

Post-Convention Explore Istanbul

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Itinerary

Mon., May 27 - Depart home for Istanbul, Turkey:

Tue., May 28 - Arrive in Istanbul: Hotel Marmara Pera accommodations include daily breakfasts. Welcome dinner included this evening.

Wed., May 29 - Istanbul: This morning begin our tour of the Sultanahmet district, the heart of old Istanbul, at Hagia Sophia. Built by Emperor Justinian in the 6th century AD, this church is one of the marvels of world architecture. Its massive dome dominates the skyline of old Istanbul. Next visit the Blue Mosque, which owes its name to the exquisite tiles adorning its interior. Dating from the 17th century, it is the only imperial mosque with six minarets. Afternoon is free at leisure. Enjoy welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Thu., May 30 - Istanbul: This morning begins with a brief visit to the 17th century Spice Bazaar, one of Istanbul's most colorful and bustling attractions. Next, take a cruise along the Bosphorus, the majestic strait that runs through Istanbul, linking Europe and Asia. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant as a tour service before we visit the Grand Bazaar. The commercial heart of the old city and its 4,000 shops are full of treasures – including carpets and kilims, silks, jewelry, ceramics, icons, and leather goods. Evening free for personal enjoyment.



Fri., May 31 - Istanbul: This morning we visit the Topkapı Palace, which, from the 15th - 19th century, was the principal residence of the Ottoman Sultans. See the fabulous Imperial Treasury, the Baghdad Kiosk and the Imperial Armory, displaying centuries of Ottoman weaponry. But perhaps the loveliest features of Topkapı Palace are its courtyards with their ancient trees. The Suleymaniye Mosque dates from the 16th century heyday of the Ottoman Empire, and was designed by the greatest architect of the day and originator of the Classical Ottoman style of architecture. The remainder of the day is free to explore on your own. Dinner is included as a tour service.

Sat., Jun 1 - Istanbul /Hamburg: Fly from Istanbul to Hamburg.

Sun., - Wed., Jun 02-05 - Hamburg: Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events or services are scheduled in deference to the Rotary Convention activities.

Thu., June 06- Hamburg/Depart for home.