İstanbul

Traffic Free Cycling Tour Full-Day Buyukada



Tour code: IB-TR-105

Duration: 1 day

From €112.00 / person

Overview

Escape the busy streets of Istanbul and discover the natural beauty of Büyükada on an unforgettable cycling adventure. Explore historic Ottoman mansions, charming waterfront streets, peaceful pine forests, and spectacular coastal landscapes. Enjoy a delicious Turkish lunch at a seaside restaurant before discovering the island’s hidden gems by bicycle at your own pace. A perfect combination of nature, history, adventure, and relaxation.

Your itinerary

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Discover Istanbul’s most iconic treasure on this bike tour of the island of Buyukada! Enjoy the benefits of bike rental and experience of fresh air, freedom, exterior architecture, history, charming fishing villages and gingerbread-style mansions lining the slopes, and the island’s cycling culture.

The quiet streets of Buyukada, its centuries-old mansions, and stories deeply embedded, offer an escape from the noise of Istanbul.

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. Buyukada is the largest island of the nine and one of the most-visited and attractive for a good reason: it has the most to see and do because of its size (5.4 square km, 1334 acres) with two peaks (163 meters/535 feet and 202 meters/663 feet in height).

Starting off with your guide 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.

Enjoy a delicious lunch of Turkish cuisine at a seaside restaurant. Cycle and explore new places at your own pace. Enjoy self-guided two or three-hour?? bike tour and delve into the authentic Aegean Island-like experience, visit from in or out, our favourite grand and old Splendid Hotel which doesn't seem to have changed a bit since its Victorian heyday. Home of Leon Trotsky, the Russian revoluti onary forced into exile outside the Soviet Union, found peace on the island in now partially ruined three-story building with 18 living rooms on on Hamlaci Street, fenced off but some details of the building can be seen from the street. The Prinkipo Greek Orphanage constructed with a timber frame system, 20,000 square meter wooden building is Europe’s largest. The building, purchased from a French company for 3700 gold coins. The Ecumenical Patriarchate, which owns the property now. Explore the Cape of Dilburnu Nature Park and coastal cliffs with walking and cycling paths, magnificent museum of the Princes’ Islands, glimmering Hamidiye Mosque, beautiful Agios Georgios Church on the Aya Yorgi Hill, lush greenery, pine forests, hidden local gems or relaxed vibe. We return back to Istanbul in the afternoon, arriving approx. 18:00 hours at your accommodation.

To better appreciate what the islands have to offer, organize your excursion for a weekday, when the ferries are not packed like sardine cans.

The name comes from the Byzantine period when royal princesses were sent into exile here. Later, during the Ottoman Empire, the islands became a quiet resort area for queens and nobles because of their privacy and natural beauty.

Five of the nine islands in the group are populated; most visitors head to the two largest, Büyükada and Heybeliada.

When you ride a bike, you can see and learn about new places at your own pace. Amsterdam has flat roads and scenic paths, making biking fun and easy for everyone. From charming towns to stunning beaches, the places you can reach by bike are endless.
Short on time but keen to squeeze in a bike ride around the ‘Bicycle Capital of the Turkey? Our Bike Tour is an ideal solution, taking you on a guided tour to the island’s top sightseeing spots in only two hours!

If you want to blend in with Dutch cycling culture (and keep it relaxed for everyone), it helps to follow basic bike etiquette such as signaling with your hand, not using your phone, and leaving space when someone wants to pass.
With their charming waterfront villages, fin-de-siècle architecture, wooded hills, and rocky coves, the romantic Princes’ Islands have always been a favorite retreat from the mainland.

Good to know

Enjoy a full-day island adventure with bicycle rental, a delicious seaside lunch, and free time to explore. Comfortable sportswear and basic cycling skills are recommended. Some cycling routes include uphill sections.

Plan your journey

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

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