

## SIGHTSEEING IN ISTANBUL DURING SCW 2006

### **TOUR 1 - ISTANBUL CLASSICS (Half day morning)**

Visit of *the Hippodrome*, the centre of sporting and political activities in old Constantinople, *The Blue Mosque*, one of the largest in Istanbul dating from the 17th century and famous for its blue tiles and 6 minarets and the *St. Sophia*, the most magnificent Byzantine church of all time .  
Discovery of the famous *Grand Bazaar* with its thousands of boutiques and shops. Free time for strolling or for shopping.

### **TOUR 2 - IMPERIAL ISTANBUL (Half day afternoon)**

Visit of *The Topkapı Palace*, the imperial residence of the sultans, to day a museum, which has one of the largest collections of Chinese and Japanese porcelain in the world, and the very famous treasury of the imperial family and the *Süleymaniye Mosque* built in the 16th century by the famous architect Sinan .

### **TOUR 3 - ISTANBUL CLASSICS & IMPERIAL ISTANBUL (Full day with lunch)**

Tour around Istanbul. Visit of : *The Hippodrome*, the centre of sporting and political activities in old Constantinople, *The Blue Mosque*, one of the largest in Istanbul dating from the 17th century and famous for its blue tiles and 6 minarets and the *St. Sophia*, the most magnificent Byzantine church of all time . Discovery of the famous *Grand Bazaar* with its thousands of boutiques and shops. Free time for strolling or for shopping.Lunch at Konyalı restaurant.  
After lunch visit of *The Topkapı Palace*, the imperial residence of the sultans, to day a museum, which has one of the largest collections of Chinese and Japanese porcelain in the world, and the very famous treasury of the imperial family and the *Süleymaniye Mosque* built in the 16th century by the famous architect Sinan .

### **TOUR 4 - BOAT CRUISE ON BOSPHORUS (Half day morning)**

Visit of the historical *Egyptian Bazaar*, an interesting shopping arcade where one can buy spices and sweets . *Bosphorus Cruise* through the waterway separating the two continents Asia and Europe, with a possibility to take photographs of marble palaces, ancient wooden villas of Ottoman architecture besides modern residantials and luxurious apartments.

### **TOUR 5 - OTTOMAN LIFESTYLE (Half day afternoon)**

Visit of *The Dolmabahçe Palace*, the last residence for Ottoman sultans with 365 rooms and 22 saloons . After the visit ,degustation ofTurkish coffee at *Pierre Loti Cafe*, atop the hill overlooking the shrine and the Golden Horn, is a wonderful place to enjoy the tranquility of the view.

### **TOUR 6 - BOAT CRUISE ON BOSPHORUS & OTTOMAN LIFESTYLE (Full day with lunch)**

Visit of the historical *Egyptian Bazaar*, an interesting shopping arcade where one can buy spices and sweets . *Bosphorus Cruise* through the waterway separating the two continents Asia and Europe, with a possibility to take photographs of marble palaces, ancient wooden villas of Ottoman architecture besides modern residantials and luxurious apartments. Lunch in Gülistan restaurant . After lunch visit of *The Dolmabahçe Palace*, the last residence for Ottoman sultans with 365 rooms and 22 saloons . After the visit ,degustation ofTurkish coffee at *Pierre Loti Cafe*, atop the hill overlooking the shrine and the Golden Horn, is a wonderful place to enjoy the tranquility of the view .