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ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME PILGRIMAGE TO ISTANBUL AND HISTORIC WESTERN ARMENIA

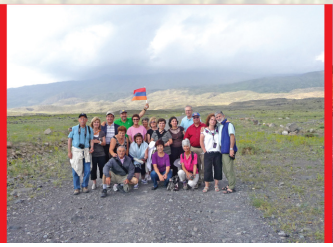
APRIL 21 - MAY 3, 2015

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Special Features

Candlelight vigil at Taksim Square in Istanbul on the eve of April 23, 2015

- 4-5 star hotel accommodations throughout the pilgrimage
- Package price includes: hotel accommodation, meals (breakfast and dinner), entrance fees to all historic sites in Istanbul and historic Western Armenia as per itinerary
- Professional, knowledgeable and friendly licensed local guide throughout the pilgrimage
- Land travel on deluxe motor coach operated by a professional driver
- Historians and authors accompanying the group



Departure:
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 from Los Angeles
Departures from other cities available upon request

Cities and Sites

April 22 (Wednesday) arrival in Istanbul

April 23 and 24 (Thurs.-Friday) – Istanbul (B) overnight
Visiting the Armenian Patriarchate, Sourp Asdvadzadzin Patriarchal Church, AGOS Newspaper in Memory of Hrant Dink. Sightseeing in Istanbul. ***Overnight.***

April 25 (Saturday) fly to Erzurum (Garin) (B,D)
Visiting: Sourp Minas Church in Gezkoy; Sanasarian School, City Walls, Fortress and other historic sites. ***Overnight***

April 26 (Sunday) Kars and Ani (B,D)
The 10th century capital of Armenia. Kars Fortress, the 10th century Sourp Arakelolotz Cathedral; the house of the famous Armenian poet, Yeghishe Charentz, Havariler Museum. ***Overnight.***
Church of the Holy Redeemer, the Mother Cathedral, Church of Abughamrentz, Church of the Apostles, St. Gregory the Illuminator of Dikran Honentz, Virgins' Chapel. The Akhourian River, a branch of Araks River forms part of the current border between Armenia and Turkey.
Overnight.
Dogubayazit - Ishak Pasha Palace.

April 28-29 (Tuesday and Wed.) Mt. Ararat – Van (B,D)
Symbolically climbing Mt. Ararat and enjoying once-in-a-life-time experience.
VAN: *Chaldran Battlefield, Pergri (Muradiye) Waterfalls, city tour, Mheri Toor, Van Fortress, Aghtamar Island on Lake Van. On the island stands the renovated 10th century Armenian Cathedral of the Holy Cross*
Overnight.

April 30 (Thursday) – Dikranagerd via Bitlis (B,D)
Visiting: The renovated Sourp Giragos Armenian church, Armenian Catholic church, Armenian Evangelical church and the city walls

May 1 (Friday) – Kharpert
Visiting: Harput – Urartian fortress, the ruined Sourp Asdvadzadzin and Sourp Garabed churches in Elazig (formerly Mezire), the ruined Armenian Evangelical church and the functioning Assyrian church; in Khoulakyough Sourp Asdvadzadzin church
Overnight .

May 2 (Saturday) departure for Istanbul

Farewell dinner cruise on the Bosphorus –
Overnight.

May 3 (Sunday) - Return for Istanbul
Departure from Istanbul for your flight home

The all-inclusive special package price: $2,885.00 plus applicable taxes

Single occupancy supplement: $625.00

Registration deadline: December 31, 2014 - space is limited

Required deposit: $1,000 *(balance to be paid by January 31, 2015)*

Please make your check payable to: ***European Travel***

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