

Istanbul Byzantian Relics Tours (Half Day Morning)

ST. SOPHIA This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great, in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time.

SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE Across from St. Sophia built in the 17th century by the architect Mehmet, this is known as the **BLUE MOSQUE** because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles.

HIPPODROME The scene of ancient chariot races, the ancient Hippodrome, with its four monuments; the **GERMAN FOUNTAIN OF WILHELM II**, the **OBELISK OF THEODOSIUS**, the bronze **SERPENTINE COLUMN** and the **COLUMN OF CONSTANTINE**.

GRAND BAZAAR (COVERED MARKET) In this labyrinth of streets and passages are more than 4,000 shops with each trade having its own area; the goldsmiths' street, the carpet sellers, Turkish arts and crafts, such as handpainted ceramic plates, hand-honed copperware, brassware and trays, water ewers, onyxware and meerschaum pipers.

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St. Sophia on Monday / Replaced with Underground Cistern

Grand Covered Bazaar on Sunday



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