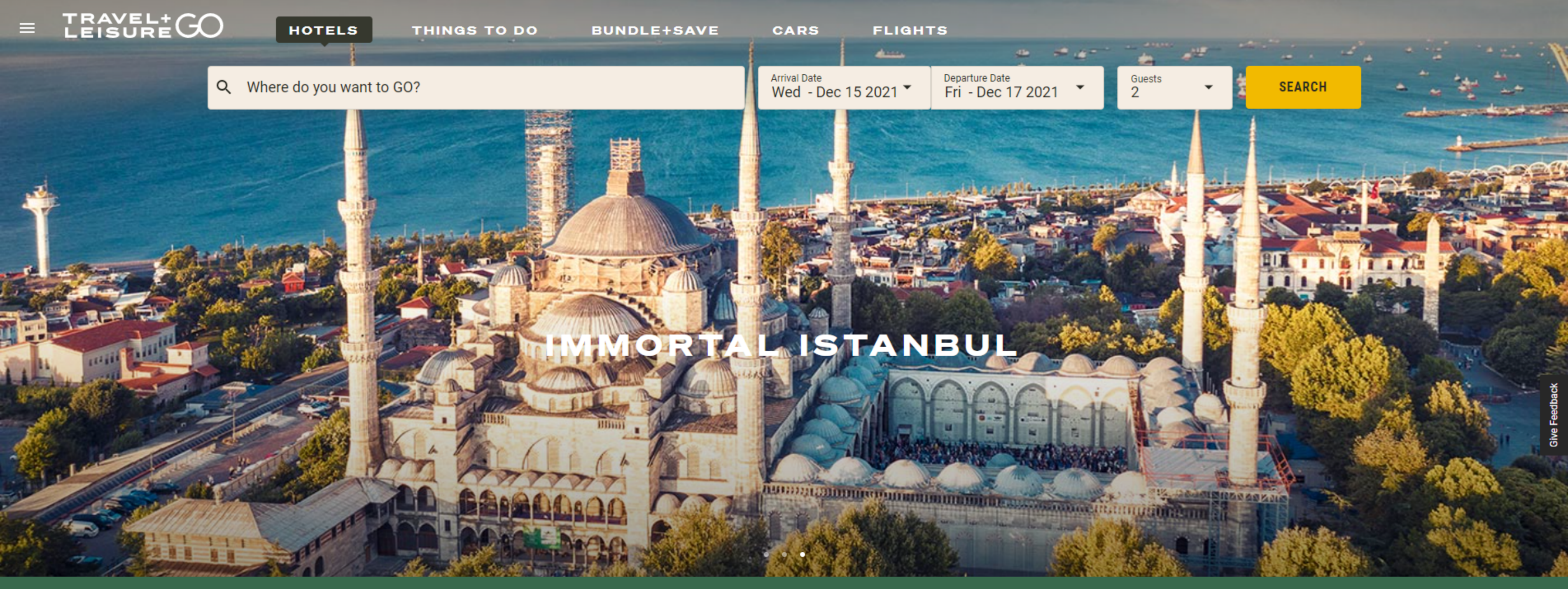


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ITINERARY ACCOMMODATIONS

DAY 1

INSIDER TIP: CELEBRATE YOUR ARRIVAL WITH DINNER AT NICOLE

Head to the terrace of Tomtom Suites, a former Franciscan monastery, for dinner at Nicole. Overlooking the Bosphorus and Sea of Marmara, this rooftop restaurant delivers dinner and a view. Cordon Bleu-trained chef, Aylin Yazıcıoğlu offers an inspired menu of modern Mediterranean dishes, like sour-cherry glazed duck breast or grilled octopus and eggplant, featuring locally sourced ingredients. Choose from two tasting menus of expertly curated courses and wine pairings for a gastronomic Turkish delight that's sure to impress.

RESTAURANTS FINE DINING




DAY 2

EXPLORE OLD CONSTANTINOPLE ON A PRIVATE TOUR

Embark on a one-day walking tour of Istanbul's stunning historical sites. Enjoy a thrilling expedition through the heart of Istanbul's oldest historic district, Sultanahmet, where you will tour ruins of the Hippodrome. From there, your guide will lead you on a sightseeing expedition to some of Istanbul's most iconic attractions. From the shimmering Blue Mosque and gilded Topkapı Palace to a former Byzantine cathedral and the artisanal shops of one of the world's oldest and largest covered markets.


TOURS SIGHTSEEING HISTORIC SITES



INSIDER TIP: STAY FOR DINNER AND DRINKS AT MIKLA

Your adventure continues with two or three course prix fixe or five course tasting at the award-winning Mikla restaurant. The menu changes daily to provide exclusive flavors and the freshest ingredients. Raise a glass to vacation as you enjoy signature cocktails and stunning views from Mikla's rooftop bar.

RESTAURANTS FINE DINING




DAY 3

DISCOVER ISTANBUL'S ARTISANAL SHOPPING SCENE

Whether you're seeking local produce, mosaic lamps, pottery, or other handcrafted treasures, you can get the inside scoop on shopping trips and bartering tips with a personalized guided experience. Your expert host will tailor an itinerary of shopping districts and local markets according to your interests. Stroll over 4,000 shops at the Grand Bazaar, peruse the aromatic wares of the 17th-century Eminönü Egyptian Spice Bazaar, browse luxury and name brand boutiques at the Mall of Istanbul, and much more.


TOURS SHOPPING



INSIDER TIP: TASTE AUTHENTIC TURKISH CUISINE AT ÇIYA SOFRASI

Local and visiting food lovers alike flock to chef Musa Dağdeviren's three-floor eatery for traditional recipes and extraordinary tastes. Indulge in home-style regional dishes like lamb with spiced bulgur, loquat kebabs, and candied pumpkin.

RESTAURANTS




DAY 4

SAMPLE THE CITY ON A GUIDED FOODIE TOUR

Spend the day savoring Turkish delicacies and unique specialties on a private guided walking tour. Discover hidden foodie gems off the beaten path, guided by an expert epicure. The Taste of Istanbul Tour takes you on a culinary journey through local markets and popular main streets, while exploring Istanbul's rich culture and history. Start with a traditional Turkish breakfast, then catch the metro to Taksim for a coffee and tea break, followed by a walk down the famous İstiklal Street, featuring over 3,000 shopping and dining options.


TOURS RESTAURANTS



INSIDER TIP: SAVOR FRESH-CAUGHT SEAFOOD

For a taste of Aegean seafood, snag a coveted reservation at Cunda Balık. Inspired by the vibrant atmosphere of Aegean resort towns, this lively restaurant offers a revolving menu of seasonal fare and classic seafood dishes, like cheese-stuffed calamari and sardines wrapped in grape leaves.

RESTAURANTS




DAY 5

WORK UP AN APPETITE WITH DERALIYE'S COOKING CLASS

Participate in a traditional Turkish cooking course at the Deraliye Ottoman Cuisine Restaurant. Or book your reservation with a guided tour which includes hotel transportation and a chef-prepared dinner featuring an Ottoman Palace recipe. During your two-hour cooking class, you will learn how to prepare a traditional Ottoman appetizer, main course, and dessert.


COOKING CLASSES



INSIDER TIP: SPEND THE AFTERNOON IN AN OTTOMAN-ERA MANSION

Housed in a stately alabaster manor, the Sakıp Sabancı Museum features an expansive private collection of fine art and historical manuscripts. Step back in time as you explore living and dining rooms as they would have looked in the 18th-19th century. Meander the gardens overlooking the Bosphorus with lunch at the on-site Müzedechanga restaurant.

MUSEUMS




DAY 6

SAIL THE BOSPHORUS STRAIT

Your half-day cruise tour begins at the glamorous Dolmabahçe Palace, the largest palace in Turkey and former administrative center of the Ottoman Empire. Then, hop aboard with Boat on the Bosphorus for a sightseeing cruise between the two continents, following the Bosphorus Strait. Take in the scenery of historic villas and stately mansions as you make your way to the medieval Rumeli Fortress. Have your camera ready for the famous Maiden's Tower, a 19th century lighthouse and iconic Istanbul landmark.


TOURS BOATING



INSIDER TIP: SAVOR AN ISTANBUL STAPLE AT BASTA!

Don't miss the chance to try an elevated spin on a classic Turkish street food. At Basta! Street Food Bar, innovative chefs, Kaan Sakarya and Derin Arbaş share their delectable version of the beloved dürüm – crispy lavash (a thin, tortilla-like flatbread) wrapped around lamb, charred onions, and spicy harissa or house-made chorizo with velvety hummus. Save room for Derin's signature rice pudding, perfected with custard and whipped cream.

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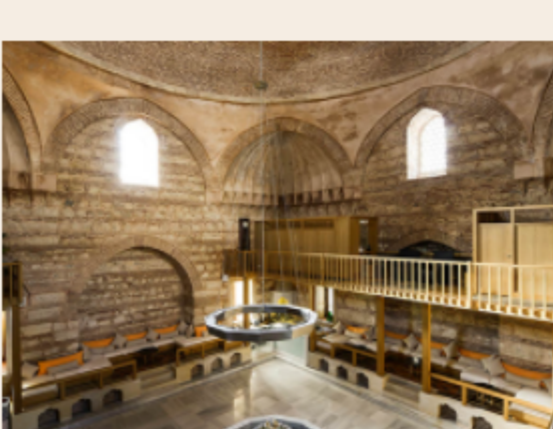


DAY 7

INSIDER TIP: SAY BON VOYAGE WITH A TURKISH HAMMAM

There's no better way to end your Istanbul vacation than with a traditional hammam experience. Luxuriate at the enchanting Kılıç Ali Paşa Hamamı, a restored 16th-century bathhouse, designed by Ottoman architect Mimar Sinan. Enjoy a glass of fresh fruit sorbet before beginning your hammam ritual of an invigorating loofah scrub, followed by a hot rinse and steam. Young guests can also participate in a modified hammam experience designed especially for children.

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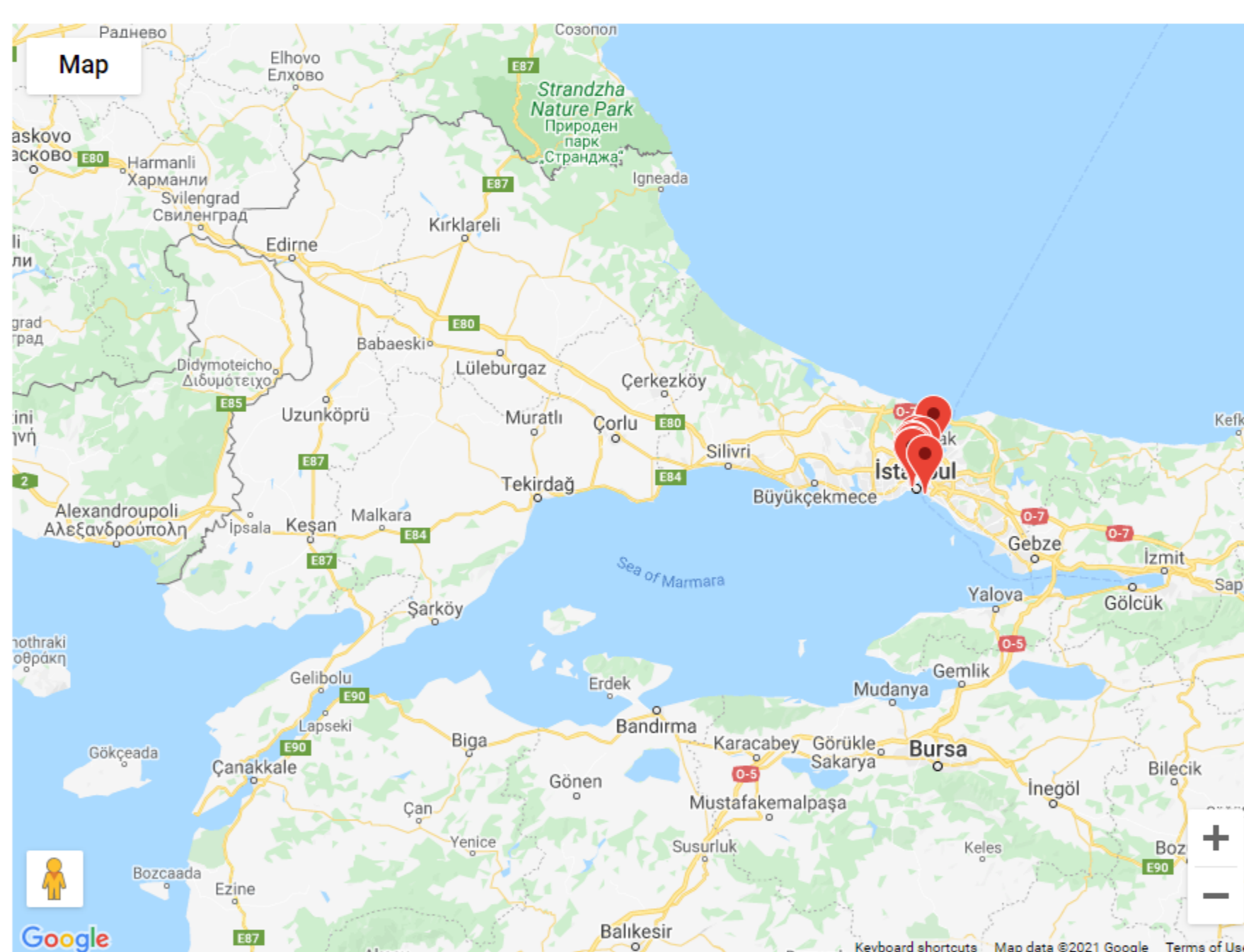


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