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of a lifetime.*



*Show them all that Turkey has to offer with our unique
itineraries that will take travelers through the unique cities
and diverse terrains of this ancient land. Our travel services
will provide clients with a wide variety of experiences to
serve the preferences of each and every traveler.*



...who are we?

Greetings from Gurtour Travel Agency, Istanbul, TURKEY

We feel both pleased & honored to introduce ourselves as Gurtour Travel Agency is one of the leading travel company in Istanbul, Turkey Operated by a team of professionals with a tremendous wealth of experience in the travel trade and are capable of fulfilling every needs of our guests' requirement while traveling with us. We, Gurtour are specialized in providing all ground arrangements you may need in Turkey;

Our mission statement would be to provide quality service, practical advice and flexible products that meets the need of our guests. It would be appreciated if you could allow us the opportunity to entertain you scenic splendor magical cultural experiences & variety entertainment activities that will make you have the perfect vacation in any destination.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with your thoughts & comments in order to go one step ahead to generate our mission .

We look forward to welcoming you to the country where the continents meet...

Thanks and Best Regards,
Mr. Gurol TANER & Mrs. Gul Taner





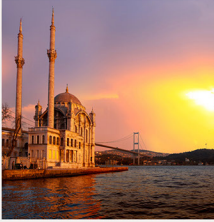
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There are numerous reasons for visiting Turkey. To begin with, this wonderful land is blessed by a lovely nature. Surrounded by seas on three sides, it is covered by mountains, forests, steppes and all sorts of land variations, all of which are of superb beauty. Indeed, the big part of the country is as lovely as a national park. The genuine friendliness and traditional hospitality of Turkish people towards visitors are wellknown worldwide. And then of course, the history of this land, called Anatolia, is incredibly rich and long.



Turkey has hosted more than 36 civilizations over the past 5000 years. The whole country is the reflection of this richness; through its culture, traditions and archeology. Turkey still hosts many ethnic and religious minorities such as Armenians, Jewish, Christians, old Levantine families and much more. Ottoman Empire is the most influential civilization on today's Turkey. The famous silhouette of Istanbul, great monuments, famous tiles and Ottoman cuisine are some examples. Their influence on daily life, architecture, literature and art are impressive.

Turkey has borders with Armenia, Iran, Syria, Greece, Bulgaria and Georgia all of which also have great influence on the culture of Turkey. As a matter of fact, Turkey is the cradle of civilizations and Matiana Travel invites you to follow their footsteps in their motherland...



LANGUAGE

The most difficult change in any society is probably a language reform. Most nations never attempt it; those who do, usually prefer a gradual approach. Under Atatürk's Leadership, Turkey undertook the modern world's swiftest and most extensive language reform. In 1928, when he decided that the Arabic script, which had been used by Turks for a thousand year, should be replaced with the Latin alphabet. He asked the experts: "How long would it take?" Most of them replied: "At least five years." "We shall do it," Atatürk said, "within five months".

Today, Turkey has major universities all over the country. Except for Europe and North America she has one of the world's highest ratios of university graduates to population. English and German are widely spoken in hotels and restaurants resorts and cities. In villages it can be difficult to find people who speak languages other than Turkish. But the natural friendliness of Turkish people will overcome many barriers. If you learn even a few basic words of Turkish you will be rewarded with an enthusiastic response from the people.

SAFETY

At this very moment there's not a single reason not to come to Turkey. Regarding the average crime rate, most foreigners will be even safer in Turkey than at home. The crime rate in Istanbul (about 12 million inhabitants) is far lower than in western countries and in non-touristic part of Turkey.



HIGHLIGHTS

ISTANBUL

Once a great capital of Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, Istanbul is now a bustling metropolis that connects two continents as well as several religions and diverse cultures. This enchanting city is highlighted by the precious Bosphorus and by the rich cultural heritage that adorns its silhouette.

Admire breathtaking architecture, peer into the Sultan's harem, bargain at the fabulous Grand Bazaar with its thousands of shops and crafts, and experience the hospitality of its warm and friendly people.

CAPPADOCIA

The natural moon-like landscape of Cappadocia adds to the unique character of a region known for its extraordinary history, folklore, artistry and astonishing stone-carved cities. Dotted with "fairy chimney," underground dwellings and Byzantine frescoes, Cappadocia will amaze even the most seasoned traveler.

BODRUM

The chic resort of Bodrum offers a superb climate, turquoise seas, stunning natural beauty, as well as a thriving nightlife that continues well into sunrise. Wander along the streets of the town with its beautiful flower-decked houses and overlook the dazzling bay guarded by a great medieval castle built by the Knights of Rhodes. Bodrum is a delightful get-away, whether you want to relax under the sun or enjoy a lively evening out.

KUSADASI

One of Turkey's largest and most cosmopolitan summer resorts, Kusadasi offers great beaches, excellent shopping, an exciting nightlife, and easy access to Kalamaki National Park, where you can enjoy the dense pine tree forest and spectacular views of the Aegean Sea. Kusadasi is also the ideal point from which to tour the magnificent ancient city of Ephesus, one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World."

RELIGIOUS ASPECT

It is a well-known fact to those who have already been to Turkey, which The Turkish Republic is a singular and unique country, totally different from all Islamic countries of the world.

It is indeed a modern, democratic, secular country, where everyone can openly belong to any religion of their choice. This is guaranteed by the Constitution itself. Although the great majority of the population is Moslems, there is total respect and tolerance towards other convictions, cultures and descent.

You need to be aware though that Turkey, some areas are still conservative and the values of Islam are widely respected. Very informal or revealing clothing can be seen as disrespectful, especially in small towns.

WHAT TO PACK

Turkey has a diverse range of climates. The coasts are generally mild in winter and hot in summer. The interior is warm in summer and cold in winter so you will need to bring clothes according to the season. Turks are generally informal in their choice of clothing and so there is little need to bring formal wear.

Turkey is a country which can be enjoyed by walking either for the scenery or visiting the touristic sites. Good footwear, hat, sun glasses and sun protector creams are advisable.

Turkey uses 220 volt electricity, 50 cycles, 2 pin European plug system, so you will need to bring an adapter if your electricity system is different.



ISTANBUL - The City of Four Empires



THE MAIDEN'S TOWER (Turkish: Kız Kulesi)

One of the symbols of today's Istanbul silhouette with its delicate figure and mixture of Byzantine and Ottoman Art. Because of its special location The Maiden's Tower was connected with some legends but originally it has been used as a light-house since Byzantine times...

ISTANBUL

It is an unquestionable fact that Istanbul is one of the oldest and the most attractive metropolitan cities in the world. In the narrow streets of Istanbul, you can find the "thing" you want; top luxury restaurants or hotels, nightclubs along the Bosphorus as well as great monuments from different periods, rich museums, relaxing spas and unique shops. Istanbul provides all these within its borders, with great variation.

The role of Gurtour Travel here is finding the best options for you. Regarding our guests' request, we suggest the best hotels that fit their needs. Our professional guides are the best in their field and are exceptional with their services. Besides, the concierge service of Gurtour Travel follows the updates of all events in Istanbul and share these information with our valuable guests and make suggestions about the most interesting and appealing events, such as special concerts or exhibitions.





HAGIA SOPHIA

It was the biggest cathedral in the world for thousands of years until the Duomo Cathedral in Italy finished in 16th century. The only difference is Hagia Sophia was built between 532 to 537 and Duomo Cathedral was built between 1296 to 1436 while the half of the outer façade was not completed. Moreover, Hagia Sophia is the first sample of rectangular building with a dome...



BOSPHORUS

Bosphorus had a great role in Argonauts ' famous journey in which they met with Harpies and with the guidance of a dove,they managed to pass through Symplegad (Crushing blue Rocks)and reached the Black Sea.



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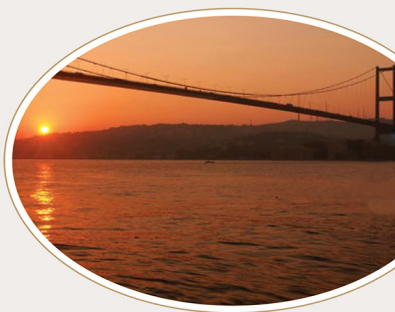
GRAND BAZAAR

The charming covered bazaar is always attractive with its labyrinth-like streets, colorful souvenir shops and its atmosphere. The important thing is, it is still special for Turkish people because of the jewel-crafters for shopping before weddings.



CHORA CHURCH/KARIYE MUSEUM

The word of Chora was an adjective given to Christ which meant "the largest sphere that is contained by man's spiritual meaning". Mosaics and frescoes of the church are counted as the best of 14th century Byzantine Art.



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Could you say "No, thank you" to a sunset cruise to watch the beauties of Istanbul in your private boat and then step in one of the chic restaurants along the Bosphorus for dinner?



CAPPADOCIA - Living in a Daydream

PASABAG

This remote section is the place where you can see the dying or maturing fairy chimneys but more over, this place called as Monk Valley because it was used for hermitage. The hermitage of Simeon monks was also here.

❧ CAPPADOCIA ❧

Cappadocia is a masterpiece of the nature with its interesting landscape. Nature, time and people create the features of this interesting region. Cave churches (oldest ones date back to late 3rd or early 4th centuries, with colorful frescoes), underground cities, valleys, fairy chimneys have an effect on daily life. Cave-hotels are one of the best examples of it.

Cappadocia is the new destination of tourism. It provides different things than the guests used to have in different parts of the world. Different history, landscape and art concept are just remarkable. The best hotel suggestions with different facilities and special tour programs created by Gurtour Travel will be at your service.





HOT AIR BALLOONING

Cappadocia is famous because of its landscape and tremendous views. Hot air balloons provide you to see these beauties from different angles. It is the absolute highlight of the region.



KAYMAKLI AND DERINKUYU UNDERGROUND CITIES

Multi level underground cities remain from the 8th and 7th century BC and had been used by all civilizations that inhabited them. They used them mainly to protect themselves against their enemies. Both of them are the most known.



How does it sound to be a witness of the daily life in Cappadocia? Being a guest in a local house, tasting local food and enjoying the real Cappadocian life?



CULTURAL - WONDERS of Turkey

EPHESUS

One of the well preserved antique cities, Ephesus takes part in the Bible as one of the Seven churches of Revelation. Its glory from the past is still shining from its marbles...

CULTURAL

Turkey is a bridge between Europe, Asia and Middle East. Many different civilizations had stayed or passed through these lands and each of them left their traditions and products. Therefore, Turkey has a rich culture both in history and cuisine. Hittites, Urartians, Frigians, Antique Greeks, Romans, Turks, Arabs, Armenians and much more...

Gurtour Travel offers you to trace their footprints in Anatolia. You will be amazed by Hittites art when you see the similarity to Egyptian Art. Bee-hive houses of Haran which is one of the oldest cities in the world, Stone houses of Mardin, Ruins of Ani and much more.

Gurtour Travel creates special routes and programs for each of their guests to make them see these unexplored beauties with the combination of good accommodation, the best guides and comfortable vehicles...





SAFRANBOLU

This small village is the best sample of countryside architecture with its small old Turkish houses with their original plans. Especially, the Yuruk Village has many details to make you understand the life in Anatolia.



HARRAN

It is one of the oldest cities in the world has been continuously inhabited by people. It is subjected in Holy Books related with Abraham. Its houses with cone-shaped roofs, fortress and first Islamic university's ruins are in UNESCO World Heritage List.

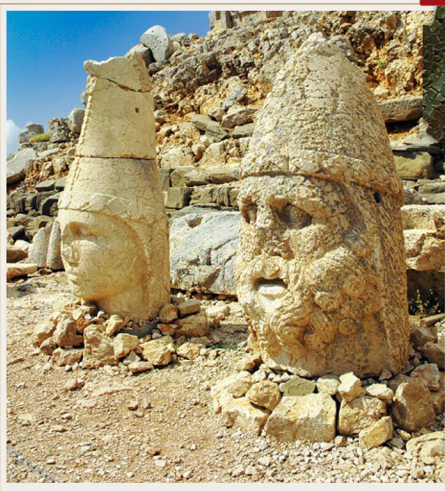


How do you feel when you step in the places that had been a subject in the ancient legends or enter through the doors the emperors had passed...

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Everyone wants to be remembered but one man, Anthiocus, wanted that a bit more... He decided to sit and watch the sunrise and sunset with his Gods and Goddesses forever. Today, this special place is in the list of UNESCO World Heritage.



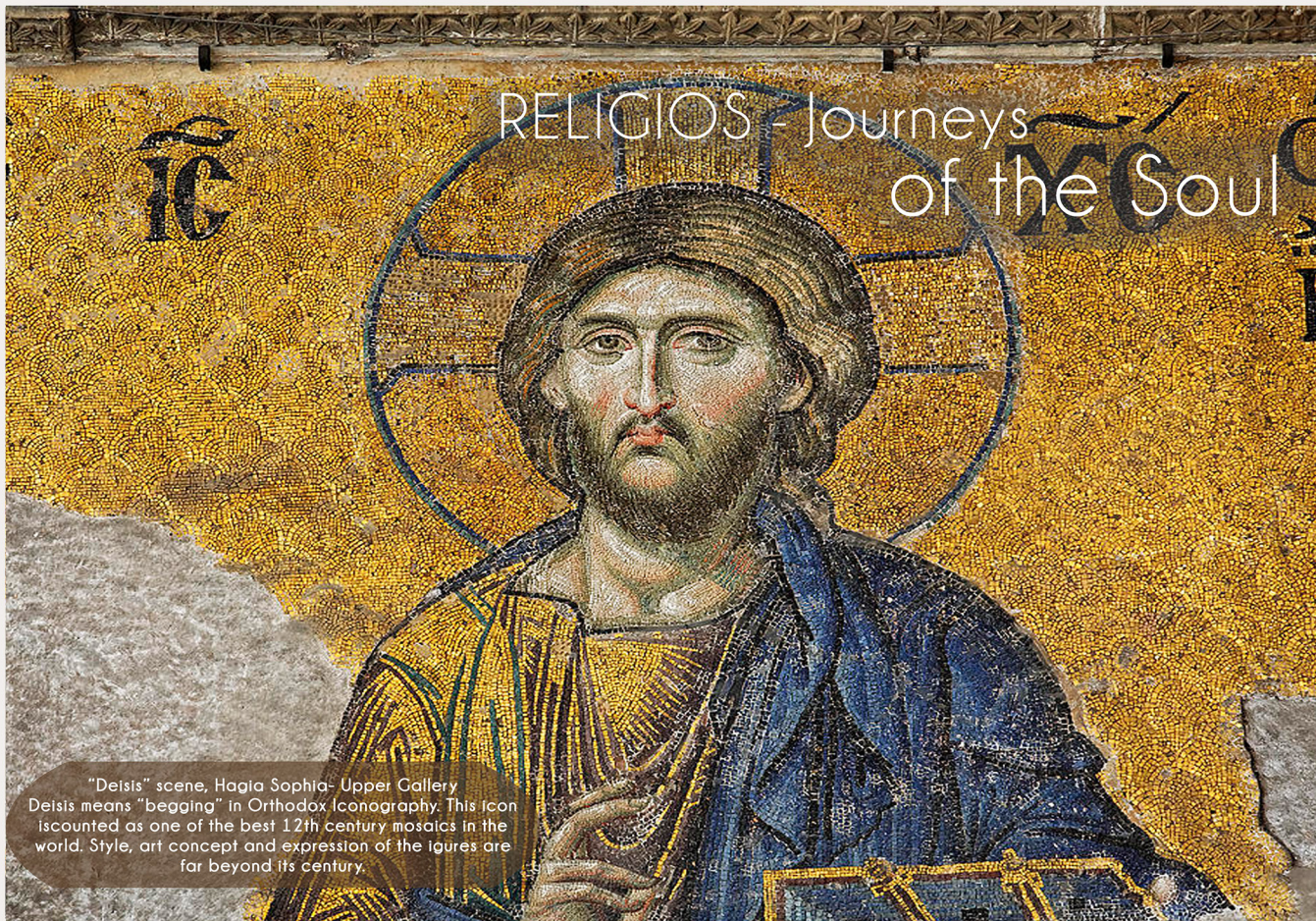
Famous Gipsy girl mosaic from Zeugma antique city



ANTAKYA MOSAIC MUSEUM

Antakya was one of the passages between Mediterranean to Middle East in ancient times. That's why the city has a great mixture of culture and you can see this richness in the mosaics exhibited in Antakya Mosaic Museum, the second largest mosaic Museum in the world.

RELIGIOUS - Journeys of the Soul



"Deisis" scene, Hagia Sophia- Upper Gallery
Deisis means "begging" in Orthodox Iconography. This icon is counted as one of the best 12th century mosaics in the world. Style, art concept and expression of the figures are far beyond its century.

❧ RELIGIOUS ❧

Journey of the belief has the same destiny with world history and Turkey is one of the places where the religious beliefs got shaped. Muslim tradition says Abraham was born in Edessa and stayed in Harran for a while, St. Paul and St. Nicholas were born in Anatolia, Seven churches of revelation, Grotto of Seven sleepers, the House of Virgin Mary, the Holy relics of Prophet Mohammed, the tomb of Mevlana Celaleddin Rum-i ... and all are in Anatolia.

GurtourTravel invites you to learn the meaning of whirling dervishes' delicate dances for God, follow the steps of St. Paul, see the cave where the Abraham was born and visit the House of Virgin Mary where she spent her last days.





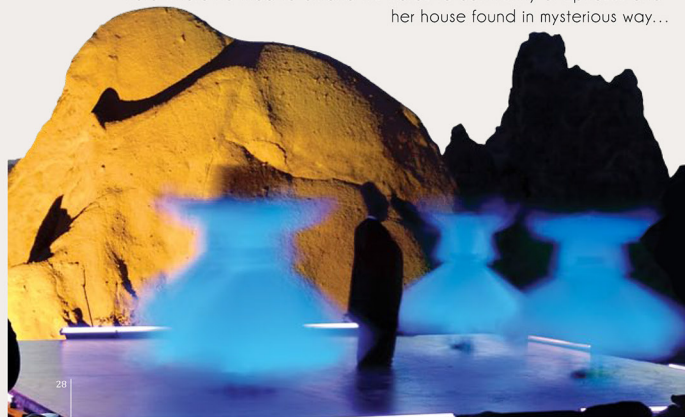
HOUSE OF VIRGIN MARY

Jesus Christ commend his mother to St. John and after crucified of Jesus, they traveled to Anatolia and common belief is, St. John brought her to here where he tried to extend his words to community of Ephesus and her house found in mysterious way...



POOL OF SACRED FISH

"O fire! Be cool and become peace for Abraham" Quran. The birth place of Abraham where he had tried to kill by King Nimrod as throwing him into furnace and with God's will, fire turned into water and wood pieces become carps.



What can be more special than to pray in a place where the Holy People had been...



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