Turkey
suitcase seminar

CAPPADOCIA AND
THE TURQUOISE COAST

June 4 to 22, 2016
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, Ataturk and modern Turkey, and today’s Turkey from novelist Orhan Pamuk to the rise of moderate Islam.

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— Chair and professor, history and political science department, Notre Dame de Namur University, 1988–2001
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“I would take any trip where Abbas is the faculty leader!”

CHRISTIE FRASER, ’71, TURKEY SUIT-CASE SEMINAR, 2013
Our Turkey program is one of Travel/Study’s most popular—and for good reason. We visit the most important cities, Ankara and Istanbul, taking in their richest and most extraordinary archaeological treasures and age-old architectural masterpieces. We also wander about the dramatic, other-worldly 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—an incomparable coastal cruise that’s 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.

EXPLORE the other-worldly beauty of Cappadocia—an enchanting landscape of volcanic cones, twisted spires and rock-hewn churches.

SWIM, hike and enjoy the views on our five-night cruise up Turkey’s Mediterranean Coast, studded with cobalt blue lagoons and ancient cliff-side ruins.
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 4 & 5
DEPART U.S. / ANKARA, TURKEY
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Ankara. Arrive on Sunday afternoon and transfer to our hotel and enjoy a welcome reception, SWISSOTEL ANKARA.

MONDAY, JUNE 6
ANKARA
Begin our exploration of Turkey at Ankara’s Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, which houses a rich collection of artifacts from various archaeological sites around the country; this collection provides a vivid picture of the Hittite, Phrygian, Lydian and Urartian civilizations. Continue to the mausoleum of Kemal Atatürk, founder of modern Turkey. Tonight enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, SWISSOTEL ANKARA (B,L,D).

TUESDAY, JUNE 7
ANKARA / CAPPADOCIA
Drive southeast toward the surrealistic landscape of Cappadocia, created centuries ago as volcanic ash hardened into tufa and then eroded and sculpted by millennia of rain and wind into fantastic cones, spires and caves. After lunch in the town of Nevşehir, visit Pasabagi, which has some of the best examples of Cappadocia’s famous “fairy chimneys.” Explore the cliff dwellings in the three valleys of Zelve. SWISSOTEL CAPPADOCIA (B,L,D).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
CAPPADOCIA
Visit a few of the hundreds of cave churches in the region, as well as the open-air museum of Göreme with its exquisite Byzantine and medieval frescoes. Then investigate the underground city of Kaymakli and continue on to the incredible Fortress of Uchisar before heading to Avanos to look at examples of the fine carpet, pottery and ceramics for which the region is famous. CCR HOTEL AND SPA CAPPADOCIA (B,L,D).

THURSDAY, JUNE 9
CAPPADOCIA / KONYA
This morning follow the road once traversed by the Crusaders, stopping at the 13th-century caravansary of Sultanhanı. Continue to Konya, where the philosopher Celâleddin Rumi founded the mystical sect of the whirling dervishes in the 14th century. Visit the Mevlana Museum to pay our respects at Rumi’s tomb and view the museum’s collection of beautiful books. KEMPINSKI HOTEL THE DOME (B,L,D).

FRIDAY, JUNE 10
KONYA / ANTALYA
Cross the southern mountains and visit the ancient site of Termessos, a Pisidian city perched dramatically on a mountaintop. Continue to Antalya, a beautiful resort town, founded in 158 B.C.E. around a natural harbor on the Mediterranean Sea. KEMPINSKI HOTEL THE DOME (B,L,D).

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
ANTALYA / PERGE / ASPENDOS
Drive east from Antalya to visit Perge, formerly one of the most important cities in Pamphylia, and Aspendos, site of the best-preserved theater in Asia Minor. Return to Antalya and tour the Archaeological Museum there. KEMPINSKI HOTEL THE DOME (B,L,D).

SUNDAY, JUNE 12
ANTALYA / FETHIYE / EMBARKATION
On our drive to Fethiye enjoy glorious mountain vistas and dramatic views of the Turquoise Coast. Upon arrival, board our private gülets for dinner and cruise to a nearby cove where we anchor overnight. OVERNIGHT ABOARD GÜLETS (B,L,D).
Mondays to Thursday, June 13 to 16
Cruising the Turquoise Coast
For the next four days, cruise from cove to cove along Turkey’s spectacular Mediterranean coastline. Disembark for daily shore excursions with our local guide or bask on deck while enjoying the passing scenery. Overnight aboard gülets (B,L,D—all 4 days).

Friday, June 17
Knidos / Bodrum / Disembarkation
Arrive at the site of Knidos where Praxiteles’ statue of Aphrodite once stood. After a final lunch onboard, disembark our gülets in Bodrum, noted for its fine harbor, and take a walk to the Castle of St. Peter. The castle dates from the time of the Crusades and now houses the Museum of Nautical Archaeology. Marmara Hotel (B,L,D).

Saturday, June 18
Ephesus / Izmir / Istanbul
Settled nearly 3,000 years ago, Ephesus was one of the most beautiful cities in the ancient world. Much has been done to restore the white marble streets, theaters, baths, gymnasium, market and beautifully carved library. After a visit to the site, which includes the grand theater where St. Paul is said to have preached, 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 Golden Horn. Pera Palace (B,L,D).

Sunday, June 19
Istanbul
Today visit Istanbul’s Hippodrome; the Blue Mosque, named for its glorious 17th-century painted tiles; and the Hagia Sophia with its impressive domed basilica and Byzantine mosaics. Following lunch, stop at the small, yet lavishly decorated, St. Savior in Chora Church to view its many frescoes, which tell the story of the beginning of Christianity. Pera Palace (B,L).

Monday, June 20
Istanbul
Spend this morning at Topkapi Palace, former fortress and pleasure dome of the Ottoman sultans. Highlights include the treasury, wardrobe, kitchens and decorated apartments of the harem. This afternoon, enjoy a private boat cruise along the Bosphorus for spectacular views of the city’s skyline and the bridges linking Europe with Asia. Conclude our day at the Grand Bazaar with free time to wander about this labyrinth of shops and cafes. Pera Palace (B,D).

Tuesday, June 21
Istanbul
Visit the Suleymaniye Mosque, masterpiece of the 16th-century architect Sinan. A prominent landmark on 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. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore more of this fascinating city, then celebrate the end of our journey at a private farewell reception and dinner at our hotel. Pera Palace (B,D).

Wednesday, June 22
Istanbul / U.S.
Depart Istanbul early this morning on independent flights back to the U.S. (B).
Trip Information

**DATES**
June 4 to 22, 2016 (19 days)

**SIZE**
Limited to 34 participants

**COST***
$8,795 per person, double occupancy
$11,420 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $300 per person

**INCLUDED**
12 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations • 5 nights aboard private gülets • 17 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 13 dinners • Welcome and farewell receptions • Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and gület crew for all group activities • All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary • Economy-class flight from Izmir to Istanbul on 6/18 • Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days and on 6/18 • Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance • Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information • Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**NOT INCLUDED**
International and U.S. domestic airfare • Passport and visa fees • Immunization costs • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Excess-baggage charges • Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS**
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on Turkish Airlines from San Francisco to Ankara, Turkey, and return from Istanbul, Turkey, is approximately $1,450 as of August 2015 and is subject to change without notice. Information on recommended flight itineraries will be sent by our designated agent.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**
This program is moderately strenuous and at times physically demanding. Daily programs involve one to three miles of walking or hiking that might include stairs without rails, high thresholds and uneven terrain such as cobblestoned 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 sailboats of superior seagoing quality. Our gülets are among the best Turkey has to offer—each gület has from six to 12 two-person cabins, each with an individual in-room toilet and shower; indoor and outdoor common areas; a cushioned lounge area; and wide sun decks. 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.
Deposit & Final Payment

A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold your space. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?turkey2016 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds

Deposits and any payments are 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.

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. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. Families and trip companions may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in August 2015 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
"Stanford trips continue to amaze me. They definitely over-deliver on their promises. The Turkey Suitcase Seminar was packed with incredible sites, great lectures and wonderful traveling companions."

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