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TÜRKIYE:

Ancient Splendors of the Aegean & Mediterranean

April 13-26, 2025 (14 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Yaşar Ersoy



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Continue your journey with an optional post-tour extension to
Konya, Cappadocia, Çatal Höyük, Boğazkale & Ankara (6 additional days)

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



Yaşar Ersoy is a Professor of Classical Archaeology who received his Ph.D. from the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology at Bryn Mawr College in 1993. He led this AIA Tour in 2024 and received excellent evaluations. Professor Ersoy specializes in the art and

archaeology of the central part of the west coast of Türkiye through the Iron Age, Archaic Period, and the Aegean Bronze Age. He is the director of the Clazomenae excavations on the Aegean coast of Türkiye. Professor Ersoy is the recipient of post-graduate fellowships from both the Alexander S. Onassis Foundation and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. He has served as the Samuel Kress Lecturer in Ancient Art for the Archaeological Institute of America and gave talks at AIA societies in the U.S. and Canada. Currently, he is offering courses in archaeology at the School of Applied Sciences at Yaşar University in İzmir, Türkiye.

“I greatly appreciated our two experts, Dr. Yaşar Ersoy and Onur Ertürk... Their commentary about the history, archaeological significances, and expertise were very helpful in bringing out the salient points of the many sites we visited.”

- Keylor, WA

Your tour manager/guide, Onur Ertürk, graduated from Bilkent University at Ankara, where his studies focused on the ancient Near East, especially Mesopotamia, the Aegean, and Anatolia. Onur participated in several archaeological excavations and has guided hundreds of groups all around Türkiye. Thanks to his education and background in archaeology and art history, he leads cultural excursions to sites ranging from Palaeolithic caves to Seljuk caravanserais, from Lycian cities to Roman theaters, from Byzantine architectural wonders to the modern cities of Türkiye, and he is also knowledgeable about historical and modern Türkiye.

Many of the most magnificent and best-preserved ancient Greek and Roman sites are found along Türkiye’s beautiful Aegean and Mediterranean coasts. Visit world-famous, plus little-visited yet spectacular, Greco-Roman sites, Byzantine churches, Crusader castles, and Ottoman palaces. Your engaging AIA lecturer/host, Yaşar Ersoy, teaches classical art and archaeology and has been doing fieldwork in Türkiye since 1980. Throughout the program he will offer illustrated talks and informal discussions about the sites you are visiting and their places within the larger ancient Mediterranean world. Along the way, you will enjoy delicious cuisine, comfortable accommodations, and the company of a small group of like-minded fellow travelers. An expert tour manager/local guide will handle logistics and smooth the way.

Highlights:

- Visit four UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
 - ♦ Historic Areas of Istanbul, including the 6th-century Byzantine church-turned-mosque of Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace, the imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans;
 - ♦ Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, whose treasures include ancient villas with splendid frescoes and mosaics, and the 2nd-century A.D. Library of Celsus;
 - ♦ Aphrodisias, whose Temple of Aphrodite, tetrapylon, large stadium, and baths of Hadrian are unforgettable;
 - ♦ Hierapolis-Pamukkale, where we see the ruins of the baths and temples of a famous 2nd-century B.C. thermal spa;
- Marvel at a variety of Greco-Roman sites, including:
 - ♦ Sardis, former capital of the Lydian Empire and King Croesus, who was defeated by Persian king Cyrus the Great in 546 B.C.;
 - ♦ Didyma’s 7th-century B.C. Temple of Apollo, one of the leading oracles in the ancient world; and the 4th-century B.C. Temple of Athena at Priene, which became the classical model of Greek city planning;
 - ♦ Magnesia on the Meander, renowned for its Artemis cult, which has the ruins of a well-preserved theater and a stadium that could seat 30,000 spectators;
 - ♦ Kibyra, with its magnificent stadium, odeon covered with a Medusa mosaic, late Roman bath, and underground tombs;
 - ♦ Sagalassos, a rarely visited and recently excavated site at an elevation of 5,000 feet, with breathtaking views;
 - ♦ Aspendos, with one of the best-preserved ancient theaters in the world, renowned for its acoustics; and Perge, with its splendid theater, stadium, and enormous Hellenistic and Roman gates;
- Explore several fine museum collections, including Istanbul’s Archaeological Museum, Denizli Atatürk House and Ethnographic Museum, Burdur’s Archaeological Museum, and the Antalya Archaeological Museum;
- Two flights within Türkiye are included to maximize your time;
- An optional extension to central Türkiye is also available, including three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia, Hattusha: the Hittite Capital, and the Neolithic Site of Çatalhöyük; Ankara, with its superb Museum of Anatolian Civilizations; and Konya, the famous center of Sufi mystic Rumi and his followers.



ITINERARY

Breakfast=(B), Lunch=(L), Reception=(R), Dinner=(D)

Sunday, April 13, 2025: Depart home for Istanbul, Türkiye

Monday, April 14: Arrive Istanbul

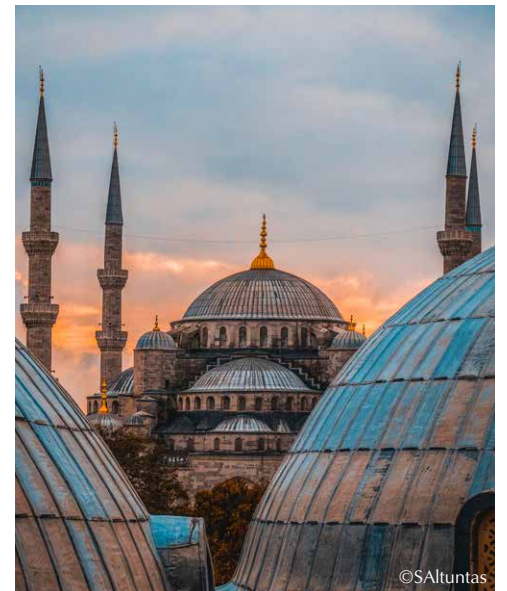
Upon arrival at Istanbul International Airport (IST), you are met and transferred to our hotel in Sultanahmet, the oldest district of Istanbul and the center of the ancient Greek colony of Byzantium, founded in 700 B.C. This became Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine Empire, and then the capital of the Ottoman Empire. “Historic Areas of Istanbul” are a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Almost all of the major sites we will see are within walking distance of our hotel, whose rooftop terrace and indoor restaurant provide splendid views. Meet your tour manager who will offer suggestions for dinner and provide the schedule for the next day. *Overnight at the 4-star [Armada Hotel](#) for three nights.*

Tuesday, April 15: Istanbul: Underground Cistern, Hagia Sophia, Archaeological Museum, Welcome dinner

Spend the day exploring ancient monuments of Istanbul on foot, beginning with Yerebatan Saray, one of the grand underground cisterns that were an important source of water for the city during Byzantine and Ottoman times. Sensitive restored, the cistern is now equipped with meandering walkways above the water, plus atmospheric illumination and music. Next visit Hagia Sophia, now a mosque. It was built by the Byzantine Emperor Justinian in the 6th century and reigned as the grandest church in Christendom for nearly 1,000 years, until the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople in 1453. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore the Archaeological Museum, which features one of the world’s richest collections of Greco-Roman antiquities. Enjoy a reception overlooking Istanbul before our welcome dinner. (B,L,R,D)

Wednesday, April 16: Istanbul: Topkapi Palace, Rüstem Pasha Mosque, Kariye Mosque

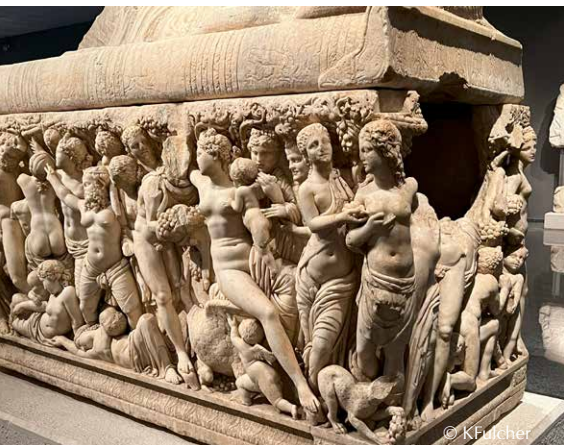
Explore Topkapi Palace, the imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans, including a visit to its Harem. Topkapi is the most extensive and fascinating monument of Turkish civil architecture in existence in that, besides its historical and architectural interest, it houses extraordinary collections of porcelain, armor, fabric, jewelry, miniatures, calligraphy, and many other precious objects that once belonged to the sultans and their court. After lunch, we visit the small, but exquisite, 16th-century Rüstem Pasha Mosque, an example of the Ottomans’ best architecture and tile work. We then visit the Kariye Mosque (formerly the 4th-century Byzantine Church of St. Saviour in



Blue Mosque, Istanbul



Interior of Hagia Sophia, Istanbul



From top: Temple of Apollo at Didyma, Roman relief-sculpted sarcophagus on display in the Antalya Archaeological Museum, Priene

Chora), renowned for its stunning, 14th-century mosaics and frescoes. En route to our hotel, we will drive slowly past the remains of the 5th-century Theodosian Walls that protected Constantinople for more than a thousand years. The balance of the day and dinner are at leisure. Those interested may be dropped off at the Grand Bazaar for independent exploration and return to our hotel on their own (a 10-minute taxi ride or a 25-minute walk). (B,L)

Thursday, April 17: Fly to Izmir | Sardis | Kuşadası

Take a short, morning flight from Istanbul to Izmir. Drive to ancient Sardis, which dates back to the Neolithic period and was the former capital of the Lydian Empire. Most of the structural remains date from the Hellenistic and Byzantine periods. Continue on to our seaside hotel in Kuşadası, on the Aegean coast. *Overnight at the 5-star [Charisma De Luxe Hotel](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Friday, April 18: Ephesus | Selçuk Archaeological Museum | Kuşadası

Spend the day exploring Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, which provides compelling insights into life in Hellenistic and Roman times. At its peak, it was the largest Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor with a population of 250,000 and an infrastructure that included street lights, running water, a huge stadium and theater, and the marble-paved Arcadian Way leading down to the magnificent Library of Celsus. Ephesus has been extensively excavated and restored. Take a private tour of its Terrace Houses—villas of the wealthy, filled with colorful wall frescoes and intricate mosaic floors. After lunch, continue on to the Selçuk Archaeological Museum, one of the best regional museums in Türkiye. It houses a large collection of artifacts found at Ephesus and in the surrounding area. Return to our hotel and gather this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Saturday, April 19: Priene | Miletus | Didyma | Kuşadası

Explore the valley of the Meander River (now known as the Büyük Menderes River) and three great Ionian cities. Priene is the oldest and best example of a Hellenistic city, and was laid out by the famous architect Hippodamus. Next we stop at Miletus, which has an impressive theater, stadium, three agoras, baths, and a bouleuterion (Senate House). Lastly, visit the massive Temple of Apollo at Didyma that was one of the leading oracles in the ancient Greek world and is remarkable for its huge size and unique plan. Return to our hotel and gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 20: Magnesia on the Meander | Aphrodisias | Pamukkale

We drive today through the most fertile land of Türkiye stopping first to visit Magnesia on the Meander, a prominent ancient Greek city, renowned for its Artemis cult and strategic location along an important trade route. We will see the remains of the Artemis temple and altar, a Roman basilica, a well-preserved theater, a large stadium that could seat 30,000 spectators, and the ruins of two gymnasia. Next we visit Aphrodisias, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most beautiful and exciting archaeological sites in Türkiye. The stadium is the best preserved in Asia Minor, while the Temple of Aphrodite, the tetrapylon, and baths of Hadrian make Aphrodisias unforgettable. Pending its reopening, we will also see the museum. Drive to Pamukkale, where we check-in to our hotel this evening, and you may choose to take advantage of the hotel's thermal baths. *Overnight at the 5-star [Doga Thermal Health & Spa Hotel](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Monday, April 21: Hierapolis | Laodicea | Denizli: Atatürk House and Ethnographic Museum | Pamukkale

Today we will visit two sites near our hotel, beginning with the UNESCO World Heritage Site (together with the travertine terraces of Pamukkale) of Hierapolis, originally a Phrygian cult center of the Anatolian mother goddess of Cybele. At the end of the 2nd century B.C., the kings of Pergamon established the thermal spa of Hierapolis, and today the ruins of a stadium, baths, temples, a gymnasium, two theaters, and a bouleuterion remain. A short drive then brings us to Laodicea, an impressive site that has been on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List

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- Robert, Washington



since 2013 and comprises Anatolia's largest stadium, two theaters, four baths, five agoras, temples, churches, and much more. Our final stop of the day is in nearby Denizli to visit the Atatürk House and Ethnographic Museum. Return to our hotel in Pamukkale and then gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, April 22: Kibyra | Burdur

This morning we depart for Kibyra, a 2,300-year-old city that has been on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List since 2016. It is known for its magnificent, 10,400-person stadium, odeon covered with a Medusa mosaic, late Roman bath, agoras, and underground chamber tombs. Continue to Burdur, where we check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 3-star [Grand Özeren Hotel & Spa](#).* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 23: Burdur: Archaeology Museum | Sagalassos | Antalya

Visit the Burdur Archaeology Museum, an impressive small museum with artifacts from sites throughout the region, including Sagalassos. Drive through the Lake District, high up into the mountains of Pisidia, until we come to the site of ancient Sagalassos. Well off the main tourist routes, Sagalassos has been extensively excavated and now visible are a library with mosaic flooring, temples, baths, and the residences of what was once the largest city in Pisidia. As impressive as the ruins, however, are the breathtaking views from 5,000 feet. Continue driving to the Mediterranean coast, where we check-in to our charming hotel in the heart of old Antalya. *Overnight at the 5-star [Akra Hotel](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Thursday, April 24: Perge | Aspendos | Antalya: Farewell dinner

We begin the day with an excursion to Perge, where we explore the great theater, stadium, enormous Hellenistic and Roman gates, and colonnaded street. Continue on to what is perhaps the best-preserved ancient theater in the world, located in the ancient city of Aspendos. Having thoroughly tested the near-perfect acoustics in the theater, we circle the ancient acropolis to see some remarkably well-preserved sections of the aqueduct that supplied the ancient citizens with their water. Return to our hotel in Antalya and freshen up before our farewell dinner at an exclusive restaurant. (B,L,D)

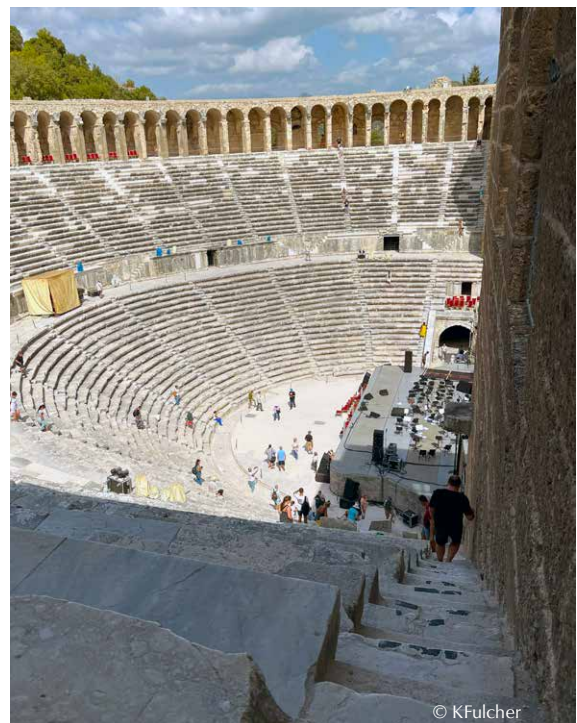
Friday, April 25: Antalya Archaeological Museum | Fly to Istanbul OR Begin post-tour extension

This morning we visit the Antalya Archaeological Museum and its newly opened Perge Hall, displaying artifacts from the site we visited yesterday. After an independent lunch, guests booked on the optional extension will depart for Konya. The rest of the group has the remainder of the afternoon at leisure in Antalya, until we transfer to the airport for our evening flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, we check-in to a comfortable hotel conveniently located at the airport. Dinner is on your own. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hampton by Hilton Istanbul Airport Arnavutkoy](#).* (B)

Saturday, April 26: Transfer to Istanbul airport | Fly home

After breakfast, transfer to Istanbul International Airport (IST) for flights homeward. A representative will accompany you until the passport control desk. (B)

Above, the stadium at Aphrodisias.
Below, Aspendos theater, local cuisine.



OPTIONAL POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Konya, Cappadocia, Çatal Höyük, Boğazkale, and Ankara

April 25 - May 1, 2025 (6 additional days)

ITINERARY

Breakfast=(B), Lunch=(L), Dinner=(D)

Friday, April 25, 2025: Drive to Konya

After the morning visit to the Antalya Archaeological Museum with the main tour group, and an independent lunch, guests booked on the optional extension will depart Antalya on a scenic, 4.5-hour drive through the Taurus Mountains. Arrive at the vast Anatolian plateau in Konya, home to splendid Seljuk monuments, check-in to our hotel, and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Dedeman Konya Hotel](#).* (B,D)

Saturday, April 26: Konya: Mevlâna Museum | Çatal Höyük | Sultan Han caravanserai | Cappadocia

This morning we visit the Mevlâna Museum, the former lodge of the whirling dervishes and location of the tomb of the famed mystic/philosopher and theologian Celeleddin Rumi (later known as Mevlâna). It is one of the top pilgrimage centers in Türkiye. Depart Konya on a one-hour drive to the Neolithic site of Çatal Höyük, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and possibly the most important archaeological site in Türkiye. Discovered by James Mellart and excavated in the 1960s, it has revealed that the Neolithic and Bronze Age cultures located here were remarkably advanced. Since 1993 an international team of archaeologists has been carrying out new excavations and research to shed more light on the people that inhabited the site. Continuing along the ancient trade route to Cappadocia, we will visit en route the Sultan Han caravanserai, stopping place for the camel caravans that traversed the ancient Silk Road. Built in the 13th century, it is the largest caravanserai of its period in Türkiye. Drive onward to Cappadocia, where we check-in to our hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Barceló Cappadocia](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Sunday & Monday, April 27 & 28: Cappadocia: Göreme Valley, Zelve Valley, Pasabag Monks Valley, Uchisar Castle

An optional, early morning hot-air balloon ride will be available at additional cost. Spend two days exploring Cappadocia's lunar-like landscape of soft, porous rock called tuff, or tufa, that was formed over time from volcanic ash. Erosion over the centuries formed fantastic geologic shapes, and early Christian settlers carved chapels, churches, dwellings, and numerous other structures into the soft rock. "Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia" are together a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the Göreme Valley, explore the open-air museum's cave churches, including the famous Karanlık Kilise (Dark Church) with its extraordinary 11th-century murals; a monastic retreat in the Zelve Valley; and Pasabag Monks



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Göreme cave church

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Hattusha Lion Gate

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Fairy Chimneys rock formation in Cappadocia

Valley. Visit one of the area's underground cities—a maze of tunnels and chambers carved out as places of refuge from hostile invaders. They contain storehouses, stables, sleeping rooms, kitchens, and even cemeteries. Visit Uchisar Castle, created by hollowing out natural caves (creating rooms and passageways) in a tall outcropping of volcanic rock that is visible for miles. An optional (included) visit is offered to a pottery center and high-quality rug shop. (B,L,D; and B,L)

Tuesday, April 29: Boğazkale (Hattusha) | Ankara

Depart Cappadocia early this morning on a drive to Ankara, stopping en route for lunch. Also along the way we visit Boğazkale where we find the ruins of Hattusha, capital of the Hittite Empire 2,300 years ago. This UNESCO World Heritage Site includes the ruins of the Great Temple, the best-preserved Hittite temple of the 13th century B.C.; and the famous rock sanctuary of Yazılıkaya, an open-air temple, whose chambers in the bedrock are decorated with the most striking examples of Hittite relief art. We will visit the nearby Boğazkale Museum with important Hittite artifacts, including royal seals, pottery, sculptures, armor, cuneiform tablets, and two original sphinx statues that once guarded the Sphinx Gate at Hattusha. Continue on to Ankara, chosen as the capital of the new Republic of Türkiye by its founder and first president, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, in the 1920s. Check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Divan Çukurhan](#) hotel.* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 30: Ankara: Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, Farewell lunch | Fly to Istanbul

Enjoy a morning visit to the superb Museum of Anatolian Civilizations. Located in an old area of the city near the Citadel, the museum houses archaeological finds from the many civilizations of Anatolia and has a particularly strong Hittite collection. Delight in a festive farewell lunch before we transfer to the airport for a late afternoon flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, check-in to our comfortable, convenient airport hotel. Dinner is on your own tonight. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hampton by Hilton Istanbul Airport Arnavutkoy](#).* (B,L)

Thursday, May 1: Transfer to Istanbul airport | Fly home

After breakfast, transfer to Istanbul International Airport (IST) for flights homeward. (B)

Post-Tour Extension Prices per person
(5 additional nights)

Double Occupancy (13-16 participants)	\$3,145
Double Occupancy (8-12 participants).....	\$3,495
Double Occupancy (5-7 participants)	\$3,745
Single Supplement (limited availability)	\$995

A single supplement will be charged when requested or required. With fewer than 5 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Post-Tour Extension Prices Include:

- Professional **tour manager/guide Onur Ertürk** throughout, plus AIA lecturer/host Yaşar Ersoy with 10 or more participants
- **Five additional nights' accommodations** in best available, 4- and 5-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- **Breakfast daily, 5 lunches, and 4 dinners**, as noted in the itinerary (with water, tea, and coffee at all meals), including a farewell lunch with wine/beer
- **Group airport transfer** on program departure date
- **All transportation** by private, air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary, with bottled water
- **In-program flight:** Ankara to Istanbul
- **Personal listening audio devices** during excursions
- **All sightseeing and entrance fees** as per itinerary
- **Gratuities** to tour manager/guide, drivers, waitstaff for included meals, and porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels and airports where available
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- Complete **pre-departure materials** including a suggested reading/media guide, luggage tags, name badge, and packing suggestions



ACTIVE: Must be able to walk three or more miles per day on mostly uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

What to Expect

This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants who are not able to walk, sit, or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. At the time of our visit you can expect pleasant weather, with daytime temperatures ranging from the low 60s F to the mid-70s, and cool evenings in the 50s to 60s F. Accommodations and restaurants have been carefully selected to offer the ultimate experience of true Turkish culture, ambiance, and hospitality. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*

Flights & Transfers

Airfare to/from Istanbul International Airport (IST) is not included in the tour price. In-program flights for the main tour and post-tour extension are included in the tour prices and will be booked for you. Complimentary group arrival and departure airport transfers (times TBD) are provided. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

Accommodations



Istanbul: *Three nights at the 4-star [Armada Hotel](#)*



Kuşadası: *Three nights at the 5-star [Charisma De Luxe Hotel](#)*



Pamukkale: *Two nights at the 5-star [Doga Thermal Health & Spa Hotel](#)*



Burdur: *One night at the 3-star [Grand Özeren Hotel & Spa](#)*



Antalya: *Two nights at the 5-star [Akra Hotel](#)*



Istanbul: *One night at the 4-star [Hampton by Hilton Istanbul Airport Arnavutköy](#)
(Last night of main tour or extension)*

Optional post-tour extension accommodations



Konya: *One night at the 5-star [Dedeman Konya Hotel](#)*



Cappadocia: *Three nights at the 5-star [Barceló Cappadocia](#)*



Ankara: *One night at the 4-star [Divan Çukurhan hotel](#)*



Main Tour Prices per person (12 nights)

Double Occupancy (12-16 participants)	\$6,495
Double Occupancy (9-11 participants)	\$6,995
Single Supplement (limited availability)	\$1,075

A single supplement will be charged when requested or required.

With fewer than 9 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Main Tour Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer/host Yaşar Ersoy** and professional tour manager/guide **Onur Ertürk**
- **Twelve nights' accommodations** in best available, 3-, 4- and 5-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- **Breakfast daily, 10 lunches, and 9 dinners**, as noted in the itinerary (with water, tea, and coffee at all meals), including special welcome and farewell dinners with cocktails
- **Group airport transfers** on program arrival and departure dates
- **All transportation** by private, air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary, with bottled water
- **Two in-program flights:** Istanbul to Izmir and Antalya to Istanbul (economy-class tickets)
- **Personal listening audio devices** during excursions
- **All sightseeing and entrance fees** as per itinerary
- **Gratuities** to tour manager/guide, drivers, waitstaff for included meals, and porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels and airports where available
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- Complete **pre-departure materials** including a suggested reading/media guide, luggage tags, name badge, and packing suggestions

Main Tour and Extension Prices Do Not Include:

Airfare from/to home; all airport fees and departure taxes; independent transfers; passport and visa fees; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; medical expenses or emergency evacuation costs; transportation of excess baggage; meals or beverages other than indicated; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; other items not expressly listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "Eos AIA-Turkiye4/25." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit, you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

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Note: Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, and the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices.

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Email(s)

I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

How did you hear about this tour? eNewsletter mailing website friends/family other _____

Please sign me/us up for the optional post-tour extension (additional fee).

ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single

I will be sharing with: _____

Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (please check one):

Check payable to: Eos AIA-Turkiye4/25 Visa Master Card American Express Already paid by phone

CC#

Exp. Date

3- or 4-Digit Code

Name on Card

Please complete this reservation form, choose/enclose your method of deposit, and sign the release statement below.

Submit via email, mail, or fax to:

AIA Tours - P.O. Box 938, Walpole, NH 03608-0938

Fax: 603-756-2922 • Email: aia@studytours.org

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to all Terms & Conditions delineated throughout.

Signature (participant #1)

Date

Signature (participant #2)

Date

TERMS AND CONDITIONS, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

RESPONSIBILITY: The Archaeological Institute of America and its agent, Eos Study Tours, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (hereinafter "Sponsors"), and the tour operator and/or its agents (collectively "Sponsors/Operator") do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities; airline, vessel, or other transportation companies; guides or guide services; local ground operators; providers or organizers of optional excursions; food service or entertainment providers; etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Sponsors/Operator are not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or of any other third party. In addition and without limitation, Sponsors/Operator are not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of force majeure; acts of God; acts of government; acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection, or revolt; bites from or attacks by animals, insects, or pests; strikes or other labor activities; criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof; sickness, illness, epidemics, pandemics, or the threat thereof; the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof; overbooking or downgrading of accommodations; mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation; or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely. In addition, Sponsors/Operator are not liable for their own negligence, and participant assumes all risk thereof. **CHANGES IN ITINERARY OR FEATURES:** Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Sponsors/Operator shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Sponsors/Operator are not required to cancel any trip for any reason including, without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization, or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Sponsors/Operator are not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Sponsors/Operator make the flight arrangements or cancel the trip. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to substitute hotels or attractions of a similar category for those listed in this brochure. **LUGGAGE:** Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. **PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:** All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Participants must be able to embark or disembark transportation vehicles, stand for extended periods, climb stairs, and step over raised thresholds all without assistance. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws, and any participant who refuses to follow protocols may be asked to leave the program with no refunds provided. **REFUNDS:** Prices quoted are based on group participation. No refunds will be made for any part of the program in which a participant chooses not to participate. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for any reason, nor to participants whose entry into any country or aboard any transportation vehicle, including airplanes and cruise ships, is delayed or denied. **TOUR CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part unless trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, in which case the participant shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by Sponsors/Operator, or else receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as Sponsors/Operator are able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Sponsors/Operator, however, shall not have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing. **TRIP INSURANCE:** Sponsors/Operator strongly recommend that participants purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip

cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **PRICES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. **FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to binding arbitration in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:** Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> and <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. **APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Photos from AIA Tours' trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future AIA Tours promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. **ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.