

Istanbul Hidden Treasures Tour — Byzantine Heritage

Daily Tours · 4 hour · Guide: en

PRICE

€50

€35

per person · incl. taxes

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

Without Entry Tickets **€35/adult** €30/child

Full Package With Entry Fees **€65/adult** €60/child

ABOUT THIS TOUR

Byzantine history, religious heritage and colourful local life away from the tourist trail — the city's overlooked landmarks.

ITINERARY

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Chora (Kariye) Museum
One of the world's most important Byzantine monuments — mosaics and frescoes.
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Tekfur Palace
The only surviving section of the Blachernae Palace complex.
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Ayazma Church
An Orthodox shrine famed for its holy spring.
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Balat Neighbourhood
Colourful streets, historic houses, photo spots.
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Bulgarian Iron Church (Sveti Stefan)
A rare late-19th-century church built from prefabricated iron elements.
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Greek Orthodox College (Red School)
A red-brick building overlooking the Golden Horn, plus the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate. The tour ends here in Fener (no hotel drop-off).

WHAT'S INCLUDED / EXCLUDED

- ✓ Live English-speaking guide

✓ 3.5–4 hour guided walk

✓ Chora skip-the-line ticket (if selected)

✓ Tekfur Palace skip-the-line ticket (if selected)

✓ Ayazma Church

✓ Bulgarian Iron Church

✓ Greek Orthodox College (Red School) and Patriarchate
- ✗ Food and drinks

✗ Hotel pickup & drop-off

✗ Personal expenses

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Moderate walking including uphill streets. Runs on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Please arrive 15 minutes before departure. Access to some religious sites may be restricted during services. Photography may be restricted inside some closed places of worship. No drop-off at the end.

MEETING POINT

In front of the Chora Museum ticket office, 11:00; the guide carries a white flag. Address: Kariye Mah., Kariye Camii Sokak No:18, Fatih/Istanbul. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early.