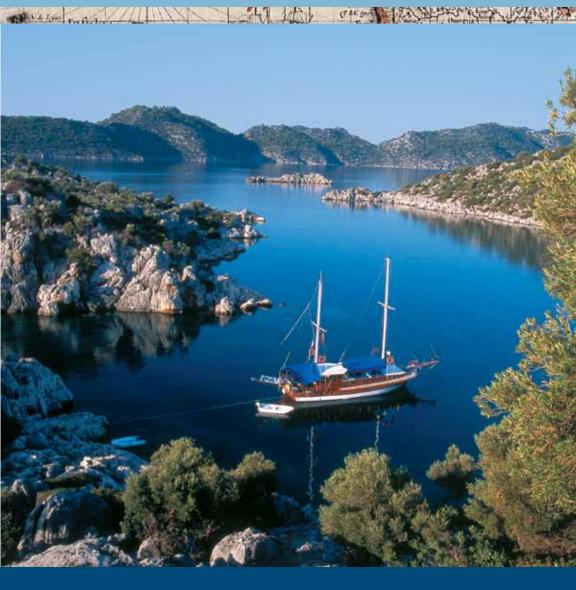
# Commonwealth Club Travel

## *presents* LEGENDARY TURKEY From Istanbul to the Turquoise Coast

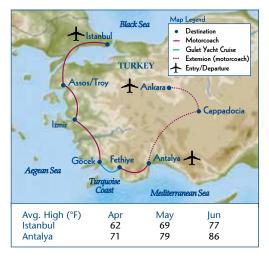


May 16-30, 2013 An Exclusive Small Group Tour for The Commonwealth Club Tour membership is limited to 28 guests

## LEGENDARY TURKEY FROM ISTANBUL TO THE TURQUOISE COAST

**15 days from \$5,392 total price from San Francisco** (\$4,995 air, land & cruise inclusive plus \$397 airline taxes and departure fees)

Europe and Asia meet. From Istanbul, magnificent "Empress of the World," to ancient ruins, stunning landscapes, and the dramatic Turquoise Coast—where you will board a privately-chartered yacht for a distinctive four-day voyage—Turkey engages and beguiles, offering an unparalleled small group travel experience.



#### Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Exotic Istanbul, including Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia ... Exclusive lecture on politics by a local expert ... Private Bosphorus cruise ... U.S. Embassy Briefing ... WWI battlefield of Gallipoli ... Guided visit of the Terrace Houses ... Ruins at ancient Troy, Pergamum, Ephesus ... Rustic village of Sirince ... Four-night "Blue Voyage" aboard privately chartered *gulet* ... Opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, hiking ... Ancient site of Perge ... Antalya's acclaimed Archaeological Museum

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating		
1	Depart U.S. for Istanbul				
2-5	Istanbul	Divan Hotel	Deluxe		
6	Assos/Troy	Nazlihan Hotel	Not rated		
7-8	Izmir	Swissotel Grand Efes	Deluxe		
9-12	Turquoise Coast cruise	Gulet yacht	Not rated		
13-14	Antalya	Rixos Antalya Downtown	Sup. First Class		
15	Depart Antalya for U.S.				

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

### Thursday, May 16: Depart U.S. for Istanbul, Turkey

Friday, May 17: Arrive Istanbul Arrive in Turkey's cultural and spiritual center and transfer to your hotel located near Taksim Square. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, no group activities or meals are planned. You are free to explore the area surrounding the hotel or simply relax. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Saturday, May 18: Istanbul Begin with a walking tour along lively Istiklal Street, a pedestrian way lined with buildings dating to the late Ottoman era. View the acclaimed mosaics and frescoes at Chora Church (now Kariye Museum) then take a drive along Istanbul's Old City walls. Next, take a short walk through Balat, the traditional Jewish quarter, to the Spice Market. After lunch on your own, take a private cruise on the Bosphorus, the waterway which separates Europe from Asia. Back at your hotel, enjoy an exclusive lecture by a local expert on Turkey's political past and present. This evening, walk to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner of traditional Turkish fare. B,D

**Sunday, May 19: Istanbul** Tour Old Istanbul, beginning with the ancient Roman Hippodrome, a 3,500-year-old obelisk brought from Egypt in 390 AD. Continue on to the renowned Museum of Turkish & Islamic Art, home to many priceless artifacts dating from the 8th century. Next, visit the Blue Mosque, constructed of over 20,000 blue Iznik tiles and six signature minarets. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue on to Hagia Sophia, the 6th-century church that was the most important site in Christendom. *B*,*L* 

Cover photo: Enjoy a four-night voyage along the legendary Turquoise Coast.



The Library of Celsus at Ephesus

**Monday, May 20: Istanbul** This morning, enjoy a tour highlight: a briefing at the U.S. Embassy. Later, tour splendid Topkapi Palace, considered one of the world's richest museums. Visit the Grand Bazaar, a covered market, comprised of 5,000 shops along 60 "streets." **B** 

**Tuesday, May 21:** Istanbul/Gallipoli/Troy/ Assos Travel to the northern Aegean Coast for a brief visit to Gallipoli, site of 31 World War I Allied cemeteries. Then ferry across the Dardanelles to Troy, believed to exist only in Homer's epic poem. Continue south to Behramkale, ancient Assos, to spend the night. *B*,*L*,*D* 

Wednesday, May 22: Assos/Pergamum/Izmir Explore the Hellenistic ruins at Pergamum, a major political power in the 3rd and 2nd centuries BC, and one of Turkey's most spectacular ancient sites. Then continue on to Izmir for the night. *B*,*L*,*D* 

**Thursday, May 23: Izmir/Ephesus** Set off today to explore ancient Ephesus, Turkey's premier classical city dating to at least 1300 BC. Tour the immense ampitheater, the Temple of Hadrian, the library of Celsus, which once held 12,000 scrolls, and enjoy an exclusive expert guided visit of the Terrace Houses. Also, visit the acclaimed Ephesus Archaeological Museum before enjoying lunch in the rustic village of Sirince. *B*,*L* 

Friday, May 24: Izmir/Göcek Journey south to coastal Göcek, with a stop along the way at a carpet factory for a demonstration of this age-old craft. Late afternoon board the *gulets*. *B*,*L*,*D* 

Saturday, May 25: Cruising – Aga Limani/ Cleopatra Baths Begin your "Blue Voyage" with a cruise to the hidden cove of Aga Limani. From here, there is an optional three-hour hike to the Greco-Roman ruins at Lydea, which ends at the Sunken Baths of Cleopatra. Those who prefer a less strenuous day can stay aboard the *gulets* as they sail to the Sunken Baths. *B*,*L*,*D* 

Sunday, May 26: Cruising – Ekincik Cove/ Dalyan Disembark the *gulets* and take a motorcoach to Dalyan, an environmentally protected area known for its loggerhead sea turtles. Here board a small skiff for a trip through an intriguing maze of channels where well-preserved ancient Lycian rock tombs are visible on the hills above. *B*,*L*,*D* 

Monday, May 27: Cruising – Gemiler Island/Kayakoy This morning, tour the 6th-century Byzantine monastery on Gemiler Island. Next, take a motorcoach to the Greek "ghost town" of Kayakoy, abandoned after

#### Post-Tour Extension: May 30-June 3, 2013

CAPPADOCIA & ANKARA 5 days/4 nights for \$995 total price Single Supplement: \$195

We explore the bizarre rock formations and underground cities of Cappadocia and the Goreme Valley; and also tour Ankara, Turkey's capital.

#### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- 4 nights accommodations: 3 nights in Cappadocia at Uchisar Kaya Hotel (First Class); 1 night in Ankara at Ankara Hilton (Deluxe)
- 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited tour director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

World War I. Explore the town and its churches and then return to the *gulets* for your last night on board. *B*,*L*,*D* 

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**Tuesday, May 28: Fethiye/Antalya** Cruise this morning to Fethiye, then set out by motorcoach through the Taurus Mountains for Antalya. After stopping for lunch en route, reach the seaside city mid-afternoon and visit the acclaimed Archaeological Museum. *B*,*L* 

#### Wednesday, May 29: Antalya/Perge

This morning, visit the ruins at Perge, an ancient Greek city. Then return to Antalya for a walking tour of its charming Old Town. Spend the afternoon at leisure before tonight's farewell dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

**Thursday, May 30: Depart for U.S.** Board an early morning flight for your return to the United States. *B* 



Indoor & outdoor public areas

Crew: 4 Passenger Capacity: 14 Avg. Length: 85 ft Avg. Width: 21 ft

This tour includes a four-night cruise aboard privately chartered gulet yachts. Gulets are teakwood with a broad sun deck plus both indoor and outdoor dining areas. Cabins are small but comfortable, each with private facilities.

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights' accommodations: 9 nights in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels; 4 nights aboard a privately chartered gulet yacht
- 30 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of a Professional Turkish Tour Director
- Services of a Commonwealth Club Host with a minimum of 15 guests
- Special private cultural and educational highlights
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



The Blue Mosque, symbol of Istanbul

#### Tour Departs: May 16, 2013

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

San Francisco, Los Angeles	\$5,392
Atlanta, Detroit, Minneapolis	\$5,292
Boston, Chicago, Miami, Washington, DC	\$5,192
New York	\$4,892
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,995

Single travelers please add \$995.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees of \$397, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Please call if your city is not listed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip trans-Atlantic flight: \$4,995 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and the pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For information and reservations please contact the Commonwealth Club at 415-597-6720, or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org.

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#### Dear Members and Friends of the Commonwealth Club,

Join us on a 15-day tour to Turkey and the Turquoise Coast. Come explore this vast country where Europe and Asia—past and present—meet to form the "cradle of civilization." Accompanied by a seasoned Turkish tour director, you will visit remote villages, explore fascinating archaeological sites, and cruise the Turquoise Coast. Through these in-depth experiences shared with your tour director and guest lecturers along the way, your understanding of this unique country will be thoroughly enriched.

Begin in Istanbul with a tour of the city's most important ancient and contemporary sites including Istiklal Street, Chora Church, the Roman Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, and Topkapi Palace. Next, travel south to the World War I battlefield of Gallipoli, the fabled ruins at ancient Troy, the Greco-Roman ruins at Pergamum, and spectacular Ephesus. In Göcek, board a traditional private *gulet* yacht, equipped with individual cabins and baths, to cruise the Turquoise Coast where you will visit tiny fishing villages, walk among ancient ruins, and swim and snorkel in the Mediterranean's brilliant blue waters. Conclude your tour with two nights in the seaside resort of Antalya. An optional 5-day post-tour extension to Cappadocia and Ankara is also available.

This exclusive departure has space for a maximum of only 28 guests. This trip sold out quickly last time we offered it, so we encourage you to reserve your place today!

Sincerely,

Sustino Gemeth

Kristina Nemeth Director of Travel

#### **COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: LEGENDARY TURKEY**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_(\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person/people on Legendary Turkey departing May 16, 2013. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure (or by February 10, 2013). Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send to: Commonwealth Club Travel, 595 Market Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105. For reservations and information, call (415) 597-6720, or email travel@commonwealthclub.org. You may also fax your reservation to (415) 597-6729.

Full Passport Name	Date of Birth	Gender
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Please book my/our air from	I/we reques	t a Business Class upgrade 🗅
I will share a room with	I request a single	room (limited availability) 🗅

Post-Tour Cappadocia & Ankara Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for *Legendary Turkey, May 16-30, 2013*, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Date

Signature(s) \_

Method of Payment							
Check	American Express	Discover	MasterC	Card 🗆 VISA			
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Final invoicing will be sent by the tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, or by February 10, 2013, and is payable by check or credit card.							

#### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

#### Not included in tour price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited tour director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities, \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

#### **Cancellations, refunds and changes**

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 64-30 days before departure: No refund. If a guest makes any changes to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

#### Responsibility

The liability of The Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. The Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant, and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrong-ful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

#### **Health and Medical Issues**

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. requests that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and ships on your own**. If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and The Commonwealth Club assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.



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