



North Aegean Cruise 1

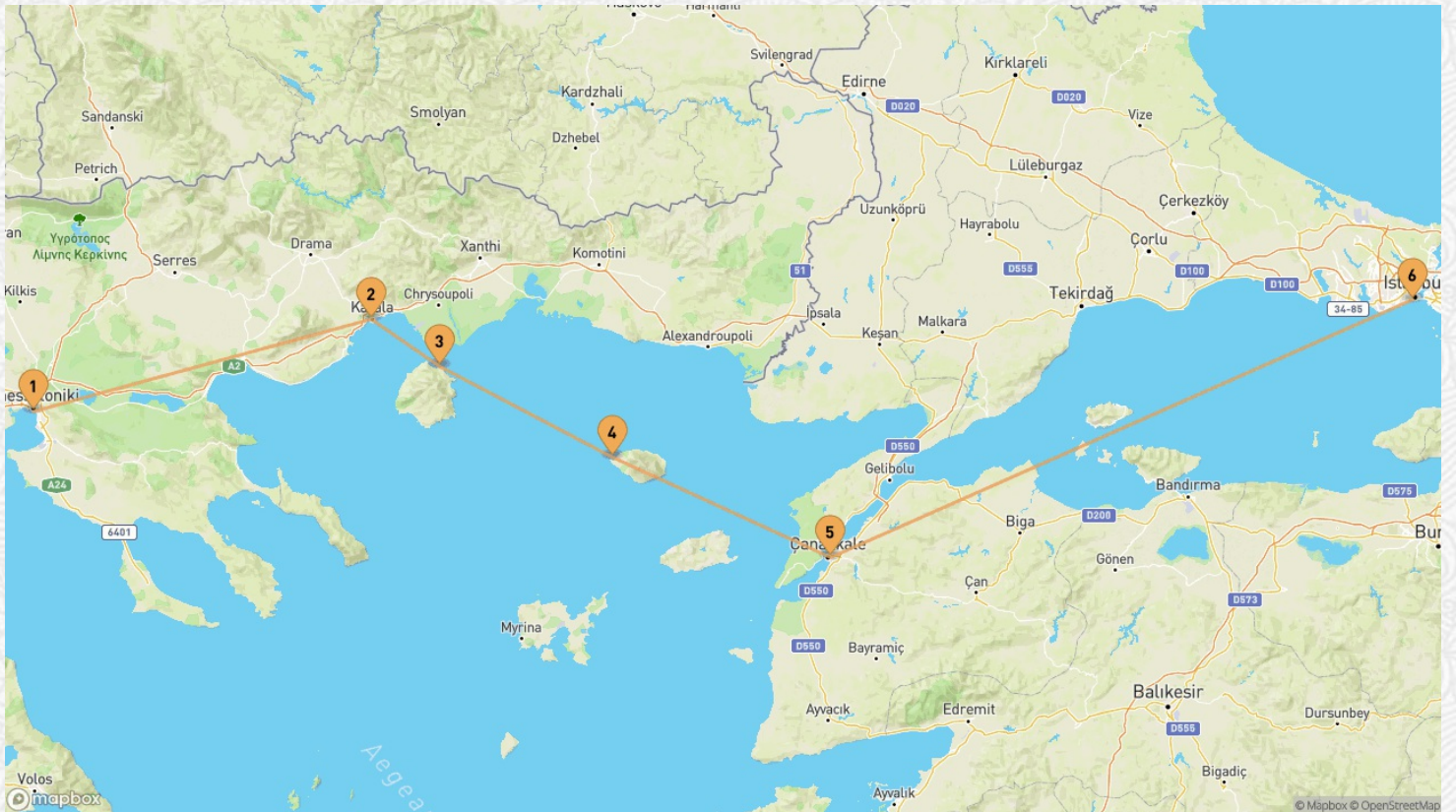
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From Macedonia to the Black Sea. Across many ancient sites and a few islands and straits.

● TAGS: Mainland port, City, Island, Greenery, Secluded, Nightlife, Popular

● REGIONS / COUNTRIES: 🇬🇷 Greece 🇹🇷 Turkey

● DURATION: 6 Days / 5 Nights



Day 1



Greece / Thessaloniki

◆ Mainland port

Greece's second city, the cultural capital. Cosmopolitan, aristocratic, it prides with the best architecture of the biggest empires in the world's history. The most Byzantine city of the present day.



ARCH OF GALLERIUS

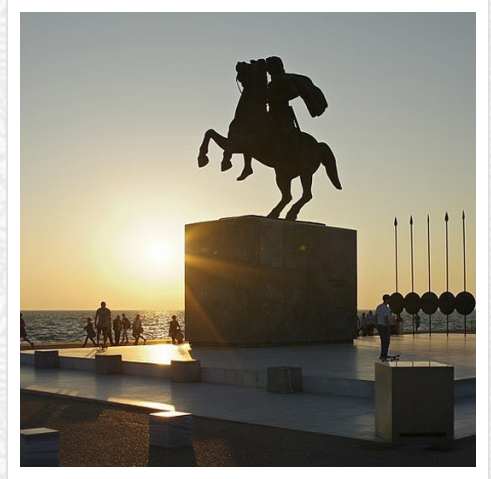
◆ Historic, Architecture

Check Roman Agora, near which you will find Rotunda of Galerius, and Arch of Galerius, carved with scenes of campaigns of Roman era

STATUE OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Historic

Admire the bronze statue of the iconic Greek figure in Nea Paralia District



ARISTOTLE SQUARE

Historic, Architecture

Transcend the wisdom of Aristotle and see his statue at his namesake square and continue along Aristotle's street

Day 2



Greece / Kavala

📍 Mainland port, City

Kavala's advantageous location on the northeastern Aegean coast made it a major port city, which was founded by an expanding Thassos Island kingdom. St. Paul began his first European mission when he disembarked at Kavala.



ROMAN AQUEDUCT

📍 Historic, Architecture

Choose any of the many points of interest within the beautiful city of Kavala, including the medieval aqueduct, the Kavala Castle, the Tobacco Museum, the ancient city of Philippi, Anaktropolis of Nea Peramos and the Tower of Apollonia.,

KAVALA CASTLE

Historic, Architecture, Castle

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ANCIENT PHILLIPOI

Historic, Architecture

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BYZANTINE ACROPOLIS OF SERES

Historic, Architecture

Drive to Serres to see the Byzantine acropolis with one of the most remarkable defensive constructions to be seen in Northern Greece, the "Orestes' tower".



ANCIENT AMPHIPOLIS

Historic, Architecture

Get to know the crucial historical importance of the ancient Amphipolis at the museum of this archaeological site.

NATIONAL PARK OF NESTOS DELTA AND LAKES VISTONIDA-ISMARIDA

 Nature

Explore the gigantic National Park of Nestos Delta and lakes Vistonida-Ismarida that poses an immense number of opportunities and locations for active sports, like rafting, hiking and kayaking.



Day 3



Greece / Thassos

📍 Island, Greenery, Secluded

Thassos' biggest super power is nature and tranquility. The next being traditions of old crafts.



OLIVE OIL MUSEUM

Learn all about olives, and what makes Thassos variety so special, in Olive Oil Museum (4) in Skala Prinos. Walk around 40 types of olive trees in the outdoor exhibition

OLIVE MILL OF SOTIRELLI

Continue the olive theme at the mill of Sotirelli in Panagia village



ANCIENT THEATRE OF THASSOS

Architecture, Art, Historic

Hike up to the Ancient Theater of Thassos high on a hilltop in Limenas. In the 1st century AD, the orchestra was transformed into an arena and the space was used for duels.

DRAKOTRYPA CAVE

Cave, Nature

Go for an adventure to Drakotrypa cave in Panagia, which got its name due to Stalactites and stalagmites mimicking the shape of a dragon



WHITE MARBLE QUARRY

Nature

See what was the foundation of many Ancient Greek monuments at the Thassos White Marble Quarry

Day 4



Greece / Samothraki

Island, Greenery, Secluded

Wander through and about the island of Samothraki, covered with forests of rare flora and fauna, the origin of the Niki of Samothraki.



SANCTUARY OF GREAT GODS

Historic, Nature, Architecture

Feel the magic of the Samothrace Temple Complex, known as the Sanctuary of the Great Gods.

Day 5



Turkey / Canakkale

◆ Mainland port

Shores on both the Asian and European sides of the Dardanelles Strait, one of the two major water passages connecting the Mediterranean and Black Sea, and joins the Aegean and Marmaris Seas.



TROJAN HORSE

◆ Historic

Walk to downtown Canakkale to view the Trojan Horse prop featured in the movie Troy of 2004

ANCIENT TROY

Historic, Architecture

Ride to the main attraction of the area, the site of ancient Troy with a replica of a Trojan horse



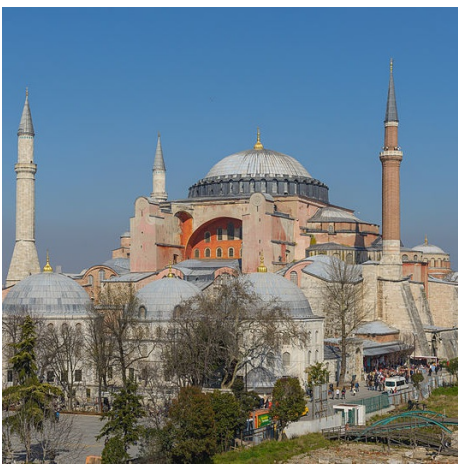
Day 6



Turkey / Istanbul

◆ Mainland port, Nightlife, Popular

Istanbul, known also as Byzantium and Constantinople, is the largest city in Turkey, one of the most ancient cities in the world. Home to some of the world's greatest architectural achievements, like Agia Sophia.



AGIA SOPHIA

◆ Historic, Architecture, Culture

Visit the main sights around Sultanahmet Square, including the famous Agia Sophia, once the largest church in the world for 1000 years, and decorated with stunning 6th century golden mosaics.

BLUE MOSQUE

Church, Historic, Architecture, Culture

Over 20.000 hand-painted blue tiles, and more than 200 windows



SULEYMANIYE MOSQUE

Historic, Architecture, Church, Culture

Enter the nicest and most impressive Istanbul mosque

TOPKAPI PALACE

Historic, Architecture, Culture, Museum

The main residence of the Ottoman Sultans, with its jewel encrusted treasury of extensive and illustrious permanent collections of weaponry, precious jewels and religious artifacts



DOLMABAHCE PALACE

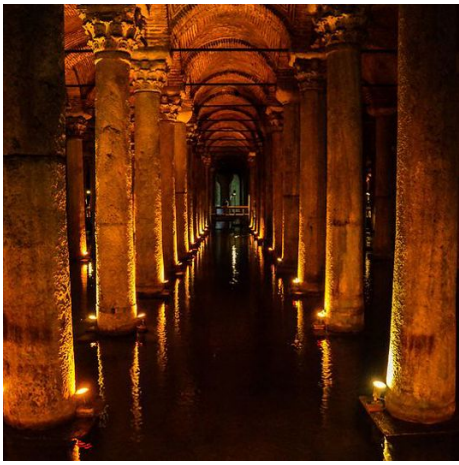
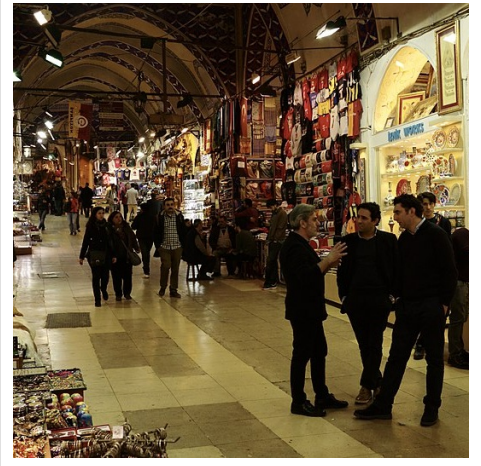
Historic, Architecture

600 meters in length with 285 rooms and 43 salons

THE GRAND BAZAAR

Market, Historic

Thousands of shops spread across dozens of streets inside the world's oldest and largest covered markets



BASILICA CISTERN

Historic, Architecture

One of Istanbul's most intriguing attractions, featuring hundreds of ancient Ionic and Corinthian columns, a relic of the Byzantine Empire's water system

GALATA TOWER

Architecture, Historic

Listen to live jazz at Nardis at the foot of the Galata Tower



GALATA BRIDGE

Architecture, Food

Snack at the kiosks offering buns with fresh fish

