

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 will be at one of Turkey's foremost chef's (**Musa Dagdeviran**) restaurant's, **Çiya**, a place Aliza absolutely 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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The Delights of Türkiye: Turquoise Coast to Istanbul

OCTOBER 22 - NOVEMBER 1, 2025

\$7,345 per person, sharing a double room
Single Room + \$1,560. Deposit \$1,000



DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025 | 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. Please provide a copy of your airline ticket.

DAY 2: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 | BODRUM | MEALS: B, D

Arrive in Bodrum and check in at the 4-star Hotel El Vino for a 3-night stay (transfer can be arranged). Explore the coastal town's charm and enjoy a welcome dinner with traditional Bodrum village wedding specialties.

DAY 3: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 | BODRUM | MEALS: B, L

Enjoy a stroll through an olive grove and join the locals for breakfast. Participate in an Aegean cooking workshop led by a local chef at her country house, followed by lunch and Turkish wine. Afterward, visit a ceramic atelier to see handcrafted pieces, then enjoy Bodrum mandarin ice cream at Selin's stone house. Dinner is at your own expense.

DAY 4: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 | BODRUM | MEALS: B, L, D

After breakfast, 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 a chef's table experience and wine tasting, featuring organic, locally sourced delicacies among olive trees and Aegean hilltops.

DAY 5: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 | STRATONIKEIA - KUSADASI | MEALS: B, L,

After breakfast, visit a farmers market and explore Stratonikeia Ancient City, featuring architecture from multiple historical periods. Enjoy lunch en route at a local restaurant, then continue to Kuşadası and check in at the 5-star Doubletree by Hilton for a 2-night stay.

DAY 6: MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 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, where some travel companions may model. Then, fly to Istanbul and check in at the 5-star Hagia Sophia Mansions for a 5-night stay.

DAY 7: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 | ISTANBUL | MEALS: B, D

Visit the Jewish Museum and Neve Shalom Synagogue or Galata Tower, followed by a walk through the Spice Bazaar with a tasting session. After lunch, visit the Rustem Pasha Mosque, known for its exquisite Iznik tiles. Then, enjoy a private Bosphorus cruise before heading to Selin's home for a hands-on cooking class, featuring Turkish and Sephardic family recipes. Enjoy the meal you've prepared for dinner.

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 | ISTANBUL | MEALS: B, L, D

Visit Topkapı Palace, including the Treasury with the "Spoonmaker's Diamond" and the Harem. Explore the Palace Kitchens, then visit Hagia Sophia and the Basilica Cistern. Enjoy an Ottoman lunch at Matbah Restaurant and dinner at a top seafood restaurant.

DAY 9: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 | ISTANBUL | MEALS: B, L

Taste cheese pastry and baklava at a renowned shop. Take a ferry to Istanbul's Asian side to explore Kadıkoy's open-air street market, filled with fishmongers, bakers, and grocers. Enjoy street food tastings and shop for spices, Turkish delights, and pastries. Have lunch at Çiya restaurant, known for showcasing the flavors of South Eastern Anatolia. Dinner is on your own.

DAY 10: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 | ISTANBUL | MEALS: B, D

Today is a leisure day for your own activities. Explore Istanbul's sights such as the Blue Mosque, Grand Bazaar, Turkish Hammam, Nişantaşı, Istanbul Modern, Pera Museum, or Dolmabahçe Palace. Lunch is at your own expense. End the day with a farewell dinner at our favorite kebab restaurant.

DAY 11: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | RETURN | MEALS: B

Breakfast at Hagia Sophia Mansion. End of services. Airport transfer is not included but can be arranged for your flight back to the USA. Car service can be provided.