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Tour Name

Home Cooked Istanbul

Tour City

Istanbul

Tour Snapshot

Nothing beats home cooking, especially Turkish home cooking. Join this Istanbul tour to be treated to a feast at a local family's home, as well as other oh so Turkish pursuits: drinking tea, playing backgammon, and hitting the water pipe!

Highlights

- Enjoy a meal with a local family in Istanbul and learn about the cultural customs
- Take a stroll through Sultanahmet
- Learn the secrets of the locals' favourite games and pastimes
- Enjoy the national beverage in a teahouse
- Try a Turkish waterpipe
- Chat informally with a locals and learn what its like to live in modern day Turkey

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, dinner and drinks with a local family, tea, Narglie waterpipe.

Exclusions: Extra drinks at the teahouse, tips or gratuities for your local guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 3.5 hours
- Meeting point:
[Pudding Shop Lale Restaurant](#), Divanyolu Caddesi No. 6, 34400, Sultanahmet. The restaurant is located on the street where the tram lines run through Sultanahmet, approximately a 3-minute walk from the Sultanahmet tram stop.
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///polished.doormat.us](http://polished.doormat.us)
- Starting time: 6.00 PM
- Ending point:
Sultanahmet. Your local guide can provide instructions on how to get back to your hotel or you are free to continue your own personal exploration.

Full Itinerary

Try Turkish life with a family meal and an evening mingling with locals at some of their favourite haunts on this Istanbul food tour. An expert local guide will meet you at the meeting point, from which you'll wander through the streets of historical Sultanahmet en route to meet a local family.

Turkish people's sense of hospitality is world famous and on this Istanbul tour you'll have the opportunity to experience it first hand. Meet the family and settle in for typical Turkish meal. There is a little English spoken in the household but your bilingual guide will be there to help translate - all part of the authentic local experience!

Chat informally with all members of the family and hear what it's like to live in Turkey today. Sharing a meal with a local family is a great privilege and an opportunity to get real insight into local family life.

After feasting on delicious Istanbul food, it's time to take a stroll through the backstreets. Get your camera ready on this Istanbul walking tour for the picturesque wooden houses that line the streets in various states of repair. Get a sense of the communal

style of life in Istanbul and learn about the various socio-economic groups that live here.

Afterwards, head to a popular local hangout to enjoy fabulous views of the Marmara Sea. Find a comfortable spot to watch games of football pop-up, or strike up conversation with the locals. There will definitely be many games of backgammon being played and if you don't know the rules or how to play our local guide will give you the lowdown.

After this oh-so-local part of this Istanbul tour, there's a chance to try two of Turkey's favourite pastimes - tea drinking and Narglie (waterpipe) smoking. Sit back, relax and enjoy. At the end of the adventure you are free to return to your hotel or continue your own personal exploration of Istanbul. Your guide will be able to suggest some more local hidden gems for you to explore!

Following recent safety incidents we recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest information on travelling in Turkey before your departure and ensure that your travel insurance covers you for all areas of your itinerary. We have links to prominent government travel advisories and regular updates on issues affecting this trip on our Travel Alerts page - www.intrepidtravel.com/au/travel-alerts.

Additional information

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Dress standard: Please be aware that the standard of dress through out Turkey is conservative. To respect this and for your own comfort we recommend modest clothing. This means clothing that covers your shoulders and knees for both women and men. Turkish people do not wear shoes within the home so we suggest easy slip on shoes be worn. The weather in Istanbul is highly variable depending on the time of year. Winters range from freezing cold to extremely hot and humid in summer (June, July and August).

Your Trip: This trip is offered on a "join-in" basis. Maximum group size is 12.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

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