

# 24 Hours in Istanbul

Best things to see in one day



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## Hagia Sofia

One of the most famous buildings in the world, the Hagia Sofia. Construction was completed in 537 AD.

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## Blue Mosque

The Blue Mosque is an Ottoman era mosque erected between 1609 and 1617. It is just across from Hagia Sofia.

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## Topkapi Palace

Right up to 1856 this palace was where the sultans lived and so was the centre of the Ottoman Empire.

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## Obelisk of Theodosius

The Hippodrome of ancient Constantinople. You can see where horses used to race. In the centre is the Obelisk of Theodosius.

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## Basilica Cistern

Across from the Hagia Sofia, constructed in 532 AD. There are many ancient cisterns underneath the city of Istanbul.

15 minute walk

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## Grand Bazaar

1 km from Sultanahmet, are the Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Markets, some of the oldest covered markets in the world.

30 minute tram or 25 minute taxi (depending on traffic)

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## Dolmabahce Palace

Dolmabahce Palace on the shores of the Bosphorus. Constructed in the mid-19th century and was where the sultans lived.

20 minute taxi or 25 minute walk (to Taksim Square)

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## Istiklal Street

At 3km long, it starts at Taksim Square and leads you to Galata Tower. It's lined with historical buildings, restaurants, and shops.

25 minute walk along Istiklal Street

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## Galata Tower

Originally built as a watch tower, this iconic building is now a museum and a restaurant where you can get amazing views of the city.

Remember it takes around 45 minutes to get to Istanbul Airport by taxi.