

Your Way Away

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Istanbul

3–4 days: Hagia Sophia, Topkapı, the bazaars and a Bosphorus ferry

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Istanbul over a long weekend: Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque, Topkapı Palace and the Basilica Cistern, the Grand Bazaar and the Spice Bazaar, the Süleymaniye Mosque, sunset by the Galata Tower and a ferry across the Bosphorus to Kadıköy in Asia. By tram, ferry and on foot. Book everything yourself and keep this guide on your phone: it works offline.

At a glance

Passport only

you can't enter Turkey with a Czech ID card, only a passport; the Czech MFA recommends at least 150 days' validity

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Visa-free 90 days

tourist stays up to 90 days in any 180 without a visa (Czech MFA)

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Insurance essential

Turkey isn't in the EU and the EHIC doesn't apply: get travel insurance

+2 h

time difference from Central Europe

Apr–May, Sep–Nov

the best months; the time difference drops to +1 h in summer

Lira (TRY)

cards are widely accepted; cash for small purchases

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Day by day

1 **Friday: Sultanahmet**

The Grand Bazaar (closed Sundays), the Hippodrome and the Blue Mosque after the Friday midday prayer.

2 **Saturday: Hagia Sophia, Topkapı**

Hagia Sophia and the Basilica Cistern, Topkapı Palace in the afternoon, the Galata Tower and Karaköy in the evening.

3 **Sunday: the Bosphorus**

A ferry across the Bosphorus to Kadıköy in Asia, then fly home.

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What you will see


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Hagia Sophia

The Byzantine church and mosque under a vast dome; tourists pay to visit the gallery.

Time: 1.5 hours


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The Blue Mosque

Six minarets and blue tiles, free outside prayer times.

Time: 45 minutes

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The full guide: Istanbul

12 pages, in English and Czech. Checked on the date on the cover.

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- When to go, month by month
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