Our Turkey trip is one of Travel/Study’s most popular – and for good reason. We visit two of the most important cities, Ankara and Istanbul, taking in their richest and most extraordinary archaeological treasures and age-old architectural masterpieces. We wander about the dramatic, ethereal landscapes of Cappadocia and we explore incredible Byzantine, Hittite, Roman and Ottoman sites. But honestly, the very best part of this exceptional program is our five-day cruise along the Turquoise Coast aboard luxurious privately chartered gület sailboats – a coastal cruise that visits a delightful combination of hidden coves and hilltop ancient ruins. You’ll love this trip; it’s unlike any other, I promise!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

MARVEL at the minarets, world-class museums and multicultural kaleidoscope of ageless and cosmopolitan Istanbul.

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ENJOY the views on our five-night cruise along Turkey’s Turquoise Coast, studded with cobalt blue lagoons and ancient cliffside ruins.
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THURSDAY, JUNE 7
KONYA / ANTALYA
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SATURDAY, JUNE 9  
ANTALYA / FETHIYE / EMBARKATION  
The drive to Fethiye includes glorious mountain vistas and dramatic views of the Turquoise Coast. Upon arrival, board our private gulets for dinner and cruise to a nearby cove for overnight anchorage. OVERNIGHT ABOARD GULETS (B,L,D)

SUNDAY TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 TO 13  
CRUISING THE TURQUOISE COAST  
For the next four days, cruise from cove to cove along the spectacular Turquoise Coast. Disembark for daily shore excursions with our local guide or curl up on deck and enjoy the passing scenery. OVERNIGHT ABOARD GULETS (B,L,D–ALL 4 DAYS)

THURSDAY, JUNE 14  
KNIDOS / BODRUM / DISEMBARKATION  
Arrive at the site of Knidos, where Praxiteles’ statue of Aphrodite once stood. After lunch onboard, disembark in Bodrum and visit the Castle of St. Peter, built in the Crusade era and home to the Museum of Nautical Archaeology. MARMARA HOTEL (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 15  
EPHESUS / ISTANBUL  
One of the most beautiful cities in the ancient world, Ephesus was settled nearly 3,000 years ago. Much has been done to restore the white marble streets, theaters, baths, gymnasium, market and beautifully carved library. After a visit to the site, tour the Ephesus Museum in nearby Selçuk. Continue to Izmir for our short flight to Istanbul and check in to our deluxe hotel overlooking the Bosporus. HILTON HOTEL (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 16  
ISTANBUL  
This morning, visit Istanbul’s Hippodrome; the Blue Mosque, named for its glorious 17th-century painted tiles; and the Aya Sofya, with its impressive domed basilica and Byzantine mosaics. Following lunch, visit the small yet lavishly decorated St. Saviour in Chora Church to see its many frescoes. HILTON HOTEL (B,L)

MONDAY, JUNE 18  
ISTANBUL  
Visit the Süleymaniye Mosque, masterpiece of the 16th-century architect Sinan. A prominent landmark in the skyline of Istanbul’s old city, the mosque is but a small part of the vast complex designed for the sultan whose name it bears. This afternoon visit the Grand Bazaar and enjoy some free time to wonder this labyrinth of shops. Celebrate the end of our journey at a farewell reception and dinner at our hotel. HILTON HOTEL (B,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 19  
ISTANBUL / U.S.  
Depart Istanbul early this morning on flights back to the U.S. (O)
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N O T I N C L U D E D
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• Passport and visa fees
• Immunization costs
• Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
• Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
• Excess-baggage charges and personal items such as email, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

W H A T T O E X P E C T
This program is moderately strenuous and at times physically demanding. Daily programs throughout involve one to three miles of walking that might include stairs without rails, high thresholds and uneven terrain such as cobbled paths. The first week of the program includes several long bus rides (of up to five hours in length). During our five-night gület cruise, travelers will embark on a fleet of two- or three-masted teak boats of superior seagoing quality. Our gülets are among the best Turkey has to offer – each gület has from six to twelve two-person cabins, each with an individual in-room toilet and shower; indoor and outdoor common areas; a cushioned lounge area and wide sundecks. Excursions during our cruise include hikes on rocky, hilly terrain and walking tours of small towns. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

A I R A R R A N G E M E N T S
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare from San Francisco to Ankara, Turkey, and returning from Istanbul is approximately $1,500 as of August 2011 and is subject to change without notice.
Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space for the Turkey Suitcase Seminar. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are fully refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The product offered in this brochure includes a special Waiver of Pre-Existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency and Terrorist Acts if you postmark your insurance payment within 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

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ABBAS MILANI was born in Iran into a Muslim family and educated by French nuns and Jesuit priests before leaving Iran as a teen for the U.S., where he lived for the next 11 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. After earning his PhD, he returned to Iran in 1976 and taught at Tehran University. In 1986, he left Iran once more and has lived in the Bay Area ever since. As a young man, Dr. Milani was involved in secular opposition politics and, as a result, has had close encounters with many of the current leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Throughout his adult life, Dr. Milani has focused his studies on the culture, politics and society of the Middle East, particularly Iran. His lectures during our program will cover Turkey’s history from Herodotus to the Ottomans; the rise and fall of the Ottomans, Atatürk and modern Turkey; and today’s Turkey from Pamuk to the rise of moderate Islam.

- Research fellow and co-director, Iran Democracy Project, Hoover Institution
- Hamid and Christina Moghadam Director of Iranian Studies, Stanford University
- Visiting professor, political science department, Stanford University
- Author of numerous articles and books, including Lost Wisdom: Rethinking Persian Modernity in Iran (Mage, 2004)
- BA, political science and economics, UC-Berkeley; PhD, political science, University of Hawaii

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Joel and Justine Coopersmith, morocco suitcase seminar, 2009

Faculty Leader
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