



# Treasures of Turkey

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## WHY IS TREASURES OF TURKEY UNIQUE?

### SMALL GROUPS AND PERSONAL ATTENTION

Our tours are limited to *12 guests*, ensuring our special attention to each guest. Having small groups avoids crowding, and allows us to stay in small, quaint, convenient hotels (some of which are restored Ottoman mansions.) A group of this size also makes it possible to enjoy the traditional and regional cuisine of Türkiye in small restaurants and experience local culture in a manner simply not feasible in large tourist groups.

### FLEXIBILITY

Each tour is planned with the utmost attention to detail, with particular emphasis placed on the special interests of the group members. Our small group size makes it possible to accommodate each guest as far as possible without inconvenience to the rest of the group. In addition, we can customize a tour to fit the needs of each traveler; for instance you can join a group for only a portion of the tour, or arrange early arrival or an extension.

### OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

The people of Türkiye are exceptionally warm and friendly, and your visit will provide plenty of opportunities to meet them personally. It is not unusual to be invited to a villager's home or to participate in a local festival or celebration. Whenever possible we try to accommodate our guests' special areas of interest.

### GUIDES

Your tour guide is instrumental in ensuring that your visit to Türkiye is enjoyable and informative. Our guides are experienced professionals who share a love of people and of Türkiye; they are multilingual and come from a variety of backgrounds.

We have a strict policy against recommending shops or merchandise. Our guides, however, will be happy to provide you with information about how to shop in Türkiye. In addition to being knowledgeable about Türkiye's history and archaeological sites, they provide a wealth of information about modern and ancient culture and take pride in sharing their country with our guests, who quickly become friends.

### EASY PACE

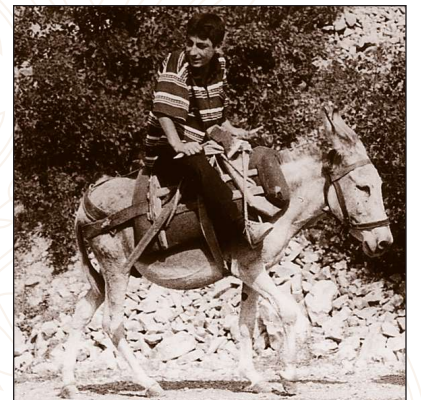
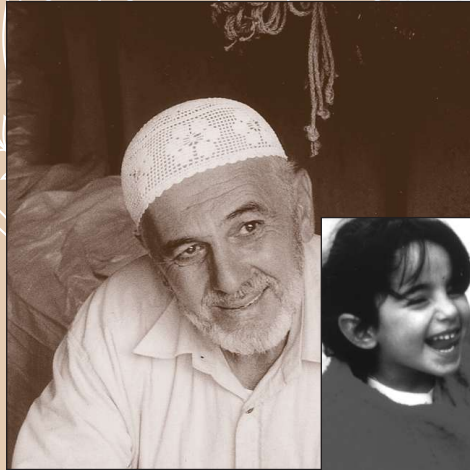
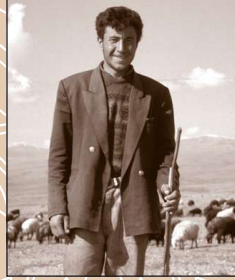
Especially appreciated is the easy pace at which the group travels. There is no traveling in the early morning hours, or arrival after sunset. The tours are designed to avoid long hours in transit, and there are frequent rest and refreshment stops. Ample time is always allowed for visiting museums and archaeological sites, for eating and for shopping.

### EXPERIENCE AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Treasures of Turkey has been in business for 18 years. The owner, Ümit Döğün, was born and raised in Türkiye and grew up with a great love for and understanding of his country. His concern for each guest is reflected in the attention to detail that is evident in every aspect of our tours. Hundreds of letters of appreciation have crossed our desk, and we are happy to supply these references on request.

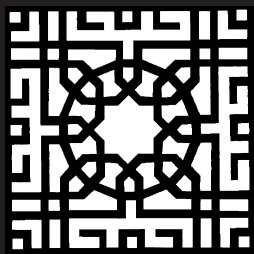
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## THE WONDERFUL FACES OF TÜRKİYE

Türkiye is a country with a wealth of natural resources, but its people are its richest treasure. From cosmopolitan Istanbul to the colorful Black Sea people to the more remote Eastern Türkiye villagers, the people of Türkiye are a diverse blend of modern and traditional cultures. They have, however, one trait in common: a warm and welcoming nature. Most first-time visitors to Türkiye are overwhelmed by the friendly and gracious reception they experience, the sincerity of which is quickly evident. The memory of these wonderful faces will linger long after you return home.



17 DAYS

## CLASSIC TOUR 1

Visiting Ankara, Gordion, Hattusas, Amasya, Cappadocia, Konya, Antalya, Pamukkale, Ephesus, and Istanbul. An inclusive tour covering all major sites in Türkiye with participation limited to 12 guests maximum.

### TOUR DATES

April 12-April 28  
May 10- May 26  
Sept 6-Sept 22  
Oct 4-Oct 20

### COST PER PERSON LAND ONLY

\$ 2200.00 in double rooms.  
Single supplement \$ 350.00.

### INCLUDES

- 15 nights accommodation at selected 4 or 5-star hotels or restored Ottoman mansions.
- Breakfast daily.
- 7 dinners.
- Daily private sightseeing by comfortable air-conditioned minibuses or vans.
- Multilingual tour director.
- Local guides.
- Entrance fees to sites indicated in bold italics on the itinerary.
- Two domestic flights in Türkiye.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Baggage handling.
- Bosphorus Cruise in Istanbul.
- Evening entertainment.

#### DAY 1.

Depart *USA*. Overnight flight to *Istanbul*.

#### DAY 2.

**ANKARA.** Arrive *Istanbul*; board transfer flight to *Ankara*.

#### DAY 3.

**ANKARA.** Ankara, the ancient Ankuwash or Angora, has been the capital of Türkiye since 1923. In the morning we will visit the *Museum of Ancient Anatolian Civilizations*, the best museum in Türkiye for pre-classic exhibits. In the afternoon we will travel to *Gordion*, the city of legendary King Midas. Gordion was also the capital of the Phrygian Empire, and the site where Alexander the Great cut the "Gordion Knot."

#### DAY 4.

**AMASYA.** En route to Amasya, we will stop at *Hattusas*, the ancient Hittite capital which dates from 3,000 BC. Highlights will be the Great Temple, the Lion's Gate, the impressive Sphinx Gate, the King's Gate, and the Citadel. We will also see the famous *Hittite shrine of Yazilikaya*. Here, carved out of a rock wall, are reliefs of 63 gods and goddesses. Then we will continue to the beautiful Anatolian city of Amasya.

#### DAY 5.

**AMASYA.** Today will be spent exploring this charming and scenic riverside town. The magnificent citadel overlooks the city with its interesting Ottoman and Selcuk architectural remains. Artifacts from many years of Mongol rulers are displayed in the *Archaeology Museum*.

#### DAY 6.

**CAPPADOCIA.** Today we will travel south to the fascinating region of Cappadocia. The unique landscape here was created eons ago by volcanic eruptions. Years of tremendous wind and water erosion have formed the magical "fairy chimneys" that cover the area. We will also visit the famous pottery-making city of Avanos, where traditional methods of producing ceramics are still used.

#### DAY 7.

**CAPPADOCIA.** Our agenda today includes exploring the *underground city of Derinkuyu*, formerly occupied by Medieval civilizations; climbing the *Uchisar Fortress* to take in the breathtaking view of the Goreme Valley; and visiting the *Goreme open-air museum* which



contains many fascinating cave churches. We will also visit *Urgup*, known for its Selcuk and Ottoman historical works, its kilims, handicrafts, and local wines.

#### DAY 8.

**KONYA.** On the way to Konya we will stop at one of the *Selcuk's Kervansaray* (camel palace) to explore Selcuk architecture. Then we will continue on to Konya, the city where Mevlana founded the Mevlevi Order of Whirling Dervishes. Our tour of Konya will include a visit to the *Museum of Mevlana*, perhaps the most important Islamic shrine in Türkiye; the *Karatay Medresesi*; and the *Ince Minare*.

### BAKING SIMIT





### DAY 9.

**ANTALYA.** One of the most scenic drives we will take is the route through the beautiful Taurus Mountains to the harbor city of Antalya on the Mediterranean, one of the few cities which enjoy an appealing mixture of ancient and modern worlds. En route to Antalya, we will visit the Hellenistic-Roman cities of *Perge* and *Aspendos*, the latter of which contains one of the best-preserved Roman theaters in the world.

### DAY 10.

**ANTALYA.** This morning we will visit the *Antalya Archaeology Museum*, one of the finest museums in Türkiye, containing exhibits ranging from the Stone Age to a 6th Century relief of the Angel Gabriel. The afternoon will be at leisure to explore the old city or enjoy the many cafes along the ancient harbor waterfront.

### DAY 11.

**PAMUKKALE.** During our drive to Pamukkale (*ancient Hierapolis*), we will stop at the Roman city of *Aphrodisias* (the city of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty). Aphrodisias has impressive marble ruins of a theater, stadium, odium, tetrapylon or monumental gate, and unforgettable statuary. Then we will continue on to *Pamukkale*, a famous health spa in Roman times which is still in use today. Brilliant white calcium deposits cover the sides of the cliffs, creating a beautiful natural wonder.

### DAY 12.

**KUSADASI.** This morning there will be time for some further exploration of Pamukkale (*ancient Hierapolis*). This city flourished for centuries as a health center because of its therapeutic thermal springs. The baths are pools

of clear warm water with beautiful marble columns lying at the bottom. The museum, theater, Temple of Apollo, colonnaded street, bath, and necropolis are also intriguing. Then we will head to the Aegean harbor town of Kusadasi.

### DAY 13.

**KUSADASI.** Today we will explore the fascinating Hellenistic and Roman city of *Ephesus* with its beautiful theater, Celsus Library, and many appealing ruins of the once great city. In the nearly charming town of Selcuk, we will tour the *Museum of Ephesus* where we will see two famous statues of Artemis, taken from the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

### DAY 14.

**ISTANBUL.** Today we will travel to Izmir, stopping en route to visit the ancient city of *Sardis*, well known as the residence of Croesus of "rich as Croesus" fame. You can stroll through the scattered ruins of this once important city and explore the synagogue, the gymnasium-bath complex, and the Temple of Artemis. Upon arrival in Izmir, we will board a short flight to Istanbul, where you will be transferred to your hotel in the "old city" section.

### DAY 15.

**ISTANBUL.** This morning we will walk to the *Hippodrome*, an arena used for political, cultural, and sports activities during Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman times. We will visit the *Blue Mosque*, famous for its Iznik blue tiles; and *St. Sophia*, the largest Christian church in the world for over 1,000 years. Nearby is the *Basilica Cistern*, or Underground Palace, with its ancient columns surrounded by water. Finally

we will visit the legendary *Topkapi Palace*.



### DAY 16.

#### ISTANBUL.

Our motor coach follows the *ancient city walls* of Istanbul to the *Chora Museum*, which has the most beautiful mosaics in Türkiye. Afterward, we will have a *Bosphorus cruise* between continents, seeing the fabulous palaces and villas that hug the shoreline. Later we will have a *tour of the old and new city*.

### DAY 17.

Depart for the USA.



HATTUSAS



22 DAYS

## CLASSIC TOUR II

This is a longer version of our Classic Tour I, and includes some unforgettable sites along the Mediterranean coast (the Lycian region.) The first 11 days of this tour follow the itinerary for Classic Tour I.

### TOUR DATES

April 12-May 3      May 10-May 31  
Sept 6 - Sept 27      Oct 4-Oct 25

### COST PER PERSON LAND ONLY

\$ 2800.00 in double rooms.  
Single supplement \$ 500.00.

### INCLUDES

- 20 nights accommodation at selected 3, 4 or 5-star hotels and/or restored Ottoman mansions.
- Breakfast daily.
- 10 dinners.
- Daily private sightseeing by comfortable air-conditioned minibuses or vans.
- Multilingual tour director.
- Local guides.
- Entrance fees to sites indicated in bold italics on the itinerary.
- One domestic flights in Türkiye.
- Ferry across the Dardanelles.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Baggage handling.
- Bosphorus Cruise in Istanbul.
- Evening entertainment.

### Day 1 - 11.

As indicated on pages 2 and 3.



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### Day 12.

**KAS.** This morning there will be time for some further exploration of Pamukkale (ancient Hierapolis). This city flourished for centuries as a health center because of its therapeutic thermal springs. The baths are pools of clear warm water with beautiful marble columns lying at the bottom. The museum, theater, Temple of Apollo, colonnaded street, bath, and necropolis are also intriguing. Then we will head to the charming Mediterranean city of Kas.

### Day 13.

**KAS.** A visit to the *Lycian rock-cut tombs* in Myra and a trip to the nearby *Church of St. Nicholas* are on the agenda today. Then in the afternoon we will take a boat to see the ancient city of *Simene* and the mysterious *sunken city* in Kekova Bay.

### Day 14.

**FETHIYE.** Today we will travel along the Mediterranean coast, stopping to visit *Xanthus*, once the capital and grandest city of Lycia; and *Tlos*. This ancient and rather remote site was once an influential part of the Lycian League; it has interesting ruins and a splendid view of the Xanthus Valley. Then we will continue on to the coastal city of Fethiye.

### Day 15.

**BODRUM.** Our destination today is *Bodrum* (ancient Halicarnassus, the home of Herodotus, the father of history). We will stop en route in Dalyan to view the ancient city of *Caunos* (the last city of Lycia along the Mediterranean) and the *Lycian Temple tombs* carved dramatically out of the cliff above the Dalyan River. Then we will continue on to the bustling harbor city of Bodrum.

### Day 16.

**KUSADASI.** In the morning we will visit the *Castle of St. Peter* which now holds the fascinating *Museum of Underwater Archaeology* with its restored shipwrecks and artifacts, and the *Mausoleum of Halicarnassus*, which is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. En route to Kusadasi we will stop at *Euromos* to explore one of the most picturesque temples of

Zeus in existence. We will also visit three famous ancient cities once a part of the Ionian League: *Miletus*, the business and cultural center; *Priene*, the political center; and *Didyma*, the religious center. Kusadasi is a favorite location which has a splendid boat harbor and fortress.

### Day 17.

**KUSADASI.** Today we will explore the fascinating Hellenistic and Roman city of *Ephesus* including its beautiful theater, Celsus Library, and intriguing ruins. Nearby in Selcuk, we will tour the *Museum of Ephesus* where, among many artifacts, we will see the well known statue of Artemis.

### Day 18.

**CANAKKALE.** On the way to legendary *Troy* we will stop in *Pregamum*, once famous for its library and Zeus temple. We will visit the Acropolis with its awe-inspiring ruins, and the ancient medical center. Once in *Troy*, the site of Homer's classic epic "*The Iliad*" we will wander among nine layers of civilization which have been uncovered and partly excavated.

### Day 19.

**ISTANBUL.** We will cross the famous Dardanelles by ferry, stopping in Gallipoli to visit the memorials of those who died in World War I during the Battle of Gallipoli. Then we will continue our drive through Thrace along the Sea of Marmara to Istanbul where we will have a city orientation tour upon arrival.

### Day 20.

**ISTANBUL.** This morning we will walk to the *Hippodrome*, arena for political, cultural, and sports activities during Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman times. We will also visit the *Blue Mosque*, famous for its Iznik blue tiles; and *St. Sophia*, the largest Christian church in the world for more than 1,000 years. Nearby is the Underground Palace, or *Basilica Cistern*, with its mystical atmosphere and marble columns surrounded by water. Finally, we will visit the legendary *Topkapi Palace*, home to the Ottoman Sultans for more than 400 years.

### Day 21.

**ISTANBUL.** Our motor coach follows the *ancient city walls* of Istanbul to the *Chora Museum*, which has the most beautiful mosaics in Türkiye. Afterward we will have a *Bosphorus cruise* between continents, seeing the fabulous palaces and villas that hug the shoreline. Later we will have a *tour of the old and new city*.

### Day 22.

Depart for the USA.





15 DAYS

## WALK & SAIL TOUR

Five days of walking tour through Cappadocia (moderate walking of 3 to 8 miles a day) followed by one week of private sailing along the southern coast: Antalya, Phaselis, Olympos, Myra, Kekova Bay, Kas, Xanthus, Patara, Gemile Island, and Gocek Bay; plus one night in Istanbul. This tour will operate with a minimum of 8 guests.

### TOUR DATES

May 11-May 25 Sept 14-Sept 28

### COST PER PERSON LAND ONLY

\$ 2500.00 in double rooms/cabins.  
Single supplement \$ 900.00.

### INCLUDES

- 6 nights accommodations at a selected 3 or 4-star hotels or restored Ottoman mansions.
- Breakfast daily.
- 2 dinners while on your walking tour.
- Seven days and nights of sailing on your private chartered "gulet" sailboat with all meals included.
- Services of gulet crew and a tour guide during the cruising portion.
- Two domestic flights in Türkiye.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Baggage handling.
- Evening entertainment.
- Entrance fees to sites indicated in bold italics on the itinerary.

#### DAY 1.

Depart USA. Overnight flight to Istanbul.

#### DAY 2.

**CAPPADOCIA.** Arrive Istanbul. Board transfer flight to Kayseri.

#### DAYS 3, 4 & 5.

**CAPPADOCIA.** These three days will be spent exploring the interesting landscape of this region on foot (approx. 5 miles per day). You will walk through the *Goreme Valley* with its orchards and cave houses; the underground city of *Derinkuyu*; and the unique fairy chimney region of *Pasabagi*. Cappadocia is one of the most fascinating natural landscapes in the world, and you will have the opportunity to enjoy a hands-on (or feet-on!) experience.

#### DAY 6.

**EGIRDIR.** This morning we drive to Konya to visit the *Mausoleum of Mevlana*, founder of the Whirling Dervishes in the 13th century. Then we take a scenic drive through the rolling plains and apple orchards to *Lake Egirdir*. The walk around this lovely turquoise colored lake is approx. 4 miles.



GOCEK BAY

#### DAYS 7-13.

**GULET.** From Egirdir we will travel to the Mediterranean harbor city of Antalya, where we will visit the famous *Archaeological Museum* before boarding our gulet. We will spend the next seven days and nights exploring many interesting sites, hiking among the ancient ruins of *Olympos*, the Lycian capital of *Xanthus*, and the meandering goat paths of *Gemile Island*. There will be ample time for swimming and snorkeling, and your gulet will drop anchor each night in beautiful bays and harbors.

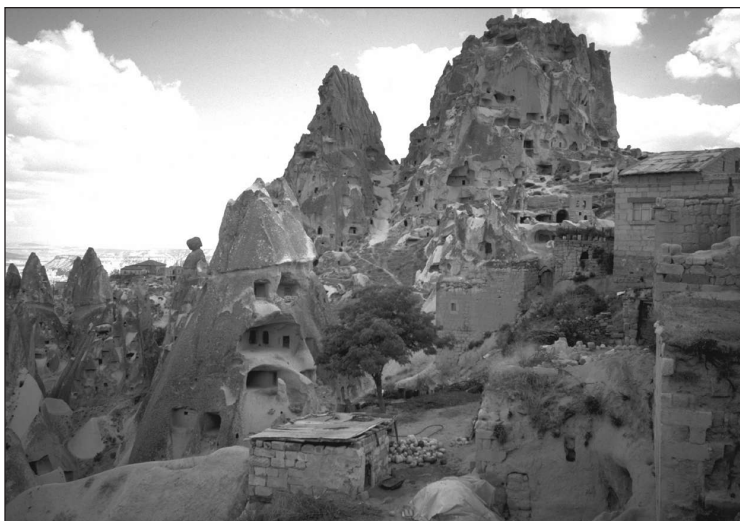
#### DAY 14.

**ISTANBUL.** In the morning you will disembark your gulet and transfer to Dalaman to board a short flight to Istanbul. Once settled in your hotel, there will be free time for relaxing, sightseeing or shopping. Your hotel is conveniently located within walking distance of the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, St. Sophia Church, the Basilica Cistern, Topkapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar.

#### DAY 15.

Depart for the USA.

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17 DAYS

# EASTERN TÜRKİYE

Visiting Antakya, Urfa, Harran, Nemrut Mountain, Mardin, Diyarbakir, Van, Mount Ararat, Kars, Ani, Erzurum, Rize, Trabzon, and Istanbul. A tour through the unspoiled, mystical and uncrowded parts of Türkiye where mountains and lakes form a unique landscape. Participation limited to 12 guests maximum.

## TOUR DATES

April 22-May 8  
Sept 27-Oct 13

## COST PER PERSON LAND ONLY

\$2200.00 in double rooms.  
Single supplement \$375.00.

## INCLUDES

- 15 nights accommodations at selected 3 or 4-star hotels or restored Ottoman mansions.
- Breakfast daily.
- 8 dinners.
- Daily private sightseeing by comfortable air-conditioned minibuses or vans.
- Multilingual tour director.
- Local guides.
- Entrance fees to sites indicated in bold italics on the itinerary.
- Two domestic flights in Türkiye.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Baggage handling.
- Evening entertainment.

## DAY 1.

Depart USA. Overnight flight to *Istanbul*.

## DAY 2.

**ANTAKYA.** Arrive *Istanbul*. Board transfer flight to *Adana*; then we will travel to *Antakya* (ancient Antioch).

## DAY 3.

**ANTAKYA.** This morning in Antakya we will visit the *Archaeological Museum*, famous for its mythological themes beautifully displayed in natural lighting, and its Roman fishing and hunting mosaics. We will also visit the *Church of St. Peter*. Then in the afternoon we will tour *Samandagi* and the ruins of *Seleucia Pieria*, the port city which was once the capital of Antioch.

## DAY 4.

**ADIYAMAN.** Before we head to Adiyaman we will spend the morning exploring the *copper and spice market* in Gaziantep, the most interesting market in Türkiye. Gaziantep (ancient Aintap), is the pistachio capital of Türkiye and the most prosperous city in the southeastern region. This is also the city where the traditional Turkish foods of baklava and kebab originally started and later spread all over the country. *Adiyaman* is a small farming city but one of the main centers for visits to Nemrut Dagı.

## DAY 5.

**URFA.** Today we will visit the *Commagene Nemrut*, a peak in the Anti-Taurus range rising to a height of 7,000 feet. This archaeological site was constructed by the pre-Roman King Antiochus I, who thought himself related to the gods. On the way to Urfa we will

stop at the *Ataturk Dam* on the *Euphrates River*, one of the world's largest irrigation projects, in ancient Mesopotamia.

## DAY 6.

**URFA.** In Urfa we will visit *Harran*, where Terah and Abraham are thought to have lived. We will also see the typical round beehive dwellings made of mud. We will visit the *Cave of Abraham*, his birthplace, located next to the *Sacred Pool*, which according to Muslim tradition saved his life. There will be time for browsing through the bazaar and the local animal market.

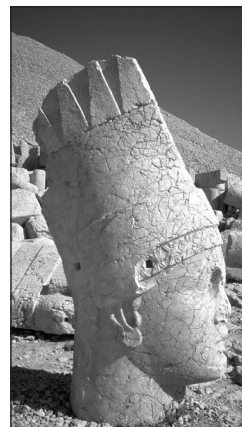
## DAY 7.

**DIYARBAKIR.** On the way to *Diyarbakir* we will make a detour to *Mardin*, one of the most interesting and historical cities in southeastern Türkiye. Here we will visit the Syrian Orthodox *Monastery of Deir-al-Zafaran*, where Christian worship has taken place for over 1,200 years. *Diyarbakir* (ancient Amidiya), situated between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, is at least 5,000 years old and the largest city in southeast Türkiye. It is a very traditional city with a colorful mixture of people and Arabic/Turkish architecture. We will also be able to visit the *ancient wall* surrounding the city. Still mostly intact today, this wall was built by Constantine II in the fourth century. In many aspects it is comparable to the Great Wall of China.

## DAY 8.

**VAN.** Heading east this morning we see the volcano *Nemrut Dagı*, which blocks the natural outflow of Lake Van. Once in Van, we will take a *boat* to visit *Akdamar Island*, with its beautiful 10th century *Church of the Holy Cross*, where wonderful relief carvings of Bible stories, birds, and animals decorate the walls. Van dates to the time of Gilgamesh and the Great Flood.

## MT. NEMRUT



COTTON FIELD



It perhaps was the site of the Garden of Eden. It is also famous for its cats with two different colored eyes (green and blue), kilim carpets, and honey.

#### DAY 9.

**VAN.** We will visit *Cavustepe* to see the remains of the first ancient capital of the Urartian Kingdom. Here are good examples of cuneiform inscriptions on the temple ruins and a well preserved cistern dating from 700 BC. You will be impressed by *Hosap Castle*, a very photogenic landmark dating from 1643. *Van Castle* (ancient Tushpa), located on Lake Van, the largest lake in Türkiye, has many tombs and fortifications through which you may wander. The interesting *Archaeological Museum* displays artifacts from Patmos and Toprakkale, as well as Urartian ruins.

#### DAY 10.

**KARS.** We start the day with a stop at the refreshing *waterfall at Muradiye*. Then we head to *Dogubeyazit* for a breathtaking view of *Mt. Ararat*, the highest mountain in Türkiye at 18,000 feet. Covered in snow and ice, it is thought to be the final resting place of Noah's Ark. We will visit the impressive *Palace of Ishak Pasa*, a great mixture of Ottoman, Seljuk, Persian, Georgian, and Armenian architectural styles.

#### DAY 11.

**KARS.** Kars is a typical eastern Turkish town with a magnificent fortress. The high plateau here creates excellent conditions for the production of yogurt, milk, cheese, honey, and meat. There are also carpets and kilims known for their special color combinations and unique designs. We will visit *Ani*, named after Anahid, the Persian goddess worshipped by pagan Urartians. Many of the ruins of its close to 1,000 churches and mosques can still be seen. Beyond the city walls is a deep gorge separating Türkiye from Russia.

#### DAY 12.

**ERZURUM.** This morning we will travel to *Erzurum*, the largest city on the high plateau of eastern Türkiye. Excellent remains from the many civilizations that survived here, including Mongol, Selcuk, and Ottoman, can be seen. Erzurum also has one of the best and most challenging ski runs in Türkiye.

#### DAY 13.

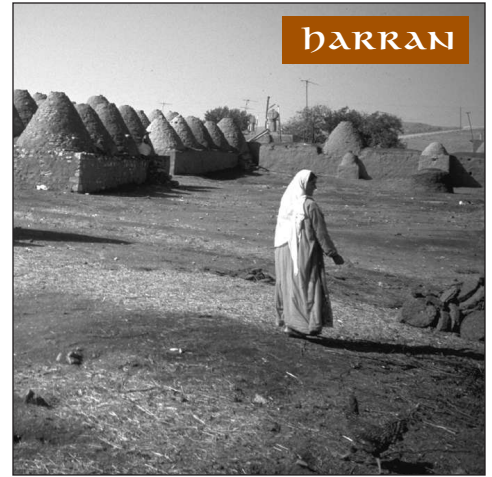
**RIZE.** Today we leave eastern Türkiye and begin the Black Sea portion of the tour. We will follow the *Coruh River*, famous for rafting with its beautiful gorge, crossing the Pontic Mountains. We will drive via *Artvin* to *Rize* which is on the Georgian border, in the Kackar Mountain range (with a maximum elevation of 12,000 feet). The people in this region, called Laz, differ greatly from others in the Black Sea area. Their bright, colorful manner of dress is an indication of how joyfully they embrace life. Hawks are favorite pets here and can be seen in restaurants, cafes and homes. As we drive along the seashore we will notice the heavy growth of tea bushes. Rize is the tea capital of Türkiye and the world.

#### DAY 14.

**TRABZON.** We will spend the day in Rize visiting the tea institute, the factory where tea is processed, the tea fields with working people, and the colorful local markets. While here we will taste the special regional cuisine of Rize, before continuing on to *Trabzon*.

#### DAY 15.

**TRABZON.** Today we will visit the 500 AD Greek Orthodox *Sumela Monastery*. This monastery is carved on the face of a cliff over 1,000 feet high where monks of old could be isolated from the worldly and dangerous society below. The view from this ancient retreat is



impressive. In *Trabzon* we will visit the *Russian Bazaar* and the *St. Sophia Museum*.

#### DAY 16.

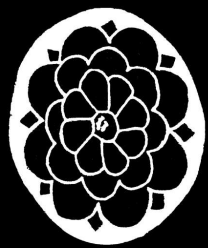
**ISTANBUL.** We will take a morning flight to Istanbul. Once settled in the hotel, we have free time for relaxing, sightseeing or shopping. Our hotel is conveniently located within walking distance of the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, St. Sophia Church, the Basilica Cistern, the legendary Topkapi Palace, and the Grand Bazaar.

#### DAY 17.

Depart for the *USA*.







23 DAYS

## EASTERN TÜRKİYE & BLACK SEA

This 23 day tour is a longer version of our Eastern Türkiye trip; traveling for an additional six days along the beautiful Black Sea coast, through the mountains and tea-growing regions, and then back to Istanbul. The first 15 days of this tour follow the itinerary for Eastern Türkiye, then continue with Day 16.

### TOUR DATES

April 22-May 14  
Sept 27-Oct 19

### COST PER PERSON LAND ONLY

\$ 2800.00 in double rooms.  
Single supplement \$ 525.00.

### INCLUDES

- 21 nights accommodations at selected 3 or 4-star hotels or restored Ottoman mansions.
- Breakfast daily.
- 11 dinners.
- Daily private sightseeing by comfortable air-conditioned minibuses or vans.
- Multilingual tour director.
- Local guides.
- Boat cruise to Akdamar Island in Van.
- Entrance fees to sites indicated in bold italics on the itinerary.
- One domestic flight in Türkiye.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Baggage handling.
- Evening entertainment.

### DAYS 1 - 15.

Days 1 through 15 follow the same itinerary as the *Eastern Türkiye* tour.

### DAY 16.

**GIRESUN.** We depart today for *Giresun*. This city, hazelnut capital of Türkiye, is located on a peninsula. Legend claims that Jason and the Argonauts stopped here on their way to Georgia in search of the Golden Fleece. A short distance from shore is the Island of Buyuk Ada, the largest in the Black Sea. This could be the Amazon Island where Amazon queens built a temple to Ares. We will visit the *Castle* and the *Museum*.

### DAY 17.

**SINOP.** Our drive from Giresun takes us via *Ordu*, *Samsun*, and *Sinop* through the ever fascinating Pontic Mountains. Located on a promontory extending toward the Black Sea, Sinop is a natural location for a port. It also offers a grand view of the Black Sea.

### DAY 18.

**SINOP.** Sinop was once the capital of the Pontic Empire after Amasya. We will see mosques, churches, the *Temple of Serapis*, and the city fortification with the 13th century *Byzantine Citadel*. The *Museum in Sinop* has interesting artifacts from Hellenic, Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine periods.

### DAY 19.

**INEBOLU.** We drive west along the picturesque Black Sea coast, passing secluded villages and towns. The beautiful scenery

combined with the remains of ancient Roman walls and towers will charm and intrigue you.

### DAY 20.

**AMASRA.** We continue from Inebolu to Amasra on yet another stretch of unspoiled scenery with small fishing towns occupied by delightful people who maintain their ancient traditions and charm. We pass through *Kuracasile*, famous for its gulet building.

### DAY 21.

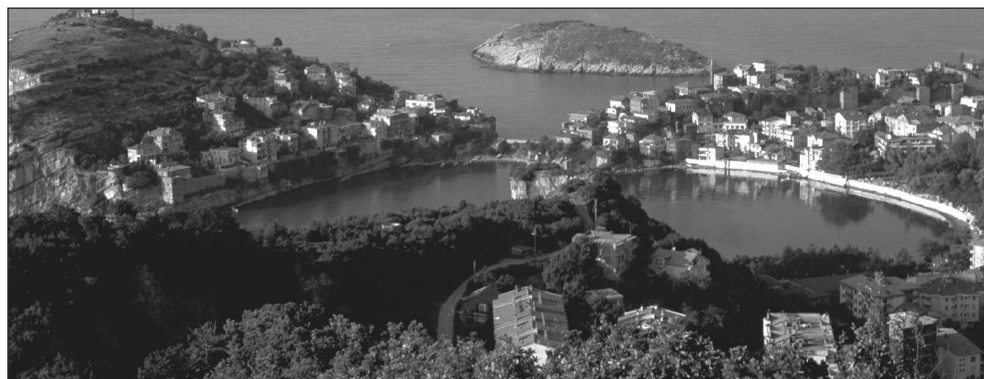
**SAFRANBOLU.** We will spend the morning exploring Amasra with its half-hidden bays which are especially inviting. Amasra is a picturesque port standing on a peninsula, with two good protected, natural harbors. It was a Genoese colony until 1461. A major attraction is a perfect *Byzantine-Genoese castle* which can be viewed in exquisite panorama. We will also visit the *Museum* before driving to Safranbolu.

### DAY 22.

**ISTANBUL.** Before heading to Istanbul we will stroll through *Safranbolu*. The name of this city is derived from its former industry of producing saffron from the stigmas of crocus flowers. The city is an open-air museum of well preserved Ottoman houses. We will enjoy walking the narrow, twisting cobblestone lanes and seeing traditional trades and crafts practiced just as they were in Ottoman times. For our final evening together we will have a splendid farewell dinner in the lively Kumkapi district of Istanbul.

### DAY 23.

Depart for the *USA*.



BLACK SEA PORT



22 DAYS

## THREE SEAS AND NOAH'S ARK

### TOUR DATES

May 1-May 22    Oct 1-Oct 22

### COST PER PERSON LAND ONLY

\$ 2800.00 in double rooms.  
Single supplement \$ 525.00.

### INCLUDES

- 20 nights accommodations at selected 3, 4 or 5-star hotels or restored Ottoman mansions.
- Breakfast daily.

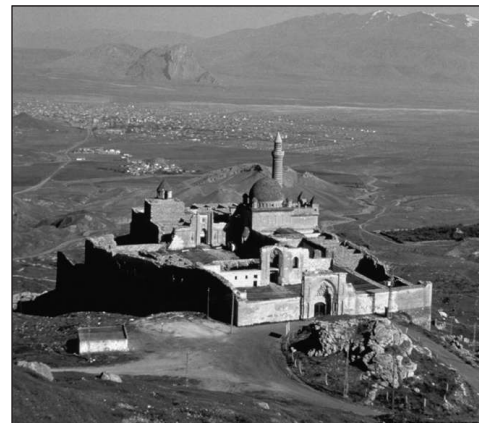
- 10 dinners.
- Daily private sightseeing by comfortable air-conditioned minibuses or vans.
- Multilingual tour director, local guides.
- One domestic flight in Türkiye.
- Boat ride to Akdamar Island.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Baggage handling.
- Evening entertainment.

*This* is a comprehensive, 22 day tour starting on the Black Sea and traveling through Eastern Türkiye, Central Anatolia (Cappadocia), and the Southern Turkish Coast; continuing north along the Aegean Sea, and ending in Istanbul.

You will visit such fascinating sites as Mt. Nemrut, the Cave of Abraham, Mt. Ararat, the unique underground cities and fairy chimney landscape of Cappadocia, the famous Roman health spa of Pamukkale, Ephesus, Troy, and of course the cultural crossroad city of Istanbul.

An exciting way to experience the diversity of Türkiye! Please contact us for a more detailed itinerary.

### ISHAK PASHA PALACE



10 DAYS

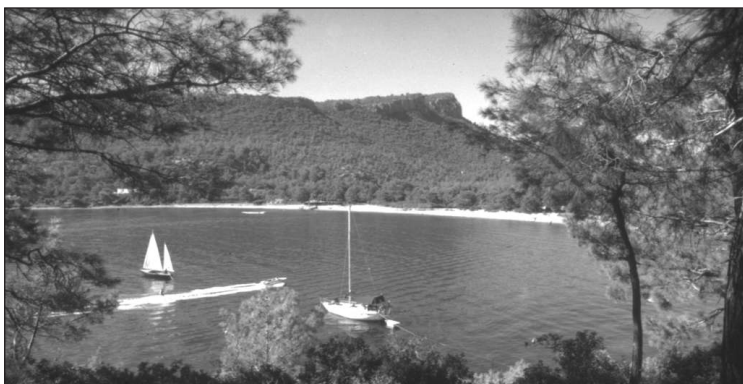
## TURQUOISE COAST AND THE GREEK ISLANDS

### TOUR DATES

June 14-June 23

### COST PER PERSON LAND ONLY

\$ 2500.00 in double rooms cabins. Single supplement \$ 800.00.



### TURQUOISE COAST

### INCLUDES

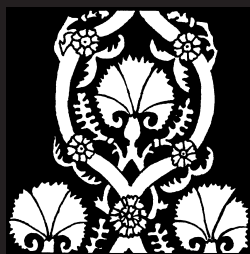
- 1 night accommodation in Istanbul at a specially selected hotel or restored Ottoman mansion.
- Breakfast daily.
- 7 days and nights on private chartered gulet with all meals included.
- Services of gulet crew and tour guide during cruising portion of the tour.
- Two domestic flights in Türkiye.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Baggage handling.

*Experience* the peaceful beauty of the Mediterranean aboard a wooden Turkish sailing boat (gulet). You will travel from the Turkish coast to several Greek Islands including Rhodes, Symi, and Nisiros, with daily excursions to explore the many ancient sites along your route.

There will be ample time for swimming, snorkeling, and strolling the streets of charming Turkish and Greek towns.

Please contact us for a more detailed itinerary.





10 DAYS

## GULET CRUISE

A private one-week sailing along the southern coast: Antalya, Myra, Kekova Bay, Xanthus, Patara, Kalkan, Gemile Island, Gocek Bay, and Marmaris plus overnight in Istanbul. This tour will operate with a minimum of 8 guests.

### TOUR DATES

May 16-May 25 Sept 19-Sept 28

### COST PER PERSON LAND ONLY

\$ 2100.00 in double rooms or cabins.  
Single supplement \$ 800.00.

### INCLUDES

- 1 night accommodation in Istanbul at a selected 4-star hotel or restored Ottoman mansion.
- Breakfast daily.
- Seven days and nights of sailing on

your private chartered "gulet" sailboat with all meals included.

- Services of gulet crew and a tour guide during the cruising portion.
- Two domestic flights in Türkiye.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Baggage handling.
- Evening entertainment.

*After* a short flight from Istanbul, you will board your gulet in the beautiful Mediterranean harbor city of Antalya. Cruising through the clear aquamarine water, you will view unforgettable sights from a different perspective. Each day there will be ample time for swimming, snorkeling, or just plain relaxing on the deck of your beautiful wooden boat. Your agenda

includes guided land excursions to such fascinating places as Olympos; the unusual sunken city in Kekova Bay; the Church of St. Nicholas in Myra; the grand Lycian city of Xanthus, and Cleopatra's Bath.

After disembarking your gulet, you will fly from Dalaman to Istanbul, where you have the afternoon free for sightseeing, shopping, or relaxing in this fascinating city.

Please contact us for a more detailed itinerary.



9 DAYS

## HIGHLIGHTS OF TÜRKİYE

This short tour was designed for those with limited time as an introduction to some of the most famous sites in Türkiye.

### TOUR DATES

Dates of this tour can be custom tailored to fit the needs of individual travelers.

### COST PER PERSON LAND ONLY

\$ 1250.00 in double rooms.  
Single supplement \$ 280.00.

### INCLUDES

- 7 nights accommodations at selected 4 or 5-star hotels or restored Ottoman mansions.
- Breakfast daily.

- 3 dinners.
- Three domestic flights in Türkiye.
- Daily sightseeing by comfortable **air-conditioned minibuses or vans.**
- Local guides.
- Entrance fees to sites indicated in bold italics on the itinerary.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Baggage handling.
- Bosphorus Cruise in Istanbul.
- Evening entertainment.

*Your* tour starts with a flight from Istanbul to Cappadocia, where you will spend two days exploring this unique and fascinating region.

You will visit underground cities, cave churches, the fairy chimneys of Pasabagi, and the beautiful Goreme Valley.

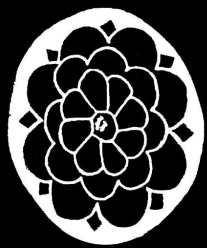
Next you fly to the Aegean harbor city of Kusadasi for two days, where you will visit the world-famous Roman ruins of Ephesus and have a chance to swim in the blue Aegean waters.

A short morning flight will return you to Istanbul, where you will have three days and nights to explore this fascinating and multi-faceted city.

Please contact us for a more detailed itinerary.



CHORA MUSEUM



21 DAYS

## TEXTILE AND TILES

This 21 day tour has a special emphasis on traditional textile and tile production. It will be led personally by Ümit Dogan, the president of Treasures of Turkey, whose background and knowledge of textiles and dyeing will fascinate and delight you. An added bonus are the many famous historical sites along the way.



### TOUR DATES

June 8 – June 28  
Sept 7 – Sept 27

### COST PER PERSON LAND ONLY

\$ 2800.00 in double rooms.  
Single supplement \$ 525.00

### INCLUDES

- 19 nights accommodations at selected 3, 4 or 5-star hotels or restored Ottoman mansions.
- Breakfast daily.
- 10 dinners.
- Daily private sightseeing by comfortable air-conditioned minibuses or vans.
- Multilingual tour director.
- Local guides.
- Entrance fees to sites indicated in bold italics on the itinerary.
- One domestic flight in Türkiye.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Baggage handling.
- Evening entertainment.
- Special visits to textile and tile production sites.

### DAY 1.

Depart USA; overnight flight to Istanbul



### DAY 2.

**CAPPADOCIA.** Arrive Istanbul; board transfer flight to Kayseri.

### DAYS 3, 4, 5.

**CAPPADOCIA.** These 3 days will be spent exploring the fascinating region of the Goreme Valley, a lot of it on foot. You will visit local villages to learn first-hand about traditional rug-weaving; you will also visit the underground city of *Derinkuyu*; the *open-air museum of Goreme* with its interesting cave churches; the magical *Fairy Chimney landscape of Pasabagi*; and the famous pottery-making city of Avanos. Kayseri is an important district in Anatolia where cotton carpets are produced, with distinct designs dating from the Selcuk period.

### DAYS 6, 7.

**ANTALYA.** We leave Cappadocia today and travel southwest to the harbor city of Antalya, stopping en route in Konya, where Mevlana founded the Whirling Dervishes. After a visit to the *Museum of Mevlana*, we will continue on to Antalya, an important coastal city with one of the most famous museums in Türkiye, the *Antalya Archaeology Museum*. We will also visit the Hellenistic-Roman cities of *Perge* and *Aspendos*.

### DAYS 8, 9, 10.

**PAMUKKALE.** Traveling north from Antalya we will arrive in the small town of *Buldan* which is famous for its specially woven cotton. We will spend 3 days in this region, visiting village homes and seeing demonstrations of their weaving techniques. Each night will be spent in *Pamukkale (ancient Hierapolis)* with its thermal pools and cliffs covered with white mineral deposits.

### DAYS 11, 12.

**KUSADASI.** From Buldan we will travel west, stopping in the town of *Odemis* which is famous for its silk processing and production of silk thread. Then we will have a day to explore the Hellenistic-Roman ruins of Ephesus; visit the Museum of Ephesus; and enjoy the blue waters of the Aegean.

### DAYS 13, 14.

**KUTAHYA.** This area is known throughout Türkiye for the beauty and quality of its ceramics. We will learn about its history and be treated to demonstrations of production and painting techniques.

### DAYS 15, 16.

**BURSA.** Today we will travel north to the silk city of *Bursa*, the first capital of the Ottoman Empire. Bursa has a history going back to 200 BC and is considered by many to be the birthplace of modern Turkish culture. It is especially famous for its silk industry and its beautiful silk and cotton products. We will have the opportunity to visit a fabric printing factory, as well as the nearby town of Iznik which is famous for its ceramic tiles. Bursa is also well-known for its thermal baths and the Turkish *Karagoz Hacivat* (shadow puppet theater.)

### DAY 17.

**ISTANBUL.** Today your final destination will be Istanbul, but en route you will visit Hereke. Famous in Ottoman times for its high quality and beautiful silk, it is still a center for silk production. Then you will continue along the Sea of Marmara to Istanbul, where you will spend the night.

### DAYS 18, 19, 20.

**ISTANBUL.** These three days will be spent in the fascinating city of Istanbul. We will visit *textile factories* and *carpet museums* with special arrangements for *arts/crafts/textile demonstrations*. In addition, we will be able to visit some of the legendary Istanbul sights: *St. Sophia* (the largest Christian church in the world for over 1,000 years;) the *Blue Mosque* (famous for its Iznik tiles;) *Topkapi Palace*, which was home to the Ottoman sultans for 400 years; the *Basilica Cistern* with its mystical atmosphere and ancient marble columns surrounded by water; and the famous *Grand Bazaar* with over 4,000 shops containing beautiful carpets, jewelry and antiques.

### DAY 21.

Depart for the USA.



## INDIVIDUAL CUSTOM DESIGNED ARRANGEMENTS

We have accommodated individuals and small parties in Türkiye (our only destination) for nearly two decades and are able to offer you services to suit your schedule and special interests. Whether you are looking for a single private car sightseeing in Istanbul after a cruise, a personalized itinerary to include special sites, a private family tour, a leisurely trip for a handicapped traveler, etc., we will “custom-tailor” special arrangements for you at reasonable rates.

### We can provide:

1. A full range of accommodations throughout Türkiye.
2. Escorted sightseeing by private car, minivan or bus.
3. Self drive car rentals.
4. Transfers and other transportation services.
5. Hiring of guides, drivers, interpreters and lecturers.
6. Visits to sites of special interest (by appointment).
7. Commercial and professional visits.
8. Domestic airline arrangements within Türkiye.
9. Small boat and yacht charters.

## SUGGESTED READING

### TÜRKİYE - ANTIQUITIES:

*Ancient Turkey: A Traveler's History of Anatolia*, by Seton Lloyd.  
University of California Press, 1989.  
*In Search of the Trojan War*, by Michael Wood.  
NAL-Dutton, 1989.

### TÜRKİYE — DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL:

*The Blue Guide Turkey*, by Bernard Mc Donagh.  
WW Norton New York, 1995.  
*Turkey Beyond the Meander*, by George E. Bean. J. Murray  
(U.K.) Trafalgar Square, 1990.  
*Turkey's Southern Shore*, by George E. Bean. J. Murray  
(U.K.) Trafalgar Square, 1989.  
*Turkey: A Traveler's Survival Kit*, by Tom Brosnahan.  
Lonely Planet, 1993.  
*Discovery Guide to Aegean and Mediterranean Turkey*,  
by Diana and Haaq Darke. Hippocrene Books, 1990.  
*Discovery Guide to Eastern Turkey and the Black Sea*,  
by Diane and Haaq Darke. Hippocrene Books, 1990.  
*Essential Turkey*.  
Little, 1990.  
*The Independent Traveller: Turkey*, by Daniel Farson.  
Harper Collins, 1989.  
*Fodor's Turkey*, with essays on culture and food.  
Fodor's Travel, 1993.  
*Frommer's Touring Guides - Turkey*, by Arthur Frommer.  
Prentice-Hall, 1990.  
*Turkish Life in Town and Country*, by Lucy M.  
Garnett. Reprint of 1904 ed. AMS Press.

*Insight Guide to Turkey*, by Insight Guides Staff.  
Prentice-Hall, 1993.  
*The Rough Guide to Turkey*,  
Viking-Penguin, 1994.  
*Turkey: A Traveler's Historical and Architectural Guide*,  
by James Steele. Scorpion Pub. (UK) 1990.  
*Turkish Reflections*, by Mary Lee Settle.  
Simon and Schuster, 1992.  
*Regards from the Dead Princess*, by Kenize Mourad.  
Arcade Publishers, 1989.  
*Eat Smart in Turkey*, by Joan and David Peterson,  
Ginko Press, 1996.

### TÜRKİYE - HISTORY:

*Developing a National Consciousness: The Birth of Modern Turkey*.  
UM Ctr NENAS, 1978.  
*The Ottoman Centuries: The Rise and Fall of the Turkish Empire*,  
by Lord Kinross. Morrow, 1979.  
*The Ottoman Turks: An Introductory History to 1923*, by Justin McCarthy.  
Longman London and New York 1997.  
*Everyday Life in Ottoman Turkey*, by Raphaela Lewis.  
Hippocrene books, 1988.  
*History of the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey*, by S. J. Shaw.  
Cambridge University Press, 1977.  
*Byzantium*, by John Julius Norwich.  
*Alfred A. Knopf*, NY 1996. 3 vols. Insight of Byzantium



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## RESERVATIONS

Since our tour group size is limited to 12, Treasures of Turkey recommends early reservations. A deposit of \$250 for land and \$500 for gulet will hold your reservation; this deposit will be held in an escrow account in the United States. Upon receipt of your deposit, Treasures of Turkey will send you a confirmation letter and further details about your trip.

## CANCELLATIONS

If you cancel 45 days or more before departure, both your deposit and full payment will be refunded less a \$50 per person service charge. There is no refund if you cancel less than 45 days before departure, or if you cancel during a tour. We must receive your cancellation in writing. If Treasures of Turkey cancels a tour, any money you have paid toward that trip will be refunded in full.

## LAND COST

All rates quoted in this brochure are for the land portion of your tour. Because Treasures of Turkey plans trips more than a year in advance, prices listed in this brochure are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.

## AIR TRANSPORTATION

All domestic flights within Türkiye are included in the prices in this brochure. Flights from your home city to Türkiye are not included, but Treasures of Turkey will be happy to arrange low-cost international airfare through our airline wholesaler.

## INSURANCE

There is no insurance included in the tour price. We highly recommend you take out trip insurance covering total land/air cost, trip cancellations, baggage loss, travel accidents, and medical emergencies. We include information about travel insurance in your tour information package.

## TIPS, TAXES, AND BAGGAGE HANDLING

All tips, taxes, and baggage handling are included in the price of each tour, except tips for your tour guide and driver. A suggested appropriate tip for the driver is about \$3 per person per day; and \$5 per person per day for the guide/escort.

## VISAS AND PASSPORT

U.S. and Canadian citizens need a visa for Türkiye. The fee for a 3-month, multiple-entry visa is \$45 U.S. in cash (no credit cards, personal or travelers checks are accepted). The visa may be obtained prior to departure from the U.S. but the easiest way is to get it upon arrival at the airport in Türkiye. American passports must be valid at least 3 months beyond the return date; Canadian passports must be valid at least 6 months beyond the return date.

## HOTELS

Treasures of Turkey does not select hotels by their stars or luxurious appearance. We choose hotels for our guests based on location, quality, charm, safety, character, and friendliness of staff. We use tourist hotels only when they are the best available. Rooms are standard with twin or double beds and private baths; single rooms are available with the single supplement. Prior to departure, you will receive a complete hotel list with names and telephone/fax contact numbers.

## RESTAURANTS

Turkish cuisine ranks among the best in the world. Sampling the food in local restaurants will be one of the highlights of your trip. We have found that our guests enjoy dining in small, intimate, traditional restaurants frequented by the locals, where they are served authentic regional specialties. Half of the dinners are included in the tour price. There are no restrictions and you may order whatever you wish. Bottled water, Turkish and Greek coffee and tea are included; alcohol and soft drinks may be purchased on your own.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Treasures of Turkey acts exclusively as agent for tour members and is not responsible for personal injury or property damage caused by any supplier of services offered in connection with these tours. All components of these tours are offered in good faith, but we cannot be responsible for any claims, losses, expenses, or delays resulting from mechanical breakdowns, government actions, strikes, weather, acts of God or other factors and causes beyond our control or the control of any supplier; or client's failure to follow instructions, including but not limited to check-in and check-out times and baggage handling. Reasonable changes in our scheduled itineraries may be made at any time when deemed advisable for the comfort and safety of the passengers. We reserve the right to decline any application, or to exclude any person as a tour member if that person impedes the operation of the tour. We also reserve the right to ask anyone to leave the tour without refund should that person's behavior be detrimental to the enjoyment of the tour by other tour members. Each tour member will be asked to read and sign an "Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Responsibility Agreement".

