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SHAKER HEIGHTS BAND

Where Europe Meets Asia

March 27-April 4, 2013

Information in this presentation is as accurate as possible. There will be changes and adjustments made to this program all the way until departure.

Changes will only be made if they are agreed upon by Grand Tours and the Shaker Band Directors.

Istanbul:

- Istanbul is the only city in the world that stands in two different continents, Europe and Asia.
- it is the only land bridge between Europe and Asia
- •capital of several empires- Roman, Byzantine, Latin and Ottoman

- city names: Byzantium (660 b.c. 324 a.d.), Constantinople (324 1930), Istanbul (1930-today)
- 2010 European Capital of Culture
- has a population that exceeds 13 million people
- UNESCO World Heritage List
- a front runner to host the 2020 summer Olympic Games







We will take a charter bus from Shaker to O'Hare or Dulles airports.

The bus trip will include a brief tour opportunity.



Day 2
Thursday
March 28

 Afternoon arrival in Istanbul

Panoramic view of city

- Sea of Marmara
- Cross the Golden Horn







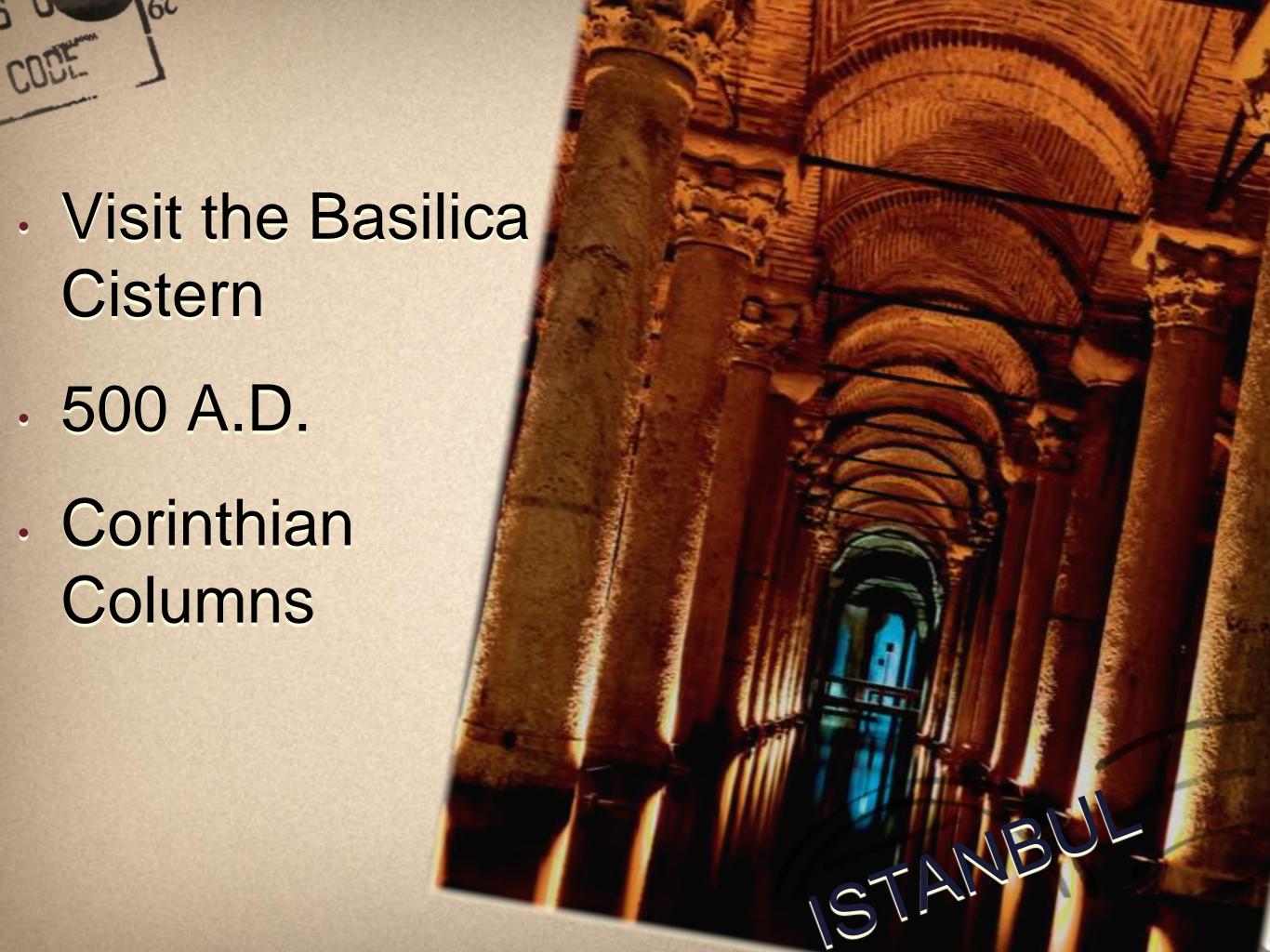




Day 3 Friday March 29

- · Visit St. Sophia
- Built by Justinian
 - Byzantine Architecture









Robert College Meet new friends!









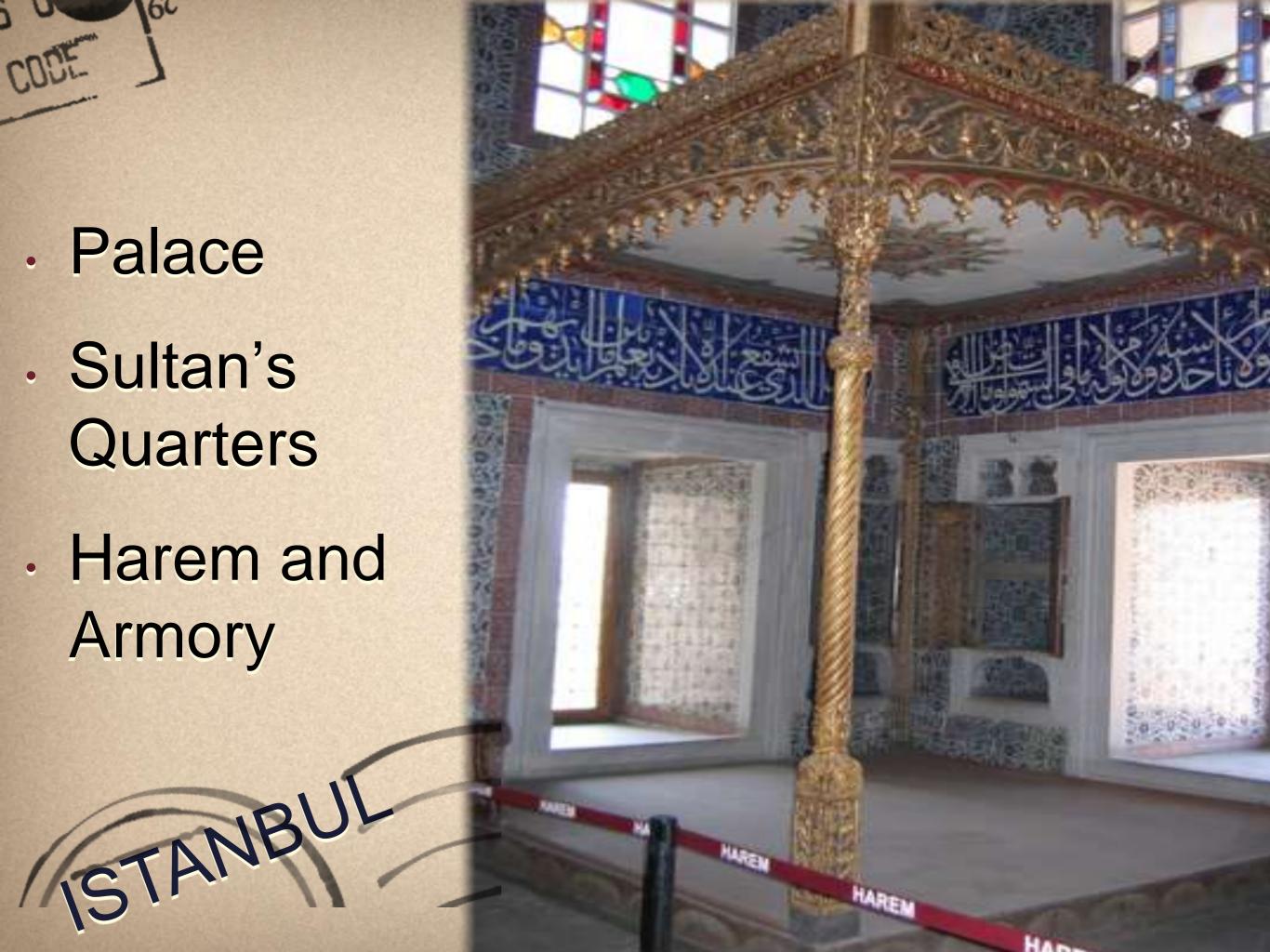
Day 4 Saturday March 30

Topkapi Palace

Guided Tour

Home of the Ottoman Sultans





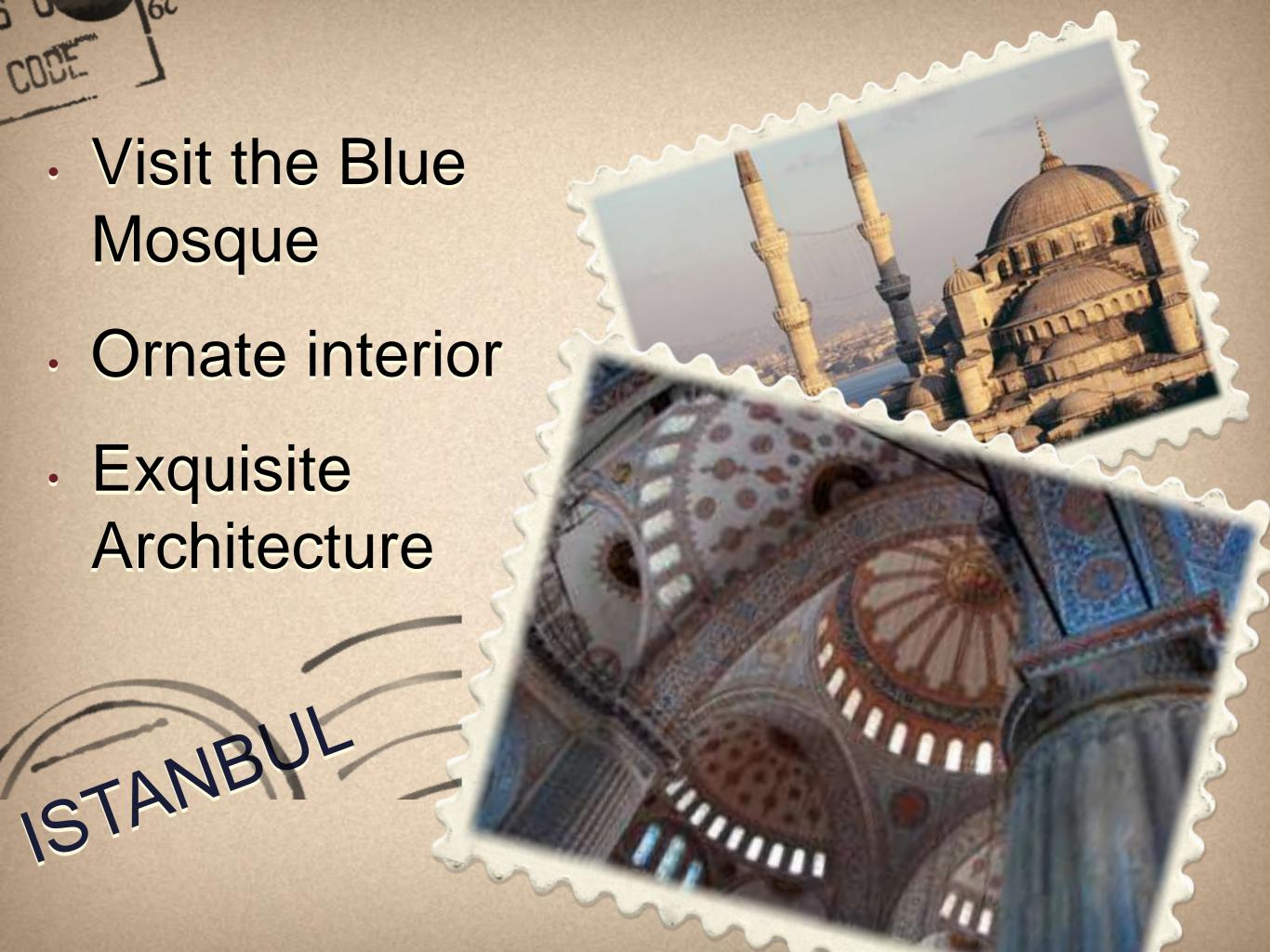




- See the Hippodrome
- Site of Roman
 Chariot Races
- Time for Lunch





















Day 5
Sunday
March 31

ArcheologyMuseum

Ancient Civilizations

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COCKE

- DolmabahcePalace
- Return to hotel
- Prepare for concert





Istiklal Street
Parade

Taksim SquareConcert

Dinner and Shopping

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Return to the hotel









Check out of the hotel

Leave Istanbul

 Cross the Dardanelles

Visit ancient Troy

 Overnight in Canakkale









Day 7
Tuesday
April 2

Depart from Canakkale

Travel to ancient Pergamon

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Visit the Acropolis

Lunch in Bergama

Afternoon Concert

 Continue to Kusadasi

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Day 8 Wednesday April 3

Travel to Ephesus

 Ancient Capital of Asia Minor



Temple of Artemis

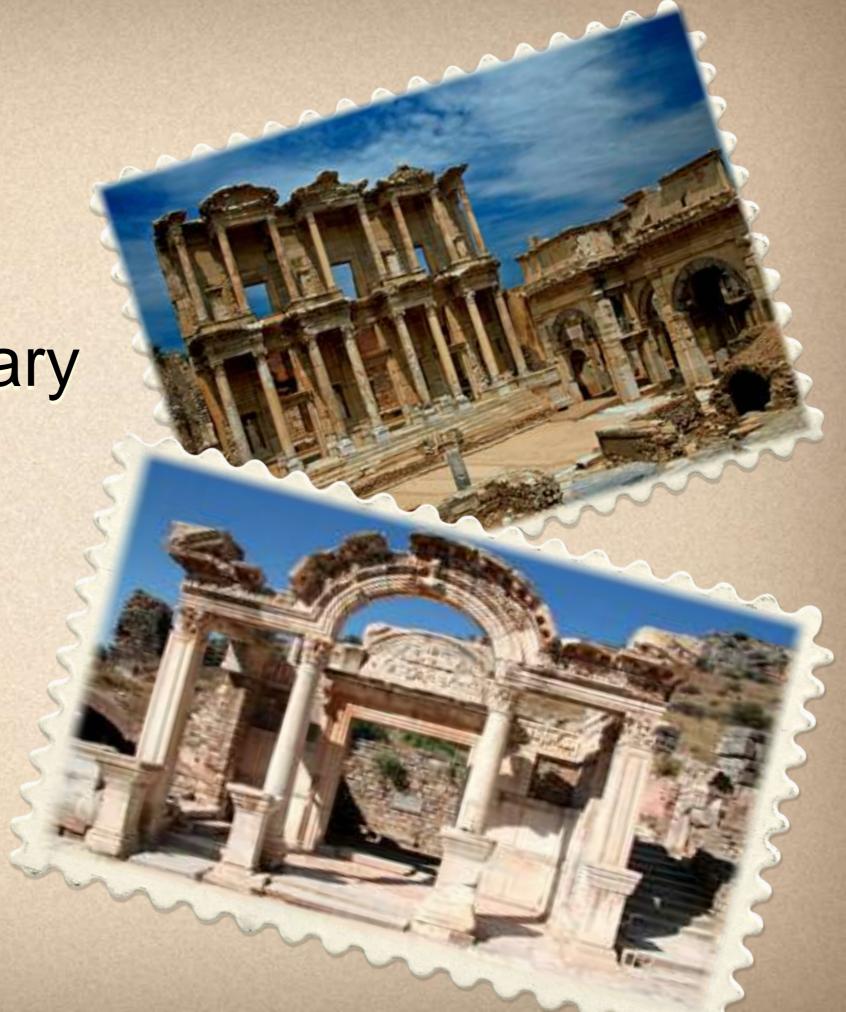
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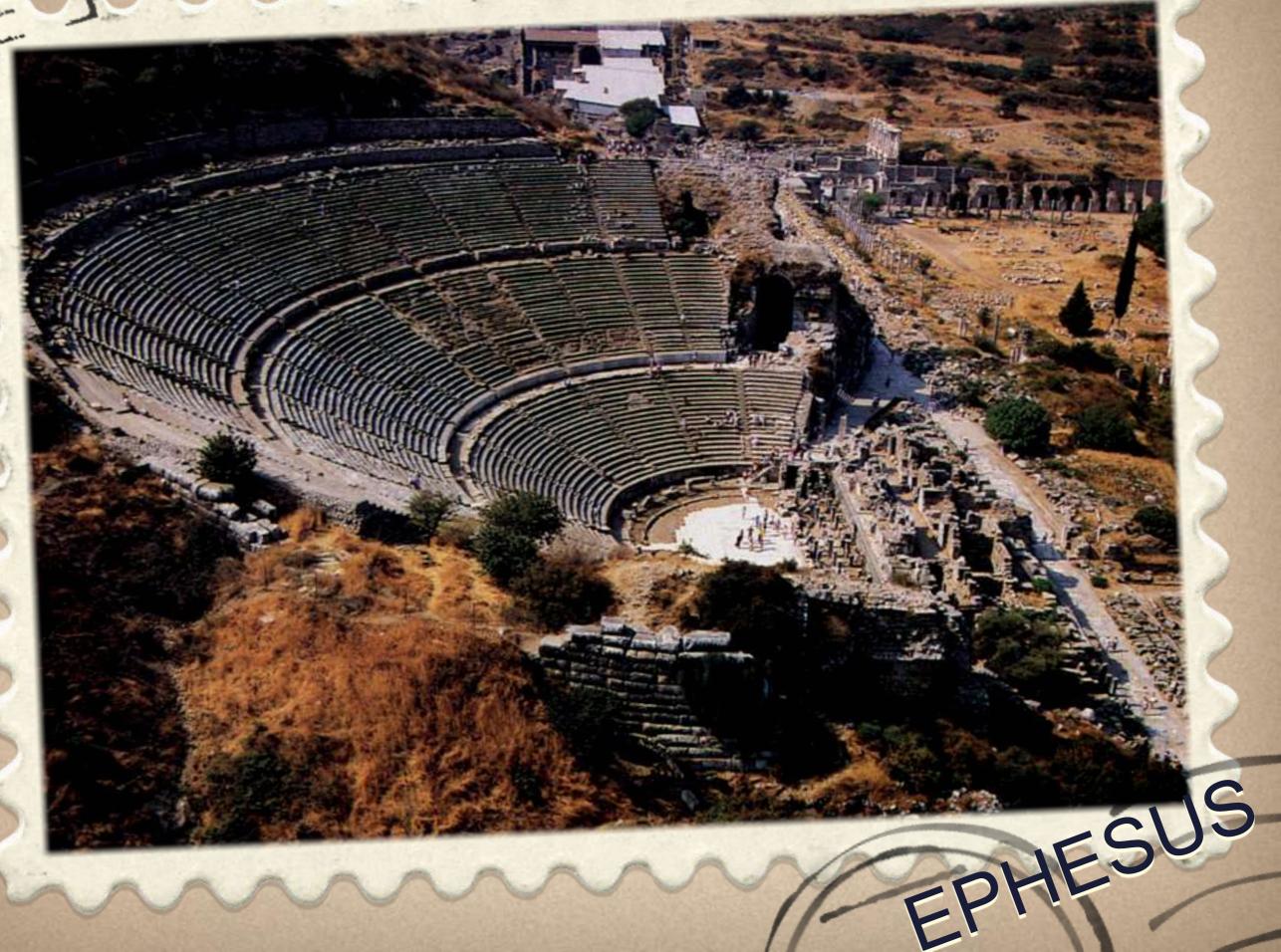
Concert

Lunch

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Shopping

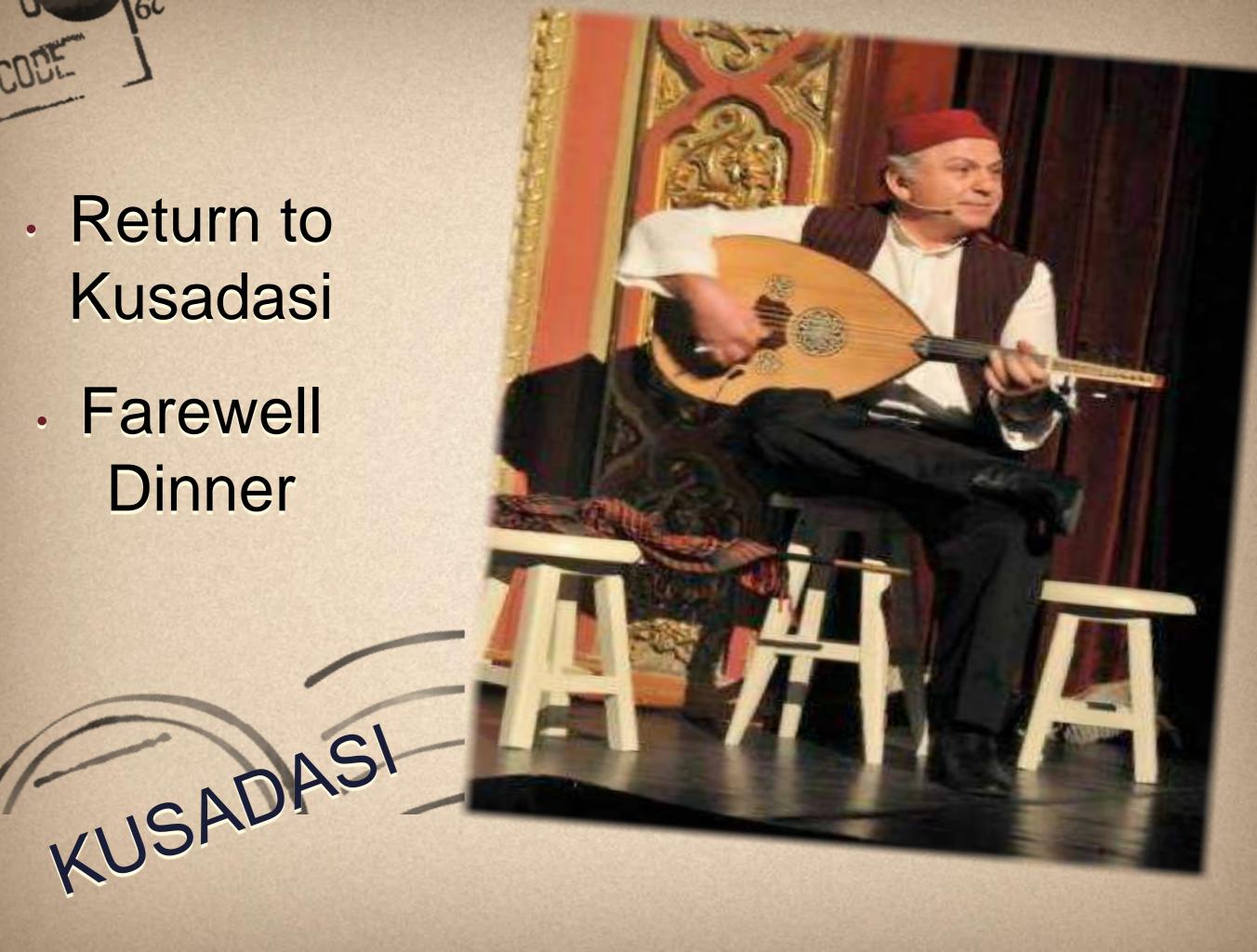






Return to Kusadasi

 Farewell Dinner







Tour Features

- Round trip airfare on Turkish Airlines
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Professional tour managers to facilitate the program
- 7-nights in 4-star hotels (mostly twin occupancy)
- Turkish Visa





Tour Features

- Breakfast daily at hotels
- Dinner as listed in the itinerary
- Sightseeing program as listed with admissions
- Concert arrangements with local promotion (3-4 concerts)
- Gratuities to drivers, tour managers, and local guides
- Travel Guard Group Protection Plan

Features



Not Included

- Passport (Must be valid 6-months beyond return date)
- Fees for oversized/overweight baggage with air carrier
- Any souvenirs or personal items you wish to purchase
- · Tour Cancellation Insurance

Who is Eligible?

- All Band Members who are and have been in 'good standing' since the last trip (or fall of 2010) A huge majority of our outstanding band students are eligible.
- 'Good Standing' includes: daily rehearsals, concerts, music memorization...(It also includes Shaker schools administration)
- Status will continue to update throughout the school year.

Cost and Payment Plan:

- Total: \$2995
- Deposit: \$300, due today through September 14th (space is reserved in order of deposit received)
- Payment 1: \$900, due September 28th
- Payment 2: \$900, due November 30th
- Final Payment: Balance, due January 25th (fundraising profit is taken out of final payment)
- There will be a \$90 surcharge for credit cards



SHHS Band Shadow Tour to Turkey

GrandTours will be developing a Shadow Tour opportunity for family & friends of the SHHS Band that wish to share in the experience of the band's 2013 tour to ancient Turkey. The tour program will mirror the band's itinerary and participants will attend concerts performed by the band in Istanbul, Bergama, and Ephesus. World-class sightseeing, beautiful hotels, and local cuisine will all be part of the tour.program The Shadow Tour will have its own motorcoach, separate hotels, and local tour guide, but will follow the same general tour itinerary as the band. Registration for the Shadow Tour will open in September of 2013 and 50seats have already been reserved for the group. The tour price will be slightly higher than the band due to using flights from Cleveland vs. Chicago and Washington D.C. gateways with Turkish Air.

Deviations (are not recommended)

GrandTours will be partnering with Turkish Airlines for this tour program. Deviations are not possible from the group air block, but if you choose to extend your stay, a land-only package will be provided and you would then be free to pursue your own travel plans. Any deviation from the group itinerary would need the review and approval by Shaker Heights High School and GrandTours.

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