

## Istanbul Jewish Heritage (Private Fullday Tour)



### ABOUT TOUR

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### Tour Program

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Morning meet your tour guide at the lobby and departure from the Hotel for a tour in **Galata**, the centuries-old Jewish neighborhood with its famous tower built by the Genoese. Visit to **Neve Shalom Synagogue** or **Ashkenaz Synagogue** (upon availability), Drive to **Balat** along the **Golden Horn**, residential area of the Ottoman Jews where the “Star of David” still appears on the facades of some buildings. Visit to **Ahrida Synagogue**, built in the 15th century and from outside **Jewish Hospital** (Or-Ahayim).

Visit to **Zülfaris Jewish Museum** of the Quincentennial Foundation and the “Oldies House” at Hasköy. The **Jewish Cemetery** where the martyrs of Neve Shalom are buried. Stop at **Ortaköy**, first disembark point of Sephardic Jews who were expelled from Spain by the religious disturbance of the Spanish King and the Queen, desperate on the ships in the middle of the sea, not being accepted by any European country except the Ottoman Sultan Beyazid Khan The Second who welcomed them offering a safe and peaceful life. Last visit to **Etz Ahayim Synagogue** in Ortaköy.

**(except Saturday & Sunday)**

## **Liability Included Services**

Above Private tour rates include round trip transfers from/to central hotels, private A/C transportation, English speaking professional private guide (other languages are available on request), donations to synagogues, museum entrance fees, lunch in full day tours and V.A.T. (18%); exclude drinks.

**\*Photocopy of the passport page with photo is needed in advance (5 days) for visit permits.**

Passports required for security during the tour.

30% discount for children below the age 7, free for the ages of 0-2.

Cancellation is not possible in the last 48 hours. There will be no refund for any unused portion of any tour program.

Guests are to be promptly on time at the meeting points given by the tour guide.

Tour programs and prices may change without prior notice. Any increase in museum entrance fees will be reflected in the prices.

## **Services not included in the price list**

Passport and Visa expences, Hotel Accommodations, dinners and lunches, alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages other than mentioned above, personal expences and customary end-of-tour gratuities to guide and drivers...

Turkey Holiday Planner is not responsible for any loss or theft of personal belongings during the tour.

## **Payment and Cancellation Policy**

GROUP BOOKINGS : A deposit of 10 % of the total amount is required to process and confirm the reservation at the time of registration. Balance of payment must be received 30 days prior to departure.

If your balance is not paid at the specified time (unless previously arranged with us in writing) we reserve the right to cancel your booking.

CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS : Cancellations should be received by Turkey Holiday Planner in writing. We strongly suggest the purchase of the Trip Cancellation and Tour Interruption Insurance. Deadline for cancellation of individual bookings is 3 days, for groups 35 days prior to the departure of the tour. For cancellations on departure date or after no refund will be made regardless of the cause, whatsoever. No refund can be made for no-shows, unused hotel accommodation, meals or tours not taken cannot be refunded.

Should we cancel your holiday, your deposit and any other payments made will be refunded in full. However, if our cancellation is due to 'force majeure' any reasonable expenses we have incurred will be deducted from your refund. (War, civil or political unrest is usually known as force majeure). All refunds and compensation are strictly limited to the amount paid to us and we are not liable for any expenses you have incurred as a result of this booking. Your holiday will not be cancelled after the final payment is due unless we are forced to do so by force majeure.

The tour leader/guide who represents Turkey Holiday Planner has overriding authority on our tours. By signing our booking form, you agree to do this. If you commit any illegal act on a tour with us or if in the opinion of the tour leader or ground operator your behavior is detrimental to the safety and welfare of the group as a whole you may be asked to leave the tour without any right to refund.

Any complaints with regard to our tours must be immediately brought to the attention of the tour leader, ground operators or hotelier so that the necessary action to rectify the matter can be taken. However, if by the end of the tour you still feel you have a valid complaint you must notify the company, in writing, within 14 days of the end of your tour with Turkey Holiday Planner.

You are responsible for ensuring all necessary travel documents are in order. Many countries require passports to be valid for at least six months after entry.

We will be looking forward to hearing from you and being of service to your group...

Please do not hesitate to contact us If you would have any further questions...

Best Regards,