

**TOUR BOOKING FORM**

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**PLEASE RESERVE:**

TOUR OPTION 1 EURO 70.00/per person per tour

TOUR OPTION 2 EURO 70.00/per person per tour

**CANCELLATION POLICY: The reservation or cancellation has to be made until 30th of April, 2012. Please note that after 30th of April 2012 cancellation will not be accepted.**

- All children under 3 years will be complimentary.
- All children from 3 to 5,99 years are charged %50.
- All older children will be charged full amount.

TYPE AND CREDIT CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ONLY VISA or MASTER CARD WILL BE ACCEPTABLE

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Saturday 05 May 2012

# AIDA Presidential Council Meeting Tour Options 05 May 2012, ISTANBUL

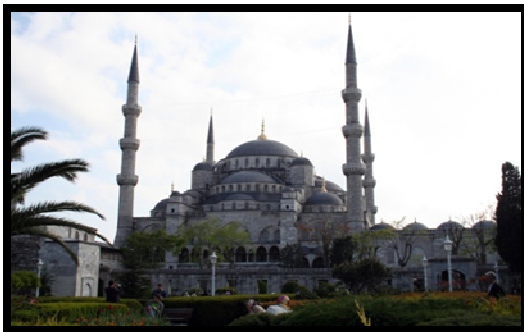
## CITY TOUR OPTION 1 - 70 EUR

### Imperial and Ottoman Splendours Tour

We begin our tour of the Sultanahmet district, the heart of old Istanbul, at **Saint Sophia\***. Built by Emperor Justinian in the 6th century AD, this church is one of the marvels of world architecture. Its massive dome dominates the skyline of old Istanbul. It is famed for its mosaics, including glittering portraits of emperors and empresses. Next we visit the **Blue Mosque**, which owes its name to the exquisite tiles adorning its interior. Dating from the 17th century, it is the only imperial mosque with six minarets. **The Hippodrome**, the stadium of ancient Byzantium, held 100,000 spectators and featured objects from all corners of the empire. Of these, an Egyptian obelisk and a bronze sculpture of three entwined serpents from Delphi survive.

**The Grand Bazaar**, was the commercial heart of the old city and its 4,000 shops are full of treasures – including carpets and kilims, silks, jewelry, ceramics, icons, and leather goods. Wandering through the Grand Bazaar, indulge in some shopping, Ottoman style. On Mondays, when Saint Sophia is closed, we visit the Chora Church, famed for its mosaics and frescoes.

We continue our tour at **Topkapı Palace**, which, from the 15th to the 19th century, was the principle residence of the Ottoman Sultans. We will visit the fabulous Imperial Treasury and the Baghdad Kiosk. Topkapı Palace is now a museum and has unrivalled collections of jewelry, including the Spoonmaker's Diamond, the 3rd largest in the world, Ottoman court costumes and ceramics, notably one of the world's finest collection of early Chinese ceramics, much of it gifts from other rulers. Interestingly, some of the ceramics have a special glaze that was said to change color in the presence of poison. We also visit the Imperial Armory, displaying centuries of Ottoman weaponry. But perhaps the loveliest features of Topkapı Palace are its courtyards with their ancient trees, and it is easy to imagine the sultan strolling here far from the cares of state and empire. The delightfull **Rustem Pasa Mosque** built by master architect Sinan in the 16th century. Its tiled interior, lavishly decorated with the finest tiles, is perhaps the best example in the city.



## CITY TOUR OPTION 2 - 70 EUR

### [Bosphorus Cruise and Asian Side Tour](#)

We begin with a brief visit to the 17 th century **Spice Bazaar** one of Istanbul's most colorful and bustling attractions. Next, we take an unforgettable cruise along the **Bosphorus**, the majestic strait that runs through Istanbul, linking Europe and Asia. From our cruise boat, we view the dramatic sights lining the Bosphorus' wooded shores: mosques, a bridge that for a time was the world's longest and the massive **Rumeli Hisarı** , a fortress built by Fatih the Conqueror in just three months as he prepared to take Istanbul. Also noteworthy are the **19th century mansions** of the Ottoman elite and the Sultan's fanciful gingerbread **palaces and hunting lodges**.

We continue by driving across the first Bosphorus Bridge and head for the summit of **Çamlıca Hill**, which affords panoramic views of Istanbul, the Sea of Marmara and the Princes' Islands. From here a short brings us to the **Palace of Beylerbeyi** on the shore of the Bosphorus. Perhaps the most elegant of the late Ottoman palaces, Beylerbeyi boasts six sumptuously furnished reception halls.(every day except Monday and Thursday)

