

## PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR SMALL GROUP TURKEY TOUR MAY 2011

### **Thursday 5 May**

Arrive Istanbul

On arrival you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

### **Istanbul**

To be advised

Accommodation – 4 nights – Istanbul

***Neorion Hotel***

*Details to be advised*

In 5 May – Out 9 May

### **Friday 6 May**

Full day tour of Istanbul with lunch. Visit the Blue Mosque, famous for its mosaics of blue Iznik tiles and its six minarets. Facing the Blue Mosque is St. Sophia (closed on Monday), one of the great architectural marvels of the ancient world. This church – turned mosque – and now a museum, takes the breath away with the sheer size of its interior and its magnificent dome.

Cross through the Hippodrome, the scene of Byzantine chariot races, athletic events, victory celebrations, and political activities of the old city where one can also see the Obelisk from Egypt, Serpent Column from Delphi, the Fountain of Wilhelm II and the Colossus.



Explore the spectacular Topkapi Palace (closed on Tuesday), seat of the Ottoman sultans for 400 years. Built on one of the seven hills of Istanbul, this huge complex commands superb views of the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn. The palace is filled with treasures of the Sultans including the extravagant Treasury with its magnificent jewels, and the priceless Chinese porcelain, one of the best collections in the world.

Following lunch you will travel to the Suleymaniye Mosque (presently under restoration and visit could be limited), built by master architect Sinan during the reign of Sultan Suleyman the Magnificent, the Lawgiver.

*Please note that the places visited may not be in the same order as set out above. BL*

### **Saturday 7 May**

Morning Bosphorus Tour. Visit the aromatic Spice Bazaar (closed Sunday), where the smells of cloves, cinnamon and thyme rise from colourful mounds of spices at every store-front. The assortment of Turkish Delight and dried fruit is a delight to the eyes. The best Turkish Delights are served by scoops at the rear of each shop – absolutely delicious!

Cruise by public ferry through the waterway separating the two continents, Asia and Europe, viewing marble palaces, ancient wooden villas of Ottoman architecture standing beside modern houses and luxurious apartments. Leave the ferry in Tarabya and travel back to Istanbul by coach. B



### **Sunday 8 May**

### **Istanbul**

Free day. We suggest visiting the charming area of Ortakoy, located on the shores of the Bosphorus, with its outdoor cafes, market every day, and its triangle of faith with a delightful baroque mosque, a church filled with marvellous embroideries and paintings, and a lovely old synagogue almost side by side. B

### **Monday 9 May**

### **Istanbul-Gallipoli-Assos**

Commence your tour from your hotel in Istanbul. Drive from Istanbul along the northern shores of the Sea of Marmara to Gallipoli (5-6 hours), historically famous for being the site of many battles – particularly involving the Allied Forces including Australians and New Zealanders during World War I.

Visit Anzac Cove where the Allied Forces landed on 25 April 1915. A Turkish monument marks Anzac Cove with Ataturk's poignant words uttered in 1934 for the Anzac troops:

*“Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives...you are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace.*

*There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours... You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land, they have become our sons as well.”*



Other places of interest to visit are the War Cemeteries (Beach Cemetery, Quinn's Post, the Nek) and Anzac Memorials (Lone Pine, Conk Bair, and Hellespont). Cross the strategic waterway, the Dardanelles, to Canakkale and on to Assos. BD

### **Accommodation – 2 nights – Assos**

#### ***Nazlihan Hotel – 3 Star***

*Iskele Mevkii*

*Behramkale (Assos)*

*Tel: (286) 721 7385*

*Fax: (286) 721 7387*

*Simple but atmospheric 3 star stone hotel in very picturesque surroundings right on the water's edge. Rooms feature private bathrooms decorated with handmade Turkish tiles. Hotel facilities include restaurant & bar.*

### **In 9 May – Out 11 May**



### **Tuesday 10 May**

### **Assos**

Visit the ruins of Assos, considered the prettiest small harbour in the northern Aegean, with its impressive Hellenistic and Byzantine fortifications and the Temple of Athena on the summit, affording spectacular views of the Aegean Sea and the Greek island of Lesbos. Free afternoon. BD

### **Wednesday 11 May**

### **Assos-Pergamon-Kusadasi**



This morning after breakfast depart for Bergama to visit the hauntingly beautiful Pergamon, once one of the richest and most powerful small kingdoms in the Middle East. Among the impressive structures of this city, dating from 399 B.C., you will see the Altar of Zeus, Temple of Dionysus and the 200,000-volume library which was surpassed only by that found in Alexandria at the time. The most spectacular site is the theatre, a remarkable feat of engineering built into an exceptionally steep hillside.

The Asclepieum of Pergamon was a famous health centre where methods of treatment included blood transfusions, music therapy and meditation. Continue south to Kusadasi. B

### **Accommodation – 2 nights – Kusadasi**

### **In 11 May – Out 13 May**

**Villa Konak – Special Category**  
Yildirim Cad. No 55  
Kusadasi 09400  
Tel: +90 (256) 614 6318  
Fax: +90 (256) 613 1524



*Villa Konak is an old refurbished Turkish mansion with 27 traditionally decorated rooms, centrally located in the oldest part of Kusadasi. Set in gardens, Villa Konak offers a relaxing atmosphere despite its proximity to the town centre. The hotel has a restaurant and a small swimming pool.*

#### **Thursday 12 May**

#### **Ephesus**

Most of the day today will be dedicated to visiting Ephesus, which was undoubtedly one of the most important cultural centres of the ancient world. Impressive structures you will see include the Library of Celsus, Temple of Hadrian, the Theatre and the Odeon. Nearby is the House of the Virgin Mary where she is believed to have spent her last years. In 1961, Pope John XXII proclaimed the House of the Virgin Mary at Ephesus to be sacred.



Also included in today's tour is a visit of the Basilica of St. John, who came here with the Virgin Mary and wrote his Gospel or the Selçuk Ephesus Museum, a beautiful museum with its attractively displayed statuary, mosaics and artefacts, and the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the world. BL

#### **Friday 13 May**

#### **Kusadasi -Bodrum**

Drive to Priene, the first planned city in the ancient world, and visit to the Theatre, the Temple of Athena, Agora, the Bouleterion, and the Zeus Altar. Proceed to Miletus, the famous Ionian city that was visited by St. Paul during his missionary trip. Finally drive to Didyma to see the well preserved Apollo Temple that had been inhabited only by the priests and suppliants who came to consult the famous oracle there. Continue to Bodrum. B

#### **Accommodation – 1 night – Bodrum**

#### **El Vino Hotel & Suites**

Omurça Mah. Pamili Sokak  
48400 Bodrum / Türkiye  
Tel: +90 (252) 313 87 70

*El Vino offers a prime location for entertainment and spectacular sunsets over Bodrum. Overlooking the Bodrum Castle, you capture all the city's excitement, energy and cultural diversity. Whether it is for business or pleasure El Vino guarantees to offer you the most in luxury, ambiance, and cuisine.*

*The hotel's staff is efficient, professional and always ready to attend to the needs of every guest; and, this property is just minutes to fine dining, shopping and entertainment.*

*Each of the hotel's spacious, comfortable guest rooms is tastefully decorated with pretty, modern furniture and all rooms are fully equipped to meet the needs of today's traveller. Each guest room offers a full range of amenities, including such convenient features such as coffee maker, hair dryer, satellite TV, direct telephone line, air-conditioning, mini bar, safe box, balcony or terrace.*



#### **In 13 May – Out 14 May**

#### **Saturday 14 May**

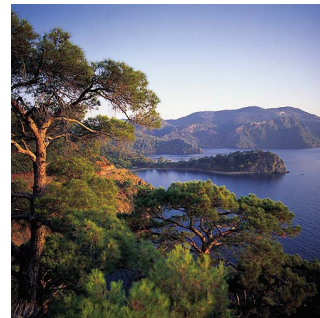
#### **Bodrum-Marmaris**

This morning you will be transferred to Marmaris port to embark your Gulet – Code KAF 10. B



*Enjoy your relaxing journey cruising the spectacular tree lined coast of the historic Mediterranean, dropping anchor in fabulous secluded bays and colourful fishing harbours.*

*Turkey offers some of the most spectacular sailing waters in the world, with its tiny islets and coves fringed with pine forests and olive groves, and a chance to explore the world's greatest civilizations. From some of the Turquoise Coast's unspoilt and sheltered bays, you can see mountain peaks rising to almost 3000 metres above sea level. Fortunately, Turkey's modern facilities and comfort have not overshadowed her ancient hospitality and slower pace of life.*



*Enjoy Cruising until*

**Thursday 19 May**

**Gocek-Kalkan**

Disembark this morning in Gocek. You will be met and driven to Kalkan. The drive along the coast is very scenic with lots of highlights. There are several ancient Lycian cities to see along this stretch of road, among them Letoon, Xanthos, and Patara, which is often called the most beautiful beach in the Mediterranean. Patara is also the birthplace of St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus!

Accommodation – 1 night – Kalkan

In 19 May – Out 20 May

***Hotel Patara Prince – 4 Star***

*PK 10 Kalkan*

*Tel: (242) 844 3920*

*Fax: (242) 844 3930*



*Labelled "a Mediterranean classic", this 4 star waterfront hotel cascades down the cliffs opposite the pretty fishing village of Kalkan, with lovely views of the sea and surroundings. Deluxe rooms with air-conditioning, satellite TV, music, telephone, mini bar, private bathroom, and hair-dryer. Hotel features 3 restaurants, café, 4 bars, health centre, games room, indoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi, Turkish*

*bath, sauna, massage, outdoor pools, 2 floodlit tennis courts, kids club, water sports, diving club, night-club, private seaside platforms, & shops. One, two and three bedroom villas are available here.*

**Friday 20 May**

**Kalkan-Antalya**

Make a relatively early start this morning to drive along the spectacular Mediterranean coast today to Antalya, stopping on the way to visit Demre, (also known as Kale or Myra), with its Church and statue of St. Nicholas – Santa Claus, and site of many splendidly carved Lycian Rock Tombs overlooking an amphitheatre, all dating back to 600 B.C.

A short distance from Demre/Myra is Kale, from where you can take a short cruise to Kekova (arrange locally), a peaceful group of picturesque islands well scattered with very distinct rock sarcophagi, some even out in the sea. The ‘picture-postcard’ village of Simena with its stone houses covered in bougainvillea is what I imagine the Greek Isles would have been like 60 years ago. Women and children sit sewing and selling colourful scarves and headbands edged with delicate shells, crochet or embroidery. Climb up to Kaleucagiz Castle for a ‘bird’s eye’ view of the bays, inlets, islands, and yachts sailing peacefully. Continue on to Antalya. B

**Accommodation – 3 nights – Antalya**

**In 20 May – Out 23 May**

**Marina Residence – Special Category**

*Mermeli Sokak No 15*

*Kaleici, Antalya*

*Tel: +90 (242) 247 5490*

*Fax: +90 (242) 241 1765*



*Set in private gardens of date and banana palms in Kaleici – the old town of Antalya, this small hotel was winner of the Best Hotel in Turkey award in 1992. The hotel consists of 3 beautifully converted Ottoman mansions providing 42 very comfortable spacious air-conditioned rooms on split-level, and a restaurant with an excellent menu. The hotel has a swimming pool.*

**Saturday 21 May**

**Antalya**

Morning visit the impressive ruins – including an amphitheatre and a gymnasium – of Termessos, perched at an altitude of over 1000 metres up a mountainside. The mountain vistas from here are spectacular. The vast ruins at the site comprise the Theatre, Odeon, Necropolis, Temple, Cisterns from the Hellenistic and Roman period. Even Alexander the Great found this remarkable site, known as the eagle's nest, impregnable. Continue on to the Duden Waterfalls, the highest waterfalls in the region. This afternoon drive to Perge, originally settled by the Hittites around 1500 B.C., with its great theatre, stadium, colonnaded street and huge Hellenistic & Roman gates. Continue to Aspendos, the best-preserved amphitheatre in the world. Return to Antalya. B

**Sunday 22 May**

**Antalya**

Free day to enjoy the picturesque city of Antalya with its ancient Roman walled port, and the lovely ‘old town’, Kaleici, with its beautifully restored Ottoman mansions and Hadrian’s Gate. Kaleici and the port abound with little cafes, restaurants and boutiques. A visit to the local museum is also highly recommended. B

**Monday 23 May**

**Antalya-Ankara-Cappadocia**

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Ankara.

Depart Antalya

11.05 a.m.

Turkish Airlines flight TK 7013

Arrive Ankara

12.10 p.m.

*Flight time: 1hr 5mins*

On arrival you will be met and transferred to Cappadocia. B

Accommodation – 3 nights – Cappadocia

***Yunak Evleri – Special Category***

*Yunak Mahallesi,*

*Urgup, Cappadocia, 50400*

*Tel: (384) 341 6920*

*Fax: (384) 341 6924*

In 23 May – Out 26 May



*The Yunak Evleri is a combination of six cave houses with a total of 27 private rooms dating back to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries and crowned with a 19<sup>th</sup> century Greek Mansion. These exceptional cave houses are renovated and decorated with care and in their own distinct style while strictly respecting the local character. The decor is elegant and personalised with beautiful handcrafted furnishings and antiques. Located in the centre of Urgup, Yunak Evleri is a perfect base for daily excursions within Cappadocia.*

**Tuesday 24 May**

**Cappadocia**

Full day sightseeing tour of Cappadocia. The natural wonder of Cappadocia is a result of volcanic deposits being eroded away by wind and water over millions of years. These soft rocks were hollowed out by early Christians and used as secret dwellings as they were being sought first by Roman and later by Byzantine persecutors. The sight of the Fairy Chimneys is phenomenal.

Visit the Kaymakli Underground City, where early Christians hid from persecutors. Then view the colourful Pigeon Valley before the Fortress at Uçhisar. In the afternoon visit the Goreme Open Air Museum, through Avcilar Valley to visit early Christian churches decorated with unique frescoes. Finally view the ‘fairy chimneys’ at Zelve before spending some time shopping in Avanos, an area known for its handicrafts. Tour ends at your hotel. BL

**Wednesday 25 May**

**Cappadocia**

**Optional Balloon Ride**

Begin the day with a spectacular balloon flight over the deep canyons and lush fertile valleys, which provide the balloons with an ideal playground for the unique and memorable flight. Gentle winds carry you over places that could never be reached, except by balloon.



**Optional Walking Tour**

Morning Pigeon Valley walk – A pleasant 2-3 hour walk through the amazing rock formations of the Pigeon Valley. Afternoon Cavusin to Rose Valley walk. This is a 3-4 hour walk, best taken late afternoon to experience Rose Valley at sunset, which is why it is called Rose Valley. Start at Cavusin, which has one or two interesting cave churches, including a triple-apse church and the monastery of St. John the Baptist. Walk through valleys of ‘fairy chimneys’ and other extraordinary rock formations. B



**OPTION ONE**

**Thursday 26 May**

**Cappadocia-Kayseri-**

**Istanbul**

This morning you will be transferred to Kayseri Airport for your flight back to Istanbul.

Depart Kayseri 9.30 a.m. Turkish Airlines flight TK 2011

Arrive Istanbul 11.00 a.m. Flight time: 1hr 30mins

On arrival you will be met and transferred to the hotel. B

Accommodation – 1 night – Istanbul

In 26 May – Out 27 May

***Neorion Hotel Upgrade available to Radisson Blu***

*Details to be advised*

**Friday 27 May**

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. B  
 Depart Istanbul

**Istanbul**

To be advised

**OPTION TWO****Thursday 26 May**

Today you will be driven south to Antakya. Transfer to the hotel on arrival for an overnight stay. B

**Cappadocia-Antakya**

Accommodation – 1 night – Antakya

**Buyuk Antakya Hotel**

*Ataturk Cad.8  
 31040 Antakya/Hatay  
 Tel: (326) 213 5858  
 Fax: (326) 213 5869*

In 26 May – Out 27 May



*Modern 4 star hotel in city centre. All rooms with private bathroom, telephone, mini bar, music, air-conditioning, TV & balcony. Hotel features restaurant, terrace restaurant, snack bar, roof bar, disco, games room, coiffeur, laundry, shopping, & café.*

**Friday 27 May**

This morning you will be met by our Syrian representative and transferred to the Syrian border, which is quite modern and secure. There you will be assisted with custom formalities before transferring you to the hotel in Aleppo. In the afternoon you will be taken on an excursion to St. Simeon's Monastery, which was the largest Christian building in the Middle East when built in the 4th century. The church was built around a sacred pillar where a strange mystic and holy man, St. Simeon, spent 42 years of his life chained to the top of it, advising emperors and commoners to mend their ways. Overnight Aleppo. B

**Antakya-Cilvegozu (border)-Aleppo**

Accommodation – 2 nights – Aleppo

**Dar Zamaria Hotel**

*Aleppo, Syria  
 Tel: + (963-21) 3636100  
 Fax: + (963-21) 3632333*

In 27 May – Out 29 May



*Named after the Zamaria family, who lived in the 'Dar', or home, since the early eighteenth century. This beautiful Islamic courtyard house exhibits the splendours of ottoman architecture, which flourished in the seventeenth century. Distinctive of the Aleppine courtyard house, the courtyard is the centre of the residence with the private residential quarters, the Iwan, covered patios, and the halls that were designed and lavishly decorated to entertain guests, all face the courtyard. The hotel has 14 rooms and 2 restaurants. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, satellite TV, private bathrooms, hair dryer and mini bar.*

**Saturday 28 May**

Morning visit of Aleppo, which will give you the opportunity to visit the impressive citadel that dominates the city, with great towers rising from the moat and an awesome entrance gate with decorative stonework. There are many interesting features inside, including a small Byzantine church converted to a mosque. Other places to visit are the archaeological museum, the Great Mosque and many fascinating covered souks. Overnight Aleppo. B

**Aleppo****Sunday 29 May**

Drive to Hama via Apamee. The great city of Apamee was founded in the 2nd century B.C. by Seleucus I and at its peak 120,000 free men lived here. The ancient ruins show that the main street was 35 metres wide and the town walls stretched for more than 6kms. A vast stud housed 30,000 mares and 300

**Aleppo-Hama**

stallions, and the Seleucide also kept 600 elephants trained in the art of elephant combat. Cleopatra and Mark Antony visited Apamee. Continue to Hama and overnight. B

Accommodation – 1 night – Hama

***Orient House Hotel***

*Al Jalaa Street, Hama*

*Tel: + (963-33) 225599*

*Fax: + (963-33) 2470640*

*The house was built in 1890 in a typical Ottoman architectural style, and is considered one of the most important houses in ancient Hama city. The hotel combines modernity and heritage, and it summarizes the memory of this city with its structural, architectural and historical elements. One part of the building, which was considered the private area of the house (haramlek) is dedicated to accommodation and offers 23 rooms overlooking the oriental style lobby. The other part of the house (Public, Salamlek) offers a court with a fountain and 2 sitting areas.*

In 29 May – Out 30 May



Monday 30 May

Hama-Palmyra

Today you will drive to Palmyra via Crak des Chevalier. Also known as the “Castle of the Knights”, this amazingly well-preserved 12th century fortress is situated at an elevation of 750 metres on an important defensive site, a gap in the mountain range between the city of Homs and the sea. The outer wall has 13 towers and a main entrance gate. It was used during the Crusades by the Knights Hospitallers, and remained impregnable throughout. The ruins are considered to be the best preserved of all the Crusader Castles in the Middle East. Continue to Palmyra. B

Accommodation – 2 nights – Palmyra

***Zanobia Hotel***

*P.O Box 135 Palmyra Syria*

*Tel: + 963-31 5918123*

*Fax: + 963-31 5918130*

*Located in the archaeological park of Palmyra, the hotel was built in 1930 and is a few metres from Baalshamin temple, offering a unique and breathtaking view on the ruins. The hotel is a masterpiece of elegance and warm hospitality that is part of our commitment to tradition particularly amidst this historical surrounding. The hotel has 130 rooms and suites consisting of single, double or triple rooms; all are air-conditioned, with central heating and a telephone to ensure your best comfort. The Countess suite is a duplex room, with two double beds and a private bathroom on each deck.*

In 30 May – Out 1 June



Tuesday 31 May

Palmyra

Lying at 400 metres, Palmyra, with its colonnades, triumphal arches, monuments and temples dyed pink by time and the sun, was a major link in the old ‘Silk Route’ from China to Damascus and Rome. The bankers of the highly-developed oasis financed the camel convoys moving between East and West from the 1st to the 3rd century. The city’s most famous ruler was Queen Zenobia, said to be a descendant of the Egyptian Queen Cleopatra. Powerful and ambitious, she set her armies to fight against the Roman Empire itself and managed to capture Syria, Egypt, Arabia and Anatolia. It was only when she set out to attack Rome itself in 271 AD that she was defeated by the forces of Aurelian, who carried the spirited lady off to Italy in golden chains. B

Wednesday 1 June

Palmyra-Damascus

Today you will be driven to Damascus. En route you will visit Ma’loula, a small village where the Aramaic language of the bible can still be heard. B

Accommodation – 2 nights – Damascus

In 1 June – Out 3 June

***Talisman Hotel***

*Al Ameen Street, Damascus, Syria*

*Tel: + (963-11) 5415379*

*Fax: + (963-11) 5433944*



*The Talisman is a luxury hotel situated in the old town of Damascus, twenty minutes from the airport, a hundred yards from the old Roman straight way (Medhat Pacha) and the historical Bab Sharqi – famous now for its souks and street markets. This old Jewish palace, built in a quiet side street and easily accessible by car, has been restored in the most authentic tradition of an Arab house.*

*Each of the 16 rooms and suites at Talisman is unique with its personalised layout and decoration. All the rooms are equipped with the latest facilities: king size bed, mini bar, central heating, individual air-conditioning, plasma television set with decoder so that you may choose any channel you please, DVD reader, wi-fi internet connection, telephone.*

**Thursday 2 June**

**Damascus**

Today enjoy a tour of this ancient and intriguing city, which is steeped in fascinating history. Said to be the world's oldest continually inhabited city, Damascus today is a thriving modern capital. Three thousand years ago it was the capital of the Aramean Kingdom and was later conquered by Alexander the Great, when it became an important Greek city. It was also a major city of the Roman Empire and fell to the Muslims in 635 A.D. The Mongols sacked the city in 1200 A.D. and was occupied during the Middle Ages by the Ottomans and the Mamelukes. The interesting old city of Damascus is surrounded by what was once a Roman wall, much rebuilt at various times during the past two millennia. B

**Friday 3 June**

**Damascus**

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. B  
Depart Damascus To be advised

**05 – 27 May 2011 18 day / 17 night – Turkey Package –**

**Option One TURKEY ONLY - Tour will be Istanbul to Istanbul**

**Based on a minimum of 10 people travelling together**

**\$7055 per person based on twin share**

**Single Supplement: \$1195 per person**

**Option Two Istanbul to Damascus ( TURKEY AND SYRIA)**

**Based on a minimum of 10 people travelling together**

**\$8442 per person based on twin share**

**Single Supplement: \$1150 per person**

Please note that the price includes the Gulet cruise (Early bird special 50% deposit required by 1 December 2010)

**Excludes:** Full board euro 150 per person (paid locally)  
Shore excursions & drinks

**Including**

- Accommodation at the hotels quoted or similar ones depending on availability.
- **05-09 May** *Neorion Hotel-Istanbul (BB)*
- **09-11 May** *Nazlihan Hotel-Assos (Half Board)*
- **11-13 May** *Villa Konak -Kusadasi ((Half Board)*
- **13-14 May** *El Vino-Bodrum (BB)*
- **19-20 May** *Prince Hotel-Kalkan/Sea View (BB)*
- **20-23 May** *Marina Residence - Antalya (BB)*
- **23-26 May** *Yunak Evleri-Cappadocia (BB)*

**Option 1**

**26-27 May** *Neorion Hotel -Istanbul (BB)*

**Option 2**

**26-27 May** *Buyuk Antakya Hotel-Antakya (BB)*

*(BB=Bed and Breakfast - HB=Half Board)*

- English speaking licensed professional tourist guide
- Air-conditioned vehicles
- Admission fees as per the itinerary
- Fixed menu lunches as indicated on the itinerary
- Tips to the hotels and restaurants
- All the government taxes
- **One** group transfer to and from the airport on arrival and departure . **This will depend on when most of the group arrives. Individual transfers can be arranged ( extra cost)**
- Luggage handling
- Domestic air ticket from Kayseri (Nevsehir) to Istanbul on 26 May 2011 (**Valid for only Option 1**)

**Our rates exclude:**

- Extra meals or other food items purchased over and above what is in the set menus; beverages including bottled water, spirits, laundry. Border and airport taxes, passport and visa charges, travel insurance and all other items of a purely personal nature as well as tipping
- Gratuities for the guide and driver that are at the discretion of the guests (**For Guide: €4-€5 per person per day; For Driver: About half of guide's tip, are appropriate**)
- International airfares (**I can help you with your flights**)
- All entertainment not shown in the itinerary
- **Classical Balloon Flight**
- **Optional upgrade to Radisson Blu Hotel 26-27 May \$200 p/person**

**OPTION 2 - 24 nights**

**1 05 – 27 May 2011 18 day / 17 night – Turkey Package –plus  
May/June 2011 8 day / 7 night – Syria Package**

**Including** Accommodation at the hotels quoted in Option and below or similar ones depending on availability

**27-29 May** *Dar Zamaria Hotel - Aleppo (BB)*  
**29-30 May** *Orient House Hotel- Hama (BB)*

**30 May-01 Jun    Zanobia Hotel- Palmyra (BB)**  
**01-03 Jun        Talisman Hotel - Damascus (BB)**

- **(BB=Bed and Breakfast - HB=Half Board)**
- English speaking licensed professional tourist guide
- Air-conditioned deluxe vehicle – the size of which depends on the number of the participants
- Admission fees as per the itinerary
- All the government taxes
- Luggage handling
- Syrian entry visa
  
- **Excluding**
- Meals not mentioned above
- Beverages including bottled water, spirits etc
- Border and airport taxes, passport and all other items of a purely personal nature
- Gratuities for the guide and driver that are at the discretion of the guests
- Entertainment not shown in the itinerary

### **Booking & Payment**

*To secure a reservation, a non-refundable deposit payment of \$500 per person must be paid within 7 days of booking. The balance is required 10 weeks prior to departure. For reservations beyond this date, full payment is required at the time the booking is confirmed.*

*Please note : An additional \$900 per person must be paid by 1 December to secure the earlybird price for the Gulet cruise*

*How to Reserve Your Tour:*

- *Please contact Sue Kuti*

*at [sue.kuti@smallgrouptravel.com.au](mailto:sue.kuti@smallgrouptravel.com.au) or [suek@travelmanagers.com.au](mailto:suek@travelmanagers.com.au) or*

*Tel: 02) 93988558 or Mobile: 0414598157 to reserve your place on the tour.*

- *We will then send you our official booking form and booking conditions for the tour. Please complete this form and return it with your deposit of \$500.*
- *On receipt of your deposit and booking form, we will then forward additional pre-departure information regarding visas, medical requirements, weather and much more.*
- *Payment of your tour balance is then required 70 days before your departure.*

### **Cancellation charges**

- *Day of the booking – 70 days prior to departure \$500 AUD per person*
- *71 days to 14 days prior to departure - 30% of the cost of the booking*
- *After 14 days 100 % of the cost of the booking*

### **Please Note**

*All rates are subject to currency fluctuations*

*BB = Bed & Breakfast, HB = Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, RO = Room Only*

### **Visa for Travellers to Turkey and Syria**

*All Australian passport holders require a visa for travel to Turkey. This can be obtained on arrival.*

*All Australian passport holders require a visa for travel to Syria. On the tour, this will be arranged for you and has been included in the cost of the tour. Copies of your passport will be required when booking.*

### **Vaccinations**

*No vaccinations are compulsory for Turkey or Syria. However, we recommend that you contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 65 8844 or the Travel Clinic on (03) 9528 1222 for the latest recommendations at least six weeks prior to departure.*

***Travel Insurance:***

*It is a condition of travel that all travellers are adequately insured and that insurance details are advised at time of deposit. We can offer a group insurance with 25% discount off the premium. Please contact Sue.*

***Price Increases:***

*Prior to full payment being made and air tickets issued, tour prices can increase due to reasons beyond the control of Smallgroup Travel: currency fluctuations, variation of hotel contract rates or airline price increases. It is therefore in your interest to protect against such increases by paying in full at your earliest possible convenience. Once you have paid in full, your tour price is 'locked-in'.*

**Please be aware of travel advice. For the latest travel advice regarding to travel to Turkey and Syria please refer to [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au)**

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