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Small Group Visit Sacred Sites **Turkey April 1-13, 2023**

It is time to register. Read pages 5, 6 & 7, The name of our group is "Mark Dodich, Astromark. The deposit link is on page 5

It appears that all 12 spaces have filled up. You are one (or in some cases more) of those spaces. Please do not add on more people that we have not discussed already. Talk to me if you have a friend who wants to come. By keeping the group to 12, we get a higher level of service."

Please send in your deposit as soon as you are able. Your registration confirms your space. There are several people on the waiting list so please let me know if you have decided not to join us.

<u>DO NOT register for the Whirling Dervishes option.</u> It is included in the price. We shall do this in Cappadocia as I was told it was more of a sacred ceremony there, and more of a show in Istanbul. We are scheduled to do the daytime Bosphorus Cruise on April 3. There is an optional nighttime cruise that goes to the same places, just with night lights. Regarding other options at your expense, some such as the cooking class require at least two people, and others may merge you with other groups.

After you have registered, please drop me an email mark@astromark.us. It helps me track progress with Sojourn Travel.

Please fill out page 7 and postal mail or scan/email that page to

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Small Group Visit Sacred Sites Turkey April 1-13, 2023

Join Mark Dodich and a small group of like-minded friends to visit ancient energies in Turkey. The purpose is to tap into our personal and global sacred roots while sharing with spiritual growth oriented friends. We have been to Egypt, Tanzania, and two trips to Greece (land and water). Previous trips have created friendships that are ongoing, and you can count on a shift in your consciousness before you return home.

Mark does not offer these trips from a profit perspective. If enough people come, I get the tour for free, but still pay my own airfare. I like to travel with metaphysically oriented people because it amplifies the ancient energy at sacred locations. I offer short talks, meditations and healing ceremonies where we are able. (Greece did not allow us to gather at sacred sites, and we just wanted a hot solar shower after coming in from the Serengeti in Tanzania- so there were fewer gatherings).

You are welcome to share your talents as well. You can attend or pass on the metaphysical activities as you wish. For example, I chose to sleep in rather than doing early morning yoga in Greece and dream sharing in Egypt. These trips take you to very deep levels within yourself- sometimes you want to share and sometimes you need to sneak off on your own. (Just let Mark or the tour guide know if you are sneaking off).

Remember that group travel has different requirements than when you travel on your own. You are responsible for getting out of bed, having breakfast, and being ready to go out to adventure at the set time. Please let me or our guide know what you need or if you are processing some issue (For example, some people had a really hard time with dead horse lay in the gutter in Giza, not to mention really skinny dogs.) Please be adaptable as things change. One morning in Egypt, our travel plans changed four times before lunch. In Greece, the government shut down the ferry without notice and it turned into a very long drive.

Physical: There is a fair amount of walking in Istanbul. At Mt. Nemrut (stone heads), there is a 20 minute walk uphill from the parking lot. It is likely that most of the travelers will be over 55 year old, so we shall pace ourselves for aging knees, hips, etc.

Once registered: I shall periodically send out updates with helpful information and changes. It will be on a pdf document, so I shall write over it when new developments occur.

Page 2 Info sheet

Page 3 & 4: itinerary

Page 5 & 6 Costs & deposit needed now

Page 7 Fill out and send to Mark

Itinerary page 1 of 2 (change can happen):

1 Apr 1, 2023 Arrival Your private guide and driver will greet you upon arrival at the airport and take you to

your hotel (unless your arrival time needs you to shuttle in to the hotel at your own expense). Sultanhan (Deluxe Room)

https://www.hotelsultanhan.com/

2 Apr 2, 2023 Istanbul Your private guide will take you to Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Basilica Cistern and Grand Bazaar. Sultanhan (Deluxe Room) NOTE: There will be a lot of walking in Istanbul

3 Apr 3, 2023 **Istanbul** Take a Bosphorus Cruise, then explore Topkapı Palace and the Spice Market with your private guide. Sultanhan (Deluxe Room)

4 Apr 4, 2023 Cappadocia Your private driver will take you to the airport. Fly from Istanbul to Cappadocia. Your private guide will meet you at the airport and take you to explore Uc Hisar Fortress, Ortahisar and Red Valley. In the evening you will continue to Whirling Dervish Ceremony Kale Konak (Deluxe Room) http://www.kalekonak.com/



6 Apr 6, 2023 Cappadocia Drive to Konya, visit Mevlana Museum and Tomb, Karatay Madrasah, Ince Minaret with your private guide. Kale Konak (Deluxe Room)

7 Apr 7, 2023 **Adiyaman** Road trip to Adiyaman and visit Arsemia ancient city and Karakus Timilus with your guide Park Dedeman Adiyaman (Superior Room) https://parkdedeman-adyaman.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral

8 Apr 8, 2023 **Sanliurfa** See Mount Nemrut and drive to Sanliurfa. After your hotel check - in you will have a walking tour in Old city NOTE: There is a 20 minute walk uphill to the stone heads. Hilton Garden Inn Sanliurfa (Deluxe Room) https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sfqgigi-hilton-garden-innsanliurfa/?SEO_id=GMB-EMEA-GI-SFQGIGI

9 Apr 9, 2023 **Sanliurfa** Your private guide will introduce you to Gobekli Tepe, Harran Village, and Urfa Old City. Hilton Garden Inn Sanliurfa (Deluxe Room)











Itinerary page 2 of 2:

10 Apr 10, 2023 **Ephesus** Visit Sanliurfa Archeology and Halepli Bahce Mosaic Museums with your private guide. Your driver will take you to Sanliurfa Airport for your flight to Izmir. Upon your arrival your private guide and driver will greet you and take you to your hotel in Kusadasi

Doubletree by Hilton Kusadasi (Standard Room) https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/xkukudi-doubletree-kusadasi/?SEO id=GMB-EMEA-DI-XKUKUDI

11 Apr 11, 2023 **Ephesus** Your private guide will take you to Ephesus (includes Celsius Library, Terrace Houses), Virgin Mary's House (optional), Artemis Temple and St. John Church. Doubletree by Hilton Kusadasi (Standard Room). We shall have our farewell dinner here (at your cost).

12 Apr 12, 2023 **Istanbul** Drive to Pergamon, Acropolis, Asklepion and Red Basilica with your private guide. After the tour you will be transferred to Izmir Airport for your flight to Istanbul. Your driver will greet you upon your arrival in Istanbul Airport and take you to your hotel Sultanhan (Deluxe)

13 Apr 13, 2023 **Departure** Your driver will take you to the Istanbul airport.





Pricing US\$ 3615 per person	
Total: Divide total by 2 to determine deposit \$	
50% deposit is due at registration. Balance 60 days before the trip	
Complete your reservation deposit at (have Passoirt handy): https://www.sojournturkeytours.com/reservation/	
On the form: You are registering for the trip "Mark Dodich, Astromark" Have your passport handy.	
Do not sign up for the Whirling Dervish option. We are prepaid for this in Cappadocia	
The optional hot air balloon offered to us is the \$285 Queen Flight. We would wake up early to go, leaving those who do not want to go to sleeping in or leisurely breakfast. I plan to take the balloon ride myself.	
Regarding room mates: If you do not have a roommate and seek one, I can help put you together with others seeking a roommate to discuss compatibility. I cannot promise you a roommate.	
Also see the next page	

Price of the package includes: Accommodations in room types shown on itinerary (availability confirmed upon reservation, hotels with dynamic rates may require a small price adjustment) Breakfast daily, Lunch on Full Day tours, Private Tours with licensed professional English speaking guides Domestic flights (Istanbul-Cappadocia/Sanliurfa-Izmir/Izmir-Istanbul) Airport Transfers

(**Note from Mark:** Airport transfer within Turkey is included. For arrival and departure in Istanbul, those who have similar flight times will have a ride to/from hotel/airport. Odd times or different days require you to take a shuttle at your own cost

Admission tickets to sites and museums Private transportation per itinerary (optional use of tramway in Istanbul) Parking, portage, toll roads Coordination and attentive customer service by Sojourn staff.

Required Association of Turkish Travel Agencies Foreign Visitors Insurance (basic mandatory policy, not a replacement for your own travel insurance)

(**Note from Mark:** The included insurance is a tiny medical plan in case of injury within Turkey-Any travel trip insurance is up to you. I don't have any recommendations, but it is worth looking into. In Tanzania, a traveler fell in the bathtub at home and was able to get a full refund with a note from her doctor)

Price of the package excludes: International flight tickets, Entry Visas, Additional drinks at lunch and dinner Optional programs not listed in the itinerary. All tips for your guide, driver, hotels, and restaurants (see turkeytravelplanner.com/ details/money/tipping.html or other online sources for tipping standards) This price is valid for reservations made within 15 days of this offer, after which a price re-confirmation should be requested. We collect a 50% deposit at the time of booking. The final balance is invoiced 60 days before arrival. See cancellation and refund terms on the What To Expect page.

Payment and cancellation terms that make sense Make your reservation whenever you are ready with a 50% deposit at **www.sojournturkeytours.com/reservation**. The final balance will be requested two months before travel. Your payment is **100% refundable** up to 90 days before travel. In case of travel restrictions that prevent arrival, your payment is 80% refundable and 20% given as flexible and transferable future travel credit. Rescheduling to future dates will have no penalty up to 7 days before arrival, with the exception of possible small fees for domestic flight date changes.

(**Note from Mark:** 90 days prior to April 1 will be during the USA holiday season, so I suggest using 95 days to avoid holiday delays)

After you register, I shall begin sending out a document with helpful information and updates. For now, check your passport to make certain it is good through October 2023 and that there are extra pages for passport stamps.

After registration: Please postal mail or scan and email this page to: mark@astromark.us Mark Dodich PO Box 16267, Portland, OR 97292-0267, USA

I plan to provide 1/2 hour astrology to you explaining the new energies and AstroCartoGraphy map of Turkey. If you wish to participate, fill in the birth data below, or write "on file" if you have already had a consultation with Mark. This is optional.

Name as you would like to see it:
Birth Date:
Birth Place:
Birth time:
City where you live now:
Phone & email in case of questions:
Do you have a roommate? Who? Do you seek a roommate (not guaranteed)? Did you register for the optional balloon flight? In case of emergency: Please provide a contact name and phone/email:
After you register, I shall begin sending out a document with helpful information and updates. If you would like to provide your photo, name, city you are coming from, and/or contact information, please email mark@astromark.us with the photo and data. It will only be used on the internal traveler's document. Send flight details to: mark@astromark.us Elif (she) at Sojourn Travel will need your flight details too.
Just to be clear: Mark Dodich is facilitating the journey to Turkey as a gathering of like-minded spiritual growth seekers. It is offered as a not for profit endeavor (my tour is free if enough people attend, but I still pay airfare, dinner expenses, tips, etc.). Sojourn Travel is handling all the money, so any disputes must be handled with them (Mark will help). It is understood that Mark Dodich is not liable for unforeseen circumstances and changes in the schedule beyond his control. There are risks in travel ranging from driving, baggage loss, walking on uneven paths, theft and so forth. Unexpected expenses can occur in spite of our best planning. Group travel requires flexibility to change and the different personalities that come on a trip like this. We are traveling in an Islamic country and must respect their culture and way of doing things. I plan to offer various talks and meditations. We have been shut down at various sites in the past or been too exhausted, so please understand if not everything works out as planned (it rarely does!) Although it has never happened on my previous trips, being disrespectful to each other, our guides, or the people of Turkey can lead to asking you to leave at your own expense. If you sleep in and miss the bus on days we change hotels, the cost of getting to the next location is on you.
Signature above that you agree