

Your pocket visit guide

Save before you leave Wi-Fi.

1 Save your emailed entry QR

Our recommended **Istanbul Welcome Card** ticket emails the entrance QR after booking. Save it and go to Hagia Sophia's signed visitor-gallery entrance; no museum pickup is needed. If you chose a kiosk-based alternative, collect your ticket first as instructed. Guided tours use their own meeting point.

2 Bring the essentials

Cover shoulders and knees; women need a head covering. Bring comfortable shoes, a charged phone and headphones. Save your entry ticket and audio before arrival. Bring proof of age when using a child admission exemption.

3 Know your access

The paid cultural route visits the **upper gallery**. The ground floor is reserved for worship. Mandatory security can add waiting time. Blue Mosque admission is free and visitor entry pauses for prayer.

4 Check your day

Friday: Hagia Sophia lists a 12:30-14:30 visitor closure; Blue Mosque visitor entry begins at 14:30.

Tuesday: Topkapi Palace is closed.

Basilica Cistern day and evening sessions have separate admission arrangements. Recheck hours and your ticket before travel.



Open the map and route planner

hagiasophiaticket.com/plan-your-visit/

Independent guide. Sources reviewed 9 September 2026.

Sources: Istanbul Welcome Card, DEM Museums, Blue Mosque, National Palaces and Kültür İstanbul.

Source links in the planner.

Maps and booking pages need an internet connection.