



TURKEY, LAND AND SEA: 16 DAYS, departing on June 11, 2013
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A FASCINATING DESTINATION, TURKEY

Turkey is a crucial corner of the stage on which the history of Western Civilization has played out. The people in the Bible who left records of their activities in Turkey span the ages from Noah to Paul. In Turkey, early Christianity took shape and spread until it had become the state religion of the Roman Empire by the end of the fourth century. A Biblical and cultural tour through Turkey is both a physical and a spiritual search for the genesis of early Christian communities. Travelers will gain understanding of Christian history and theology and personal inspiration by visiting the ancient Christian sites and observing local customs that are reminiscent of Biblical references. A journey through one's own faith, seeking understanding, will enrich travelers forever.

We designed this fabulous land and sea combination to spoil you for a lifetime. After discovering the historical and cultural layers of Istanbul, we follow the footsteps of the Apostle Paul in his journeys and visit the extensive ruins of Ephesus. We spend four glorious days onboard absorbing the beauty of Turkey's serene Mediterranean coast and enjoying the relaxing pleasures of yacht life. The Turquoise Coast is an unsurpassed combination of tranquility, natural beauty, hospitable locals, al fresco food, and amazing encounters with sites of ancient splendor. Mornings and afternoons we head ashore for walks in pine-forested hills that lead us to hidden and forgotten treasures: ancient churches, castles, ruined Byzantine monasteries, Lycian tombs, and sunken cities. At night, the captain finds us a tranquil, secluded cove for our overnight anchorage. Al fresco meals are prepared daily and served on deck while the sun is setting. After the yacht tour we visit the magnificent Roman sites of Perge and Aspendos, the best preserved Roman theater. We end our travel program by exploring the lunar and surrealistic landscape of Cappadocia.

We will unveil the historical, Biblical, and cultural heritage of Turkey while enjoying the comfort and luxury of our tour. Welcome to Turkey, world-famous Turkish hospitality, and Gonzaga comradery!

Day 1 Tuesday, June 11 - Flight Day

Depart the US on a flight to Istanbul

Day 2 Wednesday, June 12 - Istanbul

Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to the hotel. Welcome meeting and orientation walk in the Sultanahmet Square. Our welcome dinner will be in a local restaurant. D *First class hotel*

Day 3 Thursday, June 13 - Istanbul

Today explore the great ancient landmarks of Istanbul in Sultanahmet Square. Visit the Roman Hippodrome, and Hagia Sophia, the religious center of the Byzantine Empire. Then continue to the Istanbul Archeological Museum, featuring many Hellenistic and Roman treasures, especially Alexander's sarcophagus from Sidon. Finish the day in the labyrinth of the Grand Bazaar. B

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Day 4 Friday, June 14 - Istanbul

Visit the Ottoman Topkapi Palace with Harem, the Blue Mosque and the Byzantine Underground Cistern. Later, stroll through the bazaars of Istanbul, the Spice Market, and then take pleasure in a cruise along the Bosphorus on a private boat. B

Day 5 Saturday, June 15 - Kusadasi

Morning flight to Izmir and transfer to Selcuk Town. Explore the well-known ancient site of Ephesus and environs. Ephesus contains extensive ruins of the agora, the Library of Celsus with its imposing façade, the biggest theater, and the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Visit the Selcuk Museum and Basilica of St John in the afternoon. BLD *First class hotel*

Day 6 Sunday, June 16 – on board, Marmaris

After breakfast, celebrate mass in the House of Virgin Mary. After lunch, visit Miletus where Paul made his farewell speech to the Ephesian elders and explore the magnificent temple of Apollo in Didyma. Continue to Marmaris in the afternoon to embark our gulet, a traditional Turkish wooden boat. Your experienced crew, including captain, cook, and sailors, will help with any request you may have while aboard. BLD

Day 7 Monday, June 17- on board, Ekincik

Cruise early morning to Dalyan and take a boat trip on Dalyan River and its delta, the breeding ground for *caretta-caretta* turtles. Visit the ancient city of Kaunos, famed for the spectacular rock-cut tombs hallowed on the sheer cliff in the 4 C BC. Spend the afternoon in leisure after returning to our gulet. BLD

Day 8 Tuesday, June 18 - on board, Sunken Bath Bay

Cruise along the Lycian Coastline, one of the most amazing coastlines in Turkey. The Lycian turquoise coast is known for its unmatched natural beauty and fascinating ancient ruins which lie semi-submerged in the sea. The warm turquoise waters provide a beautiful contrast with the green pine trees and mountains that sweep right down the coast. Hike up to Lydea and the Roman tombs where nomads still live. Enjoy dinner on board under the dazzling Mediterranean stars. BLD

Day 9 Wednesday, June 19 - on board, Gemiler Island

We will walk in Kayakoy, the deserted Greek Village after WWI and discover the history of early 20th century in the story of these people. After lunch on board we will enjoy the refreshing Mediterranean water and visit Gemiler Island crowned by the monasteries on the pilgrimage route from Europe. Dinner will be served on board in the shelter of the silhouette of the islands. BLD

Day 10 Thursday, June 20 – on board, Fethiye

After breakfast, enjoy swimming within the sheltered cove, or relax and read a book while sunning in the unrivaled tranquility of the Mediterranean Sea. Share the supreme inspiration of the sailors and passengers throughout history. Sail to Gocek by catching the cool Mediterranean breeze while enjoying a siesta or reading on the deck. We will enjoy our dinner in Fethiye Fish market. BLD

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Day 11 Friday, June 21, the Feast Day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga – Antalya

After breakfast, bid farewell to our crew and drive the scenic route of the Lycian Coast to Antalya. We will visit Myra and the church of St Nicholas on the way. We will stay in Antalya overlooking the Antalya Gulf and the Taurus Mountains. BLD *First class hotel*

Day 12 Saturday, June 22 – Antalya

Enjoy the tour of the Archeological Museum to view exhibits of archeological findings from Perge, Aspendos, and other sites in the region. Afterwards, visit Perge, a Hellenistic city that welcomed Alexander on the way to Gordion in 333 BC. With its cascading pools, the city was bisected by the colonnaded marble street which still bears the ruts of wagon wheels. After lunch, stroll through the streets of the old harbor with a treasure hunt and enjoy a free late afternoon in downtown Antalya or on the beach along the Mediterranean. BD

Day 13 Sunday, June 23 – Cappadocia

Visit Aspendos to tour the best preserved Roman theater and aqueducts in Asia Minor. Travel through the most picturesque route from Antalya to Konya over the Taurus Mountains. After lunch on the way visit the Mevlana Museum, the center of the whirling dervishes, in Konya and discover their humanistic theology based on love and respect to the diversity of the universe. Continue along the Silk Road until Cappadocia. BLD *First class hotel*

Day 14 Monday, June 24 – Cappadocia

Start the day with a scenic walk in Cappadocia and explore the lunar and surrealistic landscape of the region with its valleys and churches. Visit the Goreme Open-Air Museum and its churches with vivid frescoes depicting the Biblical scenes as the best example of local Byzantine art. After lunch, enjoy a lecture about legendary Turkish carpets in Goreme town. Stroll through the fairy-chimneys of the Red and Pasabag Valleys. Dinner will be served in one of the valleys with local musicians. BLD

Day 15 Tuesday, June 25 – Cappadocia

Start the day with an optional balloon ride over the region. Travel to the less visited sites of Cappadocia. The dramatic settlement of the Mustafa Pasa Village attracts travelers to its distant beauty as well as the vibrant people of the village. Then continue to Ayvali to enjoy a village lunch prepared in a village house and to explore the labyrinths of the Underground Cities of the region. End our day by visiting the pottery-making town of Avanos along the River Halys. BLD

Day 16 Wednesday, June 26 - Departure

Transfer to Kayseri or Nevsehir Airport and fly back to the U.S. or extend your stay in Istanbul. B

PRICE IN USD PER PERSON STAYING DOUBLE ROOM

PRICE IN USD	GROUP SIZE	16	18	20	22	24	26
PER PERSON IN DBL ROOM & CABIN		3,750	3,590	3,490	3,390	3,330	3,280
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT JUST IN HOTELS		590					
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IN HOTELS-YACHT		1,100					

A Pre-Trip Meeting to answer questions and give you a more complete feel for this adventure of a lifetime will be held at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 30, at the Huetter Mansion on Gonzaga’s campus.

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What's included?

- First class hotel accommodations
- Luxury traditional wooden gulet or ketch (traditional Turkish boats) with dinghy, galley, outdoor sun-bathing area, fresh water tank, waste water tank, generator (220V), refrigerator, freezer, and ice machine,
- Air-conditioned cabins with private shower and bathroom. Mattresses, towels, and bed linens
- All meals with bottled water as indicated: B = 14 breakfasts, L = 10 lunches, D = 12 dinners. Most dinners will be specializing in the local cuisine
- Professional and English-speaking guide
- Domestic airfare from Istanbul to Izmir in economy class and their taxes
- Air-conditioned vehicle with professional tour driver
- Hotel and restaurant tips
- Arrival and departure group flight transfers
- Complete program of tours as indicated in itinerary. All entrance fees, admissions, and parking fees
- Baggage handling
- Embarkation fees in the harbor
- Two free tour leaders during the entire program

What's excluded?

- International airfares and domestic airfare from Cappadocia to Istanbul, airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages during the meals on both land and yacht portions of the tour
- Visa (to be obtained on arrival at airport in Turkey for \$20 per person)
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, and crew
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, mini-bar expenses
- Travel and health insurance

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