

DISCOVER TURKEY

By Land and Sea

For Friends and Members of Gualala Arts

April 24 - May 9, 2008



Phil and Ann Graf invite you to join us on our discovery adventure to Turkey, where Europe and Asia meet, the home to 10,000 years of culture, and a treasure chest of ancient wonders and stunning landscapes. Our custom tour begins and ends in Istanbul, magnificent "Empress of the World". We explore the fascinating interior of Turkey by private coach and sail the glittering Turquoise coast aboard a gulet-style yacht. Our expedition into art, archaeology, history and Turkish hospitality will be led by an experienced and knowledgeable native guide who will provide an informative and interesting daily narrative on the history and culture of this engaging and beguiling country.

April 24 Depart SFO

April 25 Arrive Istanbul mid-morning. Transfer to luxury motor coach for four hour drive to Ankara. Check in at hotel, dinner and overnight in Ankara. (Lunch and Dinner are included.)

April 26 Morning tour of Ankara, capital of Turkey includes Ataturk's magnificent mausoleum and the Museum of Anatolian Civilization. In the afternoon, our ride through the Anatolian countryside takes us to Cappadocia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since the 1980s, and an important religious center of the Byzantine Empire. Overnight in Cappadocia. (Breakfast and Dinner are included.)

April 27 Today will be spent exploring the moon-like landscape of Cappadocia, carved out of volcanic rock three million years ago: the valleys of Zelve and Uchisar, where troglodyte life is still alive; the Goreme Open Air Museum with its 1600 year old rock carved churches, monasteries and colorful frescoes; and the underground city of Kaymakli, carved as a refuge during the early Christian era. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B, D)

April 28 From Cappadocia we follow the ancient Silk Road, stopping at Sultanhanı, a 13th century caravansary, and continuing on to Konya, home of the Whirling Dervishes, to Antalya, spectacularly sited between the towering Taurus Mountains and the Turquoise Coast. Overnight at Antalya. (B, D)

April 29 We visit ancient sites near Antalya including the ruins of Perge, where St. Paul delivered one of his first sermons and Aspendos, a beautifully preserved Roman City with a 15000 seat outdoor theater. This will prepare you for the impressive collections dating back to the Stone Age at the Antalya Museum. Overnight in Antalya. (B, D)