

Fascinating Istanbul and Grand Turkey Tour 2012

Istanbul. Napoleon once said that “if the world were a single state, then its capital would be Constantinople.” This is **Istanbul, “the city of the world’s desire”**. It is old but not tired, ancient yet alive. It has a refreshing oldness, and ancient newness...a vibrant, breathtaking, cosmopolitan city. Don’t miss this rare and exciting opportunity to experience the many wonders of Istanbul, including the “must see” historical sites including **Hagia Sophia, breathtaking markets and bazaars, magnificent Bosphorus River, the charming Princess Island, famous Turkish hospitality**. Best of all, we will sample the **delightful Turkish cuisine** and even better, learn how to make it, including a **baklava class!** As our exciting tour continues, we explore the **Dardanelles** and the **battle fields of Gallipoli**, travel along the **Aegean coast** and view **Mount Ida**, marvel at the best preserved classical city in the Eastern Mediterranean, **Ephesus**, and the **House of the Virgin Mary**. We visit **Troy** that spans 9 eras; tour the **Acropolis of Pergamum**; one of the **Seven Churches of Revelation**. We have an **Aegean style cooking class** and stay at the Kusadasi Bay and explore ancient cities if **Priene, Miletus** and **Didyma**. Book now to join us to explore the fascinating land of Turkey from a local’s perspective; **Trip of a Life Time!** *Tour is limited to 15 participants



Itinerary

Day 1: Monday, April 2nd. Depart from USA .

Day 2: Tuesday, April 3rd. Arrive Istanbul, light orientation tour around Sultanahmet, old Istanbul. Check in to our charming **Armada Hotel** at the heart of Old Istanbul and visit **Kariye Museum, the Chora Church**, with stunning mosaics, depicting the lives of Christ and Mary. Welcome dinner at the famous **Develi Kebap Restaurant**. **D**

Day 3: Wednesday, April 4th. After breakfast we begin discovering Istanbul. We visit the **Blue Mosque**, famous for its turquoise Iznik tiles and frescoes. We will continue to **Hagia Sophia Museum**, a pioneer of architecture and the largest church in the world prior to St. Peter’s in Rome. After visiting the **Basilica Cistern**, we go to **Nakkas Rug Store** to view their wonderful collection of rugs, tiles and jewelry. Our last stop will be the **Grand Bazaar**, one of the world’s oldest and most colorful shopping malls. We will end the day with a wonderful **boat cruise on the Bosphorus** with dinner on the boat. **B, D**

Day 4: Thursday, April 5th . We will visit the **Topkapi Palace**, once the residence and seat of government for the Ottoman Sultans. Today the Palace houses examples of the 600 years of wealth, including the 86 carat “Spoon Maker’s Diamond” and the famous Topkapi dagger adorned with huge emeralds. After a delicious lunch of meze and kebaps at the **Hamdi Restaurant**. The afternoon we will visit the ancient **Spice Market** to stock up wonderful spices, nuts, Turkish Delight and sovenirs. Later we will visit the fascinating **Archaeological Museum**. In the evening, we will be treated a traditional Turkish dinner, hosted by **Ozlem Warren’s** parents—a truly unique experience. **B,D**

Day 5: Friday, April 6th. Today begins with a traditional ferry trip to the very charming **Princes Islands**. During this relaxing excursion, we will visit the **Big Island** and the **Heybeli Island**; explore the Victorian houses on horse carriage followed by a visit to the fascinating **Hagia Triada Monastery**. In the evening we will dine at the lovely **Balat Ottoman Restaurant**, specializing in southern Turkish cuisine. **B,D**

Day 6: Saturday, April 7th. We will check out from Armada Hotel and take the morning flight to Izmir. We will visit the ancient cities of **Priene, Miletus** and **Didyma**. We will drive to Kusadasi and overnight at the charming **Kusadasi Kismet Hotel**. **B,D**

Day 7: Sunday, April 8th. Early departure in the morning and visit **Ephesus**, provincial capital of Asia Minor for the Roman Empire and one of the seven churches of the Revelations. As one of the best preserved Roman cities, its monumental theater was where St. Paul preached to the Ephesians, **Ephesus** also boasts one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Temple of Artemis, the resting place of **St. John the Evangelist** is in the **Church of St. John**. As it is Easter Sunday, one of the highlights of the day will be a special visit to the

House of the Virgin Mary for morning mass. We will then head to the charming old Greek village, **Sirince** and have an Aegean style Turkish cooking class, using the region’s wonderful olive oil and fresh produce. On our way back to Kusadasi, we will visit a **Leather Gallery** to view world famous Turkish leather goods. Overnight at our charming **Kusadasi Kismet hotel**. **B,L,D**

Day 8: Monday, April 9th. We check out and depart from Kusadasi early in the morning and visit the **Acropolis of Pergamum**, one of the most important Hellenistic cities that housed the second largest library of antiquity and one of the seven churches of Revelations in Asia Minor. We will then visit **Troy** that spans nine eras dating back to 3,000 B.C., including the Homeric Troy. Overnight in **Canakkale Kolin Hotel**. **B,D**

Day 9: Tuesday, April 10th. We will check out of our hotel and drive towards the **Dardanelles** to see the battlefields of **Gallipoli**. We will view **Mount Ida**, the site of the beauty pageant that led to the **Trojan War**. We will drive to Istanbul and check in to the **Armada Hotel**. **B,D**

Day 10: Wednesday, April 11th. After breakfast, we have the popular **baklava class** for those interested; the rest of the day will be at your leisure and a chance for last minute shopping or sightseeing. Farewell dinner at the world famous **Beyti Kebap House**. **B,D**

Day 11: April 12th. Transfer to Istanbul Airport and depart for the USA.



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About our Host...Ozlem Warren

Ozlem Warren is a native of Istanbul and lived in the magical city for over 15 years. She worked for the Coca-Cola Company in Istanbul for 10 years and organized many successful trips for the Sales Executives in Turkey and abroad—including the Elton John & Eric Clapton Concert trip to Wembley, London. Ozlem is a passionate cook, traveler and host. She now lives in Great Britain with her family, and has been teaching Turkish cooking classes privately and at Central Market Cooking School. Ozlem is a great asset to the tour and will show you this beautiful city from a local perspective—a rare opportunity. Join Us!

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Registration: Fascinating Istanbul and Grand Turkey Tour 2012

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Total cost of tour is \$3700.00. Trip includes 9 nights accommodations; 9 dinners, 1 lunch, all breakfasts, airport transfers, gratuities & tips and admissions per itinerary. \$500 deposit due with registration (\$50.00 non-refundable processing fee). January 31, 2012— \$1500.00. Final payment February 28, 2012 – \$1700.00. Please complete information as it appears on your passport.

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Please complete a registration form for each person traveling. Fax or mail to Four Seasons Tours 512-328-3286; 1813 Cresthaven Dr.; Austin, TX 78746. Price is guaranteed for first 15 Passengers. Trip cost is based on double occupancy and a minimum of 15 passengers. Single supplements are available. Trip insurance is offered and recommended.