We are delighted to invite you to join us for *Turkey: Conversations at the Crossroads*. This trip is the sixth tour in our series, *Among Women: An International Dialogue*. This program is shared by Bryn Mawr and Smith Colleges and provides opportunities for our alumnae to connect with women around the world to explore issues that affect us all. Our program combines sightseeing with in-depth discussions and meetings with women in leadership positions in government, education, business, media, and the arts.

**This trip will be led by Dr. Susan Buck Sutton.** Susan is Senior Advisor for International Initiatives at Bryn Mawr College, and Emerita Associate Vice President of International Affairs and Chancellor’s Professor of Anthropology at Indiana University. While at Indiana University, she focused the internationalization efforts of its urban campus, IUPUI, toward a philosophy of international dialogue and collaboration. She was honored with the 2009 Andrew Heiskell Award from the Institute of International Education and the 2011 Senator Paul Simon Award from NAFSA. Sutton has published five books and over 60 articles on international education and the anthropology of modern Greece, including the recent *Developing Strategic International Partnerships: Models for Initiating and Sustaining Innovative Institutional Linkages*.

Sutton received her B.A. from Bryn Mawr College in 1969 and her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) – both in anthropology.
Wednesday, October 7
U.S. to Ankara
Depart the United States.

Thursday, October 8
Ankara
Arrive Ankara and transfer to the Divan Cukurhan, a 16th century caravanserai which has been recently converted into a boutique hotel. Enjoy a late afternoon visit to Atatürk founded mausoleum. The great square-pilled rectangular block dominates the new city, and is meant to echo Hittite architecture.

This evening meet for an introductory briefing and reception. R,D.

Friday, October 9
Ankara
After breakfast enjoy a morning meeting with the Aylin Nazhaka who establish HRM Consulting, now one of the most respected human resource companies in Turkey. Aylin later entered Turkish politics and was most recently awarded the Politician of the Year Award in 2014.

For lunch meet with Bryn Mawr alumna Marie-Henriette Gates, a professor of archaeology and Bronze Age specialist at Bilkent University in Ankara and her husband Charles Gates, who teaches at Bilkent’s archaeology department.

Enjoy an afternoon meeting with Flying Broom, a women’s organization which has been working continuously since 1996 to enhance gender equality consciousness, provide information and training to empower women, and contribute to the development of efficient policies for solving women’s problems stemming from inequality.

Before dinner meet with Ümmiye Koçak, a farm-worker who fell in love with the theatre and in 2002 formed the Arslanköy Women’s Theatre Group, an all-female theatre collective. Watch the documentary called “The Play”, which focuses on “Women’s Outcry,” a play written by the theater group and based on the their own experiences, including kidnapping, forced marriage, and domestic abuse.

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. B,L,D.

Saturday, October 10
Lake Van
After breakfast meet with Bryn Mawr alumna Marie-Henriette Gates to learn more about “blue-collar archaeology” and the role of women in it. Her talk will address the concept of art which has always been an active part of the human psyche.

Continue to the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations to enjoy this prize-winning museum’s impressive successive collection of Anatolian civilizations, from 6000BC Çatalhöyük to Roman Ancyra.

After lunch fly from Ankara to Lake Van, located in eastern Turkey, a natural wonder set in the middle of a wild and unspoiled environment. For those who are up for a hike walk up Van Kalesi, a fortress balanced on a lone limestone ridge near the lake-shore.

Overnight at the Rescate Hotel. B,L,D.

Sunday, October 11
Lake Van
This morning visit the Nar Besin Pazari, a covered market whose main entrance is lined with shops selling cheeses, butter, yogurt, kaymak and honey brought in daily from villages outside the city.

Continue on to meet with women from the Van Women’s Association. The Association works on economic, social, individual, cultural, legal and political issues. This dynamic group were very involved in the aftermath of the Van earthquake in 2011 which left 604 dead and much of the area with a damaged infra-structure.

Take a ferry to the island of Akdamar where the 11th century king, Vaspurakan Gagik, of Christian Armenia built his palace and church.

Enjoy a traditional lunch on the island.

Return to Van and meet with women to talk about the impact of the Armenian genocide, when the government arrested more than 200 Armenian community leaders in
Constantinople.

Enjoy a cooking class and dinner that introduces us to the wonderful cuisine of the area. B,L,D.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 ISTANBUL**

Join thousands of members of the Van Breakfast Club who sit down for serious business - kahvalti, or breakfast. Enjoy glistening olives, slabs of honeycombs, blocks of cheese, and bowls and plates stacked with delicate sheets of fresh kaymak, Turkish-style clotted cream. Hot dishes are prepared in a kitchen at the back, and pide (flatbreads) and ekmek (crusty loaves) are brought in from a nearby bakery to order, so they always arrive at the table warm.

After lunch fly to Istanbul and transfer to the Shangri-La Hotel.

End the day with a lovely dinner at the rooftop restaurant of the Arcadia Blue Hotel for fabulous views of the Hagia Sophia. B,L,D.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 ISTANBUL**

Morning meeting with Elf Shafik, an outspoken columnist, speaker and academic, the author of eight novels and Turkey’s most widely read woman writer. Safak blends Western and Eastern traditions of storytelling, bringing out the myriad stories of women, minorities, immigrants, subcultures, youth and global souls. She was awarded the Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters in 2010.

Enjoy lunch at the Modern Art Museum.

Head over to KOC University to meet with Cigdem Kagitcibasi, director of the Gender Studies Center. The center, one of the few in the country, has worked with UNESCO on several initiatives connected to rural women’s empowerment.

Stroll through the Museum of Innocence set in a 19th-century house on a quiet street in the Cukurcuma neighborhood. The museum, based on the novel “The Museum of Innocence”, which chronicles the efforts of haute-bourgeois Istanbulis to define themselves by Western values, a pursuit that continues today as Turkey as a whole takes a more Islamic turn.

Enjoy a lovely dinner at a private home. B,L,D.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 ISTANBUL**

Spend the morning with designer Gönül Paksoy who is considered one of the doyennes of the Turkish fashion industry, known for her unique aesthetic and designs.

We have requested an afternoon meeting with Emine Erdogan, current first lady of Turkey.

Explore the Topkapi Palace, known as the palace of the Sultans. A city in itself, it occupies the first of Constantinople's seven hills, and was the site of the acropolis and the original nucleus of the Greek Town of Byzantium. Our tour this morning will be led by Hande Birkalan who did her PhD at Indiana University, taught at Bryn Mawr and is now professor of Anthropology and Folklore at Yeditepe University, Istanbul.

From here walk a short distance to a wonderful spa where the group will enjoy a real hammam experience. Get ready to have layers and layers of dead skin peel away as our bodies are pummeled and scrubbed. At the end, enjoy a 30-minute massage.

Enjoy dinner tonight at a private home. B,L,D.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 ISTANBUL**

This morning participate in a round-table discussion regarding President Erdogan’s shocking remarks when in 2014 where he declared women are not equal to men and accused feminists of not understanding the special status that Islam attributes to mothers. Joining this discussion are several women including Hulya Gubahar who currently works as a lawyer in Istanbul. We will also invite Eren Keskin who has received multiple honors recognizing her work and currently works for an organization – Initiation for Freedom of Expression (IFEX) that provides legal aid for women who have been sexually harassed by civil servants including police and the military.

Sail up the beautiful Bosphoris for a local lunch overlooking the city of Istanbul.

After lunch meet with Zeynep Fadillioglu, an architect of the newly opened Sakirin Mosque - the first mosque designed by a woman who worked with a primarily female-based team of interior designers.
Head over to the pop-up **Souk Karakoy**, the perfect place to browse the products of and meet some of Istanbul's local designers, curators, artists and more. You can find anything from vintage clothing, to handmade jewelry, to a locally roasted coffee. **B,L,D.**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 CAPPADOCIA**

After breakfast enjoy a morning meeting with **Sinem Kaya** founder of the on-line site, Global Motherhood, a space where moms can share their problems and solutions across cultures.

Take a mid-day flight to Cappadocia known for its surrealistic landscape, a strange area of multi-hued volcanic pillars and tortuous valleys sculpted by a millennia of rain and wind.

Spend the afternoon sightseeing at **Kaymakli**, an underground city is contained within the citadel of Kaymakli. The houses in the village are constructed around the nearly one hundred tunnels of the underground city. The tunnels are still used today as storage areas, stables, and cellars.

End the day exploring the captivating **Uchisar Fortress**, which is situated at the highest point of the region. The numerous rooms, steps, tunnel and galleries inside the castle are connected to each other. Highlights include, a climb to the top of the tall rock outcrop via tunnels to see three tombs top of the castle and to marvel the spectacular panoramic view.

Accommodations and dinner tonight at the **Museum Hotel**. **B,L,D.**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 CAPPADOCIA**

Begin the morning exploring the many churches that were carved around the Goreme Valley and the Ihlara Gorge. The area was, at one time, covered in lava from Mt. Erciyes. Later, floods, rain and wind swept away at the table of lava, creating deep valleys and fissures: slopes turned into cones and columns.

After visiting a number of the rock churches, continue on to visit the cliff dwellings in the three valleys of Zelve, then drive to the village of Avanos famous for its beautiful old houses, pottery and onyx.

Enjoy a lovely lunch at a local restaurant.

End the afternoon with a debrief a chance to review the trip, share thoughts and ideas and relax! Farewell dinner tonight. **B,L,D.**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 RETURN TO THE U.S.**

Morning return flight to Istanbul for onward flights home.

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**Please note that it is highly likely that briefings may be changed or substituted to accommodate the schedules of our speakers.**

**Trip Price:** $7,480, **Single room supplement:** $1,880

**Trip price includes** accommodations in hotels as outlined in the itinerary based on double occupancy, all meals listed, arrival and departure transfers if arriving on the group flights, all sightseeing and entrance fees, all special events, briefings and receptions as listed and the services of local guides. Dr. Susan Buck Sutton and Janet Moore from Distant Horizons will accompany the trip.

**Trip price does not include** international airfare to Ankara and from Istanbul; transfers at the beginning and end of the trip unless on designated group flights, airport departure taxes, passports and visa fees; drinks other than water with meals, personal insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation; and items of a purely personal nature.

**For additional information, a more detailed itinerary or any questions, contact Karen Siman-Tov at Distant Horizons at 1-800-333-1240 or KarenS@distant-horizons.com**

**PLEASE NOTE:** We plan on accepting the first 30 applications (fifteen from each of the two participating schools) on a first come, first serve basis. Additional applications will be accepted on a wait list specific for each individual school. A spot can only be held by completing the enclosed application form and returning it with a $1,000 deposit payable by check (credit cards are not accepted) and a legible copy of the first two pages of your passport.
FURTHER INFORMATION

Applications
In this packet you will find an application form and a copy of our Terms and Conditions. In order to register for a trip, you should complete the application and return it with a check for $1,000 per person made payable to the Distant Horizons Escrow Account. **Please note that it is not possible to use a credit card to pay for the deposit or any other payments. This applies to all air and land services. Payment will only be accepted in the form of a check, money order, cashier’s check or can be wired into our account. Please let us know if you would like our wiring information.**

Required Documents for United States Citizens
Your passport must be valid for 6 months past the last day of your planned trip. Therefore, if a trip you are considering returns to the United States on October 7, 2015, your passport must be valid until April 7, 2016.

Recommended Immunizations
Very few countries actually require immunizations these days. However, there are a number of recommended immunizations. We will send you further information on this about 2 months before your departure date. In addition, we do recommend that you check with your personal physician or call the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta at (404) 639-3311.

Cancellation
**It is very important** that you read the trip cancellation clause in our Terms and Conditions very carefully and make sure that you understand it, **as they will be strictly adhered to.** Please call us if you have any questions.

*All requests to cancel must be received in writing and dated accordingly. The date on your cancellation letter will determine the time period your refund will fall under.*

Do feel free to call us at 1-800-333-1240 if you have a question we have not answered!
**Please read and carefully complete this form and mail it along with a $1,000 deposit and a COPY of the first two pages of your passport.**

**DISTANT HORIZONS, INC.**  
350 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802  
**Application Form**

Or Call: 1-800-333-1240 or 1-562-983-8828  
Or E-mail: karens@distant-horizons.com

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### AIRLINE ARRANGEMENTS

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    *(Please send a copy of airline reservation to Distant Horizons when confirmed)*

  - [ ] I would like Distant Horizons to make our international air reservations and would like them to contact me to discuss this. I understand if Distant Horizons makes our international air reservations there will be a charge of $100 per ticket issued. (We are happy to help with air reservations although these days you are most likely to find the best airfares on-line!)

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I have read the attached Terms and Conditions and agree to abide by them:

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**Signature**  
**Date**
Reservations and Payments:
Reservations for the tour require a deposit of $1,000 per person, an application form signed by the participant and a legible photocopy of the first two pages of the participant’s passport. Full balance of the trip cost is due upon receipt of invoice no later than 60 days prior to departure.

Tour Price Includes:

Hotel Accommodations: In deluxe or best available based on two persons sharing a twin room. Please note that best available accommodations will be used in Turkey. Distant Horizons reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in the brochure when necessary.

Distant Horizons will do all possible for single participants to satisfy requests to share rooms. On occasions when it is not possible, the single room supplement will apply. If Distant Horizons assigns you a roommate and your roommate cancels or changes their mind about sharing a room, you will be liable for the single room supplement.

Meals: American breakfast (B), lunches (L) and dinners (D) are included as specified in the itinerary.

All Air Transportation in Turkey: On regular scheduled airlines unless otherwise specified.
All Land Travel Listed: Including airport transfers to and from hotels if arriving or departing with the group, entrance fees to monuments, local guides and special activities as quoted in the itinerary. All gratuities and taxes are included and include those to your tour escort, guides, drivers, restaurant and hotel waiters, chambermaids and porters.

Please Note: If not arriving/departing on group international flights, participant’s airport transfers upon arrival/departure are not included.

Distant Horizons cannot be held responsible in any way for any cost incurred if travelers are denied visas for any reason or if visas are not issued in a timely manner.

Tour Price Does Not Include:

International airfare to and from Turkey, charges for passport and visa fees, meals not listed, beverages with meals, excess luggage charges, insurance of any kind, laundry charges, individual tour transfers for individual arrival and departure at transfer points and items of a purely personal nature.

Visas: Visas are required for U.S. citizens visiting Turkey.

Tour cost is based on rates of currency exchange at time of printing (March 2015) and is subject to change with or without previous notice. If there is a price increase prior to the day of departure in the basic costs, such increases may be passed on to the participant.

Cancellations:
Distant Horizons reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant at any time. Should this happen, refunds will be made without obligation, although we cannot be held responsible for any additional costs already incurred by participants.

The tour price is based on a number of people traveling together. If bookings fall below the minimum required, passengers will be advised of additional costs for that departure date.

If a participant cancels, the following refunds will be available upon written notice of cancellation to Distant Horizons.

Notice more than 60 days prior to departure: a refund less a $500 cancellation charge.
Notice between 60 days and 30 days prior to departure: a refund less 75% of trip price.
No refund shall be issued if cancellation is received less than 30 days prior to departure date.

No refunds shall be issued after the tour has commenced. No refunds shall be issued for occasional missed meals, sightseeing tours or any unused services.

Air Carriers Contract:
The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time tour members are on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contract in use by the airline concerned when the ticket is issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger.

Responsibility:
Bryn Mawr, Smith College and Distant Horizons act only in the capacity of agents for the hotels, airlines, bus companies, railroads, ship lines or owners or contractors providing accommodations, transportation or other services. As a result, all coupons, receipts or tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier. By acceptance of tour membership, the participant agrees that neither Bryn Mawr, Smith College and Distant Horizons nor any of its subsidiaries shall become liable or responsible for personal injury, damage to persons or property, loss, delay or irregularity caused by persons not controlled by it, such as (without limitation) airlines, bus and shipping companies, suppliers of accommodations or other services, or loses, personal or otherwise resulting from any acts of God, defects in vehicles, strikes, wars, whether declared or otherwise, civil disturbances, medical or customs regulations, acts of terrorism, epidemics or government restrictions. Bryn Mawr, Smith College and Distant Horizons cannot be held responsible for unfavorable weather or closure of access routes due to bad weather conditions. Bryn Mawr, Smith College and Distant Horizons are not responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the participant as a result of the above mentioned causes.

Tour participant acknowledges receipt of a copy of these Terms and Conditions and signifies acceptance of, and consents to, all of the terms and conditions set forth herein, on behalf of any participants they may act for and for themselves when registering for, or making payments on, this tour.