Arts in Turkey Tour

May 27 – June 10, 2014

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 & Islamic Culture, Traditions, Cuisine, Art History and Crafts
ART OF TURKEY TOUR ITINERARY: May 27 – June 10, 2014

May 27 Tue Depart from USA - Fly to Istanbul with Turkish Airlines.

May 28 Wed Arrive to ISTANBUL AIRPORT
Welcome to the city of seven hills, the capital of two big empires. It is a city that has wonderful art of both Christian and Islamic cultures. Your tour guide will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with a "TUTKU TOURS ART TOUR" sign. Meet and transfer to the hotel for check-in. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (D)

May 29 Thu ISTANBUL (Historical Discoveries)
Full day tour in Istanbul. Visit the Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Islamic Art Museum Hagia Sophia. Return to our hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

May 30 Fri ISTANBUL (Mysterious Topkapi & Marvelous Pera)
Full day tour in Istanbul. Topkapi Palace then Galata Tower and Istiklal Street. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

May 31 Sat ISTANBUL – IZNIK – ÇANAKKALE (World Famous Iznik Tiles)
Morning drive to Iznik via Bosphorus. Arrive to Iznik and visit the Iznik Foundation tiles factory. Then drive to Çanakkale dinner and overnight. (B,D)

June 01 Sun ÇANAKKALE – TROY – ASSOS – AYVALIK (Legendary sites)
Drive to the archaeologically ancient site of Troy. Continue to Assos. Then drive to Ayvalik. It is a nice seaside town on the Northwest Aegean Coast of Turkey facing the Greek island of Lesbos. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

June 02 Mon AYVALIK – PERGAMUM – IZMIR
Morning visit Pergamum acropolis. Set on a hill high above the modern town of Bergama Continue to Izmir. Overnight (B,L,D)

June 03 Tue IZMIR (Art Galleries)
Today after a short orientation tour in the city we will visit the Art and History Museum of Izmir. A new museum containing the artifacts of thousands of years which shows us the brief history of ancient Smyrna. After a short city tour visit the Arkas Art Gallery and then the Music Museum. Free lunch time at Alsancak area. Visit Seba Art Gallery the founder of Izmir Art Biennial, one of the largest International Art Events in Turkey. Visit the historical old elevator, admire the view of the 3rd largest city of Turkey. Dinner at one of the local restaurants in Izmir and overnight. (B,D)

June 04 Wed IZMIR – EPHESUS – KUSADASI
Drive to Ephesus, established in ancient times as a port and used to be the most important commercial centre located in the fertile valley of the Kaystros River. After the site continue to the Archaeological Museum. 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)

June 05 Tue KUSADASI – 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)

June 06 Fri PAMUKKALE – CATALHOYUK – KONYA (Discover the oldest city)
Drive to Konya, continue to Çatalhoyuk which is considered one of the oldest city of the World. Drive back to Konya. Dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

June 07 Sat KONYA – CAPPADOCIA
Morning visit to Mevlana whirling dervishes Museum. Continue to Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

June 08 Sun CAPPADOCIA
Full day Cappadocia tour starting very early in the moring with a hot air balloon of the region. Then world famous Goreme open air museum. Tonight after dinner we will see the whirling dervishes ceremony. Dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

June 09 Mon CAPPADOCIA – ANKARA
Drive to Ankara via Salt Lake. In the capital of modern Turkey we will visit the great Anatolian Civilisations Museum. All Neolithic, Calcholithic and Hittite period artifacts can be seen in this award winning museum. Then visit one of the important art galleries of Ankara. Farewell dinner in Ankara and overnight. (B,D)

June 10 Tue Transfer to Ankara Airport for flight back to USA via Istanbul. Arrive back same day late afternoon. (B)

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

TOUR FEATURES
- International flights between USA-Istanbul
- 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
- Art Gallery visits
- Transportations 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
- All drinks
- All personal expenses
- Turkish Visa Fee
- Tips to tour guide and driver

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