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 residential 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 of Turkish 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)
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