

2-Day istanbul Vacation for Group

Budget: mid-range | Type: group | Interests: Food

Istanbul 2-Day Food-Focused Itinerary for a Group (Mid-Range Budget)

Day 1: Historic Peninsula Food & Culture

- Start with a classic Turkish breakfast at Van Kahvaltı Evi in Cihangir – enjoy a shared spread of cheeses, olives, honey, and menemen (group-friendly, mid-range pricing)
- Explore Sultanahmet area: visit Hagia Sophia and Blue Mosque, then head to Hafız Mustafa 1864 for traditional Turkish sweets and baklava tasting
- Lunch at Dönerci Şef or Karadeniz Pide ve Döner Salonu for authentic döner and pide – perfect for sharing among the group
- Evening: Stroll through Grand Bazaar and Spice Bazaar, then enjoy a meze dinner at Karaköy Lokantası or Asitane (mid-range, great for groups with vegetarian options)

Practical tips: Use the tram (T1 line) for easy group movement between Sultanahmet and Karaköy. Visit food spots between 12-2pm to avoid peak crowds. Wear comfortable shoes for walking on cobblestones.

Day 2: Asian Side & Modern Istanbul Flavors

- Take the ferry across the Bosphorus (scenic and budget-friendly) and start with breakfast at Çiya Sofrası in Kadıköy – famous for regional Anatolian dishes ideal for sharing
- Explore Kadıköy market and street food scene: try kokoreç, simit, and local pickles from vendors
- Lunch at Baylan Pastanesi or a modern Turkish spot like Kuyu for creative mezes and grills
- Return to European side for sunset views and dinner at a rooftop restaurant like Sunset Grill & Bar or Khorasani for Adana kebabs and mezze platters

Practical tips: Buy an Istanbulkart for unlimited public transport use (great value for groups). Best time for ferry rides is morning or late afternoon to avoid rush hour. Pack a light scarf for mosque visits and comfortable clothing for all-day walking.

Booking Tips

- Flights: https://www.flystayride.com/flights/
- Hotels: https://www.flystayride.com/hotels/
- Car Rentals: https://www.flystayride.com/cars/
- Airport Transfers: https://www.flystayride.com/transfer/
- Tours & Activities: https://www.flystayride.com/tours/
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