



## **Ankara Daily City Tour:**

Pick up from the front of your house in the morning. (09:00 / 09:30). First drive to the Ankara Castle. The Ankara Castle was firstly constructed by the Galatians in around 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC. The Celtic people groups from Western Europe, the Celts migrated to Anatolia (today's Turkey) established Ancyra as their capital city. Ancyra was the name of the city which means anchor in their language as well as in ancient Greek and Latin.

Walk up to the city walls and the tower to watch the 360 degree view of the city of Ankara and it is amazing. Then walk down the castle see the oldest mosque of Ankara in the citadel area the mosque is called the Aladdin Mosque constructed by the early Muslim conquerors of the city: the Seljuk Turks.

Walk in the traditional streets and down the hill there is the Anatolian Civilizations Museum. Visit the museum. One of the best archaeological museums of Turkey and Europe and displays artifacts from the Palaeolithic times to the Hittite times.

Drive to the temple of Augustus in Ankara. First we can have lunch in a traditional Turkish restaurant. Visit the temple of Augustus which was constructed to commemorate the deified emperor Augustus after his death in 15 AD. Visit the Hacıbayram Mosque (from outside). Then, drive to the mausoleum of Ataturk: Anıtkabir. That's a great building with its architectural design. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk is buried there.

Ataturk was the founder of the Turkish Republic. After the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, in the World War I, he was the chief commander of the Turkish Independence War and following those military successes, he was able to establish the Republic of Turkey, and became the first president of it. After his death in 1938, this mausoleum was constructed.

End of the tour and you will be driven back home or to the hotel.

