ART of Turkey Tour

April 26-May 10, 2013

A one of a kind cultural experience, that takes you on a journey through the spectacular, ancient and modern, Turkey. Visit local artists’ workshops, learn about ancient art techniques, visit galleries, museums and some of the world’s oldest cities.

Turkish Culture, Traditions, Cuisine, History, Arts and Crafts

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Booth #100 Americas Hall I

CAA EVENT PROGRAM

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Apr 26 Fri Depart from Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Chicago, New York, or Toronto. Non-stop direct flight to Istanbul with Turkish Airlines.

Apr 27 Sat Arrive to ISTANBUL
Welcome to the city of seven hills, the capital of two big empires. Istanbul is a city that has wonderful art from both Christian and Islamic cultures, a city of poetry and love, a city that has been fought for throughout history. Your tour guide will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with a “CAA” sign and transfer to the hotel for check-in. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (D)

Apr 28 Sun ISTANBUL (Historical Discoveries)
Full day tour in Istanbul. Visit the Hippodrome, formerly the cultural focus of the Byzantine Empire. The Blue Mosque with six minarets is one of the most famous and visited monuments of the city. Continue to Hagia Sophia which was considered as the largest church of the world for almost a thousand years. Walk to Turkish-Islamic Art Museum and discover beautiful artifacts of Turkish Arts including the best carpet collection of the Turkey. Dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Apr 29 Mon ISTANBUL (Mysterious Topkapi & Marvelous Pera)
Start the day at the Topkapi Palace, the main residence of the Ottoman Dynasty. Enjoy the collection of treasury. From the palace discover the magnificent view of Golden Horn and Bosphorus. Drive to Galata Tower, built in 1348 still intact and give us an extraordinary view of Istanbul. Finish the day at the Istiklal Street and explore some important art galleries of the city. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Apr 30 Tue IZNIK – ÇANAKKALE (World famous Iznik Tiles)
Morning drive to Iznik via Bosphorus. Arrive to Iznik and visit the Iznik Foundation tiles factory founded in Iznik in 1993 with the aim of reviving Iznik Art. They spent years of research in the factory and finally started using ancient traditional methods again. We will follow the process of white clay and meet the artists who create the exceptional designs. Then drive to Çanakkale, dinner and overnight. (B,D)

May 01 Wed TROY – ASSOS – AYVALIK (Legendary sites)
Drive to legendary site of Troy. After visiting Homer’s epic site continue to Assos, the city of Aristotle which has an excellent view of the Greek Island Lesbos. Then drive to Ayvalik. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

May 02 Thu PERGAMUM – IZMIR
Morning visit Pergamum the capital of an important kingdom from 3th Century BC, set on a hill high above the modern town of Bergama. After lunch at a local restaurant continue to Izmir, the city of beauty, the pearl of the Aegean. Dinner and Overnight (B,L,D)

May 03 Fri IZMIR (Join Izmir Art Biennial)
Today after a short orientation tour in the city we will visit the Art and History Museum of Izmir. A new museum containing artifacts of thousands of years which show the brief history of ancient Smyrna. After the museum, drive to Izmir Art Biennial exhibition area. Meet Ms. Seba Ugurtan, the founder of Izmir Art Biennial, one of the largest International Art Events in Turkey. Turkish and foreign artists are will participate in the 2nd Izmir Biennial. With the participation of more than 300 artists from different countries, Izmir Art Biennial became an important opportunity for today’s contemporary art. Enjoy the Izmir Biennial exhibitions and admire Turkish and International art works. Dinner at one of the local restaurants in Izmir and overnight. (B,D)

May 04 Sat EPHESUS - KUSADASI
Drive to Ephesus, words are not enough to describe the beauty of this exceptional archaeological site. Discover the temples, marble streets, fountains, famous library and the great theater. During the day we will also visit a carpet school where we will have our Turkish style lunch. After the lunch we will have the opportunity to admire Turkish Carpets. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,L,D)

May 05 Sun PAMUKKALE (Hierapolis)
Morning drive to Pamukkale. Proceed to Hierapolis, the ancient city adjacent to the famous World Heritage Site Pamukkale hot springs located in south-western Turkey. Overnight at a Spa Hotel. (B,D)

May 06 Mon CATALHOYUK – KONYA (Discover the oldest city)
Early departure to Çatalhoyuk. Another World Heritage Site of Turkey. The Neolithic site of Çatalhoyuk was first discovered in the late 1950s and excavated by James Mellaart. The site rapidly became famous internationally due to the large size and dense occupation of the settlement, as well as the spectacular wall paintings and other art that was uncovered inside the houses. Drive back to Konya. Dinner and overnight.(B,L,D)

May 07 Tue KONYA – CAPPADOCIA
Morning visit to Mevlana the whirling dervishes museum then continue to Cappadocia. The region of overlooking picturesque landscape, entirely sculpted by erosion. The great valleys and its surroundings contain rock-hewn sanctuaries that provide unique evidence of Byzantine art in the posticonoclastic period. Dwellings, troglodyte villages and underground towns. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. (B,D)

May 08 Wed CAPPADOCIA
Full day Cappadocia tour starting very early in the mornig with a hot air balloon of the region. Then drive to the heart of world famous Goreme open air museum and visit an underground city. Today after we will watch a Whirling Dervish Ceremony. Dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

May 09 Thu CAPPADOCIA – ANKARA
Drive to Ankara via Salt Lake. In the capital of modern Turkey we will visit the great award winning Anatolian Civilisations Museum which contains all Neolithic, Calcholithic and Hittite period artifacts. Then visit one of the important art galleries of the city. Farewell dinner in Ankara and overnight. (B,D)

May 10 Fri Ankara – Istanbul - U S A
Transfer to Ankara Airport for flight back to USA via Istanbul. Arrange back same day late afternoon. (B)

LAND & AIR: $3,990 per person in Double
$790 single supplement

TOUR FEATURES
• International air between USA - TURKEY
• 13 nights hotel accommodation, at superior hotels
• Comprehensive sightseeing as specified in the program
• Daily breakfasts (B)
• 4 Lunches (L)
• 13 dinners (D)
• Official licensed english speaking Tour Guide throughout the tour
• Entry fee to Izmir Biennial
• Contact with local artists.
• Transportation with AC vehicles
• All entry fees to the sites & museums
• Whirling Dervishes ceremony in Cappadocia
• Hot Air Balloon flight in Cappadocia
• Local taxes & service charges

EXCLUDING
• Meals which are not listed in the itinerary
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• Tips

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