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Turkey: Anatolian Civilisations & the DOBAG Villages



Tour dates in Turkey:	18 April – 8 May 2012 (21 days & 20 nights)
Tour price:	\$7875 (Land content only) Single supplement: \$960
Airfare:	Airfare available through Harvey World Travel, Booragoon.
Type of touring:	Long distance coach travel.
Fitness level required:	Some days involve extensive outdoor walking, steps and uneven ground.
Type of accommodation:	We stay in good quality 3 and 4 star hotels. Where possible, these hotels have been chosen for their character and typical Anatolian style.

ABOUT US, THE DOBAG PROJECT & THE TOUR

In 1993 we came across a fascinating carpet weaving project in Turkey that had revived the lost art of using natural dyes. The name of the project is DOBAG (see attached) which is a Turkish acronym that stands for Natural Dye Research and Development Project. Established in 1981, the project is administered by Marmara University in Istanbul and is set up as two independent co-operatives in two regions of Aegean Turkey. The carpets are exported and sold overseas through a few carefully selected dealers. We are DOBAG's Australian representatives.

DOBAG has received international recognition for its outstanding achievements. The British Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, All Souls College at Oxford University, Osaka Museum and the Singapore Asian Arts Museum are among a number of the world's major museums to acquire DOBAG carpets for their collections.

Not only has the project revived a lost art but also, in the process, has had a profoundly beneficial effect on the lives of the families involved, in particular the women weavers.

Over the years a number of our clients and friends expressed an interest in coming to Turkey with us to see the carpets being made in the DOBAG villages and experience the many wonders of that fabulous country. Our first tour in 2002 was an outstanding success and annual tours have ensued, with some people coming a second time.

Through our long association with DOBAG we have access to people and places that are not available on a normal commercial tour.

We gain a first hand comprehensive insight into the traditional village life and culture of the weavers and provide expert information and interpretation that makes this tour so unique and meaningful. An excellent English speaking Turkish guide accompanies us throughout.

Anatolian Civilisations and the DOBAG Villages - the Tour

Our tour begins and ends in Istanbul and in between explores the story of this fascinating country through its people, spectacular architecture and ruins, simple villages, modern cities, artistry and unique landscape.

Because of its strategic location at the intersection of Asia and Europe, Anatolia (that part of Turkey which is in Asia) has been a cradle for several civilisations since prehistoric ages; from Neolithic settlements like that of 7000BC Catalhoyuk, through the Bronze and Iron ages, Hellenistic and Roman empires, to the Byzantine and Seljuk tradition of the middle ages. The conquest of Anatolia by Turkic peoples coming from the east in the 11th century was gradual and culminated in 1453 with the vanquishing of Constantinople (modern Istanbul). The vast, multi-ethnic Ottoman Empire was to last for six centuries until World War 1, after which the modern Turkish Republic was formed.

We hope you can join us for a memorable experience as we journey through the ages.

Terry and Pam Hoyle

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itinerary

Overnight Stays: Istanbul (3 nights), Canakkale (1 night), Assos (2 nights), Orseli Village (1 night), Selcuk (2 nights), Pamukkale (1 night), Konya (2 nights), Cappadocia (3 nights), Ankara (2 nights), Istanbul (3 nights).

Visits Include: Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Bosphorus Cruise, Grand Bazaar, Anzac Cove, Troy, Pergamum, Villages in the DOBAG Project, Ephesus, Aphrodisias, Pamukkale, Catal Hoyuk, Sultan Han, Goreme Valley, Hattusas, Anatolian Civilisations Museum, Istanbul Archaeological Museum, Chora Church.

Day 1: Wednesday 18 April

Orientation meeting, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Welcome dinner

The tour commences in Istanbul with an orientation meeting in our hotel at noon. In the afternoon, we visit the Byzantine Hippodrome and the Blue Mosque, one of the largest mosques in Istanbul.

Lunch and dinner provided. o/n Istanbul

Day 2: Thursday 19 April

Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum, Cistern of Justinian, Grand Bazaar, Bosphorus Cruise

In the morning we visit the Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum with its superb collection of important early Turkish carpets and textiles. Then we walk to the underground Cistern of Justinian and later have lunch in a local Sultanahmet restaurant. After lunch we visit the Grand Bazaar which reflects the city's historic role as the centre of trade. Later in the afternoon we will board a private boat for a cruise on the Bosphorus and have dinner at a restaurant overlooking the busy waterway. Return to hotel by motorcoach.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Istanbul

Day 3: Friday 20 April

Topkapi Palace and Harem, Hagia Sophia.

In the morning we visit Topkapi Palace and Harem, once the centre of Ottoman Power. After lunch we visit the magnificent Hagia Sophia (531-7), originally a Christian church. At the time of its construction the massive dome was the largest in the world. Free time for the rest of the day.

Breakfast provided. o/n Istanbul

Day 4: Saturday 21 April

Istanbul, Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, Canakkale

This morning we leave Istanbul and drive along the coast past the Sea of Marmara to Gallipoli. Here we will visit Anzac Cove and commence a half day tour of the major Gallipoli sites. Later we cross the Dardanelles by ferry and arrive at Canakkale.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Canakkale

Day 5: Sunday 22 April

Troy, Ayvacik Co-op, Suleymankoy, Assos

We travel south to the ancient ruins of Troy where we begin our scrutiny of the Greeks and Romans in the Aegean region. Then we will commence our visit to the DOBAG villages beginning with the first co-operative at Ayvacik. In Suleymankoy village we will see the rug making process in action including spinning, weaving and a demonstration of the fascinating skill of natural dyeing. Lunch will be provided by the village people in the forest. Later in the afternoon we drive to the delightful seaside village of Assos where Aristotle taught.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided. o/n Assos

Day 6: Monday 23 April

More DOBAG villages

Today we will visit Erecek village to see a typical Anatolian village house, Camkalabak village which is the most recently settled nomadic group and DOBAG weavers at work in their homes. In the late afternoon we visit the acropolis high above our hotel at Assos and have free time until dinner by the Aegean. At Assos there is the opportunity to swim in the sea.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Assos

Day 7: Tuesday 24 April

Assos, Bergama (Pergamum), Orseli Village

After breakfast we drive to Bergama and visit ancient Pergamum, a wonderful classical site of ancient art and learning. Later we drive on to the village of Orseli in the Yuntdag Mountains where we will be welcomed by weavers and their families from the second DOBAG co-operative. Dinner will be provided by the villagers and we will spend the night in village houses, or sleep under the stars.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Orseli

Day 8: Wednesday 25 April

Orseli Village, Selcuk

This morning we will walk around Orseli village and have the opportunity to observe the traditional way of life practised by the weavers and their families. Then we will say goodbye to the DOBAG villages and drive south to Selcuk where we will be met by our dear Turkish friend Ayse Dortok, whose family owns the delightful Hotel Kalehan.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Selcuk

Day 9: Thursday 26 April

Ephesus, Museum, Sirince

Today we visit the magnificent site of Ephesus, the first and greatest metropolis of Asia. Partly Hellenistic but largely Roman the city draws us like St Paul 2000 years ago along marble streets through the Agora, past temples, shops, the Library of Celsus to the Great Theatre. Later we visit the Ephesus Archaeological Museum. After some free time we will take a short drive to visit the former Greek village of Sirince and sample the local produce.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Selcuk

Day 10: Friday 27 April

Selcuk, Aphrodisias, Pamukkale

This morning we will leave the Aegean coast and drive to the ancient city and shrine of Aphrodisias. The city has spectacular ruins including a theatre, odeon, temples, baths, streets and public squares, several churches, a Sebasteion with its propylon, porticos and processional way, and stadium. Later we drive to Pamukkale (ancient Hierapolis) where the white cliffs, terraces and mineral pools of this Graeco-Roman healing-spa city await you.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Pamukkale

Day 11: Saturday 28 April

Pamukkale, Konya

After an early morning walk around the white calciferous terraces we commence our journey along the ancient Roman road across the Anatolian plain to Konya. This ancient Seljuk capital is associated with the great mystic Rumi, the founder of the Whirling Dervish order of Sufi mystics.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided. o/n Konya

Day 12: Sunday 29 April

Konya, Mevlana, Catal Hoyuk, Karavan Gallery

This morning we visit Turkey's most sacred Islamic shrine, the Mausoleum and Museum of Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi. Later we drive to Catal Hoyuk, the 10,000 year old site of the oldest known human settlement which yields fascinating information about the earliest human communities. We return to Konya and visit our colleagues at Karavan Gallery for lunch. Then we have free time for personal sightseeing and shopping.

Breakfast and lunch provided. o/n Konya

Day 13: Monday 30 April

Sultan Han, Cappadocia (Uchisar), Whirling Dervishes

Today we drive to the dramatic and desolate landscape of Cappadocia (formed by an eroded mantle of lava and mud from two volcanoes, Erciyas Dagi and Hasan Dagi) which is of great significance to the development of Christianity. On the way we visit one of the best preserved caravanserais in Anatolia at Sultan Han, and inspect Turkey's leading carpet and textile restoration workshop. Before dinner we visit a beautiful old caravanserai to attend a fascinating Whirling Dervish ceremony.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Cappadocia

Day 14: Tuesday 1 May

Cappadocia, Goreme Valley, Uchisar, Cavusin

We visit the Goreme Valley where we will see striking rock churches burrowed into cliffs of mud and lava. Many of the churches have well-preserved frescoes. Next we visit the high rocky point of Uchisar and then to Zelve with its underground churches and mosque. Finally, we will examine the amazing 'Fairy Chimneys' then return to our hotel with free time until dinner.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Cappadocia

Day 15: Wednesday 2 May

Cappadocia, Underground City and Kaymakli, Soganli

Today we drive further in to Cappadocia to visit the underground city of Kaymakli, built by the early Christians as refuges from Muslim incursions. Then a walk in lovely Soganli Valley to see the rock church friezes and the doll makers. During our time in Cappadocia we will visit a stunning display of ceramics by some of Turkey's best known artists. Return to our hotel and free time.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Cappadocia

Day 16: Thursday 3 May

Cappadocia, Bogazkale (Hattusas), Ankara

This morning we drive north to a region in which developed the earliest civilisations of Anatolia, the ancient Hittite capital at Hattusas, now Bogazkale. The Hittites came to Anatolia in circa 2000BC. Over the next 800 years, their culture mixed with those of the indigenous people, evolving into a new imperial state which rivalled that of Pharaohic Egypt. Later in the afternoon we drive to Ankara, Turkey's capital city.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Ankara

Day 17: Friday 4 May

Ankara, Ataturk Mausoleum, Anatolian Civilisations Museum

In the morning we visit the Ataturk Mausoleum and later the outstanding Museum of Anatolian Civilisations with its great collection of archaeological treasures tracing the civilisations of Anatolia from Catal Hoyuk through those of the Hatti, Hittites, Phrygians, Assyrians, Urartu, Ionians and Romans.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Ankara

Day 18: Saturday 5 May

Ankara, Istanbul, Chora Church

Today we return to Istanbul. On our arrival we will visit the beautiful Kariye Camii, formerly the Church of St Saviour, in Chora. It contains one of the greatest of all Byzantine decorative cycles of mosaics and frescoes.

Breakfast provided. o/n Istanbul

Day 19: Sunday 6 May

Suleymaniye Camii, Spice Market, Beyoglu

This morning we will visit the Suleymaniye Camii, Turkey's grandest mosque, and colourful Spice Market, also known as the Egyptian Bazaar. Later in the afternoon we will cross the Golden Horn and stroll through the cosmopolitan Beyoglu district where we will have dinner in a local restaurant.

Breakfast and dinner provided. o/n Istanbul

Day 20: Monday 7 May

Istanbul Archeological Museum, free time

In the morning we will visit the vast Istanbul Archaeological Museum where many of the treasures taken from the sites we have visited in Anatolia now reside. The rest of the day is free. You will have the opportunity to visit more of old Istanbul and do last minute shopping in the bazaars. Maybe you'll opt for a Turkish bath!

Breakfast provided. o/n Istanbul

Day 21: Tuesday 8 May

Istanbul, Perth

Today our tour ends in Istanbul. Those travelling on the group fare will be transferred by coach to the Ataturk International Airport for the flight back home to Australia.

Breakfast provided.

testimonials

Every day was an amazing adventure. Thank you Pam and Terry for an unforgettable tour. Your leadership and planning for all tastes was flawless.

Sandra and Ian Hocking (Subiaco)



DOBAG Weaver

For us, as first time tour group people, we can't speak highly enough of this trip. Thoughtfully organised by Pam and Terry for maximum enjoyment and a fascinating insight into Turkey.

Plenty of free time, great company, interesting experiences.

Margaret and Rob Andrew (Swanbourne)

A truly remarkable holiday. Delight after delight. A surprise every day. The help and courteous attention we received from all was heart-warming. It was a holiday we both absolutely enjoyed.

Maurice and Muriel Ferri (Attadale)

What a wonderful tour it was - marvellous group and superb planners and organisers. We loved every bit of it. Completely different from the usual package tour.

David and Valerie Krantz (Nedlands)

The trip exceeded our expectations in every way, especially the organisation and care shown by Pam and Terry. Visiting the DOBAG villages was one of the many highlights of an extremely interesting and very relaxing holiday. Just wonderful! Thank you!

Shayne and Paul Carter (Cottesloe)



Blue Mosque



Meeting some of the weavers

The tour exceeded our high expectations. It was wonderful and excellent value for money. We enjoyed everything, but the DOBAG villages were a highlight.

Eric and Jill Lawson (West Leederville)

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

1. Accommodation in twin share rooms with private facilities
2. Meals as indicated on the itinerary
3. Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
4. Airport Hotel transfers if travelling on group flights
5. Fully licensed English speaking guide throughout the tour
6. All entrance fees to sites indicated in the itinerary
7. Tips for guide and coach driver

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

1. Airfare - Australia / Istanbul return
2. Beverages with meals
3. Meals not included on the itinerary
4. Personal spending money
5. Airport transfer if not travelling on group flight
6. Travel insurance
7. Visa for Turkey (US\$20, payable on arrival)

TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

Please complete the attached reservation form and send it together with your deposit of \$500 per person to:

Attention Mr Russell Jahn

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PAYING THE BALANCE:

The balance of your tour price (less \$500 deposit) must be paid to Harvey World Travel Booragoon 75 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION FEES:

Prior to 60 days, full refund less \$200.00. 60-31 days, forfeit full deposit. 30-16 days, 50% of total fare. 15 days or non-appearance, 100% of total fare.

CHANGES IN TOUR PRICE:

The price of the tour is shown in Australian dollars and may change with currency fluctuations.

We will, however, do all in our power to maintain the published price.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

It is a condition of travel that you are covered by international travel insurance. Insurance can be arranged through Russell Jahn and Harvey World Travel Booragoon at very competitive rates.

