Turkey
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CAPADOCIA AND
THE TURQUOISE COAST

June 7 to 25, 2013

a program of the stanford alumni association
Our Turkey trip 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 wander about the dramatic, other-worldly landscapes of Cappadocia and 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 gulet sailboats—an incomparable coastal cruise that’s a delightful combination of hidden coves and ancient hilltop 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 filled with volcanic cones, twisted spires and rock-hewn churches.

SWIM, hike and enjoy the views on our five-night cruise along Turkey’s Mediterranean Coast, studded with cobalt blue lagoons and ancient cliffside ruins.
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 7 & 8
DEPART U.S. / ANKARA, TURKEY
Depart the U.S. for overnight flights to Ankara. Arrive on Saturday afternoon and transfer to our hotel. Tonight enjoy a welcome reception.

ANKARA HILTON HOTEL

SUNDAY, JUNE 9
ANKARA
Begin our exploration of Turkey at the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, which houses a rich collection of artifacts from various archaeological sites around the country that offers a vivid picture of the Hittite, Phrygian, Lydian and Urartian civilizations. Continue to the Mausoleum and Museum of Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey. ANKARA HILTON HOTEL (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JUNE 10
ANKARA / CAPPADOCIA
Drive southeast toward the surrealistic landscape of Cappadocia, created centuries ago as volcanic ash hardened into tufa and then eroded into fantastic cones, spires and caves—sculpted by millennia of rain and wind. Enjoy lunch in the town of Nevsehir, then visit Pasabagi, which has some of the best examples of Cappadocia’s famed “fairy chimneys.” Explore the cliff dwellings in the three valleys of Zelve.

DOUBLE TREE AVANOS CAPPADOCIA (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
CAPPADOCIA
Explore some of the hundreds of cave churches in the region and visit the outdoor museum of Goreme with its exquisite Byzantine and medieval frescoes, then explore the underground city of Kaymakli. View the impressive Fortress of Uchisar before heading to Avanos to see examples of the fine carpet, pottery and ceramics for which the region is famous.

DOUBLE TREE AVANOS CAPPADOCIA (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
CAPPADOCIA / KONYA
Enjoy an optional (at additional cost) early-morning hot-air-balloon ride over the incredible geologic formations of Cappadocia. Continue on to Konya, where the philosopher Celaleddin Rumi founded the mystical sect of the Whirling Dervishes in the 14th century. Visit the Mevlana Museum to pay respects at Rumi’s tomb and view the museum’s collection of beautiful books.

ANEMON KONYA HOTEL (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 13
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.

THE DOME KEMPINSKI BELEK (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 14
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 its stunning Archaeological Museum. Enjoy the evening and dinner at leisure.

THE DOME KEMPINSKI BELEK (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
ANTALYA / FETHIYE / EMBARKATION
Our drive to Fethiye includes glorious mountain vistas and dramatic views of the Turquoise Coast. Enjoy lunch in the seaside town of Kas and visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Xanthos. Upon arrival in Fethiye, board our private gülets for dinner and cruise to a nearby cove for overnight anchorage.

OVERNIGHT ABOARD GÜLETS (B,L,D)
SUNDAY TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 TO 19
CRUISING THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST
For the next four days, cruise from cove to cove along the spectacular Turkish Mediterranean coast. Disembark for daily hikes on shore with our local guide or lie back on deck and enjoy the passing scenery.
OVERNIGHT ABOARD GÜLETS (B,L,D—ALL 4 DAYS)

THURSDAY, JUNE 20
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 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)

FRIDAY, JUNE 21
EPHESUS / 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, 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 Bosphorus. PERA PALACE (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22
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, stop at the small yet lavishly decorated St. Saviour in Chora Church to see its many frescoes. Conclude the day with an introduction to the Grand Bazaar and some free time to wander this labyrinth of shops and cafes. PERA PALACE (B,L)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
ISTANBUL
Spend the 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 Bosporus for spectacular views of the city's skyline and the bridges linking Europe with Asia. PERA PALACE (B,L)

MONDAY, JUNE 24
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. Take advantage of an afternoon at leisure to explore more of this fascinating city. Toast the end of our journey at a private farewell reception and dinner at our hotel. PERA PALACE (B,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 25
ISTANBUL / U.S.
Depart Istanbul early this morning on independent flights back to the U.S. (B)
Trip Information

**DATES**
June 7 to 25, 2013 (19 days)

**SIZE**
Limited to 36 participants

**COST**
$7,795 per person, double occupancy
$9,995 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $200 per person

**INCLUDED**
- 12 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 5 nights aboard first-class, private gülets
- 17 breakfasts, 15 lunches and 13 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Bottled water on excursions
- 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
- Transfers and baggage handling
- 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
- Optional hot-air-balloon ride on June 12
- Passport and visa fees
- Private transfers
- 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 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 from San Francisco to Ankara, Turkey, and return from Istanbul, Turkey, is approximately $1,400 as of July 2012 and is subject to change without notice.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**
This program is moderately strenuous and at times physically demanding. Daily programs throughout involve one to three miles of walking or hiking 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 6 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 sundecks. Excursions during our cruise include hikes on rocky, hilly terrain and walking tours of small towns. Participants must be physically fit and in active 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 space for this program. Complete and return the attached reservation form or place your deposit online. 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 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 special benefits if you postmark your insurance payment within a specified window: 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter for the Waiver of Pre-Existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency; 21 days for the Cancel for Any Reason benefit.

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.

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 June 2012 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

Terms & Conditions

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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.

Dr. Milani is excited to return to Turkey with Stanford Travel/Study after leading our trip in 2012. He believes “today’s Turkey holds not only the pulse of tomorrow’s Middle East but yesterday’s heart of many ancient Roman, Christian and Muslim empires. It is hard to imagine a land more critical to understanding our common human heritage or to understanding developments in one of the most volatile regions of the world. It is a remarkable country at once stable and changing, modern and ancient, Western and Eastern.”

— Research fellow and co-director, Iran Democracy Project, Hoover Institution
— Hamid and Christina Moghadam Director of Iranian Studies, Stanford University
— Professor, political science department, Stanford University
— Author of numerous articles and books, including The Shah (Macmillan Palgrave, 2012)
— BA, political science and economics, 1970, UC-Berkeley
— PhD, political science, 1974, University of Hawaii,
“The Travel/Study program was enlightening with respect to the prosperity of present-day Turkey and the multiplicity of ancient civilizations that has contributed to Turkey’s history and culture.”

GREG STEEL & JANET WILSON, MD ’68, TURKEY SUITCASE SEMINAR, 2011