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## OTTOMAN IMPERIAL PALACE & BASILICA CISTERN

## Price Per Person **90 \$** ( Inc. 18% V.A.T.)

## Half Day Morning

Istanbul is an unique city that offers a multicultural architecture and life experiences. You may discover and live the rich cultural bacgroung of the city via Ottoman & Byzantine Relics Tour in a day.

The Basilica Cistern, one of the unique underground museums of the world also known as the Underground Palace, with its palatial marble pillars, interior lighting, exquisite acoustics, and matchless architecture. The Cistern was built to provide the Byzantine Empire with the water supply it needed and has been opened to visitors as a museum since 1987.

After the visit of Basilica Cistern we will walk through the old wooden houses built next to the gate of Topkapı Palace and give a short break in Caferaga Madrassah that used to be a school during Ottoman era. The madrassah now serving as a foundation to teach classics Ottoman art to students like marbling and calligraphy. You may sip your Turkish Coffee while watching local artists.

Topkapi Palace' gate will greet you just a few steps from Madrassah that you may wittness the masterpieces built by emperors. The Palace is located at one of the most beautiful and renowned historical spots of glamorous Istanbul on a hill dominating the turquoise view of the Bosporus for over 400 years serving as the headquarters of Ottoman Empire and home for Ottoman Sultans. Topkapi Palace is the first museum of Republic of Turkey and continues to be one of the largest palace museums in the world with its architectural structures, several collections and an archive of more than 300.000 documents.

On the way back to Congress Valley you may digest the beauties you witnessed.

## **ITINERARY**

Transportation by air conditioned vehicles , English Speaking Guide, Admission Fees.

08:15

Depart from Ciragan Palace Kempinski

10:00

The visit of Topkapı Palace

09:00

The first visit is to Basilica

12:00

Depart from Topkapı Palace

09:30

Walk through Soguksu Street and short visit to Caferaga Madrassah

12:45

Arrival at Ciragan Palace Kempinski



