“Bridge Across Civilizations”
A 10-Day Tour of Turkey for K-12 Educators
June 14–25, 2010

The Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, in partnership with the Institute of Interfaith Dialog, will conduct a ten-day tour of Turkey this summer designed especially for K-12 educators.

The tour will include visits to Istanbul, Turkey’s largest city, once capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires; Şanlıurfa, reputed burial site of the patriarch Abraham; Antalya, on the Mediterranean coast; and İzmir, Turkey’s third largest city, and gateway to the historical cities of Ephesus and Selcuk.

In addition to visits to museums and cultural sites, the program will include visits to private homes and schools to meet Turkish educators and citizens.

The per-person cost for this program is $2,750. This includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Houston or Dallas to Istanbul and all internal flights within Turkey;
- Local transportation;
- Accommodations within Turkey;
- Meals;
- Tour guide fees and gratuities;
- Site entry fees;
- Trip cancellation/interruption insurance.

The fee does not include:
- Passport and visa fees;
- Independent travel, transportation, sightseeing or meals outside of group activities;
- Spending money for souvenirs, personal purchases, etc.;
- Health insurance, pre-departure check-ups and inoculations;
- Travel from your home city to Houston for departure to Istanbul*

*We request that all participants plan to travel to Turkey as a group. You may alter your return itinerary to include extra time in Turkey or a stopover at your own expense. depending on available airfares, travel from other cities may require an additional fee.

Reservations and a deposit of $1,500 are due by March 26. Space is limited to ten participants.

This program is sponsored by local entities with the intention of benefitting relations between Turkey and the US. Accordingly, space preference will be given to those who teach world studies, or who can demonstrate a relationship between their professional duties and world studies curriculum and/or classrooms.
The Center for Middle Eastern Studies is a licensed provider of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) by the State Board of Educator Recertification, and will award professional development hours for the program.
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Deposits are due by March 26, 2010

Section A. Applicant Data

1. Name as it appears on your passport (or your legal name: Last, First and Middle)

2. Nickname or name you commonly use, if different:

3. Home address:

4. Home phone:

5. E-mail:

   (Primary communication will be through e-mail)

5. Are you a citizen or permanent resident of the United States?  Yes  No

   □ I do not currently have a valid passport.

6. Passport number (and issuing country if non-US):

7. Date of issue:

8. Date of Expiry:
9. Place of issue: __________________________________________________________

10. Date of Birth: _________________________________________________________

11. Position Title: _________________________________________________________

12. Name of School/Institution: _____________________________________________

13. School/Institution Address:

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14. Work telephone: _________________________________________________________

15. Work fax: ______________________________________________________________

16. Cellular/Mobile telephone number: _______________________________________

17. Current grades/subjects taught (also include grades/subject you will teach next year if they will differ).

18. If you do not currently teach courses related to world cultures, history, or geography, please comment on your ability to influence or develop curriculum and implement it in world studies classrooms.
**Payment Information**
A deposit of $1,500 will confirm your place in the program. The balance will be due 60 days prior to departure (approximately April 15)

I have enclosed  □  $1,500 deposit

□  Other amount: ______

□  The full balance of $2,750

□  Enclosed is a check made payable to the University of Texas at Austin

□  Please charge my credit card (MasterCard or Discover only – **UT does not accept Visa or American Express**) for the amount indicated above. Note that the University may charge a 1.75% convenience fee.

Name on Credit Card:  __________________________________________________________
Credit Card Number:  __________________________________________________________
Expiration Date:  ______________________________________________________________
Billing Zip Code:  ______________________________________________________________

My signature below verifies that I understand the costs and payment schedule and that I have read and understood the terms and conditions on page four:

Signature:  __________________________________________________________
Terms and Conditions

Deadlines: Reservations and a deposit of $1,500 are due by March 26, with the balance due by April 15. (Please note that we may stop taking reservations sooner if the program fills up.)

Eligibility: Participants should be educators in a K-12 institution, ideally teaching world studies or other subjects related to Turkey. While non-teaching spouses may participate, we cannot accept children under 18 due to insurance and liability reasons.

Airfare is included from Houston. You may depart from another city, however, depending on available airfares you may have to pay a supplement to accommodate airfare from your home city. We will book travel from your point of origin, and will discuss options with you before finalizing bookings.

More information will be available once airfares are released.

Deposit: Your reservation will be confirmed upon receipt of your deposit of $1,500.00.

Final Payment: The full balance is due 60 days prior to departure. You will be advised of the final balance due, based on your city of departure and the number of participants.

Single supplement: Costs are based on double (shared) accommodations.

Orientation: An orientation will be held in Austin about one month prior to the program. While attendance is optional, we strongly encourage you to attend if at all possible, as we will cover important information about the trip (dress; spending money; etc.) as well as historical information that may not be repeated.

Cancellation: We expect to begin booking air tickets in April; cancellation after the deposit is received will be less any non-recoverable expenses associated with booking tickets. No refunds will be issued after 60 days.

100% refunds will be issued in the event that we do not reach our minimum number of reservations (10 participants).

Travel Protection: Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is included in the cost of the program.

We strongly recommend that you consider health insurance that will cover you while outside of the United States, that also includes emergency medical evacuation coverage. The University of Texas assumes no responsibility for fees or expenses
associated with interruption of travel, lost luggage, or emergency medical expenses. We can provide information on recommended plans.

**Proof of US Citizenship:** This tour requires a current US passport. The Republic of Turkey, and most other countries, requires that your passport be valid for 6 months after the tour return date. Turkey also requires that your passport have two blank facing visa pages.

We will require a photocopy of the data page of your passport 30 days prior to departure, as the information is needed to secure reservations in Turkey. Failure to provide a passport number or obtain a passport in a timely manner may jeopardize your participation in the program, and will not result a waiver of cancellation fees.

A visa is required of United States citizens to enter Turkey. The easiest and least expensive method of obtaining an entry visa is to do so on arrival at Istanbul-Atatürk Airport, where the cost is $20 for U.S. citizens.

Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for determining the appropriate entry requirements of the Republic of Turkey by contacting the nearest Turkish Consulate office, and for obtaining a visa in advance if it is required of your nationality.