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# TÜRKIYE

October 7-21, 2025  
(15 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist  
Tevfik Emre Şerifoğlu

**From Göbekli Tepe to Mount Nemrut & the Tigris River**

*Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur*



## Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host

### Dr. Tevfik Emre Şerifoğlu

is an archaeologist with extensive fieldwork experience at several Turkish sites relevant to this unique itinerary. He is currently a lecturer at Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University in Istanbul. Emre has taught courses on Mesopotamian history, ancient Near Eastern archaeology, Middle Eastern civilizations, the history of art, archaeological theory, and archaeological methods. He completed his undergraduate studies at Bilkent University and continued his research at the University of Cambridge, where he received his doctoral degree. Emre has been a recipient of prestigious scholarships and has published articles in several academic journals. He looks forward to sharing his expertise and insights about the diverse cultures and civilizations that created the extraordinary prehistoric and historic sites we will visit.



*"I'm delighted to be a part of this exciting tour from Cilicia to the northern edge of Mesopotamia. The archaeology of these regions, which have a rich, multicultural history, has always been a core aspect of my research interests. I'm very much looking forward to visiting key sites together, and sharing knowledge and experience with all fellow participants."*

- Dr. Tevfik Emre Şerifoğlu

### 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.

This is an extraordinary adventure. See the world's earliest monumental temples, dating back over 10,000 years. Marvel at exquisite and enormous mosaics at the world's largest mosaic museum. Enjoy diverse architecture, from beehive-style mud houses to rock tombs, and early monasteries to mosques. Gaze at 8,000-year-old gardens along the Tigris River plus giant Hellenistic sculptures atop a 7,382-foot-high mountain. Our AIA lecturer is intimately familiar with this region's deep history and diverse cultures.

### Highlights include:

- **Karatepe-Aslantaş National Park**, Türkiye's first open-air museum, with well-preserved Hittite ruins and statues dating from the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C.
- Dating to the 14<sup>th</sup> century B.C., **Yesemek** was a huge stonemasonry workshop that produced sculptures, including sphinxes and winged lions, that adorned Hittite gates, palaces, and temples
- **Tilmen Höyük**, an important fortified city and trading center with the ruins of a royal palace dating to around 1800 B.C.
- **Zeugma Mosaic Museum**, the world's largest mosaic museum, with exquisite and enormous Hellenistic Greek and Roman mosaics from the site of Zeugma
- The world-famous, 19-foot-tall statues and grave of King Nimrod at over 7,000 feet above sea level, in **Mount Nemrut National Park**
- **Göbekli Tepe** and **Karahan Tepe**, two prehistoric sites dating back to 9500-8000 B.C., suggesting that complex societies and monumental architecture existed well before the advent of agriculture
- **Dara**, one of the most important trade centers of ancient Mesopotamia, featuring rock tombs dating back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D.
- **Diyarbakır's** city walls, the second-longest on Earth, which contain a castle and a medieval church
- The fertile **Hevsel Gardens**, between the Tigris River and Diyarbakır Fortress, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site but believed to date back 8,000 years



Adana

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St. Paul's Well, Tarsus



## ITINERARY

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

### Tuesday, October 7, 2025: Depart home

Depart home on flights to Çukurova International Airport (COV) in southern Türkiye.

### Wednesday, October 8: Tarsus, Türkiye | Transfer to Adana

Upon arrival at Çukurova International Airport near Tarsus, you will be met and transferred to our hotel in Adana. The remainder of the day is at leisure in Adana, the seventh largest city in Türkiye and the oldest city in the Cilicia region, which dates back 8,000 years. *Two nights at the 5-star [Adana Hilton SA](#).*

### Thursday, October 9: Tarsus | Adana: Clock Tower, Archaeological Museum | Welcome dinner

After breakfast we drive to nearby Tarsus, the birthplace of St. Paul (born Saul), called "Paul of Tarsus" in the Bible. Despite perhaps this best-known association, American archaeologist Hetty Goldman excavated on the edge of the modern town before and after WWII, and unearthed evidence that settlements have existed there on and off from the Neolithic to Islamic eras. Our visit to Tarsus will include the St. Paul Monument Museum (The Church of St. Paul), which was originally built in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> century A.D. and houses beautiful frescoes. After lunch in Tarsus we drive back to Adana where we see its famous, late 19<sup>th</sup>-century Clock Tower, and then visit the Adana Museum, dedicated to archaeological finds from throughout the region. We return to our hotel and gather this evening for welcome cocktails and dinner. (B,L,R,D)

### Friday, October 10: Karatepe-Aslantaş National Park | Antakya

This morning we set out for Antakya, stopping along the way at Karatepe-Aslantaş National Park, Türkiye's first open-air museum, situated in the Taurus Mountains on the banks of the Ceyhan River. The Park has well-preserved Hittite ruins and statues dating from the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C. After lunch we



Karatepe Gate

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continue on to Antakya, where we check-in to our unique hotel, which is built on top of the largest floor mosaic ever found in the world. *Two nights at the 5-star [Museum Hotel Antakya](#).* (B,L,D)

**Saturday, October 11: Antakya: City tour, Hatay Archaeology Museum, Church of St. Peter**

Today we explore the city of Antakya, which was once known as the ancient city of Antioch. The modern city is filled with a mix of Sunni and Alevi Muslims as well as Orthodox Christians, and its alleyways are lined with old stone buildings and charming arches. We explore the Hatay Archaeology Museum (pending reopening), renowned for its extensive collection of Roman and Byzantine mosaics that date to the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D. and are displayed along the expansive grounds and lofty

walls of the entire museum. Also visit the Church of St. Peter (known as St. Peter's Cave Church), carved into the side of Mount Starius. It is one of Christianity's oldest churches and is now a museum. The balance of the day and dinner are at leisure. (B,L)

**Sunday, October 12: Yesemek | Tilmen Höyük | Gaziantep**

En route to Gaziantep we will stop at Yesemek Quarry and Sculpture Workshop, established during the Hittite Empire, in the 14<sup>th</sup> century B.C. It is the largest known stonemasonry workshop in the ancient Near East, having produced various types of sculptures that adorned the gates of Hittite cities, palaces, and temples, including sphinxes with female heads and lions' bodies and lions, some of which were winged. Next, we stop at the mound of Tilmen Höyük, initially settled during the 4<sup>th</sup> millennium B.C. It was an important fortified city and trading center, where a massive royal palace dating to around 1800 B.C. has been excavated. We continue to Gaziantep, whose cuisine is famous across Türkiye, especially its pistachio baklava. We check-in to our hotel and then gather for dinner. *Two nights at the 5-star [Divan Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

**Monday, October 13: Gaziantep: Zeugma Mosaic Museum, Gaziantep Castle**

Today we visit the Zeugma Mosaic Museum, the world's largest mosaic museum, with exquisite Hellenistic Greek and Roman mosaics that were unearthed from Zeugma, said to have been founded by a Macedonian Greek general in the army of Alexander the Great. After lunch we will explore Gaziantep's old city, which is centered around Gaziantep Castle. The castle has origins dating back to the Hittite period and was expanded over centuries by Romans, Byzantines, and Ottomans. We will stroll through the old bazaars and listen to the craftsmen hammering their copperware. Return to our hotel to freshen up and then gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, October 14: Kahta | Mount Nemrut National Park | Adiyaman**

After breakfast we will drive three hours to the town of Kahta, near Mount Nemrut National Park. After lunch we will be wandering in the land of King Nimrod, Antiochus I Theos of Commagene, and the Commagene Empire is world-famous thanks to the statues and the grave of King Nimrod at the top of Mount Nemrut National Park, 7,381 feet above sea level. First, we visit the mound of Karaus, "blackbird" in Turkish, where the family of Antiochus I Theos was buried. Our next stop will be the Severan Bridge, built in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century and recently used for transportation by the local Turkish and Kurdish community. We will ascend Mount Nemrut by mini van to visit Antiochus I Theos' burial sanctuary, with statues over 19 feet tall. We will enjoy the



From top: Mosaic at the Zeugma Mosaic Museum, Gaziantep Castle, Yesemek Quarry and Sculpture Workshop, St. Peter's Cave Church (Antakya)



sunset and then return to the car park for a well-deserved cup of hot tea before returning to our hotel and gathering for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star Ramada by Wyndham Adiyaman.* (B,L,D)

### **Wednesday, October 15: Göbekli Tepe | Şanlıurfa**

In the morning, we set out for Göbekli Tepe, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that dates back to approximately 9500-8000 B.C. It is situated on a limestone plateau in the foothills of the Taurus Mountains. The site is characterized by large circular structures containing massive, T-shaped, limestone pillars, some of which are up to 16 feet tall and weigh up to 50 tons. These pillars are often decorated with intricate carvings of animals, anthropomorphic figures, and abstract symbols. Göbekli Tepe would have required significant organization and labor, especially considering it was built by hunter-gatherers who had not yet developed agriculture or domesticated animals. Originally interpreted as a sanctuary or ritual site, recent excavations suggest Göbekli Tepe may have been a settlement. Its discovery has led to a reevaluation of the timeline of human history and the relationship between ritual, religion, and the development of settled societies. Continue on to Şanlıurfa, where we check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner. *Two nights at the 5-star Double Tree by Hilton Şanlıurfa.* (B,L,D)

### **Thursday, October 16: Karahan Tepe | Şanlıurfa: Archaeological Museum, Haleplibahçe Mosaic Museum**

Like Göbekli Tepe, Karahan Tepe is another prehistoric site that suggests that complex societies and monumental architecture existed before the advent of agriculture. It contains at least 266 T-shaped pillars similar to those found at Göbekli Tepe, many featuring animals and anthropomorphic figures. What we will see at this site refers to a timeline that is 5,000 years older than Stonehenge and 7,000 years older than the Pyramids at Giza. We will also visit the Şanlıurfa Archaeological Museum and the Haleplibahçe Mosaic Museum. The latter is a domed structure that protects mosaics from a Roman villa complex that were discovered during the 2006 construction of an urban renewal project. The balance of the day and dinner are at leisure. (B,L)

### **Friday, October 17: Harran | Mardin**

Depart Şanlıurfa this morning and visit Harran, famous for its beehive-style mud houses. It is difficult to believe that this deserted place on the edge of the Syrian Desert was once a major economic, religious, and learning capital. Continue on to Mardin, a city built upon a craggy rock, facing south over the Syrian Desert. It is an important Syrian Christian center with lovely, Syrian-influenced architecture. We will see the citadel and a number of Islamic masterpieces of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. *Two nights at the 5-star Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Mardin.* (B,L,D)

### **Saturday, October 18: Dara | Midyat: Mor Gabriel Monastery, local bazaars | Mardin**

One of the most important trade centers of ancient Mesopotamia, the ruins of the ancient city of Dara feature ancient rock tombs dating back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D. that have been compared to the famed city of Ephesus in western Türkiye. An important settlement along the famed Silk Road, Dara served as the last stronghold of the Byzantine Empire in southeastern Anatolia. Next we visit the city of Midyat and the Assyrians' biggest Syriac Orthodox monastery. Founded in A.D. 397, Mor Gabriel Monastery is the world's oldest surviving Syriac Orthodox monastery and the seat of the Metropolitan Bishop of Tur Abdin (Mardin). We return to the center of Midyat, where we will stroll through the bazaars and see silver craftsmen create their world-famous filigree. Return to our hotel in Mardin, where dinner and the evening are at leisure. (B,L)



Above (from top): Mount Nemrut, Karahan Tepe, Harran mud houses

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**Sunday, October 19: Diyarbakır: City walls, Diyarbakır Castle, Grand Mosque, Church of the Virgin Mary**

Set out this morning on a drive to Diyarbakır, one of the largest cities in southeastern Türkiye, situated on the right bank of the Tigris River. We will first stop at Diyarbakır's city walls, the second-longest city walls on Earth after the Great Wall of China. Diyarbakır's Castle houses a museum of archaeology and ethnography, a medieval church, and a café with breathtaking views of the Tigris basin. After exploring the inner castle, we will enter the old city to visit the Grand Mosque, which was built in 1091. It is among Türkiye's largest mosques and can accommodate 5,000 worshippers. We will also visit one of Diyarbakır's old houses, built in a square plan with a garden in the center, using the basalt stone of nearby Karaca Dag, a volcanic mountain. We will stroll Diyarbakır's narrow streets to reach a caravanserai, used as a social center in the middle of the old city, and see an interesting minaret standing in the center of the street that is built on top of four columns. A short walk will take us to the Church of the Virgin Mary, which belongs to the small Assyrian minority of the city. We check-in to our hotel and then gather for dinner this evening. *Two nights at the 4-star Ramada Wyndham Diyarbakır.* (B,L,D)

**Monday, October 20: Dicle Bridge | Diyarbakır: St. Giragos Armenian Church, Dengbêj Evi | Farewell dinner**

This morning we visit the 11<sup>th</sup>-century, hard basalt stone, Dicle Bridge—just outside of Diyarbakır—which stretches across the Tigris River connecting the Diyarbakır lowlands with the Hevsel Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Believed to date back 8,000 years, the fertile gardens stretch as far as the eye can see along the banks of the Tigris River. The gardens are an important bird habitat, home to more than 180 species, and they also host otters, foxes, martens, and hedgehogs. We then return to Diyarbakır and visit the 16<sup>th</sup>-century St. Giragos Armenian Church. Nearby is Keldani Church, which is still used by a few Christian Syrian families. Our last visit is to Dengbêj Evi (House of Dengbêj), which showcases the Kurdish tradition of Dengbêj (storytelling by song). Kurdish elders gather together in informal groups and take turns singing and chanting. Return to our hotel to freshen up before we gather this evening for a farewell dinner hosted by our lecturer and guide. (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, October 21: Fly home**

Transfer this morning to Diyarbakır Airport (DIY) for flights homeward. (B)



Dicle Bridge

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Dara rock tombs



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- Complete **pre-departure materials** including a suggested reading/media guide, luggage tags, name badge, and packing suggestions

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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.