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Treasures of Turkey

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Turkey is a young republic founded in 1923 upon the remains of the Ottoman Empire. It is an ancient land, the cradle of civilization and the center of world history. The site of the first human settlement; the birthplace of Homer and the last home of the Virgin Mary – these are just a microscopic sampling of Turkey's extraordinary heritage.

Today, this large country, twice the size of California, with its spectacular coastline, majestic mountains, cosmopolitan cities and quaint villages is one of the world's most desirable destinations, a captivating blend of East and West, antiquity and contemporary, the exotic and the familiar.



\$5,199 per person, double occupancy
\$6,429 per person, single occupancy

Inclusions

Home Pick-up

Round trip air from Chicago, O'Hare to Istanbul

Hotel accommodations including taxes and fees at the following hotels:

SWISSOTEL THE BOSPHORUS (3 nights), ANATOLIAN HOUSES (2 nights), SWISSÔTEL GRAN EFES (2 nights)

Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches and 2 Dinners including:

Welcome Dinner and Dinner at Kizkulesi on Angel's Island

Fully escorted, services of a private local English speaking guide throughout the tour

All transfers in air conditioned vehicle

All entrances fees

Visa for Turkey

Internal airfare in Istanbul/Kayseri – Kayseri/Istanbul/Izmir/Istanbul sectors in economy class

Group Insurance

Fully Escorted including gratuities for all guides

VIP arrival and departure services at Istanbul International Airport

Special meeting with the director of Ephesus Archaeological Museum Mass at the Virgin Mary House

Tour operation and pricing is based on a minimum of 30 participants

For Reservations & Information Call: 630-321-1664

DAY 01: DEPART USA

DAY 02: ARRIVE İSTANBUL, TURKEY

Welcome to Turkey! Upon arrival at İstanbul's Atatürk International Airport you will be met and privately transferred to your hotel. *You will have VIP services for your arrival into the airport. You will be met at the arrival gate with special car and taken to a special VIP area where immigration procedures are taken care of. Your visa procedures are also completed, and your luggage will be carried by porters.* Although it is not the capital, İstanbul is the largest city in Turkey. The city gradually spreads out on both sides of the beautiful Bosphorus. It is the place where Europe and Asia meet along the shores of the Bosphorus. İstanbul is one of the most exquisite places in the world. İstanbul has been the capital for three empires and been attractive for its historical treasures. Originally called Byzantium, the city was renamed Constantinople in A.D. 330 by Emperor Constantine, who chose it as the site of the capital of the Byzantine Empire. Your accommodations are at the **Swissôtel The Bosphorus, İstanbul**. The hotel is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World and in Conde Nast Traveler Gold List 2011, it is a five-star luxury hotel right in the center of İstanbul, on the European banks of the Bosphorus. Awarded as a "Leading Spa of the World," Amrita Spa & Wellness offers superb facilities await you to replenish your mind, body and spirit. **SWISSOTEL THE BOSPHORUS (D)**

DAY 03: İSTANBUL

After breakfast you will have a full day city tour of İstanbul. First you will visit the Hagia Sophia, which is considered one of the eight wonders of the world, occupying a prominent place in the history of art and architecture. It is one of the rare works of this size and age that has survived to our day. You will then proceed to the The Basilica Cistern. This cistern is thought to have been built in 532 AD. After the conquest of the city by the Ottoman Turks, it was forgotten and nobody knew it existed. Re-discovered in 1545, it was used to water the gardens of Topkapı Palace.

The next stop is the Hippodrome. Hippodrome means square for horses. When the city of İstanbul was founded, the acropolis was a typical Mediterranean trading center surrounded by city walls. Our next stop is the İbrahim Paşa Palace. The Palace, situated on the west side of Sultan Ahmet Square, now functions as the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art. You will then visit the Blue Mosque. This imperial mosque is an example of classical Turkish architecture, and is the only Mosque that was originally built with six minarets. The final stop for today's tour is Topkapı Palace. Topkapı is the largest and oldest palace in the world. In 1924 it was turned into a museum at Atatürk's request. The palace covers an area of 700,000 square meters at the tip of the historical peninsula. *You will also visit the harem area.* This evening you will enjoy an authentic Turkish dinner is served at the Kizkulesi restaurant, on Angel's Island. **SWISSOTEL THE BOSPHORUS (B, L, D)**

DAY 04: İSTANBUL

Today you will have another full day tour of İstanbul. First you will tour İstanbul's Grand Bazaar. The Grand Bazaar is Turkey's largest covered market offering excellent shopping. Our next stop is The Rüstem Pasha Mosque in İstanbul's Eminönü district by the Golden Horn. It is among the city's architectural gems. This was the first mosque built in an octagonal plan. It is beautifully proportioned, and the interior is covered in some of the most exquisite Iznik faience (colored tiles) ever produced.

After you tour the mosque you will board your cruise for a sightseeing tour of the Bosphorus, viewing the European and Asian shorelines. The cruise will head up İstanbul's winding straits for an opportunity to relax and admire the shoreline covered with beautiful mosques, lavish palaces and decadent villas. You will see Dolmabahçe and Beylerbeyi Palaces, Ottoman summer mansions, Ortaköy Mosque and the Bosphorus Bridge - one of the world's largest suspension bridges. Note: *Other people will be on the cruise, but you will have a private guide.* **SWISSOTEL THE BOSPHORUS (B, L)**

DAY 05: İSTANBUL / KAYSERİ KAYSERİ / CAPPADOCIA

This morning you will be met and transferred to the airport for your flight to Kayseri. Upon arrival in Kayseri you will be transferred to your hotel in Cappadocia. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Cappadocia is a stunning area of other-worldly rock formations, subterranean churches and underground dwellings. The area is famous for its carpet-weaving, wines and the distinctive red pottery. Cappadocia was a refuge for the early Christians, who escaped persecution by the pagans by living and worshipping underground. Perfectly decorated Anatolian Cave Suites welcomes you in the heart of Cappadocia. Anatolian Houses promises luxurious hotel service within cave formations which is part of Cappadocia's historical structure.

ANATOLIAN HOUSES (B)

DAY 06: CAPPADOCIA

Optional air balloon ride: \$300.00 (approx. per person) This morning you will wake up in the dark to experience Cappadocia from the air. You will be picked up and driven to the launch site, a field just outside of town. You will enjoy coffee while watching the balloons inflate and the light increase. Then you will climb into the basket, and up you'll go. Sun will start to hit the tops of the rock formations and valley walls, and soon the distant mountains will appear. The views are amazing. After a 45-60 minutes ride, you'll land in a field and celebrate with a drink. Today you have a full day to explore the Cappadocia region. Visit the open air Museum of Goreme, resembles a vast monastic complex composed of scores of refectory monasteries placed side-by-side, each with its own fantastic church. Most of the churches in Goreme Open Air Museum belong to the 10th, 11th and 12th centuries. You will visit the Avanos Pottery making village and stop at a carpet weaving workshop at the end of the day.

ANATOLIAN HOUSES (B, L)

DAY 07: CAPPADOCIA / KAYSERİ KAYSERİ / İSTANBUL İSTANBUL / İZMİR

After a leisurely breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in Kayseri for your departing flight to İzmir via İstanbul. Upon arrival in İzmir you will be transferred to your hotel, Swissôtel Grand Efes. İzmir is home to the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Set in 40 thousand square meters of landscaped gardens the Swissôtel Grand Efes is a

five-star deluxe hotel located in the heart of Izmir's commercial hub and overlooking Turkey's Aegean Sea. It is a member of —The Leading Hotels of the World. As the first spa honored with a 'Leading Spas of the World' membership in Turkey, Amrita Spa & Wellness offers recreation and relaxation. **SWISSÔTEL GRAN EFES (B)**

DAY 08: İZMİR – EPHEBUS

Today you will have a full day tour of Ephesus. Before arriving at the actual site of Ephesus, you will visit the House of the Virgin Mary where she supposedly spent her later days. The Vatican has recognized this small house as the final resting place of the Virgin Mary. A small shrine dedicated to St. Mary was found when the ruins of the house were first discovered. *Today you will have the opportunity to witness an actual mass at the House of the Virgin Mary.*

Proceed to Ephesus and see the spectacular ruins some of which have just recently been excavated. Enter through the Magnesia Gate and begin a slow, downhill walk with your guide into the ruins of this Roman provincial capital. Your route takes you past the Fountain of Trajan, the Temple of Hadrian, the Brothel, the Celsus Library, the Agoras, the Roman Baths, the Gymnasiums and the Great Theater. *You will also visit the Terrace Houses.*

After you tour the Terrace Houses you will enjoy lunch in the neighboring town of Selcuk. After lunch you will visit the Archaeological Museum. This small museum in Selcuk boasts an incredible collection of Hellenistic and Roman statues, carved reliefs and artifacts unearthed from the ruins of Ephesus. *During today's visit you will have a special meeting with the Museum's director.* You will also see the ruins of the Temple of Artemis (one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world). The next stop is the Basilica of St. John. Built by the Emperor Justinian over the tomb of St. John the Apostle, the Basilica, is now in ruins. **SWISSÔTEL GRAN EFES (B, L)**

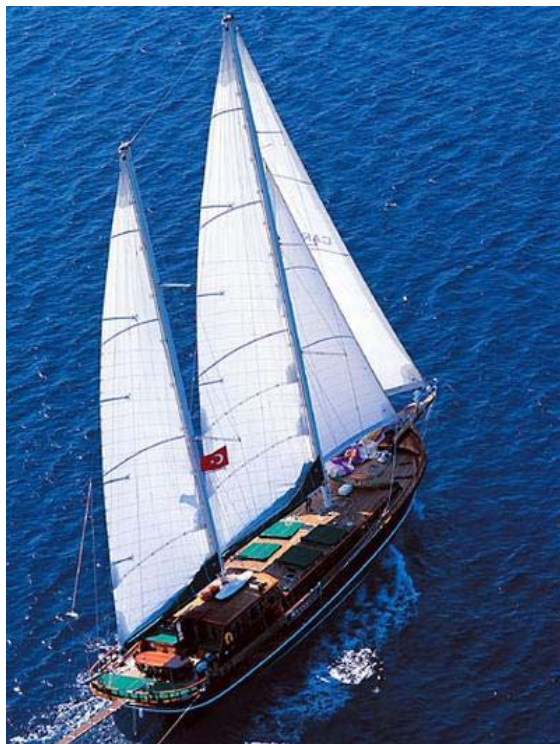
DAY 09: İZMİR / İSTANBUL / DEPART

This morning you will transfer to the airport for your departing flight to İstanbul.

At the airport you will have VIP services. You will be able to pass through security without standing in the public lines. You will also check in at a VIP desk, and be assisted through passport control. There is an exclusive VIP checkout counter. At the VIP lounge, you will be greeted by a welcome cocktail. You can spend time at the lounge before you are escorted by special cars to your flight's departure gate. (B)

Return to Istanbul for your flight to the USA or add a 3 night/post excursion Gulet Cruise

(space is limited to 12 per gullet, please contact Viking Travel Service for pricing)



DAY 09: İZMİR / PRIENE / MILETOS / DIDYMA / BODRUM / GULET CRUISE

After breakfast you will drive to **Didyma** with sightseeing on the way. The ancient harbor city of **Priene** probably changed its location when the silt of the Meander River threatened to bury it. The original place of the city has never been found. Priene was founded on the Ionian coast by the inhabitants of an abandoned Ionian city of the same name in c.350 BC. The city is organized in four districts, the religious (Athena Temple), the political, the cultural and the commercial (agora). In addition to the Athena Temple, the people of Priene built shrines dedicated to Zeus, Demeter and Egyptian gods. **Miletus**, an ancient city located near the present Akkoy at the mouth of the Meander River, owed its importance to its position on trade routes. It was one of the largest cities in the region with a population of between 80,000 and 100,000. Highly prosperous, it founded many colonies.

The word Didyma meant "twins" and was associated by some as being the meeting place of Zeus and Leto to have their twins Apollo and Artemis. Didyma was not a city but a sanctuary linked to Miletus. You will visit the Apollo Temple Even though it is thought that there was a shrine there before the Ionians came in the 10C BC. *You will enjoy a complimentary champagne toast*

overlooking the Apollo Temple. Later this afternoon/early evening you will arrive to Bodrum. Here you will board your gulet cruise and dinner is served on board in the harbor.

DAY 09: GULET CRUISE - ALAKISLA BAY / CÖKTERME

While you are having breakfast the captain gets permission to leave the harbor from the harbor master. After breakfast and the short brief information it is time to sail to Alakısla Bay. You will have an opportunity to visit the ruins of Byzantine village. Dinner and overnight is in Cökertme.

DELUXE GULET CRUISE (B, L, D)

DAY 10: GULET CRUISE - TUZLA BAY / ENGLISH HARBOR

Today you will sail to Tuzla Bay before breakfast. Later you will have lunch and a swimming break at Tuzla Bay. Dinner and overnight is in English Harbor.

DELUXE GULET CRUISE (B, L, D)

DAY 11: GULET CRUISE - SEDIR ISLAND (KEDRAI) / KARACASÖĞÜT

Sail to Sedir Island after breakfast. Here you can find an ancient city called Kedrai. The inscriptions which were found on the island shows us that Cleopatra lived on the Island; therefore, the beach is called Cleopatra's Beach. Mark Anthony brought the sand to the island on ships from northern Africa. This sand can only be found in Tunisia nowadays. Dinner and overnight is in Karacasöğüt where the village is surrounded by pine trees.

DELUXE GULET CRUISE (B, L, D)

DAY 12: GULET CRUISE / DALAMAN DALAMAN / İSTANBUL, İSTANBUL / DEPART

This morning is at your leisure. Disembark your gulet cruise in Dalaman and transfer to the airport for your flight to İstanbul. Upon arrival in İstanbul you will be met and assisted with your departing flight home.

(B) *At the airport you will have VIP services. You will be able to pass through x-ray machines without standing in the public lines. You will also check in at a VIP desk, and assisted through passport control. You can feel free to shop duty-free with the assistance of a hostess and porter. There is an exclusive VIP checkout counter. At the VIP lounge, you will be greeted by a welcome cocktail. You can spend time at the lounge before you are escorted by special cars to your flight's departure gate.*

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Deposit: \$1000.00 per person (check only) along with completed reservation form and a copy of valid passport.

Make all checks payable to: Viking Travel Service

Mail Payments to: Viking Travel Service, 700 Pasquinelli Drive, Westmont, IL 60559

Final Payment: Due August 12, 2012, to Viking Travel Service.

Form of Payment accepted: Check or Credit Card. Credit cards will be charged 3% fee,

Not Included: Increases in security fees, taxes and fuel surcharges. Items of personal nature, such as liquor, laundry service, phone calls, revision fees, optional excursions, spa services, and meals or anything not specifically indicated as included.

Documentation: A valid passport is required. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from return date and have two blank pages facing each other. Names on reservation must match your passport.

VISA: Required for Turkey and included in tour package. VISA will be obtained upon arrival in Turkey.

Air Pricing, Schedule & Seat Assignments: Air pricing is estimated and will be available approximately nine months prior to departure. Air Schedule will be available approximately 60 days prior to departure. Every effort will be made for seat requests but cannot be guaranteed.

Terms & Conditions: Tour operation and pricing is based on a minimum of 30 full paying passengers.

Cancellation Policy: If you must cancel, the following per person penalties apply. Without exception, all cancellations must be in writing to Viking Travel Service and are effective the date of receipt. Any unused portions of the cruise/tour are non-refundable. Insurance premiums are non-refundable and valued at \$379.00 per person.

More than 66 days prior to departure = Deposit
65 - 31 days prior to departure = 50% of total cost
Less than 30 days prior to departure or no shows = 100% of total cost
No shows or no written notice will result in 100% penalty

Cancellation/travel Insurance: We strongly recommend travel insurance protection and have included the cost in your trip price. Insurance will protect you in the event you must cancel for a covered medical reason, interruption, accident, baggage or covered unforeseen circumstance. As with all insurance policies, cost of insurance is non-refundable and subject to change at any time. Insurance does not cover cancel for any reason which may be purchased for additional cost. For information contact Viking Travel Service, visit www.travelguard.com or call 1-800-549-9037.

Coverage Benefits and Amounts

Trip Cancellation	100% of insured Trip Cost	Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains.....	\$250,000
(Maximum Limit \$25,000 per person)		Accidental Death and Dismemberment	\$25,000
Trip Interruption	150% of insured Trip Cost*	The following non-insurance services are provided by Travel Guard.	
Trip Interruption- Return Air Only.....	\$750*	Travel Medical Assistance	Included
Trip Delay (\$150 max/day)	\$750	Worldwide Travel Assistance	Included
Missed Connection.....	\$250	LiveTravel® Emergency	
Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1,500		
Baggage Delay.....	\$250		
Medical Expense.....	\$25,000		
Dental.....	\$500		

Assistance.....**Included**

*Coverage for Trip Interruption and Trip Interruption-Return Air only cannot be combined.

For Optional Additional Medical Coverage . \$25,000 add \$10.00pp

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Deposit: \$1,000.00 (check only) per person for ____ people (person) **Deposit amount:** \$ _____
Credit Card will be charged additional 3% fee.

Please charge to my credit card: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ American Express

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Name of card holder: _____ Signature _____

Notice: While every effort will be made to adhere to the specifics shown in this or any other publication, certain circumstances may necessitate alterations; therefore, all fares, taxes, fuel surcharges, baggage fees, schedules, hours of arrival and departure and all other information contained herein are subject to change. Any unused portions of the package are non-refundable. Reservations made after final payment date is subject to late booking fees. Pricing and inclusions are based on a minimum of 15 passengers. **Responsibility:** Neither Viking Travel Service, its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns, own or operate any person or entity which provide goods and services for these trips. Because none of the above maintains any control over the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers, Viking Travel Service assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death property damage or other loss, accident or delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or their employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party not under the supervision and control of Viking Travel Service. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expense due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, natural disasters, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. All service and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Viking Travel Service reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. They reserve the right to withdraw any tour announced. Viking Travel Service reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the tour manager to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. Viking Travel Service is not liable for any personal effects, same being the sole responsibility of the owner at all, times. Payment constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of Feb, 28, 2011 and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation. I understand that Viking Travel Service has travel insurance available for my purchase. This protects against losses resulting from trip cancellation or interruption, medical expense, emergency medical transportation and baggage/personal effects within the limitations. Should I decline the offer of travel insurance, I understand that I am assuming any financial loss associated with my travel arrangements which otherwise may have been covered by travel insurance. Payment constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. *All countries have the right to deny entry to US citizens, therefore, it is the sole responsibility of the traveler to check the countries to which they will be traveling to for any reason that might prohibit them entry, such as a criminal record, health issue, citizenship status and/or other legal issues, please refer to Big Five.*

I (we) have read, understand and am (are) in agreement with the Terms & Conditions of this vacation package.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ E4934

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