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TURKEY: CATALHOYUK – CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION LAND OF BEAUTIFUL HORSES...

Of all the sites such as Ephesus, Istanbul, Lycia, Catalhoyuk is one of the most important sites in the world for women's history. We will visit this site driving from Antalya to Cappadocia. The Cappadocia is one of the natural wonders of the world with its surrealistic geological formations, the "fairy chimneys" formed by volcanic eruptions and erosion. Throughout history, several civilizations have inhabited Cappadocia. Hittites (2000-1200 BC) used to call it "Kizzuwatna" meaning "below country". During the Persian Period (546-333 BC), it was called Katpatuka meaning "the land of beautiful horses". It was a center of early Christianity, and the area came to be called Cappadocia, the Greek version of the Persian name. Highlights of Cappadocia are the rock cut churches with frescoes in Goreme, underground cities of Kaymakli and Derinkuyu, natural rock castles of Ortahisar and Uchisar, wineries, troglodyte houses in Zelve, fairy chimneys and valleys of Pasabag, Avanos pottery center where pottery was made 3000 years ago. The virgin valleys of Cappadocia, with their unbelievable rock formations and colors that change according to the sunshine; wild landscapes, friendly people, turtles, butterflies, Birds of Paradise, Kapuzbasi Waterfalls, the exhilaration at the top of the Argeus, and the clearest of blue skies all await you.

Trip Dates: May 24 - 28 and Sept 13 - 17, 2009

Land Costs: \$1279

Day 1: After breakfast, you'll be met by our driver and local Cappadocian guide. Drive through the countryside of Southern Turkey. On the way to Cappadocia you'll stop at Catalhoyuk, an ancient site that is the home of the mother goddess Cybele. If time allows we'll also visit the museum of Whirling Dervishes in Konya. Have lunch on the way. You'll arrive in Cappadocia in the early evening. After checking into your hotel, you'll be on your own to have dinner. The guide will be with you during the drive from Antalya (8-9 hours) and he will give a short lecture about Catalhoyuk. Overnight: Hotel. (B, L)

Day 2: This morning, enjoy a walk in Zelve Open Air Museum: a journey into the past with its troglodyte houses; visit to Pasabag, as it's called by the locals "fairy chimneys" where the voice of wind mixes with the "songs of fairies". Lunch in Avanos, center of terra cotta works of art since 3000 BC. Visit a traditional pottery workshop. This afternoon, visit

the famous Goreme Open Air Museum and see the best examples of Byzantine art in Cappadocia in rock-cut churches with frescoes and paintings (10th to 13th century). Climb on top of the Uchisar Rock-Castle to have a panoramic view of the valleys of Cappadocia. Dinner on your own and overnight at the hotel. (B, L)

Day 3: In the morning descend into the underground city of Derinkuyu, the largest and the deepest of the 40 others in Cappadocia where early Christians found shelter when they were escaping from the pagans. Lunch in Soganli valley, an open-air museum in a wild natural setting near a typical Cappadocian village with its different style rock cut churches and frescoes. Then we'll visit Sinassos (Mustafapasa), an ancient Greek town with its spectacular houses, very fine examples of late Greek settlements and architecture. Late afternoon is free to enjoy Cappadocia on your own. Gather together for a farewell banquet followed by a performance of the famous Whirling Dervishes or 'Sufi' dancers...soothing, mystical music and a panorama of whirling silhouettes...relax and enjoy your last night in the mesmerizing valleys of Cappadocia! Overnight: Hotel. (BLD)

Day 4: After breakfast, transfer to Kayseri airport and fly to Istanbul. Upon your arrival in Istanbul mid-morning, you'll be transferred to your hotel in the old quarter. Afternoon is free in Istanbul. Overnight: Hotel. (B)

Day 5: Transfer to Istanbul airport on your own and fly home.

NOTE: While as accurate as possible at the time of printing, this itinerary should be considered an approximate indication of the schedule and scope of the trip route and activities, rather than an inflexible schedule. The itinerary, hotels and flights are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Any additional costs incurred due to circumstance beyond Adventure Associates of Washington's (AAW) control are the responsibility of the individual passengers. AAW does not accept any responsibility for refunds of unused arrangements due to any change in itinerary in any way by clients after the commencement of the journey or strike action prior to departure and while overseas. Prices are subject to change.

Land Costs	Deposit	In-country Flights	Single Supplement	2009 Trip Dates	Group Size	Difficulty	Activities
\$1279	Entire fee due upon registration	Approx. \$170 per segment	\$260	May 24 - 28 Sept 13 - 17	8-14	No Experience Needed	Ruins, Hiking, Museums, Cultural Exchange, Lodges

*Pricing may be subject to revision due to extreme rate changes

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A FEW IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT YOUR TRIP...Read carefully

Included in your Trip Fee: Standard accommodations (twin share); meals indicated on itinerary (BLD) = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner; airport transfer and ground transportation; sightseeing with a national English-speaking guide; taxes; entrance fees.

Not Included in your Trip Fee: International airfare and any accommodations en route; In-country flight from Kayseri to Istanbul (approx. \$170); Visa fee (approx \$20 for US citizens), airport departure tax (approx. US\$20), passport, meals not mentioned, alcoholic beverages, tips to your guides, travel/medical/evacuation insurance and items of a personal nature; single supplement fee (\$260) if unable to share a room based on double occupancy. There will be surcharge if the trip falls below 8 participants.

Do I need a Visa for travel to Turkey: Yes. Upon arrival in Turkey, you can obtain your visa at the Istanbul International airport as you pass through customs. You will pay the visa fee (approx. US\$20) upon arrival. You must hold a passport that is valid for at least 6 months beyond your return date.

Travel & Trip Insurance: As all payments are non-refundable, we strongly recommend that travel insurance be purchased immediately following your registration. The time and expense that you have put into planning and paying for your trip warrant protection through the purchase of travel insurance. Our primary interest in the Access America travel Insurance package is that it covers trip cancellation as well as "emergency medical transportation" - this is important when traveling and preparing for the unexpected. Emergency services are very costly. This coverage is very inexpensive in comparison. The insurance also protects you and your money from late cancellations, accidents or illness in remote areas, loss of baggage, airline flight changes and other unexpected delays. The particular program we recommend (Access America) will cover "preexisting" conditions, if you purchase full coverage within fourteen (14) days following your registration or flight purchase. Please call or write for details.

Transportation/Flight Arrangements: Upon your registration, Adventure Associates will work closely with you on your individual flight plans. Certain programmed activities are dependant on flight schedule - you should verify your flight itinerary with Adventure Associates **before** purchase.

How to Register: If you have not downloaded an application form from our website, please contact our office for a complete registration packet. Complete the application form and return it to our office along with the appropriate deposit. Upon receipt of your application, we will send you a confirmation and final details about your pre-trip preparation. For immediate confirmation, you may charge your deposit to Visa, Master Card or American Express by phone or fax.

Payment Schedule: We accept checks, Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

Full payment due upon registration (Non-refundable)

Exchange Rate Note The American dollar fluctuates constantly in Turkey. Trip cost is subject to change due to exchange rate increases. Turkey now uses the Euro.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

If you must cancel prior to departure, the following fee will be assessed based upon our receipt of your written cancellation request:

Days Prior to Departure (trip destination)

120 or more \$500

90 to 119 50% fee

1 to 89 100% fee

Itineraries are subject to change.

No partial refunds are possible for any unused portion of your trip.

Penalties on airline tickets are subject to the individual air carrier's rules and regulations. Departure is defined as the date of the first flight, or the trip departure date as indicated on our Trip Schedule, whichever comes first.

Once a trip has been confirmed medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to our cancellation policy. However, if you have purchased a comprehensive Travel Insurance plan that covers cancellation, you may be able to retrieve some of the funds.

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