



# Sultanahmet Saunter

Explore the heart of İstanbul's Old City in this walk through Sultanahmet's mosque-studded streets.

**Start** Aya Sofya Meydanı

**Distance** 2.3km

**Duration** two hours/ five to six hours if you visit Aya Sofya and Topkapı Palace



**3** Veer left into picturesque Soğukçeşme Sokak, turn into Caferiye Sokak and then cross Alemdar Caddesi to reach the **Hippodrome**, where horse-drawn chariots raced in Byzantine times.

**2** Head up Babihümayun Caddesi to the Fountain of Sultan Ahmet III, an ornate rococo-style fountain outside **Topkapı Palace**



**1** From the cruise terminal, take a taxi or tram to Sultanahmet. Admire the Byzantine magnificence of Aya Sofya and the adjacent Ottoman-era **Aya Sofya Tombs**.



**4** Walk down Şehit Mehmet Paşa Yokuşu and continue down Katip Sinan Camii Sokak to **Sokullu Şehit Mehmet Paşa Mosque** with its gorgeous tiled interior.



**5** Veer left down Şehit Mehmet Paşa Sokak, turn left at Kadırga Limanı Caddesi and then seek out **Küçük (Little) Aya Sofya**, a Byzantine church subsequently converted into a mosque.



**Take a Break...** The shady tables at **Derviş Cafe & Restaurant** offer splendid Blue Mosque views.

## Classic Photo Blue Mosque



**6** Continue east along Küçük Ayasofya Caddesi, walk up the hill at Aksakal Caddesi and then follow Nakilbent Sokak to the Arasta Bazaar, a shopping arcade built as part of the **Blue Mosque** complex.

