

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO DO?

TOPKAPI PALACE AND MUSEUM: Topkapı Palace was built on the Seraglio Point, overlooking both Marmara and Bosphorus, by the order of Sultan Mehmet II the Conqueror, after the conquest of Constantinople in 1453 and it was home to all the Ottoman Sultans for a period of nearly four centuries. It should be visited because of its historical importance.

HAGIA SOPHIA: One of the most famous landmarks of Istanbul, the Hagia Sophia (also spelled as Ayasofya) was built by the emperor Justinian I in the year 537 AD. On May 7 558, the dome of the church collapsed due to an earthquake. Don't miss visiting this monument during your Istanbul trip.

BLUE MOSQUE: The Blue Mosque (this name was given referring to its blue tiles) is one of the most prominent landscapes of Istanbul. It is very impressive with its six beautiful domes and semidomes. One should prefer to visit the mosque in the morning or before 3-4 o'clock in the afternoon because the prayer times rotate according to the sun's positions.

ORTAKÖY: It is popular among the young generation with its cafés and tea-houses by the seaside. You should also visit the open hand-craft market at weekends.

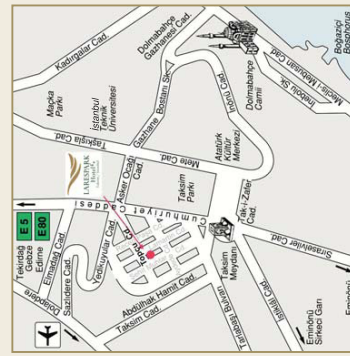
DOLMABAĞCE PALACE: Dolmabahçe Palace, the last home of Sultans on the Bosphorus shore is a fitting symbol of the magnificence and decadence of the 19th century Ottoman Empire. You can walk from Taksim Square downhill to Dolmabahçe (it's about a mile or 1.5 km).

BOSPHORUS: One of the world's most strategic waterways joining two continents Asia and Europe. Spare some time to have a short boat trip and don't forget to try the fish and raki by the Bosphorus.

GRAND BAZAAR & SPICE MARKET (KAPALI ÇARSI & MISIR ÇARŞISI in Turkish): One of the largest covered markets in the world with its 4400 shops. Stroll around the bazaar, a real heaven for shoppers and explore small, humble shops offering lots of beautiful souvenirs to take home. You should definitely go and experience this fun, without forgetting to bargain!

SHOPPING: Shopping is fun in Istanbul. Including the world's second and Europe's largest shopping center there are many opportunities for shopping, only 10 minutes by metro from Taksim.

İSTIKLAL STREET: İstiklal Street is the heart of Istanbul with many popular strolling and snacking streets. Now reserved for pedestrians lined with boutiques, cafés, consulates, galleries, cinemas and banks with residential apartments above. During the day you can go there for shopping; in the evening for strolling, people-watching, supper in one of the many restaurants, a drink in a cafe or bar and some music in a little nightclub.



TRANSPORTATION FROM THE HOTEL/TO THE HOTEL

DEPARTURE POINT	KM	MIL	MIN	VEHICLE
Ataturk Airport	24	15	30	Taxi
Historical City Center	3	1.8	10	Taxi
Business Center - Levent Lutfi Kırdar Exhibition & Convention Center	3 0.4	1.8 0.2	10 10	Taxi / Metro On Foot
Dolmabahçe Palace	1	0.6	10	On Foot

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LOCATION 24 km away from Ataturk International Airport
0.4 km away from the Lutfi Kırdar Congress Hall
3 km away from the historical city center
1 km away from the Dolmabahçe Palace

CATEGORY 4*+

CAPACITY 164 Rooms
138 Superior Rooms
14 Deluxe Rooms
2 Disabled Rooms
4 Junior Suites
4 Lares Suites
2 Presidential Suites
10 Meeting Rooms

ROOM TYPES Superior Room Junior Suite
Deluxe Room Lares Suite
Disabled Room Presidential Suite
Non-Smoking Room

STANDARTS IN ROOMS

- 24 hours Room Service • Telephone with direct line • Voice mail system
- Air conditioning • LCD TV • Minibar • Tea & coffee making facilities
- Electronic safe deposit box • Pillow menu • Telephone & hair dryer in bathroom

FACILITIES IN HOTEL

- Business Center • Health Club • Valet Parking • Free wireless internet access • Hairdresser • Free health consultancy hotline and emergency health support by Medline.

RESTAURANTS & BARS

- Portofino Restaurant & Bar • Turkuaz Restaurant • Vitamin Bar
- Park Café



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