

# Aliza Green Celestial Voyagers

Culinary & Cultural Tours



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Bodrum is a vibrant coastal town along the Aegean Sea, featuring charming neighborhoods, ancient sites, and exquisite bays. Our cooking workshop there will specialize in its **Aegean cuisine**.
- A cruise around the picturesque bays of Bodrum with lunch **on board a Gulet**, a wooden sailing vessel that originated in ancient Ionia.
- Visit the **ancient city of Stratonikeia** boasting architectural structures dating back to the Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic, Roman Imperial, and Ottoman periods.
- **Tour Ephesus**, one of the largest and most impressive ancient cities in the world and one of Turkey's most significant landmarks.
- In Istanbul, walk through **the Spice Bazaar** with a spice tasting session at a traditional shop in business for five generations
- Tour the **Rustem Pasha Mosque** built in 1561 with exquisite Iznik tiles followed by a cruise north on the magnificent **Bosphorus** that divides European and Asian Turkey.
- A hands-on cooking class at a private home with Selin including **Sephardic recipes** from her grandmother.
- Tour **Topkapı Palace**, the residence of the sultans for almost three centuries. See the "Spoonmaker's Diamond" and the Harem.
- Cross the Bosphorus to the charming town of Kadikoy and its famous **open-air street market**. The town is renowned for its excellent pastry.
- Lunch at one of Turkey's foremost chef's (**Musa Dagdeviran**) restaurant's, **Çiya**, a place Aliza loves. The chef is devoted to letting the world know about the glorious food of the small villages of Southeastern Anatolia.

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# CHEF ALIZA GREEN

## Turkey from Bodrum to Istanbul

MAY 1 TO MAY 11, 2026

\$9,975 per person sharing in a twin room

Single supplement \$2,125

\$750 deposit at the time of reservation

Balance due: Friday, February 13, 2026



**DAY 1: FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026 | DEPARTURE |**

Depart from the USA on an overnight flight to **Bodrum, Türkiye**. Celestial Voyagers can assist with flight options. If you wish to arrive early, let us know for additional hotel nights.

**DAY 2: SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026 | BODRUM | MEALS: B, D**

Arrival in **Bodrum**, a vibrant Aegean coastal town featuring charming neighborhoods, ancient sites, and exquisite bays. Transfer on your own or we can arrange. Check-in at the 4-star **El Vino Hotel** for a 3-night stay. Welcome dinner featuring traditional **Bodrum village wedding specialties**.

**DAY 3: SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026 | BODRUM | MEALS: B, L**

Visit Bodrum's **local farmers market** to select ingredients for a **cooking workshop** focusing on Aegean cuisine led by a local chef at her country home. Then, visit a **ceramic atelier** where each piece is meticulously handcrafted. Dinner on your own.

**DAY 4: MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026 | BODRUM | MEALS: B, L, D**

Visit the **Crusaders Castle** and Underwater Museum, followed by a **Gulet cruise** around Bodrum's bays with lunch on board. Then, head to **Karnas Vineyards** for an chef's table experience and wine tasting among olive trees and Aegean hilltops.

**DAY 5: TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 | STRATONIKEIA - KUSADASI | MEALS: B, L,**

Visit a **farmers market** and explore **Stratonikeia Ancient City**, featuring architecture from multiple historical periods. Continue to **Kuşadası** and check in at the 5-star Doubletree by Hilton for a 2-night stay.

**DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 | KUŞADASI-IZMIR-ISTANBUL | MEALS: B, L**

Visit the **ancient city of Ephesus**, one of Turkey's most significant landmarks. After lunch, enjoy a **leather garments show**. Fly to Istanbul and check in at the 5-star **Hagia Sophia Mansions** for a 5-night stay.

**DAY 7: THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026 | ISTANBUL | MEALS: B, D**

Visit **Hagia Sophia**, the church of the Divine Wisdom, opened in 537 as a church, now a mosque. Then visit **Rustem Pasha Mosque** built in 1561 with its exquisite Iznik tiles. Walk through the **Spice Bazaar**; spice tasting at a 5<sup>th</sup> generation shop. Private **Bosphorus cruise** then hands-on cooking class including Sephardic recipes from Selin's grandmother

**DAY 8: FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026 | ISTANBUL | MEALS: B, L, D**

Visit **Topkapı Palace**, the residence of the sultans for almost three centuries. See the "**Spoonmaker's Diamond**," the Harem, and the Palace Kitchens. Ottoman Palace cuisine lunch at **Matbah Restaurant**. Explore the incomparable **Grand Bazaar**; dinner at a favorite seafood restaurant.

**DAY 9: SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 | ISTANBUL | MEALS: B, L**

Tasting at a famous **baklava shop**. Take a ferry to the **Asian Side**. Explore the open-air street market of **Kadıköy** with street food tastings. Lunch at one of Turkey's foremost restaurants, **Çiya**, a favorite of Aliza's. Chef **Musa Dagdeviran** is devoted to making the glorious village food of **SE Anatolia** known around the world.

**DAY 10: SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 | ISTANBUL | MEALS: B, D**

Today is a **leisure day to explore Istanbul's** sights such as the Blue Mosque, Turkish Hammam, Nişantaşı, Istanbul Modern, Jewish Museum, or Dolmabahçe Palace. **Farewell dinner** at our favorite kebab restaurant.

**DAY 11: MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026 | RETURN | MEALS: B**

Breakfast followed by airport transfers (not included but can be arranged) for your flight home.

