

ISTANBUL, where East meets West & 45th APIMONDIA CONGRESS

October 1st - 5th 2017

Istanbul is truly a world city, a city which everyone should visit at least once in their lifetime. It is an enchanting blend of Eastern and Western culture, a vibrant, modern city, with a unique identity. Its rich past coexists alongside its youthful exuberance. Although no longer the capital of Turkey, Istanbul still remains the country's cultural and business centre.



DAY 01, October the 1th: ISTANBUL SIGHTSEEING TOUR - BOSPHORUS CRUISE

A full day sightseeing tour of main tourist attractions: **Blue Mosque**, the Church of the Divine Wisdom (Hagia Sophia) that is one of the most impressive and important buildings ever constructed, **Topkapi palace**, now an important museum that also contains important relics of the Muslim world, including Muhammed's cloak and sword; **Byzantine Hippodrome and Basilica Cistern**, most large, important Byzantine buildings provided for storage of water beneath them. Afterwards **boat trip on the Bosphorus** with dinner and rich folklore programme on the boat. This cruise is something unique as you will admire a splendid panorama of the city; many monuments are fully visible only by boat, like the great palaces of Dolmabahce and Beylerbeyi, the University of Galatasaray and many more ... You can also and especially admire the 620 Istanbul's Yalis (the large wooden houses dating from the Ottoman Empire) and the two suspension bridges. Overnight in hotel.

DAY 02, October the 2th: APIMONDIA

Full day visit of Apimondia congress.

DAY 03, October the 3th: APIMONDIA – ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT APIMONDIA HOSTING COUNTRY 2021

Full day visit of Apimondia congress. In the afternoon, general assembly and final event with announcement of next Apimondia hosting country 2021. Overnight in the hotel.

DAY 04, October the 4th: BEEKEEPING EXCURSION

Full day official Technical Tour of 45th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress will be organized in the Sile area which is on the Asian side of Istanbul. Sile is a special place of Istanbul. In just 45 minutes away from such a big metropolis you will be able to see a real beekeeping village. During the tour local beekeeping areas, different regional bee types like Anatolian, Caucasion and Mugla Bee, a queen bee breeding centre and the huge facility of Balparmak Honey Company will be visited. Lunch will be served in

the Sile Earth Market. Earth Markets are farmers' markets that have been established according to guidelines that follow the Slow Food philosophy. Overnight in the hotel.

DAY 05, October the 5th: ISTANBUL – DEPARTURE

After breakfast, drive to **The Grand Bazaar**, Istanbul's largest and oldest covered markets in the world, with 61 covered streets and over 4,000 shops which attract between 250,000 and 400,000 visitors daily. Free time for shopping. Drive to airport – departure.

* **Accommodation and transfer on the day of arrival can be provided upon request.**

** **Visits on the day 6 are adjusted to the flight departures.**

*** **Turkish Airlines is official sponsor of the congress. Special prices are offered. If you want ApiRoutes can search for the best available flight for you as well as so a booking.**

PRICE:	550 EUR (30 pax)	code:	API 1714
	590 EUR (25 pax)		
	630 EUR (20 pax)		

Calculated in February 2017. Price per person in double room.

Price includes: bus transportation per programme, transfer to airport in airport in Istanbul, 4 nights on B&B in 3* or 4* hotel, boat trip on the Bosphorus with dinner and rich folklore programme 45EUR, metro, entrance fees as per programme app. 35 EUR, external visits, technical tour of 45th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress 89EUR, English speaking guide, organisation and assistance.

As supplement: single room 100EUR, dinners in the hotel or restaurants 15EUR/day, entrances fee Apimondia.

* *Final price depends on the number of passengers, on the confirmed date, hotels and services.*

** *Price list for Apimondia Congress is attached on page 3*

Payment conditions: 30% at the time of booking, the rest 10 days before the travel.

ATTACHMENT: Prices for Congress visit (plus 18% of VAT)

Description	Paid by 30 June 2017	Paid after 30 June 2017
Full Congress Entry Fee (member countries)	250.-Euro	300.-Euro
Full Congress Entry Fee (non-member countries)	300.-Euro	350.-Euro
Full Congress Entry Fee (developing countries)	150.-Euro	200.-Euro
Full Congress Entry Fee (groups more than 10)	225.-Euro	250.-Euro
Full Congress Entry Fee (student)	150.-Euro	150.-Euro
Full Congress Entry Fee (journalist)	Free	Free
Daily Entry Fee (congress + exhibition)	100.-Euro	100.-Euro
ApiExpo Daily Entry Fee/	50.-Euro	50.-Euro
Accompanying Person Fee	150.-Euro	150.-Euro
Technical Excursion (per person)	75.-Euro	100.-Euro

All registration fees are exclusive of % 18 VAT.

Aritours, ApiRoutes travel agency is specialized in organising beekeeping excursion around the world.

ApiRoutes is also a coordinator of Working group: Apitourism, Apimondia

The tours can always **be adjusted according to the wishes and preferences of our customers.**
The price depends on the time of travel, the number of travellers and on other services required by customers.