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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit **Hagia Sophia** and the **Blue Mosque**, two iconic sights of Istanbul.
- Go underground to explore the **Basilica Cistern**.
- Witness the beauty of the exquisite mosaics in **Topkapi Palace**.
- **Cruise the Bosphorus** and behold incomparable views of Istanbul.
- Discover **Suleymaniye Mosque** and the **Chora Museum**.
- Stroll through Istanbul's **Grand Bazaar**.

Alumni Campus Abroad® Advantages

The unique, value-added features of Alumni Campus Abroad® programs deliver an outstanding educational travel experience.

- **A carefully selected hotel** with comfortable accommodations is the perfect base for exploring the region's renowned landmarks and off-the-beaten-path treasures while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in the local culture and lifestyle.
- **Groups are limited to 36 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
- **An extensive meal plan** is seasoned with traditional specialties.
- **Meet the People** opportunities allow you to interact with local residents and gain personal insight into their everyday lives.
- **Knowledgeable guides** lead your excursions and **local experts** present insightful educational lectures.
- **An experienced Campus Director** ensures attentive service for the duration of your stay.
- **All gratuities** for excursion guides and drivers are included.

East and West. Ancient and modern. Istanbul gleams the best from all worlds. The history, food, music and art are flavored with influences of all the peoples who have lived here. Istanbul, known previously as Constantinople and Byzantium before that, hypnotizes visitors with noisy bazaars, Roman monuments, Byzantine churches and imposing Ottoman mosques. Yet the city offers more than the Grand Bazaar, doner kebab stands and strains of mystical sufi music. Chic boutiques,

international cuisine and a lively nightlife add cosmopolitan sophistication to Istanbul's Old World glamour.



Above:
Hagia Sophia, Istanbul
Left: Bead merchant
Below: Spice market





Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Discover Istanbul, one of the world's most exciting and exotic cities, on this seven-night adventure that promises to show you the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and the city's other iconic sights. Take a cruise along the Bosphorus and spend time in the colorful markets.

Travel experts have meticulously planned this exciting program to showcase the best of Istanbul. Enjoy preferred access to popular attractions and an exclusive educational program that will enhance your appreciation of the people and the culture. Our educational program features expert local speakers and is the hallmark of our Alumni Campus Abroad programs.

In addition, we will be joined by Susan McCarter, an adjunct professor in the department of Near Eastern Studies at Johns Hopkins, who will focus on Byzantine painting on walls, the invention of weaving and the invention of pottery.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. You will enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group of like-minded people and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries!

Space on this amazing journey is limited to 36 travelers. Be sure to make your reservations today.

Sincerely,

Marguerite I. Jones

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 Travel Program Director
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Susan Foster McCarter earned her A.B. in British Area Studies from Barnard College in 1967. In 1969 she completed the coursework for a Masters degree in Classical Art and

Archaeology at Florida State University, and in 1977, she was awarded her PhD in Mediterranean Studies (Prehistoric Archaeology). Her dissertation was titled *The Bronze Age Necropolis of Ayia Paraskevi (Nicosia): Unpublished Tombs in the Cyprus Museum*.

From 1974 to 1984 she taught for the University of Maryland University College in Italy, Germany, Turkey, Korea and Japan. From 1981 to 1984 she served in Japan as Assistant Director for the Asian Division of the institution.

In 1984 she returned to the United States and spent the next 12 years as Executive Director for such academic organizations as the American Schools of Research and the Society of Architectural Historians. She continued to teach part-time, first at the University of Maryland, and then at Johns Hopkins, where she has been an adjunct professor in the Department of Near Eastern Studies since 1988. She has also taught for over 20 years in Hopkins non-credit Osher and Odyssey programs, as well as in the Masters of Liberal Arts degree program. She has led overseas art and archaeology tours to Greece and Egypt, and day-trips to special exhibits in New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. She was also one of the Teaching Company's first Great Course professors.

Her most recent publication, an introduction to the Neolithic period, was released in September, 2007

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THE CROSSROADS OF EUROPE & ASIA

Byzantium. Constantinople. Istanbul. By any name and in any age, Turkey's largest city is magnificent. Straddling the Bosphorus, this storied city has for centuries welcomed conquerors, adventurers and travelers making their way between Europe and Asia. Walk in the footsteps of such great leaders as Constantine the Great and Barbarossa, trailblazing explorers such as Marco Polo and famed writers, including Mark Twain and Lord Byron, and discover the splendor of this great city.

DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for Istanbul, Turkey, aboard scheduled jet service.[†]

[†]Provided for Air Program participants.

DAY TWO ISTANBUL

Upon arrival, transfer[†] to the Rixos Pera Istanbul.

This evening, attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel.

DAY THREE ISTANBUL

Educational Focus: *Ottoman Architecture and Literature.* Discover how Turkish architecture and literature developed during the Ottoman Empire.

Excursion: *Byzantium, Constantinople and Istanbul.* The Hippodrome, site of horse and chariot races, was the center of secular life in Byzantium. See ancient monuments such as the Egyptian Obelisk and the Serpent Column. Visit the 17th-century Blue Mosque and attend an exclusive meeting with the imam. Continue to Hagia Sophia, which now is a museum, but first was a church and then a mosque. Visit the Yerebatan Sarnici, the best known of Istanbul's many underground cisterns. Built in the sixth century by Justinian I to supply water to the city, this subterranean wonder also is known as the Basilica Cistern. Continue to the colorful Grand Bazaar, where you have free time to explore after a short tour.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a delicious lunch of Turkish cuisine at an Istanbul restaurant.



UNESCO

The Historic Areas of Istanbul are UNESCO World Heritage sites featured on this program.

DAY FOUR ISTANBUL

B/L

Educational Focus: *The Ottoman Empire.* Delve into the history of the Ottoman Empire, a major world power for more than six centuries.

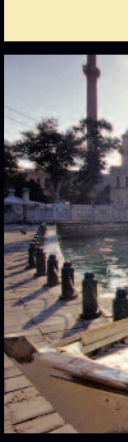
Excursion: *Topkapi Palace.* Topkapi Palace was built in the 15th century by Sultan Mehmed II, who wrested Istanbul from Byzantine control. See where successive sultans lived and ruled until the mid-19th century. Topkapi features imposing gates, opulent mosaics, marble columns, colorful stained glass windows and grand courtyards. Venture into the First Courtyard to Hagia Eirene. Built by Constantine the Great, it was the first church in Constantinople.

Local Flavor: Savor authentic Turkish cuisine during lunch at a restaurant in Istanbul.

DAY FIVE ISTANBUL

B/D

Educational Focus: *The Turkish Bath.* Taking a Turkish bath is an age-old cleansing ritual that involves not only washing oneself, but relaxing in temperature-controlled rooms and receiving a massage. The *hamam* serves not just a practical purpose, but it also has religious and social functions.



Far left: Dining along the Bosphorus

Left: Yerebatan Sarnici | Above: The Blue Mosque

Above right: The Bosphorus

Excursion: Ayasofya Hürrem Sultan Hamami. Visit one of Istanbul's most elegant baths. The hamam, which sits between Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque, was built in the 16th century for Hürrem Sultan, wife of Suleiman the Magnificent. The building remained in use until 1910. It was used as a carpet store for many years until 2008, when it was restored to its original function. After a tour, you have the opportunity to experience a Turkish bath* yourself or enjoy some time at leisure.

Excursion: The Spice Route. Stroll through the Egyptian Spice Bazaar, so named because most of the spices once were imported from Egypt. Today, shopkeepers sell spices as well as cheeses, olives, teas and more. The market, built in the mid-1600s, is one of Istanbul's oldest.

Cultural Event and Local Flavor: The Turkish Palate. Turkey's multicultural heritage means the traditional cuisines of the many peoples who have settled here have

influenced modern Turkish cuisine. Venture to one of Istanbul's excellent restaurants for a tasting of Turkish olive oils and spices before sitting down to a gourmet meal paired with Turkish wines.

DAY SIX ISTANBUL

B/L

Excursion: Istanbul's Historic Art and Architecture. Explore the 16th-century Suleymaniye Mosque, which is much more than a place of worship. The complex includes a hospital, library, madrassa, hospice, a kitchen that fed the poor, and a hamam, a traditional Turkish bath. Ottoman leader Suleyman the Magnificent commissioned Mimar Sinan, one of the era's great architects, to build this hilltop mosque. It is not as ornate as other mosques, but it is one of the most beautiful. Continue with a visit to the Church of St. Savior in Chora, which is now a museum and mosque with 14th-century frescoes and Byzantine mosaics.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch at a restaurant in the flower market.



DAY SEVEN

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B/L

Excursion: *Turkish Art.* Visit the Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum in the Ibrahim Pasha Palace, a 16th-century building. See a beautiful carpet collection, a calligraphy exhibit, woodwork, stone artifacts, a metal arts collection and more.

Educational Focus and Cultural

Event: *The Art of Ebru.* Visit the Caferaga Medresesi art gallery to learn about the art of marbling paper. Artists first started making this beautiful paper in Turkey in the 15th century, and many official documents were printed on these decorated sheets. Some designs are abstract, and others are highly stylized. After the lecture, try your hand at making ebru at the gallery's workshop.

Local Flavor: Lunch is served at a restaurant in Istanbul.

DAY EIGHT

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B/D

Independent Exploration: The day is at leisure.

Excursion: *Farewell to Istanbul.* This evening, enjoy a Farewell Reception during a private Bosphorus cruise.

After the cruise, join your fellow travelers for your Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

DAY NINE

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This morning, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.†

Note: *Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.*

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.

**Available at an additional cost.*

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- Seven nights at the deluxe Rixos Pera Istanbul.

Meals

- Enjoy an extensive meal program, including seven breakfasts, four lunches and three dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.
- Attend a special Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Dinner.

Your Exciting Travel Program

(For details see the day-by-day itinerary.)

- Informative educational programs, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- Personal VOX listening devices allow you to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- All excursions:
 - Discover Istanbul during a city tour and visit the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Hippodrome Square, Basilica Cistern and Grand Bazaar.
 - Visit Topkapi Palace and Hagia Eirene.
 - Explore a traditional Turkish bath.
 - Take in the sights, smells and sounds of the Egyptian Spice Bazaar.
 - Explore the beautiful Suleymaniye Mosque and Chora Museum.
 - Visit the Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum.
 - Learn about the traditional art of paper marbling.
 - Take a private Bosphorus cruise.

Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a dedicated Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
- Services of a friendly, professional Campus Director throughout your stay.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in your planning.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



ACCOMMODATIONS

RIXOS PERA ISTANBUL

The deluxe Rixos Pera Istanbul is located in the historic Beyoglu neighborhood, considered to be the center of Turkish contemporary arts and culture. It is close to the city's museums, theaters and key landmarks. In keeping with its tradition of elegance and warm hospitality, the hotel provides a wide range of modern amenities designed for the discerning traveler. The spa offers a serene oasis with relaxing beauty and massage treatments, a Turkish bath, a Jacuzzi and a sauna. The fitness center has a selection of cardiovascular and strength-training equipment, while the hotel's five restaurants serve a tempting mix of delicious international cuisine.



Grand Rue de Pera

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I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Land and Air Program

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the roundtrip Air Program to and from Istanbul, Turkey, to depart from:

Departure City

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

*Please note: Air prices will be sent to you with your Reservation Confirmation and air schedule sent at 90 days before departure. International flight arrangements can be canceled with **no obligation up to 75 days before departure**.*

Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Please contact me/us regarding air options.

I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$895 (limited availability).

I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by February 5, 2013 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard or Visa. Make checks payable to AHI International.

Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.

Eligibility: At least one member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit alumni.jhu.edu/support.

I understand the conditions stated in this brochure and submit my reservation as indicated.

Signature _____ Date _____

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 per person required)
to reserve _____ place(s).

Accept my check made payable to **AHI International**.

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LAND PROGRAM

April 22-29, 2013

Full Price

\$3,245

Special Savings

\$250

Special Price*

\$2,995*

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are per person, based on double occupancy (unless otherwise stated).
Single accommodations are an additional \$895 (limited availability).

AIR PROGRAM

April 21-29, 2013

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- **Arrival and Departure Transfers** including baggage handling.
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Top to bottom:
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Carpet weaver
Local fisherman
Iznik pottery

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Dining al fresco, Istanbul

Cover photos (clockwise):
Bosporus; Hagia Sophia,
Istanbul; Ceiling of Iznik
tiles; Hat merchant, Istanbul



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- Flexibility and customization.
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