

Turkey by Land & Sea

August 29 - September 12, 2010

Experience the magic of Turkey...

Day 1 Sunday, August 29 Depart Seattle.

Day 2 Monday, August 30 Istanbul

Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to the hotel. Welcome meeting and orientation walk in the Sultanahmet square. Enjoy our welcome dinner in a local restaurant. D Hotel Yasmak Sultan, www.yasmaksultan.com

Day 3 Tuesday, August 31 Istanbul

Explore the great ancient landmarks of Istanbul in Sultanahmet Square. Visit the Istanbul Archeological Museum, featuring of many Hellenistic and Roman treasures, the Roman Hippodrome, the Byzantine Haghia Sophia, and the Blue Mosque. B Hotel Yasmak Sultan

Day 4 Wednesday, September 01 Istanbul

Visit the Underground Cistern and the Topkapi Palace, the residence of the Ottoman Sultans. Stroll through the bazaars of Istanbul, the Spice Market and the Grand Bazaar. Enjoy the sunset cruise along the Bosphorus in a private boat. BD Hotel Yasmak Sultan

Day 5 Thursday, September 02 Kusadasi

Fly to Izmir in the morning. Travel through the fertile valleys of Aegean region with olive and fig orchards, and vineyards. Visit the charming town of Birgi. Explore the ancient site of Sardis, the capital city of King Croesus with its gigantic gymnasium, the oldest Jewish Synagogue, and the Temple of Artemis in their solitude. Drive to and overnight in Kusadasi. BLD Hotel Charisma, www.charismahotel.com

Day 6 Friday, September 03 Kusadasi

Explore the famous ancient site of Ephesus and environs. Ephesus contains extensive ruins of the agora, the Library of Celsus with its imposing façade, the biggest theater, and the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Also tour the Basilica of John, the Selcuk Museum and the House of Mary in the afternoon. BLD Hotel Charisma

Day 7 Saturday, September 04 on board Fethiye

Drive to Gocek via Dalyan and take a boat trip on the Dalyan River. Visit the ancient city of Kaunos, famed for the spectacular rock-cut tombs hallowed on the sheer cliff in the 5 C BC. Continue to Fethiye and enjoy free time along the waterfront. Embark our gulet, a hand-crafted wooden boat with full crew in Fethiye. BLD

Day 8 Sunday, September 05 on board Sunken Bath Bay

After breakfast, enjoy swimming, windsurfing, or other water

sports within the sheltered cove, or relax and read a book while sun tanning in the unrivaled tranquility of the Mediterranean Sea. Share the supreme inspiration for the sailors and passengers throughout the history. Cruise around the Twelve Islands and in Sarsala Bay. Hike to Aperlea and the Roman tombs where nomads inhabit nowadays. Enjoy dinner on board under the dazzling stars of Mediterranean. BLD

Day 9 Monday, September 06 on board Gemiler Island

Sail or cruise along the Lycian Coastline, one of the most amazing coastlines in Turkey. The Lycian turquoise coast is known for its unmatched natural beauty and fascinating ancient ruins which lie semi-submerged in the sea. The warm turquoise waters provide a beautiful contrast with the green pine trees and mountains that sweep right down the coast. Cruise to Gemiler Island by catching the cool Mediterranean breeze while enjoying a siesta or reading on the deck. Visit Gemiler Island crowned by the monasteries on the pilgrimage route from Europe. Dinner on board. BLD

Day 10 Tuesday, September 07 on board Kas

Anchor off to Kalkan early morning before breakfast. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be ready for the early birds of our group. Visit Kalkan, a quaint town perched on a hill with narrow winding streets lined with shops and a small marina to welcome visitors, and then to Xanthos, the capital city of legendary Lycian people. Explore the Lycian tombs and the longest Lycian inscription, still waiting for being fully deciphered. Visit a traditional farming village up to the Mountain Taurus for an opportunity to mingle with local villagers and sample their organic and delicious cuisine. Travel from the village to Kas. The coastline of this area of the Turkish Mediterranean is sublime. Once a sleepy fishing village, Kas is now a petit and picturesque resort town with a lively nightlife. BLD

Day 11 Wednesday, September 08 on board Kekova

Discover how Turkish people greet their Mediterranean mornings and start their day in this small town. After breakfast, cruise to the sunken city of Aperlea and snorkel above submerged ruins. Cruise or possibly sail to Kekova, a mysterious city, the origins of which are unknown. Visit the miniature village of Kale clinging to the side of a hill and only accessible by sea. Explore a Hellenistic castle used by the Crusaders and a tiny Greek theater of only seven rows. Such a small theater is an indication of the value that was placed on culture in even the smallest of the Greek cities. The villages and towns scattered along the coast are inhabited by the most hospitable and entrepreneurial people. BLD

Day 12 Thursday, September 09 on board Kekova

Spend last day at leisure around Kekova Island and sail along the island with the proper winds. Visit Ucagiz Village and get involved in their slow and simple pace in their daily routine. BLD

Magical Cappadocia

Day 13 Friday, September 10 Antalya

Goodbye to the crew after the last breakfast on gulet. Visit the ancient city of Myra for its rock-cut tombs, extensive theater, and church dedicated to St. Nicholas. Travel along the Mediterranean coastline to Antalya and tour the Archeological Museum where exhibits all the archeological findings from Perge, Aspendos, and the other sites in the region. BL Hotel Aspen, www.aspenhotel.com.tr

Day 14 Saturday, September 11 Antalya

Enjoy the excursion to Perge, a Hellenistic city that welcomed Alexander on the way to Gordion in 333 BC. With its cascading pools, the city was bisected by the colonnaded marble street where still bears the ruts of wagon wheels. In the afternoon stroll through the streets of the old harbor and enjoy the free afternoon in downtown Antalya. BLD Hotel Aspen

Day 15 Sunday, September 12 Antalya-Istanbul

Take a morning flight to Istanbul and connect to your international flight back to home. B

What's Included? Hotel accommodations in standard room as indicated in the itinerary or similar; traditional wooden gulet or ketch (traditional Turkish boats) with dinghy, galley, outdoor sun-bathing area, fresh water tank, waste water tank, generator (220V), refrigerator, deep freezer, and ice machine, air-conditioned cabins with private shower and bathroom, mattresses, towels, and bed linen (changed once within a week tour); all meals with bottled water as indicated: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner; most of the dinners in restaurants specializing in the local cuisine; local soft beverages on board during the boat tour; professional, English-speaking guide; air-conditioned vehicle with professional tour bus driver; hotel and restaurant tips; group flight transfers (individual transfers are not included); complete program of tours as indicated in itinerary; all entrance fees, admissions, and parking fees; baggage handling; embarkation fees in the harbors; tour folders with brochures and maps of Turkey.

Fees do not include: International and domestic airfare, airport taxes and fuel surcharges; alcoholic beverages during the meals on the land and yacht portion of the tour; Visa (can be obtained on arrival at airport in Turkey for \$20 per person); gratuities to guides, drivers, and crew; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, minibar expenses; excess luggage fees; personal travel insurance.

Estimated Tour Fees: (Fees do not include international or domestic airfare which cannot be booked or guaranteed at this time.)

Land Only \$3625 per person/double occupancy

Land Only \$3904 per person/single occupancy

Optional Three-Day Extension

Land Only \$785 per person/double occupancy

Land Only \$905 per person/single occupancy

Day 1 Sunday, September 12 Cappadocia

Travel through the most spectacular and picturesque route from Antalya to Konya over the Mountain Taurus. Visit the Mevlana Museum, the center of the whirling dervishes in Konya and discover their humanistic theology based on love and respect to the diversity of the universe. Continue to Cappadocia along the Silk Road and visit one of the caravanserais where ancient travelers stayed overnight on their journeys. Arrive in Cappadocia and drive to our hotel. BLD Hotel Kaya, www.uchisarkayahotel.com

Day 2 Monday, September 13 Cappadocia

Explore the lunar and surrealistic landscape of the region with its valleys and churches. Visit the Goreme Open-Air Museum and its churches with vivid frescoes depicting the biblical scenes as the best example of the local Byzantine art. Stroll through the fairy-chimneys of the Red and Pasabag Valleys. Visit Uchisar and Cavusin villages with their inspiring settings and dwellings. BLD Hotel Kaya

Day 3 Tuesday, September 14 Cappadocia

Start the day with an optional balloon trip in Cappadocia. Travel to the lesser visited sites of Cappadocia. The dramatic settlement of the Sinassos Village attracts travelers to its distant beauty as well as the vibrant people of the village. Then continue to Ayvali Village to enjoy a village lunch prepared in a village house. End the day by visiting the labyrinths of the Underground Cities of the region. BLD Hotel Kaya

Day 4 Wednesday, September 15 Istanbul-Departure

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