
Crossing Legends: From Troy to Istanbul's Shore

(Paragraph 1)

The journey resumes with a scenic drive along the Aegean coast, leading to the legendary city of Troy. Surrounded by rolling hills and gentle breezes, the site evokes tales of gods and warriors. Standing before the replica of the wooden horse, travelers reflect on Homer's *Iliad* and the timeless story of cunning and courage.



[photo01] *The iconic wooden horse replica at Troy*

(Paragraph 2)

Guided through the archaeological layers of Troy, visitors explore ancient walls, gates, and remnants of temples. Each layer reveals a different era, uncovering nearly 4,000 years of human history. The ruins speak softly of the many civilizations that rose and fell here, long before modern nations were born.



[photo02] *Multi-layered ruins of ancient Troy*

(Paragraph 3)

After the historical deep dive, the group enjoys a traditional lunch nearby. Regional dishes rich in olive oil and herbs revive spirits for the next phase. In the afternoon, they head to the Dardanelles Strait, where Europe and Asia nearly touch. A ferry ride across this narrow waterway marks a symbolic passage between worlds.



[photo03] *Crossing the Dardanelles Strait by ferry*

(Paragraph 4)

As the sun begins to lower, the bus winds its way through the Marmara region. Outside the windows, olive groves, fishing villages, and distant minarets hint at the approach to Istanbul. The anticipation builds as signs of the great city emerge on the horizon—bridges, towers, and a skyline unlike any other.



[photo04] *Approaching Istanbul at dusk*

(Paragraph 5)

The group arrives in Istanbul just in time for dinner. Tonight's meal is served at a local restaurant, offering a warm introduction to the culinary soul of the city. Dishes such as lamb kebabs, mezes, and rich desserts set the tone for the cultural feast awaiting over the next two days.



[photo05] *Traditional Istanbul dinner spread*

(Paragraph 6)

The day ends with check-in at a luxury hotel overlooking the Marmara Sea. From the rooms, guests glimpse twinkling lights across the water, where the Bosphorus awaits. It's a peaceful moment to rest—tomorrow, Istanbul's deep layers of history and vibrant street life will be revealed.



[photo06] *Night view from the hotel over the Marmara Sea*



Vocabulary List

- Replica ('rɛplɪkə) — an exact copy or model of something
 - Archaeological layer (,ɑːrkiə'lɒ:dʒɪkəl 'leɪər) — a horizontal section of remains from a specific historical period
 - Strait (streɪt) — a narrow passage of water connecting two seas
 - Meze ('mɛzɪ) — small dishes served as appetizers in Middle Eastern cuisine
 - Skyline ('skaɪlaɪn) — the outline of buildings seen against the sky
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Day 1 Questions

(概要理解・語彙確認)

1. What famous ancient city do travelers visit first on Day 7?
2. Which narrow waterway separates Europe and Asia?
3. What is the purpose of the replica wooden horse in Troy?
4. Choose the correct meaning: **Strait**
A) A type of food
B) A narrow sea passage
C) A tall building
5. Fill in the blank:
The archaeological site of Troy contains many _____ from different periods in history.



Day 2 Questions

(詳細確認・順序理解)

1. How many years of history do Troy's ruins represent?
2. What kind of lunch is served before crossing the Dardanelles?
3. What do travelers begin to see as they approach Istanbul?
4. Choose the correct answer:
What describes the view from the hotel?
A) A Roman aqueduct
B) A forest path
C) The lights over the Marmara Sea
5. Put these events in the correct order:
 - Cross the Dardanelles
 - Eat a traditional lunch
 - Check in at Istanbul hotel
 - Visit Troy ruins



Discussion Prompts

(話し合い・意見交換)

- Why do you think the legend of the Trojan Horse continues to inspire people today?
 - Have you ever visited a place with layers of history? What was your impression?
 - How would you feel crossing from one continent to another by ferry?
 - If you could spend two days in Istanbul, what would you want to see or do first?
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