



## Timeless Cities Study Tour of Turkey

1 – 15 September 2015



Australian Intercultural Society



# Timeless Cities Study Tour to Turkey Itinerary

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Please note that all plans are subject to change.

*Breakfasts will be provided by hotels, and lunches and dinners will be in restaurants or local families' homes.*



Tuesday 1 September: Melbourne / Urfa

Departure from Melbourne to Urfa, Turkey

Wednesday 2 September: Urfa

Visit to the birthplace of Prophet Abraham



Visit to Gobekli Tepe, the world's oldest known temple



Visit to Balikgol, the pool of sacred fish



Sira Gecesi - traditional Urfa night program with music, singing, conversation, poetry and friendship



Thursday 3 September: Urfa

*View of Urfa's skyline*



Visit to Harran, the location of the world's first university



Visit to the station of Prophet Job

Visit to Abraham's Cave



Friday 4 September: Gaziantep

Travel to Gaziantep (also known as Antep)



Shop in the Historical Copper and Silver Market in Antep



Go on a city tour and visit the city museum





Saturday 5 September: Kahramanmaras / Kayseri

Bus travel to Kahramanmaras

Enjoy the city's special type of ice cream



Bus travel to Kayseri

Visit to Cifte Medrese, the first Seljuk school of anatomy, now known as Gevher Nesibe Medical History Museum



Visit to the 13<sup>th</sup> century Hunat Hatun Mosque, the first Seljuk complex



Sunday 6 September: Nevsehir

Bus travel to Nevsehir

Bus tour of Nevsehir and surrounding areas



Visit to town of Avanos

Visit to Goreme Open Air Museum





Monday 7 September: Cappadocia

Hot air balloon ride at dawn in Cappadocia



Visit to Uchisar, the tallest point in Cappadocia



Visit to underground cities





Tuesday 8 September: Konya

Bus travel to Konya

Visit to Alaeddin Hill



Visit to the Green Mausoleum of Mawlana Jalaluddin Rumi



Attend the Sema Program in the evening



Wednesday 9 September: Antalya

Bus travel to Antalya

Visit to Old Antalya's Roman harbour



Visit to Duden Waterfalls



Bus tour of Antalya and surrounding areas

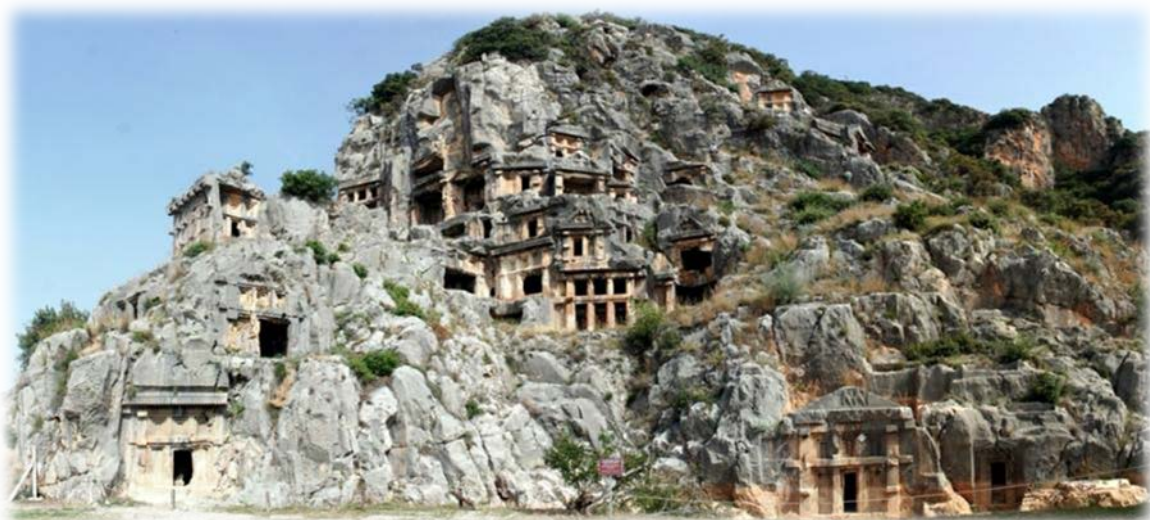


Thursday 10 September: Antalya

Visit to town of Demre (formerly known as Kale)



Visit to the Roman theatre, rock tombs and other remains of Roman Myra in the town of Demre





Friday 11 September: Antalya

Visit to the ancient city of Perge



Visit to St Nicholas Church to trace the origins of Santa Claus



Visit to Manavgat Falls and the Side Museum



Visit to ancient Greco-Roman city of Aspendos



Saturday 12 September: Antalya

Boat tour to Kekova Island, town of Kas and seaside resort of Kemer



Lunch on the boat



Sunday 13 September: Istanbul

Fly to Istanbul

Sightseeing and coffee at Galata Tower, Taksim and Istiklal Street



Boat tour of the Bosphorus (2 hours)



Visit to Miniaturk, a miniature park with dozens of models of famous sites in Turkey

Visit to the Grand Covered Bazaar and Spice Bazaar





**Monday 14 September: Istanbul**

Visit to Yildiz Palace



Departure from Istanbul en route to Melbourne

**Tuesday 15 September: Melbourne**

Arrival in Melbourne, Australia

**The Australian Intercultural Society wishes you an enjoyable and enriching  
Intercultural Study Tour of Turkey.**

