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## A SIX DAY GETAWAY TO ISTANBUL

Discovering Turkey's Capital City

April 19 to 25, 2024

Seven days, five nights accommodation, airfare, included sightseeing, various meals from Washington Dulles (IAD)



Istanbul has long served as the intersection between Europe and Asia. In its lofty position over the Bosphorus between the Dardanelles and the Black Sea, the ancient walled city has served as the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire (Constantinople), the Byzantine Empire (Byzantium), and the Ottoman Empire under its current name. Istanbul impresses her visitors with a magnificence made venerable by time. Home to the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque as well as the Topkapi, Dolmabahce, and Beylerbeyi Palaces, Istanbul is well known for its wealth of architectural achievement. It is also a thriving hub of international commerce and modern Middle Eastern culture.

Please join George Bent, popular W&L art historian, for an informative and enjoyable exploration of this timeless city.

For additional information, contact: The W&L Traveller, Office of Lifelong Learning at (540) 458-8723

## ITINERARY

**Day 01: Fri Apr 19, 2024 - Departure from the USA** on your overnight flight to Turkey.

**Day 02: Sat Apr 20, 2024 - Istanbul (WC, D).** Arrive in Istanbul, the world's only city located on two continents! Proceed through customs and collect your luggage. A local guide and host will personally greet you. Departure and transfer by deluxe coach to your hotel centrally located in Istanbul. This evening, enjoy a welcome cocktail followed by a dinner at the hotel.

**Day 03: Sun Apr 21, 2024 - Istanbul (B,L).** After breakfast depart for a full-day historical tour of Istanbul. The entire city of Istanbul is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Its strategic location on the Bosphorus Peninsula, the Black Sea, and the Mediterranean has made Istanbul a major political, religious, and artistic center for over 2000 years. Our touring today will include St. Sophia Museum, the finest and most famous example of Byzantine architecture in the world, Topkapi Palace, imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans and today housing priceless collections of artifacts, jewelry and rare porcelain, and the iconic Blue Mosque, built during the Ottoman Empire's Golden Age and famous for its stunning blue Iznik tiles. Also included are lunch and visit to the Grand Covered Bazaar dating back to the 15th century, which amazingly has over 2,000 shops under one roof. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 04: Mon Apr 22, 2024 - Istanbul (B,L).** After breakfast and morning lecture in the hotel, we depart for a full day Bosphorus and Asia tour. We will visit the Egyptian Spice Market which has a wide array spices and culinary Turkish delights. Lunch today is included. We will cross the Bosphorus, the strait separating the European and the Asian parts of Istanbul and connecting the Marmara Sea at the south to the Black Sea in the north. Our private boat tour offers a delightful mixture of the past and the present highlighting the grand splendor and quaint beauty of the ancient wooden mansions, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. Disembark on the Asian side and visit Beylerbeyi Palace, and Camlica Hill for a panoramic view of Istanbul. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 05: Tue Apr 23, 2024 - Istanbul (B).** Breakfast and morning lecture. Day at leisure or optional full day tour. We will start the program today with a visit to the Sadberk Museum, whose compilation of artifacts offers a tour of Turkey in one place, since the collections in this museum provide a summary view of the long and varied history of this land. Privately owned by the industrialist Koc family, this museum houses the family collections of Turkish arts (tiles, carpets, bronze and wooden objects) and ethnography as well as archaeological objects ranging from the Neolithic (5500 BC) to Greek and Roman, all discovered in Turkey. On the way, we stop at the magnificent Rumelihisari Castle built by Turks in 1452, the year before the siege of Istanbul. We'll then pause for some free time in Ortakoy village, with time for lunch on your own. Ortakoy is a typical waterfront village and has an unexpected charm, with its pleasing jumble of old buildings and narrow streets. It has recently become a center for artists and craftsman who have their studios and art galleries in the village. Our last visit will be to Miniaturk; is a miniature park situated at the north-eastern shore of Golden Horn in Istanbul. Featured are historical structures like the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus and the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 06: Wed Apr 24, 2024 - Istanbul (B, D).**

After breakfast and a morning lecture in the hotel, we depart for a special discovery of Istanbul. Today we will explore the Pera district (Beyoglu). Walk over the Galata bridge and from there we will use the historical subway (the first underground subway in Turkey) and proceed to the tunnel district and visit the Galata tower that was built in 1348 by the Genoans. We will make it a point to allow some time to stop and enjoy a Turkish Coffee in the Jewish quarters of the city. Later proceed to Istiklal avenue and Pera museum, which will be a very nice visit. Our tour continues to the "French Street" to taste Turkish wine in a magical atmosphere. We'll have free time at the flower market area which now hosts a significant number of fish restaurants and is surrounded by typical marketplaces. The afternoon will not be complete without taking a ride on the historical tram of Istanbul terminating at Taksim square. A farewell dinner will be at a local restaurant along the Bosphorus. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 07: Thu Apr 25, 2024 - Istanbul (B).** Departure transfer to the airport.

### **This tour includes:**

- R/T airfare from IAD. \*Alternative gateways available upon request.
- Five nights hotel accommodation at the M Gallery Artisan Istanbul or similar ([www.theartisanistanbul.com](http://www.theartisanistanbul.com))
- Daily breakfasts, 2 lunches at local restaurants (includes one soft drink per person).
- Welcome cocktail at hotel followed by a dinner including limited local drinks (soft drinks, beer, or local wine)
- Farewell dinner at local restaurant along the Bosphorus including limited local drinks (soft drinks, beer or local wine)
- Private boat during the Bosphorus cruise
- Entrance fees to the sites and museums as indicated above
- Services of professional English speaking guide and air-conditioned coach as per above itinerary
- Gratuities for Tour Manager and Coach Driver
- Portage at hotel
- Headset service throughout the tour

### **Not included:**

- Entrance fees not mentioned
- Personal expenditures (i.e. minibar, laundry, etc.)
- Travel insurance
- Luggage service at the airport
- Visa



## Post Extension to Cappadocia:

**Day 07: Thu Apr 25, 2024 - ISTANBUL/NEVSEHIR OR KAYSERI/CAPPADOCIA (D).** In the morning, we transfer to the airport for the flight to Kayseri or Nevsehir. Upon arrival drive to Cappadocia, where our sightseeing begins. Along the drive to the heart of Cappadocia, your guide will explain about the history and unique geology of the area. The first stop is at the famous **Devrent Valley** with some of the most spectacular rock formations. Here the hoodoos have eroded naturally to form interesting shapes including the well-known camel rock that stands at the front of the valley. Next stop is the Zelve-Pasabag Valley where the iconic Fairy Chimneys dot the landscape. **Pasabag (or Monk's) Valley** has a rich and fascinating history and offers plenty of opportunities for photos and fresh air while visitors walk among the different rock formations. We continue on with a full lunch at a local restaurant offering traditional Turkish dishes from the region. Located along the longest river in Turkey, the ancient city of Avenos was the center of the Hittite pottery-makers. Today the same red and white clay from the surrounding hills is used to create the famous pottery. We can watch the artisan potters carrying on the traditions of their forefathers, using the same Hittite kick-wheel techniques that have been used for more than 4000 years. We will also stop at the UNESCO World Heritage site of the **Goreme Open Air Museum**. As we tour through the many rock-cut cave churches adorned with intricate paintings from the New Testament, your guide will explain the history of the churches and the impressive iconography in the murals. Our final location of the day is at the highest village in Cappadocia - **the stunning Uchisar rock-castle fortress**. With views across the region, this incredible location is one of the most interesting ancient cities built into the rocks, Uchisar offers perfect panorama to complete the first day of your private tour. In the evening transfer to Whirling Dervish performance show at Saruhan Caravanserai. Dinner & overnight at hotel.

**Day 08: Fri Apr 26, 2024 - Cappadocia (B, L).** Early with the sunrise is the possibility of an optional balloon ride. (subject to weather conditions and organized in destination). After enjoying a leisurely breakfast at your area hotel, you will be met by your driver and guide at your hotel to begin the second day of your tour of Cappadocia. Our first destination is the largest underground city in the village of **Kaymakli**. This underground city is a marvel of ancient engineering techniques and creativity. With rock-cut stables, wineries, chapels and housing - the resourcefulness of the carvers to create fully-functioning underground cities allowed these villagers to escape from marauders throughout the millennia. We rise above ground and continue to the river gorge area of Ihlara Valley - unique with rock-cut churches and caves hidden in the sheer cliff walls along the Melendiz River. We will have a gentle hike along the river side until we reach the old world village of Belisirma - at the edge of the village is where we will be treated to a bountiful lunch along the river. After lunch we continue to the **Ağzikarahan Caravanserai**. Built along the Silk Road, caravanserais served as lodging for traders traveling during the medieval Seljuk times. These great walled fortresses were safe havens for travelers bringing spices, cloths and precious metals along the ancient trade routes. Only a few are still standing and the Ağzikarahan Caravanserai is one of the best preserved in the area. Overnight at the hotel.

**Day 09: Sat Apr 27, 2024 - Cappadocia (B,L).** After breakfast your guide and driver will meet you at your hotel to begin our final day of the Cappadocia tour. Our first stop is a morning walk in the serene **Soganli Valley**. Nestled into the rolling hills in the southern part of Cappadocia, the quiet valley of Soganli offers beautiful walking paths, original dove cotes built by monks and uniquely painted churches dotting the landscape. Our next location is the ancient Roman city of Sobessos. Currently an excavation site, this impressive archeological work site has uncovered mosaics, Roman baths and underground heating systems. Our next point of interest is **Madrasa in Taskinpasa**. Now a library, this was once a theological school of the Seljuk Turks. Lunch will be in the quaint ancient village of Ayvali. We will dine in a local village house and enjoy traditional dishes from this region. After lunch we continue over **Gomeda Valley** to the old Greek village of **Sinasos** - now called Mustafapasa. Prior to the founding of the current Republic of Turkey, this area was home to many ethnic Greeks. Nearly 90 years ago, the largest population exchange in recorded history took place between Greece and Turkey. The village retains the ancient Greek architecture as well as Greek Orthodox churches. With ornately carved and painted wooden doors, quaint two-story houses with balconies and a lively village square, Sinasos is nestled into the picturesque Gomeda Valley. Dinner at hotel.

**Day 10: Sun Apr 28, 2024 - Cappadocia/Nevsehir or Kayseri (B).** Transfer to Nevsehir or Kayseri airport.

**Notes:** Tour price is per person, based on double occupancy. Fuel surcharges and air taxes are included and valid at the time of printing but are subject to change. Other gateways are available at an additional cost. The price does not include all tips, travel insurance, airline luggage overage fees, passports fees, visas as well as items of a personal nature. Optional Tours require a minimum number of passengers to operate. This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, upstairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.



**RESERVATION FORM: W&L Traveler****ISTANBUL****APR 19 to 25, 2024****LEAD # 4555**For the ease of registering scan or email your reservation to; [lifelong@wlu.edu](mailto:lifelong@wlu.edu) **TSA SECURE FLIGHT REQUIREMENT: PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR ON PASSPORTS**

<b>Passenger 1:</b>	First Name _____	Middle Name _____	Last Name _____	Date of Birth: _____
Passport #:	Country of Issue:	Date issued:	Expiration date:	<input type="checkbox"/> M / <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Passenger 2:</b>	First Name _____	Middle Name _____	Last Name _____	Date of Birth: _____
Passport #:	Country of Issue:	Date issued:	Expiration date:	<input type="checkbox"/> M / <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
Street Address: _____				
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:	
Email Address:	Phone #:	Cell Phone#:	Known Traveler#:	
Email Address 2:	Phone # 2:	Cell Phone# 2:	Known Traveler#2:	

- ☐ Please reserve us in a Twin room (**\$3,145.00 per person in TWN Occupancy**) ☐ Single room at a supplement (Add **US \$545.00** - limited availability)
- ☐ Optional Museum Tour with lunch in Istanbul: (**\$129.00 per person**)
- ☐ Optional Cappadocia Post Tour: Twin room (**\$995.00 per person in TWN Occupancy**) ☐ Single room at a supplement (Add **US \$475** - limited availability)

I am rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_ I am traveling with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes** (Airline upgrades, Diet, optional tours etc.): \_\_\_\_\_☐ By registering on this tour, I agree, accept and abide to the general [terms and conditions](#) and the [cancellation terms](#) as outlined on our web site at [www.jetvacations.com](http://www.jetvacations.com)

**PAYMENT METHOD Service fee / Deposit:** A \$600.00 \*\* per person deposit is required to reserve the space. The Service fee / deposit becomes non-refundable 90 days before departure. Final payment amount to Jet Vacations (see address below) is due by **January 19, 2024**. Reservations and room availability are based on a first come, first served basis.

**Make checks payable to:**  
**JET VACATIONS LLC**and send to:  
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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION (FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS AND CANCELATION TERMS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.JETVACATIONS.COM)**

Passenger Cancellation Policies: No charges other than the non-refundable initial service fee/deposit are levied for individual passengers canceling up to 121 days prior to the commencement of Jet Vacations LLC services. However, services which have been prepaid by Jet Vacations LLC on behalf of individual clients may be non-refundable, non-exchangeable, non-changeable and/or maybe subject to a cancellation- change fee (e.g. theater tickets, Train tickets, Airline Tickets, Event Tickets, Passes, Entrance fees etc.).

Full cancellation: Failing to pay the contractual deposits (other than the initial non-refundable service fee / deposit) constitutes a cancellation. In the event of non-compliance with the payment due dates, Jet Vacations LLC shall have the right to demand the Customer to immediately pay the outstanding balance. Payment shall then be received by Jet Vacations LLC within eight days as of the date of Jet Vacations LLC's written request. Should payment not be received within this time limit, the group stay shall be deemed to be canceled by the Customer. In the event of full cancellation of the agreement by the Customer, which is not justified by Jet Vacations LLC's failure to meet its obligations, cancellation penalties shall be invoiced & calculated as follows:

-- Initial deposit refundable up to 91 days prior departure.

- From 90 to 61 days prior departure: 50% penalty of the total cost per person

- From 60 days to day of departure & no show: 100% penalty of total cost per person. If a passenger cancellation creates a change in the price schedule, the tour price will be revised based on the remaining number of participants. A passenger becoming a single as a result of a partner's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

Itinerary variation: We will make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. Situations beyond Jet Vacations' responsibility may arise, voluntarily or involuntarily, that require changes or exceptions in the service dates, airport of departure, the itinerary, air and land arrangements, hotels, trains or cruise ports of call. On dates including, but not limited to religious holidays and national celebrations, some monuments and sites may be closed. National monuments and tourist sites regularly undergo renovations, which can obscure the monument's view. Occasionally, during holidays and certain periods, and/or due to unforeseen circumstances as listed (but not limited to) in our RELEASE FROM LIABILITY section below, there may be changes, sometimes months prior departure, sometimes after arrival, affecting the sequence of the tour, locations visited and/or hotels / cruise ships. Therefore, on these occasions, your trip and/or touring itineraries may be amended to reflect these closures and We reserve the right to make such modifications and substitute conveyances/hotels/cruise ships and any other sites or services as deemed necessary, adjust the sequence and/or substitute any hotels/cruise ships and any other sites or services with others of similar category. In such cases there will be no cost adjustment. No tour will be canceled due to renovations or closures. Jet Vacations LLC will decide based on the conditions whether to amend an itinerary.

Postponing of a tour by Jet Vacations: As clearly mentioned in our GENERAL PROVISIONS below, Jet Vacations LLC seeks to provide services as published or stated in the final Passenger documents. But conditions, events (as listed below in the RELEASE FROM LIABILITY section but not limited to) may affect travel arrangements, planned tours, cruises, itineraries or any other aspects of the travel experience, making traveling to a location (including but not limited to countries, cities, sites, etc.), tour or cruise routes unsafe for traveling / navigation or in other respects, raise sufficient doubt about safety. In these unforeseen circumstances beyond Jet Vacations' responsibility, Jet Vacations LLC reserves the right to postpone a trip and make date modifications along with substitutions on airlines / conveyances / hotels / cruise ships and any other sites or services as deemed necessary as well as adjust the sequence and/or substitute any hotels/cruise ships

and any other sites or services with others of similar category. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, or for any reason whatsoever to postpone a trip, such alterations may be made and Jet Vacations LLC will decide based on the conditions whether to postpone a trip. Passenger understands that depending on the gravity of the situation, the postponing of a tour may result in several days / months / years delay. Such changes and/or the postponing of a trip will not entitle Passenger to any credit or a refund. NO REFUNDS WILL BE POSSIBLE DURING A TRIP POSTPONEMENT. PASSENGERS PAID FUNDS WOULD HAVE ALREADY ALLOCATED AND PAID TO MULTIPLE SUPPLIERS TO SECURE THE FUTURE TRIP. Jet Vacations LLC may offer an alternate choice to the Group Participant and this in addition to the new postponed trip. In such cases there will be no cost adjustment. No trip will be deemed canceled due to the Postponement of a trip. In the event of a Postponement of a trip, FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS as well as CANCELLATION POLICIES STILL APPLY. Additional expenses for postponing due to circumstances beyond the control of Jet Vacations, if any, shall be borne by the Passenger; conversely, refund will be made to the Passenger if any savings is effected thereby.

Tour Cancellation by Jet Vacations: We reserve the right to cancel the entire trip (or any component of the trip) for any reason and/or time. In this event, our liability, if any, shall be limited to and liquidated by refunding to each prospective Passenger the payments made.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: By booking a trip with Jet Vacations LLC, I, Passenger, am aware that travel such as that I am undertaking involves hazardous activities, with a risk of illness, exposure to viruses, injury or death which may be caused by forces of nature, animals, insects or flora, the negligence of Jet Vacations LLC, our agents, employees, officers, directors, associates, affiliated companies, guides, group leaders, and subcontractors, or other persons and companies known or unknown, or of willful or criminal conduct of third parties. I am aware that weather conditions may be severe, adverse and/or unpleasant. I am also aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time during which I am participating on the trip. In order to partake of the enjoyment and excitement of this trip I am willing to accept the risks and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of my adventure. I hereby accept and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of illness, exposure to viruses, injury or death and of the negligence of Jet Vacations LLC and agree to hold harmless and release Jet Vacations LLC our agents, employees, officers, directors, associates, affiliated companies, guides, group leaders, and subcontractors, from claims of third-party negligence. I, Passenger, understand the physical requirements of the activity in which I will be participating, and I currently have no known physical, medical or mental condition which would impair my ability to participate in this tour or my safety in this activity, and I am willing to assume all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition. I hereby authorize Jet Vacations LLC or the local ground handler or others to arrange for any emergency medical treatment and hospitalization as may be necessary for me because of participation in this activity without my further consent.

YOU HEREBY EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL OF THESE RISKS AND DANGERS, AND YOU HEREBY EXPRESSLY AGREE TO FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD US, AND OUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATES, AFFILIATED COMPANIES, GUIDES, GROUP LEADERS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS HARMLESS AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTIONS, SUITS, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF ANY AND EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER WHICH YOU NOW HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THESE RISKS AND DANGERS. I, PASSENGER, RELEASE JET VACATIONS LLC FROM ITS OWN NEGLIGENCE AND ASSUME ALL RISK THEREOF.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY: Jet Vacations LLC., its owners, shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates, (collectively "Jet Vacations LLC") does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for its trips including, for example, ownership or control over hotels, or other lodging facilities, airline, cruise ships/vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service, restaurants or entertainment providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Jet Vacations LLC is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Jet Vacations LLC is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, natural disasters, power shortage or failures, fires, inclement weather, acts of war or civil commotion, acts of restrictions by governmental agencies, political unrest, insurrection or revolt, kidnappings and ransom, strikes or other labor disruptions or activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, bankruptcy and insolvencies, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels, cruise ships or other lodging facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, vehicles or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with attacks or bites from animals, pests or insect born illness, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, walking, running, bicycling, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics, pandemics or the threat thereof, water level rising or dropping, high altitude sickness or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Jet Vacations LLC. In addition, I, Passenger, release Jet Vacations LLC from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

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