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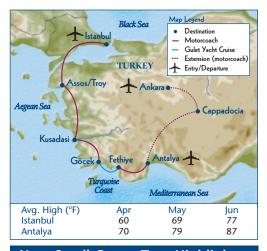
A Special Small Group Tour for Alumni and Friends of the Association of Rice Alumni

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xotic sights, scents, and sounds reign in this fascinating land where Europe and Asia meet. From Istanbul, magnificent "Empress of the World," to ancient ruins, stunning landscapes, and the dramatic Turquoise Coast where we board a privately chartered yacht for a distinctive four-day voyage, Turkey engages and beguiles, offering us an unparalleled small group travel experience.



#### Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Exotic Istanbul, including Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sofia ... Private Bosphorus cruise ... WWI battlefield of Gallipoli ... Ruins at ancient Troy, Pergamum, Ephesus ... Rustic village of Sirince ... Four-night "Blue Voyage" aboard privately chartered *gulet* yacht ... Cruising to secluded coves and hidden sites that few visitors see ... Opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, hiking ... Sunken Baths of Cleopatra ... 6"-century Byzantine monastery on Gemiler Island ... Ancient sites of Perge, Aspendos, Myra ... Three-night stay in Mediterranean resort of Antalya

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Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

#### Day 1: Depart U.S. for Istanbul, Turkey

**Day 2: Arrive Istanbul** We arrive in Turkey's cultural and spiritual heart today and transfer to our hotel. This evening, we have a briefing on our journey then take a short walking tour. Tonight we enjoy an authentic Turkish dinner at a local restaurant. *D* 

**Day 3: Istanbul** Here where the waters of the Marmara, Bosphorus, and Golden Horn meet, Europe greets Asia; past and present collide. We taste Istanbul's allure on a full-day tour that begins with the Roman Hippodrome, the 3,500-year-old obelisk brought from Egypt in 390 AD; the Blue Mosque, with its 20,000 blue Iznik tiles and signature six minarets; and Hagia Sofia, the 6<sup>th</sup>-century church that was Christendom's most important before becoming a mosque in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. After lunch at a local restaurant, we tour splendid Topkapi, medieval palace of sultans that today is one of the world's richest museums. **B,L** 

**Day 4: Istanbul** This morning we encounter the vast Grand Bazaar, housing 4,000 shops selling goods of all kinds; and the Spice Market, with exotic spices, nuts, and dried fruits from around the world. Next: a visit to the renowned Museum of Turkish & Islamic Art, housed in a restored palace. Then we take a private cruise on the Bosphorus Strait, the waterway that separates Europe from Asia. We stop in the village of Ortakoy, known for its trendy art scene, cafés, and boutiques. There's time to have lunch on our own before we return to our hotel mid-afternoon. **B** 

#### Day 5: Istanbul/Gallipoli/Troy/Assos

Leaving Istanbul this morning, we travel to the northern Aegean Coast for a brief visit to Gallipoli, haunting site of 31 Allied cemeteries

Cover photo: We spend four days aboard our privately chartered gulets on the stunning Turquoise Coast.



The spectacular ruins at Ephesus, which we visit on Day 7.

from World War I. Then we ferry across the Dardanelles to Troy, once believed to exist only in Homer's epic poem until the present site was discovered in the 1870s. After touring here we continue south to Behramkale, ancient Assos, where we spend the night. *B*<sub>2</sub>*L*<sub>2</sub>*D* 

**Day 6:** Assos/Pergamum/Kusadasi Today we explore one of Turkey's most spectacular ancient sites: windswept Pergamum, a major power in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> centuries BC, with a wealth of Hellenistic ruins. Then we continue on to Kusadasi. *B,L,D* 

Day 7: Kusadasi/Ephesus Few ancient sites compare to Ephesus, the world's best-preserved classical city which we explore today. Dating to at least 1300 BC, Ephesus was Asia Minor's largest metropolis and principal port. We also visit the acclaimed Ephesus Archaeological Museum housing relics from the ancient site. Then we enjoy lunch in the rustic village of Sirince. *B,L,D* 

**Day 8:** Kusadasi/Göcek Today we journey south to coastal Göcek, stopping along the way at a carpet factory to watch a demonstration of this age-old craft. Late afternoon we board our *gulets* for our first night on board. *B,L,D* 

Day 9: Cruising – Aga Limani/Cleopatra Baths Our route for the next few days is along the stunning coastline Antony is said to have given Cleopatra as a wedding gift. We begin our "Blue Voyage" this morning as we cruise to the hidden cove of Aga Limani. From here we have the option of taking a three-hour hike to the Greco-Roman ruins at Lydea, ending at the Sunken Baths of Cleopatra. Set in a breathtaking

inlet, the Baths offer crystal-clear waters for swimming and snorkeling. Those who prefer a less strenuous day can stay aboard the *gulets* as they sail to the Sunken Baths. *B*,*L*,*D* 

#### Day 10: Cruising – Ekincik Cove/Dalyan

This morning we disembark and drive to Dalyan, an environmentally protected area known for its loggerhead sea turtles. Here we board a small skiff for a trip through an intriguing maze of channels; high on the hills above we see well-preserved ancient Lycian rock tombs. After lunch we drive back to our *gulets* for a relaxing afternoon in this stunning setting. *B,L,D* 

#### Day 11: Cruising – Gemiler Island/Kayakoy

Today we cruise to Gemiler Island to tour its 6<sup>th</sup>-century Byzantine monastery. After lunch on board our *gulets* we drive to the Greek "ghost town" of Kayakoy, which was abandoned after World War I and is now preserved as a historical

#### Post-Tour Extension: May 24 - 28, 2010

#### CAPPADOCIA & ANKARA

5 days/4 nights for \$745 Single Supplement: \$145

We explore the bizarre rock formations and underground cities of Cappadocia and the Goreme Valley; and also tour Ankara, Turkey's capital.

#### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- 4 nights accommodations: 3 nights in Cappadocia at Uchisar Kaya Hotel (First Class); 1 night in Ankara at Hilton Ankara (Deluxe)
- 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

monument. We explore the town and its churches then return to our *gulets* for our last night on board. B,L,D

#### Day 12: Fethiye/Demre/Myra/Antalya

This morning we have a short cruise to Fethiye, disembark, bid farewell to our crew, and begin the drive to Antalya. Along the way we visit Demre to tour the striking Roman ruins at nearby Myra and visit the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Church of Saint Nicholas. After lunch in Demre we continue the drive along the Turquoise Coast to the resort town of Antalya. *B,L,D* 

**Day 13: Antalya** On a walking tour, we encounter highlights of Antalya's charming Old Town, including the extravagantly carved Hadrian's Gate and the lovely Yivli Minare (fluted minaret). After a visit to the Archaeological Museum, this afternoon is at leisure. Tonight we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D* 

Day 14: Antalya/Perge/Aspendos This morning we visit the ruins at ancient Perge, which reached its apex during the reign of Alexander the Great. We continue on to

#### **Our Private Turkish Gulets**





Indoor & outdoor public areas

Crew: 4 Avg. Length: 85 ft Passenger Capacity: 14 Avg. Width: 21 ft

This tour includes a four-night cruise aboard privately chartered gulet yachts. Gulets are teakwood with a broad sun deck plus both indoor and outdoor dining areas. Cabins are small but comfortable, each with private facilities.

#### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights' accommodations: 9 nights in Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels; 4 nights aboard privately chartered gulet yacht
- 33 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 11 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- · Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Aspendos, whose huge theater is considered among the best preserved in all of antiquity. This afternoon is at leisure before we gather for a farewell dinner this evening. *B*,*D* 

**Day 15: Depart for U.S.** We board early flights to return to the United States. *B* 



The Blue Mosque boasts beautiful domes and six minarets.

#### Tour Departs: May 10, 2010

New York	\$3,395
Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Miami, Washington, DC	\$3,695
Atlanta, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis	\$3,795
Dallas, Denver, Houston,	

Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), \$3,895 San Francisco, Seattle

Land Only (transfers not included) \$2,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in an outside cabin. Single travelers please add \$995. Please note that single room availability is very limited. All prices above are quaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$3,695 per person (Business Class upgrade is subject to availability and the pricing is subject to change.) Airline taxes and departure fees of \$397 per person will be listed separately on your invoice, and are subject to change.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For reservations and information, please call Rose Sundin in the Association of Rice Alumni office at

(800) 742-3258 or (713) 348-4678 or

fax your reservation to (713) 348-5210



#### Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are pleased to announce a special 15-day tour to legendary Turkey and its magnificent Turquoise Coast. We'll explore this vast country where Europe and Asia — past and present — meet to form the "cradle of civilization." Accompanied by a seasoned Turkish tour director, we'll visit remote villages, explore fascinating archaeological sites, and cruise the Turquoise Coast in a privately chartered yacht. We are happy to be sharing this departure with alumni and friends of Wake Forest University.

Our odyssey begins in Istanbul with its many treasures: the legendary Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and the 6<sup>th</sup>-century Hagia Sofia. We then travel south to explore the World War I battlefield of Gallipoli, the fabled ruins of ancient Troy, the Greco-Roman ruins at Pergamum, and spectacular Ephesus, the world's best-preserved classical city. In Göcek we'll board our traditional private *gulet* yachts, equipped with individual cabins and baths, to cruise the coastline Antony is said to have given Cleopatra as a wedding gift. We'll visit tiny fishing villages, walk among ancient ruins, and swim and snorkel in the Mediterranean's brilliant blue waters. Our tour concludes with three nights in the seaside resort of Antalya. An optional 5-day/4-night post-tour extension to Cappadocia and Ankara is also available.

Please join us on this wonderful tour. Space will fill up fast; your early reservations are encouraged.

Warm regards,

Rose Sundin

Associate Director

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### RICE UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: LEGENDARY TURKEY Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_(\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ person/people on Legendary Turkey departing

May 10, 2010. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be

Badge Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to request a Business Class upgrade. 

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I desire a single room (limited availability).

Post-Tour Cappadocia & Ankara Extension: Please sign me/us up.

Please book my air from \_\_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for *Legendary Turkey, May 10 - 24, 2010*, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Method of Payment						
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#### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

#### Not included in tour price

Airfare from your hometown to your gateway city and return; costs of passports and visas; airport, port, and departure taxes, which will be listed as separate items on your invoice and are subject to change; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airline baggage fees; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities, \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); optional sight-seeing or shore excursions; travel protection insurance.

#### **Cancellations, refunds and changes**

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund. If a guest makes any changes to their reservation within 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.

**Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport.** In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

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We request that you be in fairly good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Association of Rice Alumni, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.



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