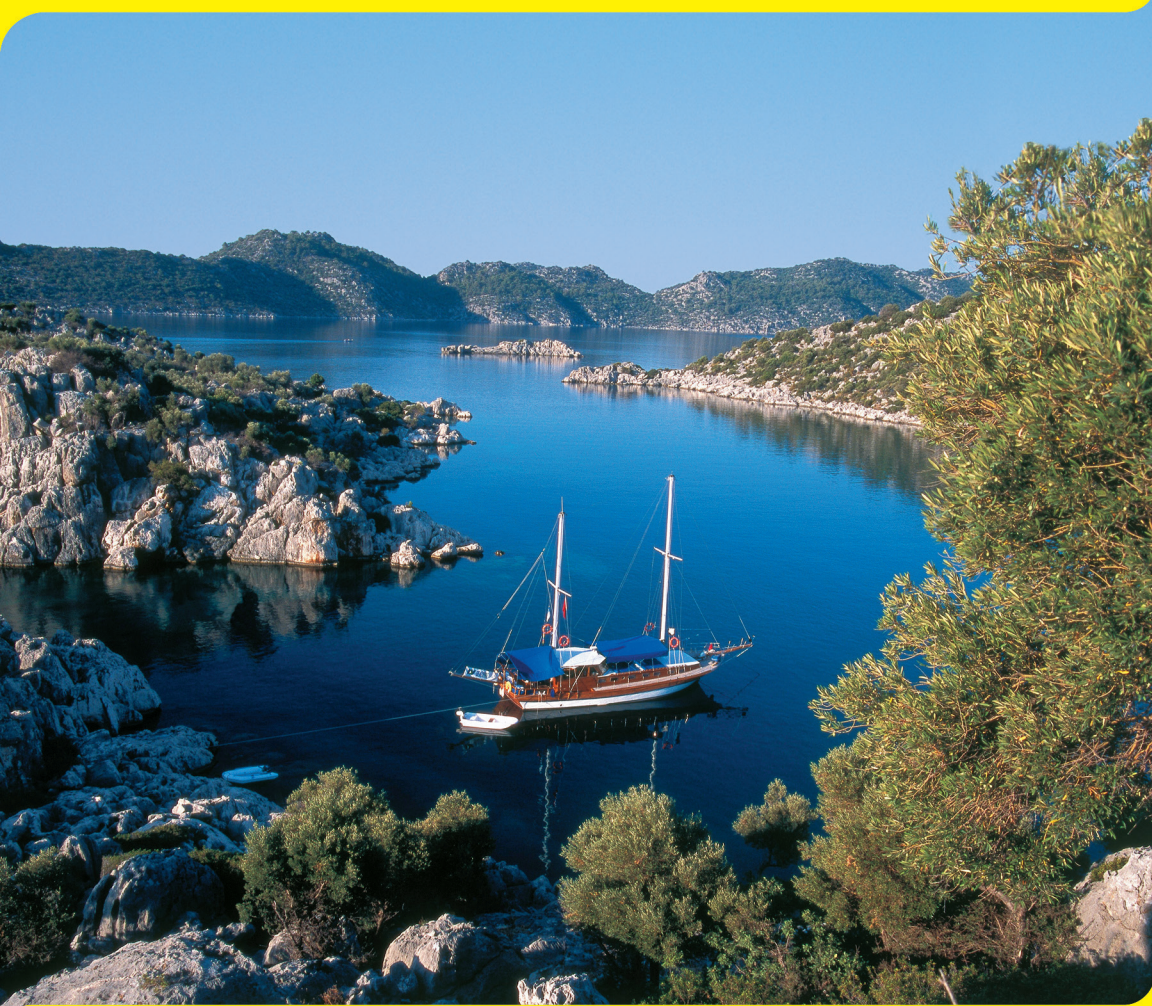


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October 15-29, 2015

15 days for \$4,992 total price from San Francisco
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Exotic sights, scents, and sounds reign in this fascinating land where Europe and Asia meet. From Istanbul, magnificent “Empress of the World,” to ancient ruins, stunning landscapes, and the dramatic Turquoise Coast where we board a privately chartered yacht for a distinctive four-day voyage, Turkey engages and beguiles, offering us an unparalleled small group travel experience.



Thursday, October 15: Depart U.S. for Istanbul, Turkey

Friday, October 16: Arrive Istanbul Arrive in Turkey’s cultural and spiritual heart today and transfer to your hotel located near Taksim Square, the heart of modern Istanbul. 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, October 17: Istanbul Begin with a walking tour along lively pedestrian Istiklal Street, lined with boutiques, galleries, restaurants, and late Ottoman-era buildings. See the acclaimed mosaics and frescoes at Chora Church (now Kariye Museum) then take a panoramic drive along Istanbul’s Old City walls. Then, visit the intimate Rustem Pasha mosque, followed by the renowned Spice Market. After lunch on your own here, take a private cruise on the Bosphorus, 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, take a short walk to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner of traditional Turkish fare. **B,D**

Sunday, October 18: Istanbul Tour Old Istanbul, beginning with the ancient Roman Hippodrome, the 3,500-year-old obelisk brought from Egypt in 390 CE. Next, visit the Blue Mosque, with its 20,000 blue Iznik tiles and signature six minarets. Continue on to the renowned Museum of Turkish & Islamic Art, housing priceless artifacts from the 8th to 20th centuries. After lunch at a local restaurant, tour Hagia Sophia, the 6th-century church that was Christendom’s most important before becoming a mosque in the 15th century. **B,L**

Monday, October 19: Istanbul This morning, enjoy a tour highlight: a briefing with U.S. Embassy staff (schedules permitting). Later, tour splendid Topkapi, for 400 years the palace of Ottoman

Avg. High (°F)	Oct	Nov
Istanbul	68	59
Antalya	76	67

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 ... Guided visit of the Terrace Houses ... Ruins at ancient Troy, Pergamum, Ephesus ... Four-night “Blue Voyage” aboard privately chartered gulet yacht ... 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	Hilton Istanbul Bosphorus	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	Akra Barut	Deluxe
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.

Cover Photo: Our tour includes a four-night “Blue Voyage” along the legendary Turquoise Coast.



Istanbul's Blue Mosque combines Ottoman and Byzantine design.

sultans that today ranks among the world's richest museums. Continue on to the Basilica Cistern, the marble-columned underground chamber that provided water to Istanbul in antiquity, and the Grand Bazaar, housing some 5,000 shops along 60 "streets." **B**

Tuesday, October 20: Istanbul/Gallipoli/Troy/Assos Leaving Istanbul this morning, travel to the northern Aegean Coast for a brief visit to Gallipoli, haunting site of 31 Allied cemeteries from World War I. Then ferry across the Dardanelles to Troy, once believed to exist only in Homer's epic poem until the present site was discovered in the 1870s. After touring here continue south to Behramkale, ancient Assos, where you spend the night. **B,L,D**

Wednesday, October 21: Assos/Pergamum/Izmir Explore one of Turkey's most spectacular ancient sites: windswept Pergamum, a major power in the 3rd and 2nd centuries BCE, with a wealth of Hellenistic ruins. Then continue on to Izmir for the night. **B,L,D**

Thursday, October 22: Izmir/Ephesus Few ancient sites compare to Ephesus, the world's best-preserved classical city which you explore today. Dating to at least 1300 BCE, Ephesus was Asia Minor's largest metropolis and principal port. Enjoy an exclusive expert-guided tour of the Terrace Houses, with their outstanding mosaic floors and frescoed walls. Lunch is in the rustic village of Sirince. **B,L**

Friday, October 23: Izmir/Göcek Journey south to coastal Göcek, stopping along the way at a carpet factory to watch a demonstration of this age-old craft. Late afternoon board the *gulets*. **B,L,D**

Saturday, October 24: Cruising – Aga Limani/Cleopatra Baths Begin our "Blue Voyage" this morning as you cruise to the hidden cove of Aga Limani. From here you have the option of taking a three-hour hike to the Greco-Roman ruins at Lydea, ending at the Sunken Baths of Cleopatra. Set in a breathtaking inlet, the Baths offer crystal-clear waters for swimming and snorkeling. Those who prefer a less strenuous day can stay aboard the *gulets* as they sail to the Sunken Baths. **B,L,D**

Sunday, October 25: Cruising – Ekincik Cove/Dalyan Disembark the *gulets* and coach to Dalyan, an environmentally protected area known for its loggerhead sea turtles. Here board a small skiff for a trip through an intriguing maze

Post-Tour Extension

October 29-November 2, 2015

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

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

of channels; high on the hills above we see well-preserved ancient Lycian rock tombs. **B,L,D**

Monday, October 26: Cruising – Gemiler Island/Kayakoy Today cruise to Gemiler Island to tour its 6th-century Byzantine monastery. Next, take a motorcoach to the Greek “ghost town” of Kayakoy, abandoned after World War I and now preserved as a historical monument. Explore the town and its churches then return to the *gulets* for your last night on board. **B,L,D**

Tuesday, October 27: 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, October 28: Antalya/Perge This morning, visit the ruins at Perge, an ancient Greek city once among the world’s prettiest and most prosperous. Then return to Antalya for a walking tour of its charming Old Town, including Hadrian’s Gate and the lovely Yivli Minare (Fluted Minaret). Spend the afternoon at leisure before tonight’s farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **B,D**

Meet Your Club Tour Representative



Bonnie Joy Kaslan, Honorary Consul General of the Turkish Republic, is former Executive Vice President of Kaslan Associates, Inc. Ms. Kaslan was president of the Turkish American Association of California from 1983 to 1985 and served on the Board of Directors of the Assembly of Turkish American Associations. She is past national chairman of the Assembly’s Curriculum Committee on History and Social Science as well as past chairman and current member of the Board of Trustees. Bonnie is very familiar with this tour, as she hosted it in 2012.

She has appeared on radio and television nationwide as an educator, advocate, and facilitator for a better understanding of Turkey and its people. She served as educational consultant to the Turkish Cultural Foundation, charged with overseeing the Teachers’ Study Tours to Turkey. She continues to travel nationwide on behalf of TCF programs.

Our Private Turkish Gulets



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 and unrated hotels; 4 nights aboard privately chartered *gulet* yacht
- 30 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Services of a Commonwealth Club Tour Representative with a minimum of 15 guests
- Private motorcoach transportation including bottled water throughout your trip
- Special private cultural and educational high-lights
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Thursday, October 29: Depart for U.S. Board an early morning flight for your return to the United States. **B**

Tour Departs: October 15, 2015

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

San Francisco, Seattle	\$4,992
Atlanta, Dallas, Miami	\$4,892
Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, DC	\$4,792
Boston, New York	\$4,492

Land only (transfers not included) \$3,995

Please call if your city is not listed. 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.

Single travelers please add \$995.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$2,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and 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.

Contact Club Travel

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Dear Members and Friends of the Commonwealth Club,

Join fellow Commonwealth Club members on a 15-day tour to legendary Turkey and the Turquoise Coast. Accompanied by a seasoned Turkish tour director and Bonnie Joy Kaslan, Honorary Consul General to the Turkish Republic and your Commonwealth Club Tour Representative, you'll visit remote villages, explore fascinating archaeological sites, and cruise the Turquoise Coast. Through these in-depth experiences, your understanding of this unique country will be thoroughly enriched.

Begin in Istanbul with its many treasures: the legendary Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, and the 6th-century Hagia Sophia. Travel south to explore the World War I battlefield of Gallipoli, the fabled ruins of ancient Troy, and spectacular Ephesus, the world's best preserved classical city. 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 bracing blue waters. Your tour concludes with two nights in the seaside resort of Antalya. An optional 5-day post-tour extension to Cappadocia and Ankara is also available.

Space on this exclusive Commonwealth Club tour is limited to just 28 travelers. It has sold out very quickly in the past, so we encourage you to reserve your place today!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth

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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 **October 15, 2015**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. **Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send to: Commonwealth Club Travel, 555 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. For reservations and information, call (415) 597- 6720, fax (415) 597-6729, or email travel@commonwealthclub.org.**

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request 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, October 15-29, 2015**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our 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 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 landonly 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.

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: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 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, your date of birth and gender. 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.**

Insurance

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Information will be sent upon registration.

Responsibility

The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases 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 wrongful, 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.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and snips on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance, in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. 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.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator/tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to: frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. 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.**

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