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# Discover Istanbul in 5 Days

## Day 1 – Explore Old Istanbul

**Top Attractions:** Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Basilica Cistern, Hippodrome, Sultanahmet Square

**Suggested Route:** Start your day at Hagia Sophia, soaking in its grandeur and peaceful atmosphere. Then explore the Blue Mosque with its beautiful courtyards. Visit the cool and mysterious Basilica Cistern, and stroll through the historic Hippodrome. End your day at Sultanahmet Square, enjoying photos, local snacks, and the old-city charm.

## Day 2 – Palaces, Parks & Local Markets

**Top Attractions:** Topkapi Palace, Gulhane Park, Grand Bazaar, Suleymaniye Mosque

**Suggested Route:** Start your morning at Topkapi Palace, wandering its grand halls and gardens. Then enjoy a relaxing walk through Gulhane Park, surrounded by greenery. Explore the bustling Grand Bazaar, browsing colourful shops and tasting local treats. Finish the day at Suleymaniye Mosque, a calm spot with lovely city views.

## Day 3 – Bosphorus Views & Asian-Side Vibes

**Top Attractions:** Bosphorus Cruise, Uskudar, Maiden's Tower View, Kuzguncuk, Kadikoy

**Suggested Route:** Start with a Bosphorus cruise, enjoying the fresh breeze and stunning views. Take a ferry to Uskudar for photos of the Maiden's Tower, then wander through the colourful streets of Kuzguncuk. End your day in Kadikoy, exploring lively local streets with cafes and street food galore.



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## Day 4 – Trendy Streets & City Life

**Top Attractions:** Karakoy, Galata Tower, Istiklal Street, Taksim Square

**Suggested Route:** Begin your morning in Karakoy, exploring cosy cafés, murals, and the waterfront. Then visit the iconic Galata Tower for panoramic city views. Walk along Istiklal Street, enjoying the shops, street music, and food stops. End your day at Taksim Square, the heart of Istanbul's modern life.

## Day 5 – Palaces, Waterfront & Sunset Spots

**Top Attractions:** Dolmabahce Palace, Ortakoy Mosque, Ciragan Palace (drive-by)

**Suggested Route:** Start at the elegant Dolmabahce Palace, exploring its lavish rooms and gardens. Then head to Ortakoy, taking photos by the mosque and trying a delicious hot kumpir (stuffed Turkish baked potato). Finally, end your journey with a glance at the impressive Ciragan Palace.



# Discover Antalya in 3 Days

## Day 1 – Old Town Charm & Coastal Views

**Top Attractions:** Kaleici Old Town, Hadrian's Gate, Antalya Marina, Hidirlik Tower

**Suggested Route:** Start your day walking through Kaleici, Antalya's old town filled with stone lanes, cute cafés, and colourful doors. Pass through the impressive Hadrian's Gate, then continue down to the Antalya Marina for sea views and a relaxing break. Then head towards Hidirlik Tower for a great viewpoint and enjoy a peaceful sunset walk along the cliffs.

## Day 2 – Beaches, Waterfalls & Nature Moments

**Top Attractions:** Konyaalti Beach, Antalya Aquarium (optional), Duden Waterfalls, Lara Beach

**Suggested Route:** Spend your morning at Konyaalti Beach, enjoying the long pebble shore backed by mountains. If you want an indoor break, visit the Antalya Aquarium nearby. In the afternoon, head to the stunning Duden Waterfalls, where the water drops straight into the Mediterranean. Continue to Lara Beach for golden sand, beach clubs, and a relaxed evening by the sea.



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## Day 3 – Ancient Cities & Blue Water Scenery

**Top Attractions:** Perge Ancient City, Aspendos Theatre, Side Old Town, Side Beach

**Suggested Route:** Discover history in Perge Ancient City, with its wide Roman streets and ancient gates. Continue to Aspendos, home to one of the best-preserved Roman theatres in the world. In the afternoon, head to Side Old Town, a seaside spot with ruins, cafés, and boutique shops. Explore the Temple of Apollo, then relax at Side Beach – a perfect way to end your Antalya trip with sun, sea, and calm vibes.





## Best Time to Visit

April, May, September and October



## Where to Stay in Turkey



### Luxury Recommendation

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Istanbul - Old Town, Istanbul



### Luxury Recommendation

Aska Lara Resort & Spa, Antalya



### Mid-Range Recommendation

Holiday Inn Antalya - Lara, Antalya

# Top Landmarks to Capture in Turkey



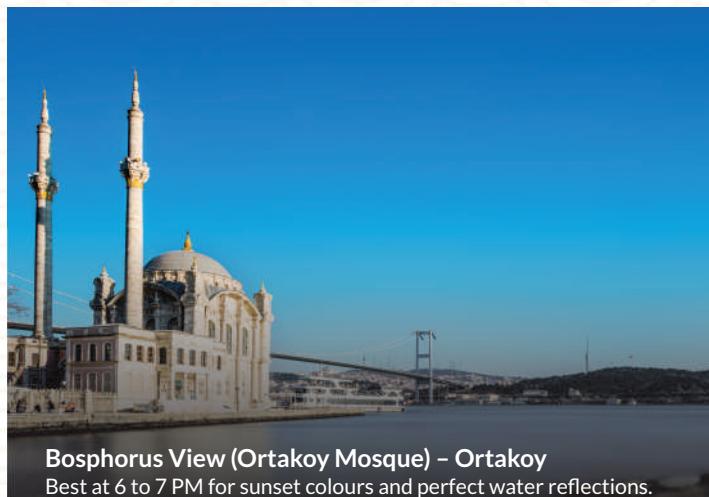
**Hagia Sophia – Sultanahmet**

Best at 8 to 10 AM for soft light and minimal crowds.



**Galata Tower – Galata / Beyoglu**

Best at 4 to 6 PM when golden hour makes the tower glow.



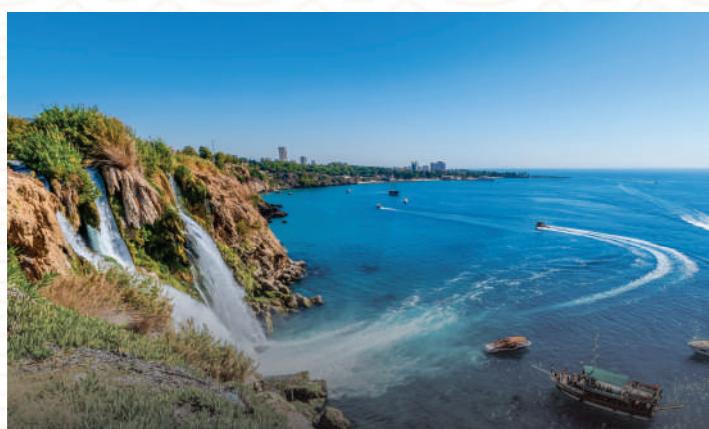
**Bosphorus View (Ortakoy Mosque) – Ortakoy**

Best at 6 to 7 PM for sunset colours and perfect water reflections.



**Kaleici Old Town – Antalya City Centre**

Best at 9 to 11 AM when bright light enhances the cobbled streets.



**Lower Duden Waterfalls – Lara**

Best at 11 AM to 1 PM as the waterfall sparkles under direct sunlight.

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