

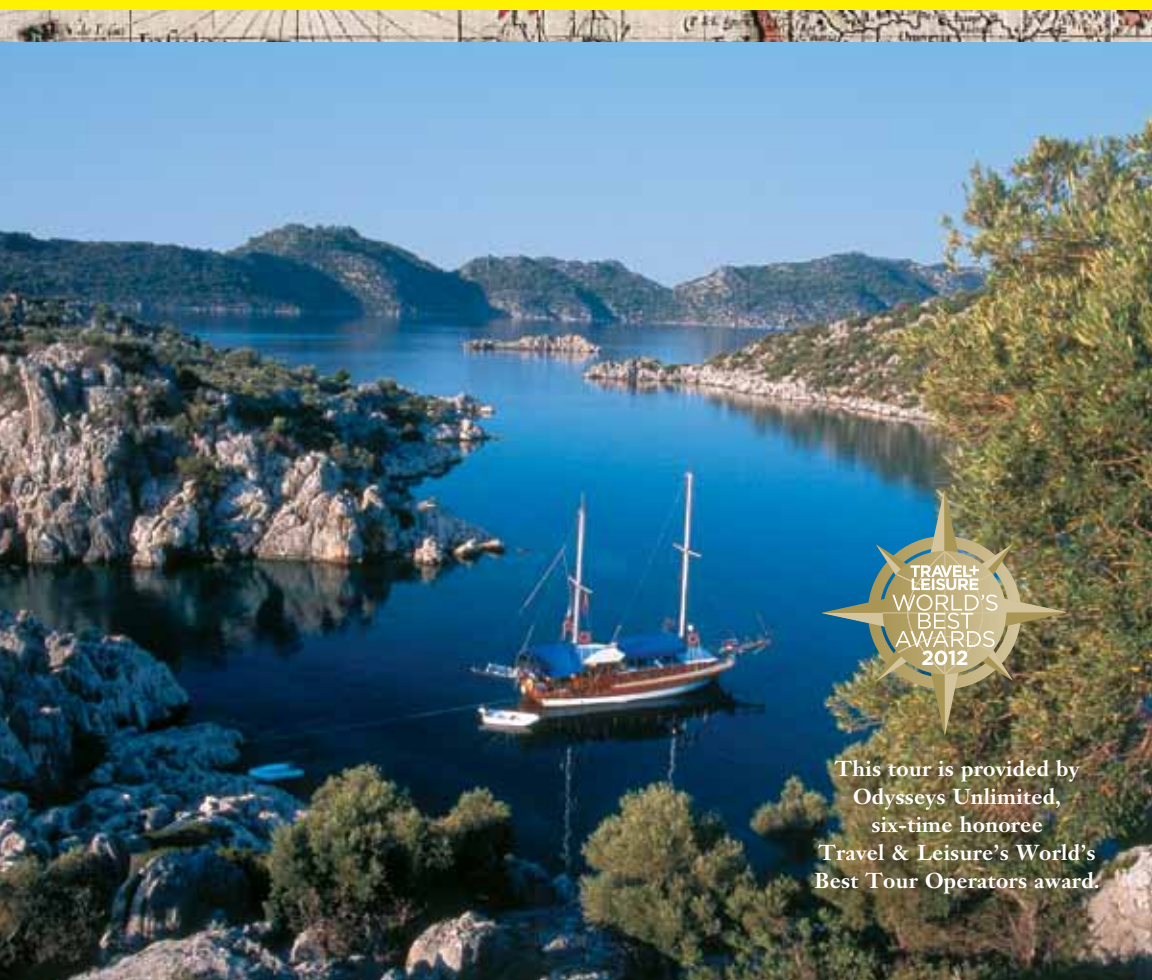


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# LEGENDARY TURKEY

FROM ISTANBUL TO THE TURQUOISE COAST

**15 days from \$4,492 total price from Houston**  
**(\$4,095 air & land inclusive plus \$397 airline taxes and departure fees)**



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Odysseys Unlimited,  
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April 23-May 7, 2013  
An Exclusive Small Group Tour  
for Alumni and Friends of the  
Association of Rice Alumni

*Featuring Dr. Lisa Balabanlilar, Department of History*

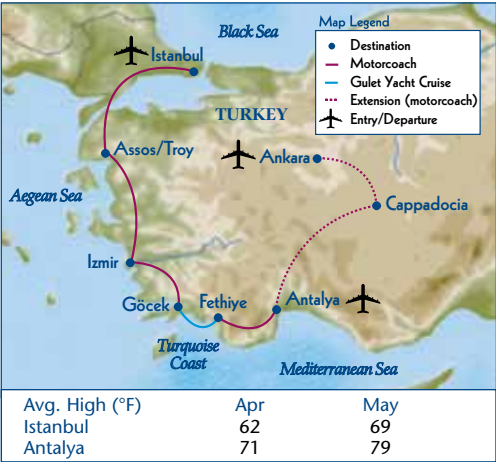
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Exotic sights, scents, and sounds reign in this fascinating land where Europe and Asia meet. From Istanbul, magnificent “Empress of the World,” to ancient ruins, stunning landscapes, and the dramatic Turquoise Coast where we board a privately chartered 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 Sophia ... 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 ... Ancient site of Perge ... Antalya’s acclaimed Archaeological Museum

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Istanbul		
2-5	Istanbul	Hilton Istanbul Hotel	Deluxe
6	Assos/Troy	Nazlihan Hotel	Not rated
7-8	Izmir	Swissotel Grand Efes	Deluxe
9-12	Turquoise Coast cruise	Gulet yacht	Not rated
13-14	Antalya	Rixos Antalya Downtown	Sup. First Class
15	Depart Antalya for U.S.		

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 located near Taksim Square, the heart of modern Istanbul. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned; on our own we can explore the area surrounding our hotel or simply relax.

**Day 3: Istanbul** We get our first real taste of this city straddling two continents today as we set out on a walking tour along lively pedestrian Istiklal Street, lined with boutiques, galleries, restaurants, and late Ottoman-era buildings. We see the acclaimed mosaics and frescoes at Chora Church (now Kariye Museum) then take a panoramic drive along Istanbul’s Old City walls. Next we take a short walk through Balat, the traditional Jewish quarter, to the Spice Market. After lunch on our own here, we take a private cruise on the Bosphorus, the waterway that separates Europe from Asia. This evening we take a short walk to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner of traditional Turkish fare. **B,D**

**Day 4: Istanbul** Today we encounter Old Istanbul, beginning with the ancient Roman Hippodrome, the 3,500-year-old obelisk brought from Egypt in 390 CE. We continue on to the renowned Museum of Turkish & Islamic Art, housing priceless artifacts from the 8th to 20th centuries. Next we visit the Blue Mosque, with its 20,000 blue Iznik tiles and signature six minarets. After lunch at a local restaurant we continue on to Hagia Sophia, the 6th-century church that was Christendom’s most important before becoming a mosque in the 15th century. **B,L**

Cover photo: The Blue Mosque, symbol of Istanbul



*Our tour includes a four-night "Blue Voyage" along the legendary Turquoise Coast.*

**Day 5: Istanbul** This morning we tour splendid Topkapi, for 400 years the palace of Ottoman sultans that today ranks among the world's richest museums. Our next stop is the Grand Bazaar, the covered market housing some 5,000 shops along 60 "streets." The remainder of the day and evening is free for independent exploration. **B**

**Day 6: 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 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,L,D**

**Day 7: Assos/Pergamum/Izmir** Today we explore one of Turkey's most spectacular ancient sites: windswept Pergamum, a major power in the 3rd and 2nd centuries BCE, with a wealth of Hellenistic ruins. Then we continue on to Izmir. **B,L,D**

**Day 8: Izmir/Ephesus** Few ancient sites compare to Ephesus, the world's best-preserved classical city which we explore today. We also visit the acclaimed Ephesus Archaeological Museum housing relics from the ancient site. Lunch is in the rustic village of Sirince. **B,L**

**Day 9: Izmir/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*. **B,L,D**

**Day 10: Cruising – Aga Limani/Cleopatra Baths** 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 11: Cruising – Ekincik Cove/Dalyan** This morning we disembark and coach 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. **B,L,D**

#### Post-Tour Extension: May 7-11, 2013

### CAPPADOCIA & ANKARA

**5 days/4 nights for \$995 total price**

Single Supplement: \$195

*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 Ankara Hilton (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



## Day 12: Cruising – Gemiler Island/Kayakoy

Today we cruise to Gemiler Island to tour its 6th-century Byzantine monastery. Then we coach to the Greek “ghost town” of Kayakoy, abandoned after World War I and now preserved as a historical monument. We explore the town and its churches then return to our *gulets* for our last night on board. **B,L,D**

**Day 13: Fethiye/Antalya** We cruise this morning to Fethiye, where we disembark then motorcoach through the Taurus Mountains for Antalya. After stopping for lunch en route, we reach the seaside city mid-afternoon and visit the acclaimed Archaeological Museum here. **B,L**

**Day 14: Antalya/Perge** This morning we visit the ruins at Perge, an ancient Greek city. Then we return to Antalya for a walking tour of its charming Old Town, including Hadrian’s Gate and the lovely Yivli Minare (Fluted Minaret). This afternoon is at leisure before tonight’s farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **B,D**

**Day 15: Depart for U.S.** This morning we board an early flight for our return to the United States. **B**

### Our Private Turkish Gulets



Indoor & outdoor public areas

Crew: 4

Passenger Capacity: 14

Avg. Length: 85 ft

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, Deluxe, and unrated hotels; 4 nights aboard privately chartered gulet yacht
- 30 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 8 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

## Meet Your Rice Host



**Dr. Lisa Balabanlilar** has served as an assistant professor in the Department of History at Rice University since joining the faculty in 2007. She is a scholar of the Mughal dynasty and her research focuses on Islamic kingship among Turks. Additionally, Dr. Balabanlilar has studied the Ottoman history throughout her graduate program. In 2012, she published her book *Imperial Identity in the Mughal Empire: Memory and Dynastic Politics in Early Modern South and Central Asia* and has other articles appear in various academic journals. At Rice, she has been recognized as the 2010 winner of the Phi Beta Kappa Sophie Meyer Farb Prize for Teaching Excellence.

## Tour Departs: April 23, 2013

*Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.*

New York	\$3,992
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Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Miami, Philadelphia, Tampa, Washington, DC	\$4,292
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Atlanta, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis	\$4,392
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Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$4,492
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Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,195
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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees of \$397, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add \$995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees) are guaranteed. Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$4,995 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and the pricing is 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 Dan Stypa in the Association of Rice Alumni office at**

**(800) 742-3258 or  
(713) 348-5094 or**

**fax your reservation to  
(713) 348-5210**



Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Association of Rice Alumni invites you to join us on a special 15-day tour to legendary Turkey and its magnificent Turquoise Coast. Come 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 you will visit remote villages, explore fascinating archaeological sites and cruise the Turquoise Coast in a privately chartered yacht.

As an added benefit, you will also be accompanied by Rice professor, **Dr. Lisa Balabanlilar**, on this Turkish exploration. Dr. Balabanlilar is intimately familiar with the areas visited during this trip and has traveled on the Mavi Yolculuk cruise and boated the entire coastline. Her first-hand experience in the area will be invaluable as she enlightens us on the historical and cultural significance of this area in world society.

Your odyssey begins in Istanbul with its many treasures: the legendary Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and the 6th-century Hagia Sophia. 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, board a traditional private *gulet* yacht, equipped with individual cabins and baths, to cruise the coastline which, it is said, Antony gave to Cleopatra as a wedding gift. Next, visit tiny fishing villages, walk among ancient ruins and swim and snorkel in the Mediterranean’s brilliant blue waters. Your tour concludes with two nights in the seaside resort of Antalya. An optional 5-day/4-night post-tour extension to Cappadocia and Ankara is also available.

With room for only 28 guests total on this exclusive Rice departure, space will fill quickly. Please call us today to reserve your place!

Warm Regards,

Dan Stypa  
Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs  
Association of Rice Alumni

### RICE UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: LEGENDARY TURKEY

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person/people on **Legendary Turkey** departing **April 23, 2013**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and send with completed registration form to: **Office of Alumni Affairs - MS 520, Rice University, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892**. Or contact **Dan Stypa** at the Association of Rice Alumni office toll-free at **800-742-3258** or at **713-348-5094**. You may also fax your reservation to **713-348-5210**.

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/we request a Business Class upgrade ☐

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I desire a single room (limited availability) ☐

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

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Legendary Turkey, April 23-May 7, 2013**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure.

## 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 when purchasing a land only package; costs of passports and visas; 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 traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

### **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: \$2000 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 from 94 to 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, your date of birth and gender.** 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.

### **Responsibility**

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We request that you be in 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 and boats 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 assumes no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.



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