

## **Daily Safranbolu Tour:**

Leave Ankara around 07:30. Drive to Safranbolu for a Daily trip. This town is towards the Black Sea Region of Turkey. It is about 250 kms north of Ankara. Safranbolu is famous for saffron production and Turkish Delights and Bazaars. First visit the Yoruk village which was established by the Yuruk Turcoman nomadic people around 800 years ago. There are quite well preserved Ottoman Turkish houses. In Safranbolu the Old Town preserves many historic buildings, with 1008registered historical artifacts. These are: 1 private museum, 25 mosques, 5 tombs, 8 historical fountains, 5 Turkish baths, 3 caravanserais, 1 historical clock tower, 1 sundial and hundreds of houses and mansions. Also, there are mounds of ancient settlements, rock tombs and historical bridges. The Old Town is situated in a deep ravine in a fairly dry area in the rain shadow of the mountains. The New Town can be found on the plateau about two kilometers west of the Old Town. There are also lovely streets and bazaars for shopping the local products.

The name of the town derives from "saffron" and the Greek word polis ( $\pi$ ó $\lambda$  $\iota$ c) meaning "city", since Safranbolu was a trading place and a center for growing saffron. Today, saffron is still grown at the village of Davutobas $\iota$ to the east of Safranbolu, with a road distance of 22 kilometers.

Safranbolu was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites in 1994 due to its well-preserved Ottoman era houses and architecture.





