

PRE TOUR TO ISTANBUL TO BE COMBINED WITH THE
THANKSGIVING 7 CHURCHES TOUR

TURKEY

NOVEMBER 21 THROUGH NOVEMBER 24, 2009



THIS ALL INCLUSIVE PRE THANKSGIVING TOUR WILL GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ISTANBUL AND IZMIR TURKEY OVER YOUR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

YOUR PRE TOUR WILL INCLUDE GUIDED TOURS OF TOPKAPI PALACE, PALACE OF THE OTTOMAN SULTANS, THE WORLD FAMOUS BLUE MOSQUE, EGYPTIAN SPICE BAZAAR, HIPPODROME, ST. SOPHIA'S THE CISTERN, SADBBERK HANIM MUSEUM AND A BOATRIDE UP THE BOSPHORUS STRAIT TOWARDS THE BLACK SEA. THERE WILL AMPLE TIME TO EXPLORE THE WORLD FAMOUS GRAND BAZAAR!! ACCOMADATIONS WILL BE AT THE ARCADIA HOTEL IN THE HEART OF THE OLD CITY, THE SULTAN AHMET DISTRICT. ARCADIA HOTEL HAS FABULOUS VIEWS OF THE BLUE MOSQUE AND THE BOSPHORUS STRAIT. THE GRAND BAZAAR AND ALL SITES VISITED ARE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE HOTEL. THE DOLLAR IS STILL STRONG IN TURKEY! GREAT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

****THIS TOUR IS THE PRE ISTANBUL TOUR TO BE COMBINED
WITH THE THANKSGIVING 7CHURCHES TOUR. PLEASE VIEW
THE 7 CHURCHES BROCHURE ON THE WEB SITE**

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ISTANBUL PRE TOUR THANKSGIVING ITINERARY

21/24 NOVEMBER 2009

- NOV 21 SAT** ARRIVAL ISTANBUL. CHECK INTO YOUR HOTEL. REMAINDER OF THE DAY IS AT LEISURE. KATIE WILL BE IN THE HOTEL TO MEET YOU!
- NOV 22 SUN** BREAKFAST. MORNING TOUR OF TOPKAPI PALACE, HOME OF THE OTTOMAN SULTANS. VISIT TO THE FAMOUS TOPKAPI TREASURY WITH ARTIFACTS TO RIVAL THE CROWN JEWELS, INCLUDING THE 86 CARAT SPOON MAKERS DIAMOND, VISIT THE KITCHEN AND THE BUILDING HOLDING THE HOLY RELIC'S OF MOHAMMAD. AFTERNOON TOUR OF THE WORLD FAMOUS BLUE MOSQUE BUILT IN THE 17TH CENTURY BY SINAN THE MOST FAMOUS OTTOMAN ARCHITECT. THE BLUE MOSQUE TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE DECORATION OF BLUE TILES FROM THE CITY OF IZNIK. PERHAPS ENJOY DINNER IN ONE OF ISTANBUL'S EXCELLENT RESTAURANTS (NOT INC.)
- NOV 23 MON** BREAKFAST. VISIT TO THE EGYPTIAN BAZAAR WHERE SPICES HAVE BEEN TRADED FOR CENTURIES. THEN ENJOY A BOATRIDE ON THE BOSPHORUS STRAIT CONNECTING THE BLACK SEA AND THE SEA OF MARMARIS. VIEW THE HOMES AND PALACES FROM OTTOMAN TIMES BUILT ON THE BANKS OF THE BOSPHORUS DIVIDING THE ASIAN AND EUROPEAN CONTINENTS. LUNCH (NOT INC.) IS PLANNED IN A FISH RESTAURANT ALONG THE BOSPHORUS. AFTERNOON VISIT TO THE SADBERK HANIM MUSEUM WITH ARTIFACTS FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN TIMES. AFTERNOON VISIT TO THE GRAND BAZAAR.
- NOV 24 TUE** BREAKFAST. MORNING WALKING TOUR OF THE ANCIENT ROMAN HIPPODROME, WITH ITS EGYPTIAN OBELISK AND SERPENTINE COLUMN. CHARIOT RACES WERE HELD IN THE HIPPODROME DURING ROMAN TIMES. NEXT YOU WILL VISIT BASILICA CISTERN WHERE WATER WAS STORED FOR TOPKAPI PALACE AND SOPHIA'S BUILT AS A CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE 5TH CEN. AD, THEN USED AS A MOSQUE DURING OTTOMAN TIMES. TODAY IT IS A MUSEUM AND IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF EARLY BYZANTINE ARCHITECTURE. VIEW THE FABULOUS MOSAICS FROM THE 5TH CENTURY. AFTERNOON AT LEISURE TO EXPLORE ISTANBUL. EARLY EVENING TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT FOR YOUR FLIGHT TO IZMIR.

TOUR INCLUDES

- ALL BREAKFASTS
- 4 NIGHTS IN ARCADIA 4 STAR HOTEL IN THE HEART OF THE OLD CITY
- GUIDED TOUR AND ALL ENTRANCES TO SITES MENTIONED IN ISTANBUL ITINERARY

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENSES

- LUNCHES AND DINNERS
- PERSONAL EXPENSES
- CUSTOMARY TIPS TO GUIDES AND DRIVERS
- \$20 VISA FEE AT ARRIVAL IN TURKEY

**TOUR "Land only" COST \$550 (AIR INC W/ 7 CHURCHES TOUR)
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$100**

DOCUMENTS US PASSPORT

TOUR LEADER WILL BE KATIE MEYER M.A. ART HISTORY WITH OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE LEADING TOURS TO TURKEY. THIS TOUR IS ALL INCLUSIVE. PLEASE COMPARE THIS TOUR OTHER TURKEY TOUR ITINERARIES. HOTEL IS LOCATED IN EXCELLENT CENTRAL LOCATION. ALL TOURS LISTED ON THE ITINERARY ARE INCLUDED. DEVIATIONS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED IF TRAVELING FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN GERMANY. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL OR CONTACT:

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DEPOSIT OF \$300 IS DUE NO LATER 1 OCTOBER 2009. TOUR IS BASED ON 10 PARTICIPANTS. ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH LESS THAN 10 PARTICIPANTS. BALANCE DUE 1 NOVEMBER 2009. PLEASE FILL OUT THE "BOOKING REQUEST FORM" ON THE WEBSITE WWW.MEYERTRAVELGROUP.COM PLS SEND THE BOOKING REQUEST FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO "MEYER TRAVEL GROUP", 1005 CROATIA COURT, ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA 95661. BOOKING REQUEST FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR DEPOSIT.

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