Half Day Excursion to the Byzantine and Ottoman historical place
When: Wednesday, 28.5.2014
Departure time: 14.00
Departure place: Entrance of the Kadir Has conference center. Buses will transfer us to SultanAhmet.
Return: 19.00. Buses will transfer us to central points of the city close to public transportation.

Description
Hagia (St.) Sophia, one of the greatest marvels of architecture, built in 537 by Byzantine Emperor Justinianus. St. Sophia has been the largest cathedral in the world for nearly a thousand years; it is considered the masterpiece of Byzantine architecture; the marbles and the mosaics are among the finest in the world. It was converted into a mosque in 1453 by Sultan Mehmet II the Conqueror and in to a museum by Ataturk in 1935.

Hippodrome, center of sportive (chariot races, athletics) events and political activities of the old city. Obelisk of Theodosius, Serpentine Column, German Fountain of Wilhelm II are the monuments decorating Hippodrome.

Topkapi Palace, this extraordinary and secret palace was the residence of the Imperial Ottoman Sultans and the center of the Ottoman might for nearly 400 years. The building is a typical example of Ottoman architecture and the rooms exhibit rich collections of porcelains, robes, weapons, shields, armors, Ottoman miniatures, Islamic calligraphic manuscripts as well as Ottoman treasures and jewellery.

Hagia Irene or Hagia Eirene (Greek: Ἁγία Εἰρήνη, "Holy Peace", Turkish: Aya İrini), is a former Eastern Orthodox church located in the outer courtyard of Topkapı Palace in Istanbul, Turkey. Constantine I commissioned the first Hagia Irene church in the 4th century. The building ranks, in fact, as the first church built in Constantinople. Emperor Justinian I had the church restored in 548. It served as the church of the Patriarchate before Hagia Sophia was completed in 537. During the reign of Sultan Ahmet III (1703-1730) was changed into a weapons museum. Today serves mostly as a concert hall of music.

English speaking tour guide will accompany the group.