



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION of SMITH COLLEGE

presents

LEGENDARY TURKEY

FROM ISTANBUL TO THE TURQUOISE COAST

15 days for \$4,295 from New York — air, land & cruise inclusive



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May 31-June 14, 2012

An Exclusive Journey for the
Alumnae Association of Smith College

*Featuring Nancy Saporta Sternbach,
Professor of Spanish and Portuguese at Smith College*



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Dear Alumnae and Friends,

The Alumnae Association of Smith College invites you to join us on an exclusive 15-day tour to legendary Turkey and its magnificent Turquoise Coast. You'll explore this vast country where Europe and Asia — past and present — meet to form the "cradle of civilization." We are delighted to have Nancy Sternbach, Professor of Spanish and Portuguese, as our Smith Faculty Speaker. Additionally, our tour will be accompanied by a seasoned Turkish tour director. Through in-depth experiences along the way, your understanding of this unique country will be thoroughly enriched.

This educational odyssey begins in Istanbul with its many treasures: the legendary Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and the 6th-century Hagia Sofia. Then travel south to explore the World War I battlefield of Gallipoli, the fabled ruins of ancient Troy, the Greco-Roman ruins at Pergamum, and spectacular Ephesus, the world's best-preserved classical city. A special part of the journey takes place on the sea during a four-night private cruise aboard beautifully-crafted replicas of traditional Turkish fishing boats. Today's gulets are built with modern comforts in mind and include individual cabins with private bath. With your own crew and cook, cruise in and out of pristine coves along the renowned Turquoise Coast and disembark occasionally for a tour of old ruins, an island hike, or an Aegean swim. The tour concludes with three nights in the seaside resort town of Antalya. An optional 5-day/4-night post-tour extension to Cappadocia and Ankara is also available. In Cappadocia visit the ethereal landscapes and ancient Christian churches carved into the rock. End your journey with a visit to Ankara, Turkey's modern-day capital.

With our group limited to only 28 travelers, all with Smith College affiliation, space will fill up fast; your early reservations are encouraged. Join us on this wonderful tour!

Warm regards,

Carrie Brown

Carrie Cadwell Brown, Ed. M '82
Executive Director
Alumnae Association of Smith College

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF SMITH COLLEGE RESERVATION FORM: LEGENDARY TURKEY

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for ___ person/people on Legendary Turkey departing May 31, 2012. 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 check deposit payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send to: Smith Travel, Alumnae House, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063. For more information, please call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or contact us via e-mail at alumtrav@smith.edu or fax us at (413) 585-2015.

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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, May 31-June 14, 2012, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & 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.

Tour membership is limited to 28 alumnae and friends of Smith College

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15 days for \$4,295 from New York — air, land & cruise inclusive

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.



Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Exotic Istanbul, including Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sofia ... Private Bosphorus cruise ... WWI battlefield of Gallipoli ... Ruins at ancient Troy, Pergamum, Ephesus ... Rustic village of Sirince ... Four-night “Blue Voyage” aboard privately chartered *gulet* yacht ... Cruising to secluded coves and hidden sites that few visitors see ... Opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, hiking ... Sunken Baths of Cleopatra ... 6th-century Byzantine monastery on Gemiler Island ... Ancient sites of Perge, Aspendos, Myra ... Three-night stay in Mediterranean resort of Antalya

| Day | Itinerary | Hotel | Rating |
|-------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Depart U.S. for Istanbul | | |
| 2-4 | Istanbul | Central Palace | Sup. First Class |
| 5 | Assos/Troy | Nazlihan Hotel | Not rated |
| 6-7 | Izmir | Swissotel Grand Efes | Deluxe |
| 8-11 | Turquoise Coast cruise | <i>Gulet</i> yacht | Not rated |
| 12-14 | Antalya | Rixos Antalya Downtown | 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.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Istanbul, Turkey

Day 2: Arrive Istanbul We arrive in Turkey’s cultural and spiritual heart today and transfer to our hotel located near Taksim Square, the heart of modern Istanbul. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned; on our own we can explore the area surrounding our hotel or simply relax. Dinner tonight is on our own.

Day 3: Istanbul We taste Istanbul’s allure on a tour that begins at the vast Grand Bazaar, housing 4,000 shops selling goods of all kinds; and the Spice Market, with exotic spices, nuts, and dried fruits from around the world. Then we take a private cruise on the Bosphorus, the waterway that separates Europe from Asia. We stop in the village of Ortakoy, known for its trendy art scene, cafés, and boutiques. There’s time to explore and have lunch on our own before we return to our hotel mid-afternoon. This evening we take a short walk to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner of traditional Turkish fare. **B,D**

Day 4: Istanbul Today we encounter Old Istanbul, beginning with the ancient Roman Hippodrome, the 3,500-year-old obelisk brought from Egypt in 390 CE. We continue on to the renowned Museum of Turkish & Islamic Art, housing priceless artifacts from the 8th–20th centuries. Next we visit the Blue Mosque, with its 20,000 blue Iznik tiles and signature six minarets; and Hagia Sofia, the 6th-century church that was Christendom’s most important before becoming a mosque in the 15th century. After lunch at a local restaurant, we tour splendid Topkapi, the medieval palace of Ottoman sultans that today is one of the world’s richest museums. **B,L**

Cover photo: We spend four days aboard our privately chartered gulets on the stunning Turquoise Coast.



The spectacular ruins at Ephesus, which we visit on Day 7.

Day 5: Istanbul/Gallipoli/Troy/Assos

Leaving Istanbul this morning, we travel to the northern Aegean Coast for a brief visit to Gallipoli, haunting site of 31 Allied cemeteries from World War I. Then we 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 we continue south to Behramkale, ancient Assos, where we spend the night. **B,L,D**

Day 6: Assos/Pergamum/Izmir Today we 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 we continue on to Izmir. **B,L,D**

Day 7: Izmir/Ephesus Few ancient sites compare to Ephesus, the world's best-preserved classical city which we explore today. Dating to at least 1300 BCE, Ephesus was Asia Minor's largest metropolis and principal port. We also visit the acclaimed Ephesus Archaeological Museum housing relics from the ancient site. Then we enjoy lunch together in the rustic village of Sirince. **B,L**

Day 8: Izmir/Göcek Today we journey south to coastal Göcek, stopping along the way at a carpet factory to watch a demonstration of this age-old craft. Late afternoon we board our *gulets* for our first night on board. **B,L,D**

Day 9: Cruising – Aga Limani/Cleopatra Baths Our route for the next few days is along the stunning coastline Antony is said to have given Cleopatra as a wedding gift. We begin

our "Blue Voyage" this morning as we cruise to the hidden cove of Aga Limani. From here we 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**

Day 10: Cruising – Ekinik Cove/Dalyan

This morning we disembark and drive to Dalyan, an environmentally protected area known for its loggerhead sea turtles. Here we board a small skiff for a trip through an intriguing maze of channels; high on the hills above we see well-preserved ancient Lycian rock tombs. After lunch at a local restaurant we drive back to our *gulets* for a relaxing afternoon in this stunning setting. **B,L,D**

Post-Tour Extension: June 14-18, 2012

CAPPADOCIA & ANKARA

5 days/4 nights for \$895

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

Day 11: Cruising – Gemiler Island/Kayakoy

Today we cruise to Gemiler Island to tour its 6th-century Byzantine monastery. After lunch on board our *gulets* we drive to the Greek “ghost town” of Kayakoy, which was abandoned after World War I and is now preserved as a historical monument. We explore the town and its churches then return to our *gulets* for our last night on board. **B,L,D**

Day 12: Fethiye/Demre/Myra/Antalya

This morning we have a short cruise to Fethiye, disembark, bid farewell to our crew, and begin the drive to Antalya. Along the way we visit Demre to tour the striking Roman ruins at nearby Myra and visit the 12th-century Church of Saint Nicholas. After lunch in Demre we continue the drive along the Turquoise Coast to the resort city of Antalya. **B,L,D**

Day 13: Antalya On this morning’s walking tour, we encounter highlights of Antalya’s charming Old Town, including the extravagantly carved Hadrian’s Gate and the lovely Yivli Minare (fluted minaret). After a visit to the city’s Archaeological Museum, the remainder of the day is at leisure. **B**

Our Private Turkish Gulets



Indoor & outdoor public areas

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

Meet Your Faculty Lecturer

Nancy Saporta Sternbach teaches in the fields of Latin American literature and Women’s Studies at Smith College. She also teaches a writing class in the First-Year Seminar program called “What’s in a Recipe?” that investigates the cultural codes in food and recipes. She was educated at the University of Wisconsin, Middlebury College, and the University of Arizona, from which she received her doctorate. The granddaughter of Turkish-born Sephardic Jews, Professor Sternbach has done extensive research into Sephardic genealogy. Her recipe class starts with the Iberian Diaspora and one of its destinations is the Ottoman Empire after 1492. Professor Sternbach, a regular visitor to Turkey, looks forward to sharing her unique perspective with the group.

Day 14: Antalya/Perge/Aspendos This morning we visit the ruins at ancient Perge, which reached its apex during the reign of Alexander the Great. We continue on to Aspendos, whose huge theater is considered among the best preserved in all of antiquity. This afternoon is at leisure before tonight’s farewell dinner at a local Antalya restaurant. **B,D**

Day 15: Depart for U.S. This morning we board an early flight for our return to the United States. **B**

Tour Departs: May 31, 2012

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| New York | \$4,295 |
| Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Miami, Philadelphia, Washington, DC | \$4,595 |
| Atlanta, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis | \$4,695 |
| Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle | \$4,795 |
| Land Only (transfers not included) | \$3,795 |

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Single travelers please add \$995. Please note that single room availability is very limited. All tour prices above are guaranteed.

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.) Airline taxes and departure fees of \$397 per person will be listed separately on your invoice, and are 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 reservations and information, please call Smith Travel at 800-225-2029

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 privately chartered gulet yacht
- 31 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 9 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- 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

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 package; costs of passports and visas; airport, port, and departure taxes, which will be listed as separate items on your invoice and are subject to change; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airline baggage fees; 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.

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.

Responsibility

The liability of the Alumnae Association of Smith College, 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 Alumnae Association of Smith College 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

We request 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, Smith College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.



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