



Blue Mosque, Istanbul

2009
itinerary



Ottoman Empire: Fourteenth to Twentieth Centuries

History Program, School of European and Historical Studies

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Course Lecturer: Dr Adrian Jones

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COURSE PRICE: \$6880.00 approx including return airfare
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CREDIT POINTS: 20 Credit Points

PREREQUISITES: 30 credit points of History in first year or permission from the Head of School

ENROLMENTS: Credit & Cross-Credit Students or as a study tour without assessment

INTRODUCTION

This is a joint second- and third-year undergraduate history course offered by La Trobe University, run in conjunction with Australian Studying Abroad.

In this travel and study subject, students assess the cultural, social, architectural and political history of the Ottoman Empire to the First World War. On location at historic sites in Turkey in Bursa, Edirne and Istanbul, the three Ottoman capitals, and on the Gallipoli peninsula, students examine six key periods of Ottoman history: the early Ottomans, the conquest of Constantinople, the 'classical' era of Süleyman the Magnificent and his successors, the eighteenth-century 'Tulip Age', nineteenth-century Europeanization and reform, and the Gallipoli campaign.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The course begins in Melbourne in October with a pre-departure briefing and a preliminary lecture providing an overview of the Ottoman Empire and its foundations. We consider how the Ottoman dynasty transformed an Islamic warrior (*gazi*) frontier state in Anatolia into an Empire bridging Europe and Asia. We examine the ways the Ottomans distilled Greek and Persian views on statecraft with Islamic legal precepts to create one of the most powerful empires in history. The briefing and lecture will be given at LaTrobe University on **Friday 30 October 2009**. A concluding lecture will be given at La Trobe University on our return in 2010. This lecture draws together the themes of the course explored in Turkey and completes our study by looking at the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the formation of the Republic of Turkey. Most lectures in Turkey will be given at the hotels we are staying in either before or after site visits. Further commentaries and tutorials as such will be given either en-route to sites or at the sites themselves.

COURSE LECTURER

Dr Adrian Jones is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Historical and European Studies at La Trobe University. He first ran this study tour in January 2008. Adrian first acquired an interest in Ottoman history while undertaking his PhD at Harvard University where he specialised in Russian history. His Ottoman interests have moved to the forefront in recent years with particular focus on the Battle of Çanakkale/Gallipoli Campaign, and he is currently researching Russian-Ottoman relations in the age of Sultan Ahmet III and Tsar Peter the Great. Adrian has travelled to Turkey on a number of occasions for research and to study Turkish in Istanbul. He previously led this study tour in January 2008. Adrian's recent publications include: 'A note on Atatürk's words about Gallipoli', (*History Australia*, Vol.2, No.1, 2004) and on the Enlightenment in eighteenth-century Russia (*The Historical Journal*, 48: 3, 2005). Earlier publications include a monograph, *Late-Imperial Russia: An Interpretation* (Peter Lang, Bern, 1997) and an award-winning local history, *Follow the Gleam: A History of Essendon Primary School, 1850-2000* (Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, 2000).

APPLICATIONS & ENROLMENTS

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ASSESSMENT

Please refer to the subject websites for assessment details:

www.latrobe.edu.au/handbook/2009/undergraduate/humanities/disciplines/history.htm
(Under heading 'Summer Unit')

PRE-TOUR READING LIST

Prescribed texts:

- McCarthy, Justin, *The Ottoman Turks*, Longman 1997.

Preliminary texts:

- Mansel, Philip, *Constantinople: City of the World's Desire*, John Murray, 1995.
- Itzkowitz, Norman, *Ottoman Empire and Islamic Tradition*, Chicago, Phoenix, 1980.

Recommended texts:

- Imber, Colin, *The Ottoman Empire*, Palgrave 2002.
- Inalcik, Halil, *The Ottoman Empire: The Classical Age, London*, Phoenix, 1994.
- Necipoglu, Gülru, *Architecture, Ceremonial and Power: The Topkapi Palace in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries*, MIT Press 1991.

PERSONAL ENDURANCE LEVEL: ***

To assist your understanding of the physical requirements of each program, ASA has developed a star system grading for all tours. The number of stars is an approximate guide to the degree of difficulty of tours relative to each other. It is neither absolute nor literal. One star is given to the least physically taxing tours, six to the most. We have taken into account the following criteria: extremes of temperature; amount of walking and terrain covered (including steps); length of daily activities; amount of time standing still listening to talks (eg during site visits); risk of gastric problems and other ailments.

This 22-day tour involves:

- 3-star and special category hotels with 4 hotel changes
- accommodation in two locations are housed in historic buildings without lifts
- an extensive amount of walking to many site visits, often up and down hills and/or flights of stairs, along cobbled streets and uneven terrain. You therefore need to be a good walker and be prepared to stand for some time on site and in front of buildings.
- minimal coach travel - all on good roads
- the daily schedule generally involves an early-morning lecture (between 8.00-9.00 am).

These factors give this tour a three-star difficulty rating. Potential tour participants should note that this tour is not suitable for people of below-average fitness. Several of the sites are unsheltered, or accessed by climbing up slopes or steps. People who have foot, leg, or

back problems, or are unsteady on their feet are advised not to enrol for this tour, for their own well-being and the undisturbed enjoyment of the rest of the group.

MEALS & ENTRANCE FEES

Meals included in the course price are indicated in the detailed itinerary where: **B**= breakfast, **L**= lunch and **D**= evening meal. All entrance fees are included (except sites indicated as 'optional').

TRANSPORT

Public transport with some private coach travel within Istanbul; private coach travel in the provinces.

ACCOMMODATION

All hotels are rated 3-star or special category locally and are comfortable and conveniently situated. Further information on hotels will be provided in the 'Tour Hotel List' given to tour members prior to their departure.

- **Istanbul (9 nights):** Hotel Erboy, 3-star hotel located in the old town of Istanbul. Website: www.erboyhotel.com
- **Edirne (3 nights):** Hotel Rüstempasa Kervansaray, an Ottoman caravansaray converted into a hotel located in the city centre. It is in walking distance to many of the key sites to be visited. Website: HotelRustempasaKervansaray
- **Ecebat (2 nights):** Aqua Hotel, a comfortable hotel situated in a restored sardine factory located on the Dardanelles seafront. Website: www.aquahotel.com
- **Bursa (3 nights):** Kent Hotel, a recently renovated 3-star hotel located in the city centre. Website: www.kentotel.com
- **Istanbul (4 nights):** Hotel Erboy, 3-star hotel located in the old town of Istanbul. Website: www.erboyhotel.com

Note: Hotels are subject to change, in which case a hotel of similar standard will be provided.

THE PROGRAM

Please note, the content and structure of the program outlined below is a draft and may change. The present itinerary should be used as a guide only.

Day 1: Saturday 28 November: Depart Melbourne

Our Singapore Airlines Flight SQ228 departs at 5.00pm. Participants are requested to commence check-in procedures at the international terminal, Tullamarine airport, two and half hours prior to departure.

Day 2: Sunday 29 November: Arrive Istanbul

- Museum of the Ancient Orient
- Archaeological Museum
- Cinili Köskü

We arrive in Istanbul at 0720hrs and transfer to Otel Erboy in Sirkeci. The hotel is situated in the old part of the city and within walking distance of many of the historic sites we visit. Adjacent to our Hotel is the tram stop at Gülhane Parkı, the road which follows the route (*Alemdar Caddesi* 'Street of the Standard Bearers' and *Divan Yolu* 'Highway of Government') of Byzantine and

Ottoman imperial armies, the garden walls of the Topkapı Sarayı Palace and their Imperial Kiosk for Processions (*Alay Köşkü*), and The Sublime Porte (*Bab'ı Ali*), the gateway to the centre of Ottoman government in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and the Mosque of Beşir Ağa (1745), the Black Eunuch (*Darüsaade* or *Kızlar Ağası*) serving Mahmud I.

After settling in we will meet in the hotel lobby at 11am. With jet lag and two millennia of history in mind, we begin with two quiet days visiting museums close by. We begin by exploring some of Istanbul's rich collection of artefacts from the ancient Near East and ancient Greece and Rome by visiting the Museum of the Ancient Orient located in Park Gülhane, formerly in the grounds of the Ottoman palace of Topkapı Sarayı. Nearby in the same complex is the Archaeological Museum, founded by Osman Hamdi Bey in the 1890s. It is considered one of the great archaeological museums of the world. The third building in this museum complex is the *Cinili Köskü* (Tiled Kiosk) built in 1459 in the Selçuk style by Mehmet the Conqueror.

We will have an early dinner before collapsing into bed. **(Overnight Istanbul) BD**

Day 3: Monday 30 November: Istanbul

- Yerebatan Sarniçi
- Hippodrome
- Mosaic Museum
- Bucoleon

Today we ground our study of Ottoman history by undertaking a Byzantine Orientation Walk visiting the Yerebatan Sarniçi (Stoa Basilica Cistern, 6th century ACE), view from the outside the greatest church in Christendom -- Justinian's Hagia Sophia (537), Hippodrome (4th century) and the Mosaic Museum / Palace of Bucoleon (4th to 13th centuries). After lunch we will explore the adjacent Arasta Bazaar and the Sea Walls of Constantinople.

Morning Lecture: The City (Polis) in Ancient Times **(Overnight Istanbul) B**

Day 4: Tuesday 1 December: Istanbul

- Yedi Küle
- Edirne Kapisi
- Blacharnae & Tekfur Saraylari
- Eyüp
- Kariye Cami
- Greek Patriarchate

We consider the political and military strategies used by Sultan II Mehmet in conquering Istanbul. We will use a coach to follow the sea walls and visit the famous Castle of the Seven Towers (*Yediküle kalesi*), the main Ottoman fort and prison. We then recreate the siege of the city by visiting the Edirne Gate, where Mehmet the Conqueror made his triumphal entrance, then, by coach, thence by foot, the ruins of Blacharnae Palace and the remnant of the Tekfur Palace, close by the Theodosian walls breached by the Ottomans on the 29 May 1453. We travel to the suburb of Eyüp where we visit the mausoleum of Eyüp, built by Sultan II Mehmet in 1458. Eyüp is considered the fourth most sacred place of pilgrimage in the Sunni Islamic world after Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem. On their accession,

Ottoman sultans visited Eyüp to be ceremoniously girded with the sword of Osman, the founder of the dynasty. After lunch we visit Kariye Cami, a former Byzantine church (*Chora*) to view the best Christian frescoes and mosaics in the city. From there we travel to the home of the Greek Patriarchate, a position reestablished the year following the Ottoman conquest of the city. Before returning to our hotel we dine at a fish restaurant on the Golden Horn.

Morning Lecture: The Ottoman Conquest of Constantinople in 1453 **(Overnight Istanbul) BD**

Day 5: Wednesday 2 December: Istanbul

- Topkapı Sarayı
- Topkapı Sarayı Harem

Today we visit the Topkapı Palace, the seat of Ottoman power for 500 years. Passing through the Gate of Felicity to tour the four courts, including the harem, of the Topkapı palace museum complex we experience the imperial splendours of the sultans. We examine the unique layout and architecture of this Turkish palace complex. We aim to re-construct how Ottoman institutions, customs, protocols and social structures reflected an Ottoman concept of sovereignty.

Morning Lecture: Fatih Sultan II Mehmet the Conqueror (1444-46, 1451-8) **(Overnight Istanbul) B**

Day 6: Thursday 3 December: Istanbul

- Aya Sofya
- Süleymaniye Küllesi
- Darüzziyafe Lokantası

During the forty-year reign of Süleyman the Magnificent (known as Lawgiver - Kanuni - by Turks), the Empire underwent its greatest expansion. Using the wealth he acquired from his conquests, and his flair for administration and legislation, Süleyman endowed Istanbul with some of its finest Ottoman monuments. We visit the Süleymaniye Mosque complex (1557) built by the famous Ottoman architect, Sinan; we bear in mind the Hagia Sophia (537) that inspired it, which is where we will begin our visit today. Our tour of the Süleymaniye Mosque complex includes the Süleymaniye *arasta* (bazaar), *darülhadis* (school for clerics), *hamam* (bath), and *türbeler* (tombs) of Sinan, Sultana Roxelana and Sultan II Süleyman Kanuni (1520-66). Today we lunch in style at the former soup kitchen (*imaret* or *darüzziyafe*) at the Süleymaniye complex: *Darüzziyafe Lokantası*.

Morning Lecture: The Classical Age: Power and Patronage during the reign of Süleyman the Magnificent (1520 - 66) **(Overnight Istanbul) BL**

Day 7: Friday 4 December: Istanbul

- Florence Nightingale Museum
- British Cemetery
- Beylerbeyi Sarayı
- Anadolu Kavagı

Today we journey to Asia. We visit the Beylerbeyi Sarayı, a palace built between 1861 and 1865 by Abdülaziz as a summer residence and a place to entertain visiting heads of state. We will then journey to the castle of Anadolu Kavagı (built by Byzantines and Genoese in 1350). After stories of the Ottomans and



the sea we journey to Üsküdar where we will lunch on our way to visit the Florence Nightingale Museum and the nearby British Crimean war cemetery overlooking the Bosphorus. **(Overnight Istanbul) B**

Day 8: Saturday 5 December: Istanbul

- Sadberk Hanım Müzesi
- Sarıyer
- Dolmabahçe Sarayı, Beşiktaş
- Taksim & Beyoğlu

This morning we catch a ferry to travel along the breathtaking Bosphorus, the waterway that divides the city of Istanbul in two - one half in Europe, the other in Asia. Along its shores we see a profusion of nineteenth-century palaces, royal pavilions and stately waterside houses (*yalılar*) and mansions (*konaklar*), many built in lavish European-influenced Rococo and Baroque architectural styles: Çırağan Sarayı (built in 1874 for Sultan Abdülaziz, 1861-76), Dolmabahçe Sarayı at Beşiktaş (built between 1842-56 by Sultan Abdülmecid, 1839-61), Yıldız Sarayı (built by Sultan II Abdülhamid, 1876-1909). We will comment on these nineteenth-century confections as we sail by. Our visit today also passes castles still extant on the shores: the Ottoman-built forts of Anadolu Hisarı (built by Yıldırım I Bayezit in 1391-94) on the Asian side, and Rumeli Hisarı (built by II Mehmed the Conqueror in 1453). These forts helped secure the conquest of Constantinople. Our destination is Sarıyer, a suburb on the Bosphorus, to visit the nineteenth-century *yalı* of Sadberk Hanım, now a private museum that houses a rich collection of ethnographic and historical treasures.

Our focus will then turn to the metamorphosis of the Ottoman city in the nineteenth century. A reform charter known as the *Tanzimat* was issued in 1839 at the beginning of Abdülmecid I's sultanate. It stimulated a Westernizing transformation of the urban landscape of Istanbul. In the afternoon we take in the Dolmabahçe Palace (completed in 1856), a European-style palace built on the site of a cabbage-patch on the shores of the Bosphorus, before visiting the heart of modern Istanbul, Taksim, and the district of Pera or Beyoğlu, home of the first Ottoman secular high school, the *Galatasaray Lise* (1868), site of most Western embassies, and centre of a new nineteenth- and twentieth-century culture of shopping and of cosmopolitan cafes, like those in the *Çiçek Pasajı* (1876), built mostly in the French and Italian style by Istanbul's many Greeks, Armenians and Jews. You can choose to dine in Pera / Beyoğlu tonight. You could return to our hotel by strolling down through Pera along the İstiklal (Independence) Street (not neglecting the streets beside) then taking the funicular (*Tünel*, 1875) at Galatasaray, then walk across the Galata Bridge (1845, 1912, 2002).

Morning Lecture: A Woman's World: The Harem **(Overnight Istanbul) B**

Day 9: Sunday 6 December: Istanbul

A free day for resting, or, for those with energy, an excursion by ferry to the Princes' Islands in the Sea of Marmara can be arranged, weather permitting. The four inhabited islands, Büyükada, Heybeliada, Burgazada, Kınalıada, provide a time-capsule of a

bygone era. The wooded islands, which are used as summer retreats by Istanbulians, are home to some of the best examples of nineteenth-century Ottoman wooden houses. The main mode of transport is by horse-drawn carriage as there are no cars on the islands other than emergency vehicles. You will probably only have time to visit two islands, so head for Büyükada (Leon Trotsky lived here for several years in the 1920 and it has an important Orthodox Monastery) and Heybeli, (also has the remnants of a Monastery which was home to the Theological Seminary of the Greek Orthodox Church. A school of a different sort, the Turkish Naval College, was founded here in 1773 by Sultan Selim III.) Alternatively, stay in Istanbul and head for Ortoköy, which has a great trendy market on Sundays. **(Overnight Istanbul) B**

Day 10: Monday 7 December: Istanbul

- Misir Carsisi
- Grand Bazaar (Kapalı Carsi)
- Çarşaloğlu hamamı (optional)

An Ottoman shopping day is planned. First, a stroll down to the Egyptian or Spice Bazaar (*Misir Çarşısı*), where we explore the sights and smells of tantalizing foodstuffs. After lunch we will foray to the mecca of shopping malls – the Grand Bazaar (*Kapalı Çarşısı*) – a maze of over 4000 shops filled with antiques, jewellery, gold, brass and silverware, carpets and leather. Shopping urges sated, we relax and reflect on the day's outing by enjoying the purifying rituals of the Turkish bath in the historic 300 year-old Çarşaloğlu Hamamı.

Morning Lecture: Coming Clean: An illustrated visit to the Turkish bath **(Overnight Istanbul) B**

Day 11: Tuesday 8 December: Istanbul-Edirne

We have a morning of leisure in Istanbul. After lunch we travel by private coach to Edirne, the second capital of the Ottoman Empire (1368-1453) c.300 km northwest of Istanbul. In the late afternoon we will lose ourselves shopping in old and new Edirne, especially the streets in and around the *Semiz Ali Paşa Arasta Bazaar* (1568-69), just to the west of the old city. They are within walking distance to the restored Ottoman caravansaray where we are staying. Tonight we dine at a restaurant on the Tunca river. **(Overnight Edirne) BD**

Day 12: Wednesday 9 December: Edirne

- Eski Cami & Bedesten of Süleyman Çelebi
- Uç Serefeli Cami of Sultan II Murad
- Sinan's Selimniye Cami of Sultan II Selim the Sot
- Museums near the Selimniye ~ Türk-Islam Eserleri Müzesi in the Selimniye medrese and Arkeoloji ve Etnoloji Müzesi

Today we visit three Pinnacles of Faith: The Eski, Uç Serefeli and Selimye Mosques. With a dome that surpasses in size that of Hagia Sophia, the Selimye Mosque built between 1570 and 1574 by Sinan is considered his greatest architectural achievement. A tour of *Eski* (Old) Mosque, built in 1414 in the Bursa tradition, and the Uç Serefeli Mosque (the name refers to 3 balconies on the SE minaret), built later in the 15th century, shows the transition between the Bursa style and the Classical style of the Selimye. We will also have time to visit two small museums near the Selimniye: the

Türk-Islam Eserleri Müzesi housed in the Selimiye medrese, and the *Arkeoloji ve Etnoloji Müzesi* over the road.

Morning Lecture: Early Ottomans and the Balkans (Overnight Edirne) B

Day 13: Thursday 10 December: Edirne

- II Bayezit Külliyesi
- Site of the old Ottoman Palace & Hunting Lodge

We explore some secular sites in Edirne. Our tour begins with a walk through Edirne and across a very old Ottoman bridge to the beautiful mosque complex (*külliye*) built by Veli II Beyazıt between 1484 and 1488 to the design of Hayrettin Paşa. This unique complex includes the public soup kitchen (*imaret*) and medical complex that had facilities for the insane (*timarhane*) and a medical college (*tıp medresesi*) attached to the hospital. We then go on to explore the evocative ruins of the old Ottoman palace and hunting lodge (*İç Sarayı*) on an island on the Tunca River (mostly developed by Murad II in the 1430s): this favoured home of many Sultans was sacked by Russian armies in 1829 and 1878. In the late afternoon there will be more free time in Edirne. The women might choose to take a bath at Söküllü Mehmet Paşa Hamamı (late C16th) and the men at the older one in the foreground of the Selimiye.

Evening Lecture: The Battle of Çanakkale / Gallipoli Campaign (Overnight Edirne) B

Day 14: Friday 11 December: Edirne-Gallipoli (Gelibolu) –Ecebat

- Muradiye Mosque
- Gelibolu Quay & Castle

In the morning, as we leave Edirne, we will stop by at the Muradiye Mosque on the heights of Edirne, overlooking the Thracian plain below. A former Byzantine church, this mosque was re-consecrated as an imperial mosque by Hüdavenigar I Murad in 1362, then re-built in 1435 as a lodge (*zaviye*) for the Mevlevi Dervish order, then re-converted into a mosque. We leave Edirne to travel to Gallipoli to walk around the Gelibolu quay and castle (seized by Catalans, 1303-10, then Ottoman from the time of I Süleyman Çelebi, 1354). We then journey to Ecebat, a small town on the shore of the Dardanelles; our departure point for the Gallipoli battlefields.

We dine at our hotel in Ecebat. (Overnight Ecebat) BD

Day 15: Saturday 12 December: Gallipoli Peninsula

- Gallipoli battlefields
- Dardanelles

Gallipoli was the site of two significant Ottoman victories. The first was in 1354 when the Ottomans captured Gallipoli from the Byzantines. It was their first foothold in Europe, and later the home of the Ottoman navy. Their second victory came five centuries later defending the peninsula from the Anzacs and allied forces in 1915. Like many Australians before us, we make the pilgrimage to Gallipoli to tour the Anzac sites and Ottoman monuments to assess the significance of this campaign in forming a potent nationalistic symbol for both Turks and Australians. We will take a picnic lunch to the battlefields and dine at our hotel in Ecebat. (Overnight Ecebat) BLD

Day 16: Sunday 13 December: Ecebat-Çanakkale-Troy-Bursa

- Çanakkale
- Troy

We leave the Gallipoli Peninsula and catch the first ferry across the Dardanelles to Çanakkale on the Asian shore, passing the castles of *Kilitbahir* in Europe and *Kale-i Sultaniye* in Asia (1452). Before heading for our next destination of Bursa we detour to Troy to conjure up Homer's *Iliad*. There will be a chance to climb into the Trojan horse before we leave! If feeling somewhat battle weary on our arrival in Bursa, consider taking a hot-spring bath in the Old Thermal Baths (*Eski Kaplıca*, 15th century, these facilities are better for women) or New Thermal baths (*Yeni Kaplıca*, 16th century, these are better for men) in Bursa's famous thermal district of Çekirge. (Overnight Bursa) BD

Day 17: Monday 14 December: Bursa

- Ulu Cami of Yıldırım Sultan I Bayezıt
- Koza Hani & adjacent markets
- Yesil Cami & Türbe of Çelebi I Mehmet
- Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art

Set in a lush valley at the foot of a snow-capped mountain, Bursa was the first capital of the Ottoman Turks (1326-68) and home to some important early Ottoman monuments. We visit the Ulu Cami'i (1395) of Yıldırım Sultan I Bayezıt, the Selçuk-inspired Green Mosque and Green Mausoleum of Çelebi I Mehmet (1413-24) and the nearby Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art. An indispensable part of every Islamic city is the marketplace; we head for the famous Silk Market (*Koza Hani*, 1451) and Bazaar that once generated great wealth for the Empire. Today we will dine on a dish famous in Bursa, *İskender kebab*.

Morning Lecture: The origins of the Ottoman dynasty and the role of Sufism, trade, Ottoman brotherhoods (Overnight Bursa) BLD

Day 18: Tuesday 15 December: Bursa – Cumalıkızık - Bursa

- Cumalıkızık Village
- Byzantine Castle
- Ottoman homes in Çekirge

This morning we visit the village of Cumalıkızık located 10 kilometers west of Bursa at the foot of Mt. Uludağ. Its history goes back to the founding of the Ottoman Empire and many of its architectural structures have been preserved. While life for many in the village continues as it has done for generations, in recent years the village has acquired a new industry: it has been featured in many Turkish movies and historical television series. This exposure has renewed local Turkish interest and now many of its historical houses are under restoration.

This afternoon we return to Bursa to walk through the Byzantine castle seized by Orhan Gazi in 1326 and later rebuilt as a mosque. We pay our respects at the tombs of the first Sultans, Osman and Orhan, and make our way to the Muradiye complex (1420s) and tomb of Sultan II Murad, stern father of II Mehmed the Conqueror. The tombs of some of those in line for the



sultanate, but who never made it, including Cem (rival of Beyazit II) and Shehzade Mustafa (murdered son of Süleyman the Magnificent) are also to be found here.

We will then shift our focus from the monumental to the domestic and explore a seventeenth-century Ottoman home (*konak*) in Çekirge, *Hüsnü Züher Evi*, and then cross over to Esat Uluumay's magnificent private collection of Balkan and Turkish folk costumes and jewellery now housed in a sixteenth-century school (*medrese*) bequeathed by a Süleyman-era court poet, Şair Ahmet Paşa. **(Overnight Bursa) BD**

Day 19: Wednesday 16 December: Bursa - Iznik - Gebze – Istanbul

- Iznik Museum
- Osman Hamdi Bey Museum

We depart Bursa returning to Istanbul via Iznik and Gebze. Iznik, formerly known as Nicaea, was an important Roman and Byzantine city. We will pass by its beautiful lake and walls. Iznik is famous for the Nicene Creed of 325, a product of an Imperial Ecumenical Council (others took place here in 381 & 787) that attempted to codify Christian beliefs. Iznik is also famous for producing the Ottoman tiles adorning many of the buildings we have seen on our travels. Iznik's eleventh-century Byzantine Hagia Sophia church became a mosque in 1331 soon after Iznik was conquered by Orhan Gazi. The regional museum is a gem: it is located in Nilüfer Hatun Soup Kitchen (*imaret*) built in 1388 by *Hüdavenigar* I Murad in memory of his mother and attached to a Green (*Yeşil*) mosque built between 1378 and 1392 in the Selçuk style with Selçuk tiles. After a couple of centuries out of the ceramic-making business, this industry is re-emerging in Iznik to again produce fine ceramics. Time permitting, we will take a drive around Lake Iznik before returning to Istanbul via the former home of an important Ottoman artist, Osman Hamdy Bey, now a museum, at Gebze. **(Overnight Istanbul) B**

Day 20: Thursday 17 December: Istanbul

- Türk ve İslam Eserler Müzesi
- İbrahim Paşa Sarayı, Meydanı
- Blue Mosque of Sultan I Ahmet, Sultanahmet
- Hali ve Kilim Müzesi OR Ottoman Calligraphy Museum (Beyazit hat Sanatları Müzesi, Beyazit Meydanı)

Today we return to the Hippodrome to visit some of the key sites that surround it including, the Blue Mosque (1616) of Sultan I Ahmet (1603-17) and the magnificent museum of Islamic arts (Türk ve İslam Eserler Müzesi) housed in the Palace of İbrahim Paşa.

Morning Lecture: The Tulip Age: Sultan Ahmet III and Patrona Halil and Circumcision processions. **(Overnight Istanbul) B**

Day 21: Friday 18 December: Istanbul

- Military Museum (Asker Müzesi), Harbiye
- Taksim, Sisli & Nisantasi

Attempts to arrest the decline of the empire in the nineteenth century resulted in the adoption of western military expertise and the massacre of the unruly Janissary core. Westernized clothing replaced traditional Islamic costumes and the fez replaced the turban. A

visit to the Military Museum in Harbiye showcases weaponry and costumes of both the old and new orders. Hopefully the Mehter band, a recreation of an Ottoman military band, will be on hand to perform before we leave to explore the shops in the up-market suburbs of Sisli and Nisantasi.

Morning Lecture: Ottoman Tanzimat and the 19th-century emergence of Beyoğlu.

(Overnight Istanbul) B

Day 22: Saturday 19 December: Istanbul

- Rüstem Paşa Cami
- Galata Monastery of the Mevlevi Order of Dervishes (Mevlehanesi)
- Galata Tower

This morning we walk down to the hidden gem of the Rüstem Paşa Cami (1561), with its magnificent Iznik tiles, the work of a great vizier of the era of Süleyman the Magnificent. We then head across the Golden Horn and take in the sights of Galatasaray. We visit the Galata Tower (built by the Genoese in 1348) and the Galata Monastery (*tekke*) of the Mevlevi Order of Dervishes (Mevlehanesi), 1491-1924. We see the Pera Palace Hotel, made famous by Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*, and Atatürk's favourite hotel. The afternoon is free to shop in Beyoğlu or to further explore the city.

We dine in Beyoğlu tonight. **(Overnight Istanbul) BD**

Day 23: Sunday 20 December: Departing Istanbul

Participants returning to Australia at the conclusion of the course will transfer to Istanbul Airport for Singapore Airlines flight SQ 491 departing at 1125hrs. **B**

Day 24: Monday 21 December: Arrive Melbourne

Participants travelling on the group flight are due to arrive at Melbourne International Airport on flight SQ217 at 8.20 p.m.

TOUR PRICE

\$6880.00 approx. Course Price including airfare

\$650.00 Single Supplement

\$300.00 Audit Fee Supplement (applicable to participants who are not undertaking this subject as part of their university degree)

For competitive Economy, Business or First Class airfares and/or group airfares please contact ASA for further information.

Tour Price (Land Content Only) includes:

- Return airfare economy class with Singapore Airlines
 - 28 November: Melbourne -Singapore; Singapore - Istanbul
 - 20 December: Istanbul - Singapore; Singapore - Melbourne
- Accommodation in twin-share (2 per room) rooms.
- Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 1 picnic lunch and 9 evening meals as outlined in the itinerary, where **B** = breakfst, **L** = lunch and **D** = evening meal.
- Transportation by A/C motorcoach in the provinces and public transport costs within Istanbul.
- Academic program as outlined in the itinerary
- Entrances to museums, galleries outlined in the itinerary

Tour Price (Land Content Only) does not include:

- Lunches & evening meals (excluding meals as indicated above)
- Personal spending money
- Luggage in excess of 20 kg (44 lbs)
- Travel insurance
- Visas (if applicable)
- Portorage
- HELP fees (LaTrobe Students), 'Single Subject' fees or \$300.00 AUD 'Non-Assessed' fee.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION

If you plan to participate in this subject, you should send:

1. a completed **ASA RESERVATION FORM**
2. a completed **ENROLMENT INFORMATION FORM**

together with your deposit of **\$350.00** to Australians Studying Abroad. (Cheques should be made payable to: Australians Studying Abroad).

Travel Insurance

It is a condition of travel that you are covered by some form of international travel insurance. Note, travel insurance may not cover costs incurred due to a pre-existing illness or other conditions. Your insurance can be arranged through ASA. All participants must provide no later than 75 days prior to the commencement of the program:

- a copy of your travel insurance certificate
- the emergency telephone no. of your insurance company

Passport Details

All participants must provide no later than 75 days prior to the commencement of the program a photocopy of the front page of their current passport.

Paying the Balance

Balance of your tour price (full price minus \$350.00) must be paid to Australians Studying Abroad 75 days before you depart. You will receive an invoice from Australians Studying Abroad at this time. Upon receipt of payment we send you a receipt.

Note on the Airfare & Taxes**

You are not obliged to return home immediately your course ends. You must, however, nominate a return date on your reservation form. The course price includes taxes on the airfare of **\$640.00 per person**. Taxes were correct on **5 September 2008**; however airlines will not guarantee the taxes until the air tickets are issued. Taxes may increase due to currency fluctuation, additional tax levies, fuel or security surcharges. These increases will be added to your balance of payment or maybe invoiced as an additional charge once your tour has been paid and your airline ticket has been issued.

Single Supplement

Payment of the single supplement will ensure that accommodation throughout the program is in a single room. The number of single rooms available on this tour is extremely limited. People wishing to take the single supplement are advised to book well in advance.



BOOKING CONDITIONS

Confirmation of Your Booking

When we have received your reservation form together with the deposit you will be notified shortly afterwards whether you have been selected to participate in the subject.

If you have been selected you will receive confirmation in writing, and it is from this moment that a firm contract exists between you and Australians Studying Abroad Pty Ltd (hereafter called ASA) on the basis of this itinerary, or itinerary amendments communicated to you, these booking conditions and the travel details sent to you. Your reservation is subject to the understanding that you will be undertaking this course as originally indicated on the ASA Reservation Form. In the event that you fail to enrol in this subject under the category you have indicated, then ASA reserves the right to cancel your reservation.

If you have not been selected or if a place is not available you will be given the option of having your name put on a waiting list for a possible second round offer. Alternatively we shall return your payment. ASA does however reserve the right to refuse to accept a booking without necessarily giving a reason.

Cancellation Fees

Refund of deposit, less \$275.00 service fee, (\$250.00 + \$25.00 GST) will be given when cancellation is made over 75 days in advance of the commencement of the tour (Day 1 of the itinerary). Cancellation received after that period will be subject to the following cancellation charges:

<i>Days Prior</i>	<i>Cancellation Fee</i>
75-46 days prior	25%
45-31 days prior	50%
30-15 days prior	75%
14-0 days prior	100%

We take the day on which you cancel as being that on which we receive written confirmation of cancellation.

Payment by Credit Card

Payment by credit card will incur the following card service fees:

- Mastercard, Visa or Bankcard: 1.85%
- American Express: 1.85%
- Diners Club: 2.7%

What is included in the Course Price

A list of what is included (and what is not included) in the price is given in the detailed tour itinerary (see above).

Changes in Course Price

The price of ASA's courses may change with currency fluctuations, airfare increases, changes in airport taxes or rail travel, or if the group size is under sixteen. We shall, however, do all in our power to maintain the published price.

If La Trobe University Cancels the Course

In the event the academic program be cancelled as a result of La Trobe University, in response to Federal Government travel advice, designating the locations of the program to be unsafe: participants will be charged the cancellation fees as indicated in these booking conditions (refer to the paragraph 'Cancellation Fees').

Medical Conditions & Other Related Information

ASA's tours and associated credit courses require, on occasion, a substantial amount of physical exertion. The ASA RESERVATION FORM requests disclosure of all relevant medical conditions, physical or mental

disabilities or any other related information which may affect the ability to fully participate in the activities forming a tour. The purpose of seeking this information is to assist ASA in determining the suitability of a tour participant for a particular tour, to identify those circumstances where unjustifiable hardship may result to ASA, and to address how ASA may be able to make 'reasonable accommodation' to cater for those participants, where only a minor modification may be needed.

To assist participants with what should be disclosed, ASA provides a detailed itinerary for each course which describes the activities on a day-by-day basis. As indicated above, the itinerary should be considered as a guide to the educational program rather than as an exact and definitive list of activities.

The information provided in your reservation form will be treated in the strictest confidence. If ASA has any concerns based on the information provided by you, we shall contact you to discuss those concerns, and may request further information or clarification of the information previously provided.

Participation in Course Activities

It is a condition of travel that all participants agree to accept ASA's directions in relation to their suitability to participate in activities undertaken on the course, and that ASA retains the sole discretion to direct a participant to refrain from a particular activity on part of the course. Furthermore, ASA also reserves the right to reject a participant from further participation on its courses, or cancel the participation on a course of any client whose behaviour is in the opinion of a representative of the company causing excessive distress, damage or annoyance to anyone or anyone's property. Our responsibility for that client will cease immediately and no compensation will be paid for any loss.

Responsibility.

Australians Studying Abroad Pty Ltd (hereafter called ASA) gives notice that all tickets and coupons are issued through ASA, and all arrangements for transport or hotel accommodation are made by ASA as Agent upon the condition that ASA shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity caused by defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection there with, or of any hotel proprietor or servant. The insurance of baggage and the care of personal articles is entirely the responsibility of the tour participant. The tour operator shall not be liable for any loss of or damage to personal property. ASA accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to the delays or changes in motor, air or other services, sickness, weather, strikes, war quarantine or other causes. All such losses or expenses will be borne by the passenger. The transport companies or firms, shall be exempt from all liability in respect of any detention, delay, loss, damage sickness or injury however and by whomsoever caused and of whatever kind occurring of or to the passenger at any time when the passenger is not on board a carrier or conveyance used or operated by the transport companies or firms. The passage contract in use by the transport companies or firms concerned shall constitute the sole contract between those firms and the passenger. All tickets, coupons and orders are issued subject to these terms and conditions. In the event of it being considered desirable to withdraw all of the arrangements, the net deposits paid will be returned to the members, and upon the tendering of the same, all liability of the organiser in respect thereof shall cease. ASA also reserves the right to modify the itineraries in any way thought desirable. The tour costs are based on fares and tariffs which will apply from date of booking but subject to unexpected price increases or exchange rate fluctuations. Any other IATA or non-IATA carrier may be used apart from the carriers featured in this folder. This brochure is issued on the sole responsibility of the tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of and does not commit the airline mentioned therein or any airlines whose services are used in the course of the tour.

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ASA Reservation Form

Please **complete one form in block letters and sign** for each participant. Additional copies may be requested from ASA or this form may be photocopied (both sides please). Please mail this form with the appropriate deposit (cheques should be made payable to Australians Studying Abroad P/L) to: **P.O. Box 8285, ARMADALE, VICTORIA, 3143**. On receipt of this **reservation form**, your **Enrolment Information Form** and your **deposit of \$350.00 AUD** per person, you will be notified shortly afterwards whether you have been selected to participate in the subject.

If you have not been selected you will be given the option of having your name put on a waiting list for a possible second round offer.

If you have been selected your reservation is subject to the understanding that you will be undertaking this course as originally indicated on this form (see below). In the event that you fail to enrol in this subject under the category you have indicated, then ASA reserves the right to cancel your reservation.

NAME OF COURSE: **CC1309 Ottoman Empire: Fourteenth to Twentieth Centuries**

Air Arrangements

I wish to depart from (city in Australia) _____ on (date) **28 NOVEMBER 2009**

I wish to return **from Istanbul** _____ on (date) _____

ASA group airfares are usually very flexible. Although you are normally required to depart with the group, the airfare will allow you to extend your travels at the conclusion of the tour. Please contact our office for further information. You must nominate a return date, as flights to Australia can be heavily booked at certain times of the year.

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Should you require additional travel arrangements, such as rail, accommodation, hire car or tours, please contact your ASA consultant.

Tour Accommodation

Please circle your preference:

A. TWIN-SHARE throughout the course

Please indicate your preference: [] **Twin-bedded room** or [] **Double room****

B. SINGLE ROOM throughout the course

(Supp. \$650.00 AUD pp)

If you selected either option A please complete the following (if known):

I wish to share with _____

Enrolment Information

- I shall be enrolling in this subject as part of my degree at La Trobe University
- I shall be enrolling in this subject as a Complementary Course Subject from another tertiary institution.
- I shall be taking this subject as a study tour without assessment (note a supplement of \$300.00 AUD applies)

How Did You Find Out About This Credit Course?

Would you kindly indicate from where you first heard about ASA and the Course you are booking on:

- School of European and Historical Studies
- Other University Department
- Internet
- Friend
- Local Library
- Other Tertiary Institution
- Australians Studying Abroad
- Other _____



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ASA Reservation Form

APPLICANT DETAILS **** WARNING: All travel documents must be issued with your correct passport name!****

TITLE Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Other

FIRST NAME (as in passport)

Preferred FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME (as in passport)

SURNAME (as in passport)

POSTAL ADDRESS

STATE

POSTCODE

TEL. (AH) ()

TEL. (BH) ()

FAX ()

Mobile Tel:

E-MAIL address

Date of birth:

GENDER Male Female

Smoker Non-Smoker

Airline meals:

Standard Other (specify)

Vegetarian: please tick (✓) which of the following you can eat: fish chicken red meat dairy products eggs

Meals during the tour: Standard

Other (specify)

Vegetarian: please tick (✓) which of the following you can eat: fish chicken red meat dairy products eggs

Frequent Flyer Membership # (if taking group airfare):

Name of Airline

Airline Seat preference (please note request only):

PASSPORT DETAILS

Increased world security requires that your travel documents and all in-country local reservations exactly match your passport name. It is therefore essential that if you have a current passport with at least 6 months validity from date of return into Australia a photocopy of the first page is sent to ASA with this reservation form. **Please tick the applicable box below:**

I have enclosed a copy of my current valid passport

please tick (✓)

My passport is not current or does not have at least 6 months validity from date of return into Australia

please tick (✓) **

I am applying for a new passport and will forward a copy to ASA as soon as I have received my new passport

please tick (✓) **

** If a copy of your passport is not enclosed, please advise your Nationality:

It is the responsibility of the client to ensure that any revised passport information is forwarded to ASA.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

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Please outline whether you suffer from any medical conditions in any of the following areas:

Respiratory

Spinal

Cardiac, including Blood Pressure

Allergies

Sight/Sound

Mobility

Any other condition which may affect your ability to participate on this tour?

Person to notify in case of emergency

Name

Relationship to Traveller

Address

Telephone

If any details requested on this form are not yet available, please still forward your form and communicate these details at a later date.

I have enclosed a deposit of \$ _____ for this tour.

I understand that this deposit is refundable up to 75 days before departure (less cancellation fee).

LIABILITY RELEASE: Please read carefully and sign the following:

I have read the itinerary and related information pertaining to this tour of which I am a participant that has been designed and conducted by Australians Studying Abroad Pty Ltd. I am aware of the terms and conditions of the tour relating to refunds and cancellations, responsibility and liability. I understand that there are inherent dangers and risks that may occur with this tour, known or unknown, relating to but not limited to air, coach, car and ship travel, walks, camera equipment, accidents and/or illnesses and acts of nature, man or God.

I also understand that the itinerary, accommodation and guest lecturers scheduled for this tour may change due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness, political considerations or personal emergencies.

In consideration of the right to participate in this tour, I hereby release Australians Studying Abroad Pty Ltd and its agents, associates or related parties from all responsibility for damages, injuries, losses or delays due to any reason whatsoever and hereby assume all risks and dangers in connection with the tour.

Date

Signature(s)

Enrolment Information Form

NAME OF COURSE: Ottoman Empire: Fourteenth to Twentieth Centuries 2009

APPLICANT DETAILS

TITLE Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Other

FIRST NAME (as in passport)

Preferred FIRST NAME

SURNAME (as in passport)

POSTAL ADDRESS

STATE

POSTCODE

TEL. (AH) ()

TEL. (BH) ()

FAX ()

E-MAIL address

Enrolment Information

Q1. Please indicate how you are intending to enrol for this subject:

- OPTION 1 As a CREDIT SUBJECT as part of a degree at LATROBE UNIVERSITY (Please go to Question 2)
- OPTION 2 As a CREDIT SUBJECT: COMPLEMENTARY COURSE from another tertiary institution (Please go to Question 2)
- OPTION 3 As a 'SINGLE SUBJECT' for CREDIT (Please go to Question 2)
- OPTION 4 As a STUDY TOUR WITHOUT ASSESSMENT (Note a supplement of \$300.00 AUD will be required).

Q2. If you selected OPTION 1, 2 OR 3, please complete the following:

UNIVERSITY

- LaTrobe University
- Other _____
Campus _____

SCHOOL

- European and Historical Studies (LaTrobe)
- Other (please specify) _____

Have you obtained departmental approval? Yes No

Have you obtained faculty approval? Yes No

Have you completed enrolment procedures with the Faculty? Yes No

Are you studying full time or part-time?

Please note:

In the event that you fail to enrol in this subject under the category you have indicated, then ASA reserves the right to cancel your reservation.



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