tranquillity.

Back to the hotel by 9.00pm after dinner.

### **Day 7: Trabzon /Home Country**

Leave for Trabzon airport to catch an onwards flight for your ultimate destination.

### **END OF THE TOUR**

#### **Prices:**

#### **1. Group Tour (Minimum of 12 Persons):**

- Double Room: USD 1,000.00
- Triple Room: USD 900.00

## 2. Tour for number of persons:

	Number Of Persons				
	2	3	4	5	6
Adults Over 6 Years					
USD Per Person	1,410.00	1,210.00	1,135.00	1,085.00	1,040.00
Children Under 7-11	1,269.00	1,100.00	1,060.00	976.50	875.00

### Children Under 6: \$250

- **Payment:** The full amount needs to be paid 10 days prior to the start of the tour.
- **Refund:** 70% of the amount paid will be refunded in cancellation is made between 10 to 5 days prior to the start of the tour, 60% of the amount paid will be refunded if the cancellation is made 3 to 5 days prior to the start of the tour. No refund be made if the cancellation occurs within 3 days from the start of the tour.

### Inclusions:

- Hotel accommodation in Istanbul and Trabzon in 4-star hotels for 6 nights with Bed and Breakfast.
- Transportation by luxury air-conditioned Van or minibus with driver, petrol, car park and highway tolls for:
  - sightseeing in Istanbul and Trabzon
  - Airport pick and drop in Istanbul and Trabzon.
- A qualified/Licensed English-speaking tour guide will be provided for one day in Istanbul.
- Bosphorous dinner cruise in Istanbul.
- Airfare from Istanbul to Trabzon.
- Museum entrance fees
- Help desk located in Istanbul speaking English, Turkish, Urdu, and Hindi languages will be available to assist you at cell number +90 533 634 95 15.

### Exclusions:

- Air ticket from/to from your home country to Turkiye.
- Visa and related expenses
- Lunches, Dinners and drinks
- Tips to the driver

- Medical Insurance and cost incurred due to medical condition and emergency medical treatment.
- Force majeure

**Notes:**

- We strongly advise you to get Travel Insurance policy to safeguard against any contingencies.
- We also advise you to take care of your personal belongings, Mavi Tours is not responsible for the loss of baggage or personal items during the duration of the tour.
- Please give tips to the supporting staff including concierge at the hotel, driver, and other staff for helping you with the luggage and other support services provided. It is normal practice in Turkey to give a tip of around 10% of the bill at the restaurants.