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## Private Car & Guide Options:

### **Istanbul Local Highlights Option:**

Guests will enjoy a pre-arranged sightseeing itinerary with a Private Car and Guide to explore the following destination highlights.

You will meet your professional guide, holding a name sign, outside of the terminal building at the port.

Your private tour of Istanbul starts with a visit to the Byzantine Hippodrome, which was one of the largest chariot race grounds of the Byzantine Empire. Istanbul's Byzantine Hippodrome was the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life and the scene of games and riots through 500 years of Ottoman history as well. This was the largest hippodrome of the ancient world with a design that was conceptually based on the Circus Maximus in Rome. You will see Egyptian Obelisk, Serpentine Column, and Constantine Column, which are remnants from the original Hippodrome.

Next, you will visit one of the greatest buildings in the world: St Sophia Mosque, built during the reign of Emperor Justinian (AD 537) and remained the greatest church in Christendom until the conquest of Constantinople in 1453 by Sultan Mehmet II who ordered to convert Hagia Sophia into a Mosque.

Your last stop will be the famous Grand Bazaar. It is the largest and oldest covered Bazaar in Turkey with more than 4,000 shops. A variety of Turkish Handicrafts, Oriental carpets, rare jewels, and inexpensive souvenirs all sold in small shops next to each other. The streets are named according to the trades, such as gold and silver sellers, carpet sellers, booksellers, etc. The most oriental atmosphere in Istanbul is found in the bazaar.

At the end of your sightseeing, you will return to your ship.

#### **Included:**

- Private Luxury Van (Mercedes Vito) with English-Speaking guide and driver for 4 hours
- Entrance fees for listed sights
- Gratuities to guide and driver\*
- Bottled water in the vehicle

#### **Excluded:**

- Cost of meals and refreshments other than bottled water
- Items of personal nature

\*Gratuities have been prepaid. Additional gratuities are at guest's discretion.

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### **Istanbul Customize Your Day Option:**

Guests have the flexibility to customize their day to explore as they wish. Guests may advise their Private Guide on the day of the tour where they would like to go. Please plan ahead to secure any necessary reservations or entrance tickets for your guests' planned stops.\*

#### **Included:**

- Private Luxury Van (Mercedes Vito) with English-Speaking guide and driver for 4 hours
- Bottled water in the vehicle
- Gratuities to guide and driver\*\*

#### **Excluded:**

- Cost of meals and refreshments other than bottled water
- Entrance fees
- Items of personal nature

\*Mileage restrictions may apply.

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