İstanbul

Istanbul Island Hopping – Burgazada, Heybeliada, Buyukada Islands Cruise with seaside lunch



Tour code: IB-TR-104

Duration: 1 day

From €121.00 / person

Starting point: İstanbul

Languages: English

Overview

Discover the enchanting beauty of Burgazada, Heybeliada, and Büyükada on an unforgettable full-day island-hopping cruise. Explore historic mansions, charming waterfront neighborhoods, cultural landmarks, and picturesque island streets. Enjoy a delicious Turkish lunch at a seaside restaurant, breathtaking views of the Sea of Marmara, and the peaceful atmosphere of Istanbul's most beautiful islands.

Your itinerary

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Located in the Sea of Marmara off the coast of Istanbul, the Princes' Islands are a chain of nine islands offering a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of Turkey's largest city. Discover the beauty of 3 islands, Burgazada, Heybeliada and Buyukada islands on our 10-hour tour.

08:30 Meet your guide in front of Beltur Cafeteria at Kabatas Harbour before we settle in on the comfortable upper deck or the shaded lower deck. Explore three charming islands, feel the breeze and and lush greenery, learn history, uncover stories of religious retreats, political exiles and maritime life. Enjoy panoramic sea views and freshly prepared lunch at a waterfront restaurant. The first stop is Burgazada Island, visiting the former home of Turkey's best known short-story author and poet, island's most important literary landmark. Short walk north of the ferry terminal, brings us to the most photographed sight made famous by influencers, Burgazada Mosque. Ancient accounts associate a fortress on the island with the One-Eyed Antigonus Monophthalmus, one of Alexander the Great's successors.

Next, drop anchor at second-largest Heybeliada Island for an orientation walk in the scenic promenade, feels quieter and more residential. Learning more about the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate complex formally known as the Theological School of Halki, historic Turkish Naval Academy and the former summer retreat of Turkey's second president during WWII, from our tour guide. Influenced by all we've learned, we'll continue on to explore the most visited and the largest of Princes Islands, Buyukada. Enjoy a delicious lunch of Turkish cuisine at a seaside restaurant. Starting off at the historic Ottoman ferry terminal, walking straight up the slight hill to reach Dock Square the main square, the Clock Tower. Stroll past the historic mansions, explore the main shopping streets and enjoy the waterfront with gingerbread-style villas lining the slopes. The quiet ambience of a century ago is preserved today as no private motor vehicles are allowed on any of the islands. Free time with option to rent a bicycle or hop on a short island tour with an electric buggy shuttle.

15:40 Embark on the return journey back to Istanbul with beautiful views of Sea of Marmara, and to your meeting point with unforgettable memories of these stunning Turkish islands.

Good to know

This 10-hour guided tour includes boat transportation and lunch at a seaside restaurant. The meeting time is 08:30 at Kabataş Harbour. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Optional bicycle rentals and electric vehicle rides are available at an additional cost.

Plan your journey

Contact our team for dates, availability and a personalised quote.

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