

MACALESTER COLLEGE



Dear Macalester Alumni and Friends,

You are cordially invited to join our tour as we explore the vast country of Turkey where Europe and Asia — past and present — meet to form the "cradle of civilization." In the camaraderie of our exclusive small group as well as a Turkish guide well versed in Turkey's history and culture, we'll visit remote villages, explore fascinating archeological sites, and cruise the magnificent Turquoise Coast in a privately chartered yacht.

Our odyssey begins in Istanbul with its many treasures: the legendary Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and the 6th-century Hagia Sofia. We then travel south to explore the World War I battlefield of Gallipoli, the fabled ruins of ancient Troy, the Greco-Roman ruins at Pergamum, and spectacular Ephesus, the world's best-preserved classical city. In Gocek we'll board our traditional private gulet yachts, equipped with individual cabins and baths, to cruise the coastline Antony is said to have given Cleopatra as a wedding gift. We'll visit tiny fishing villages, walk among ancient ruins, and swim and snorkel in the Mediterranean's brilliant blue waters. Our tour concludes with three nights in the seaside resort Antalya. An optional 5-day/4-night post-tour extension to Cappadocia and Ankara is also available.

Turkey awaits your personal discovery in 2009. Join fellow alumni and friends on this unique Macalester College offering. Please call us today!

Sincerely,

Carol Polk

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Associate Alumni Director

MACALESTER COLLEGE RESERVATION FORM: THE BLUE VOYAGE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person/people on The Blue Voyage, departing September 7, 2009. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send to: Carol Polk, Alumni Office, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105-1899. Or call the Macalester Alumni Office at 651-696-6037 or toll-free at 888-242-9351.

Name _____ Name _____
(MUST BE as it appears on your passport) (Class Year) (MUST BE as it appears on your passport) (Class Year)

Badge Name _____ Badge Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Ph. (_____) _____ Bus. Ph. (_____) _____

Please book my air from _____ I/we would like to request a Business Class upgrade.

I desire a single room (limited availability). I will share a room with _____

Post-Tour Cappadocia & Ankara Extension: Please sign me/us up.

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for The Blue Voyage, September 7-22, 2009, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment

Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price

Airfare from your hometown to your gateway city and return; costs of passports and visas; airport, port, and departure taxes, which will be listed as separate items on your invoice and are subject to change; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; excess baggage fees; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per day per traveler); optional sightseeing or shore excursions; travel protection insurance.

Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.** If a guest makes any changes from 94 to 30 days prior to departure to either their departure city and/or the optional post-tour extension, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility

The liability of Macalester College, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Macalester College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. Macalester College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in fairly good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited assumes no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

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September 7-22, 2009

An Exclusive Small Group Tour
for Alumni & Friends of
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Tour exclusive to 28 alumni and friends of Macalester College

THE BLUE VOYAGE: LEGENDARY TURKEY & THE TURQUOISE COAST

16 days from \$3,795 — land, air, & cruise inclusive

Exotic sights, scents, and sounds reign in this fascinating land where Europe and Asia meet. From Istanbul, magnificent “Empress of the World,” to ancient ruins, stunning landscapes, and the dramatic Turquoise Coast where we board a privately chartered yacht for a distinctive five-day voyage, Turkey engages and beguiles, offering us an unparalleled small group travel experience.



| Avg. High (°F) | May | June |
|----------------|-----|------|
| Istanbul | 69 | 77 |
| Antalya | 79 | 87 |

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Exotic Istanbul, including Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sofia ... Private Bosphorus cruise ... WWII battlefield of Gallipoli ... Ruins at ancient Troy, Pergamum, Ephesus ... Lunch in homes of Turkish villagers ... 5-night “Blue Voyage” aboard privately chartered *gulet* yacht ... Cruising to secluded coves and hidden sites that few visitors see ... Opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, hiking ... Sunken Baths of Cleopatra ... 6th-century Byzantine monastery on Gemiler Island ... Ancient sites of Perge, Aspendos, Myra ... Three-night stay in Mediterranean resort of Antalya

| Day | Itinerary | Hotel | Rating |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 | Depart U.S. for Istanbul | | |
| 2-4 | Istanbul | Conrad Istanbul | Sup. First Class |
| 5 | Assos/Troy | Nazlihan Hotel | Not rated |
| 6-7 | Kusadasi | Kismet Hotel | First Class |
| 8-12 | Turquoise Coast cruise | Gulet yacht | Not rated |
| 13-15 | Antalya | Divan Talya | Sup. First Class |
| 16 | Depart Antalya for U.S. | | |

Ratings are based on the *Hotel & Travel Index*, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Istanbul, Turkey

Day 2: Arrive Istanbul We arrive in Turkey’s cultural and spiritual heart late this morning and transfer to our hotel. After time to relax, we have a briefing on our journey then take a short walking tour. Tonight we enjoy an authentic Turkish dinner at a local restaurant. **D**

Day 3: Istanbul Here where the waters of the Marmara, Bosphorus, and Golden Horn meet, Europe greets Asia; past and present collide. We taste Istanbul’s allure on a full-day tour that begins with the Roman Hippodrome, the 3,500-year-old obelisk brought from Egypt in 390 AD; the Blue Mosque, with its 20,000 blue Iznik tiles and signature six minarets; and Hagia Sofia, the 6th-century mosque that became Christendom’s most important church. This afternoon we tour splendid Topkapi, medieval palace of sultans that today is one of the world’s richest museums. **B,L**

Day 4: Istanbul This morning we encounter the vast Grand Bazaar, housing 4,000 shops selling goods of all kinds; and the Spice Market, with exotic spices, nuts, and dried fruits from around the world. Next: a visit to the renowned Museum of Turkish & Islamic Art, housed in a restored palace. Treasures here include Seljuk and Ottoman-era calligraphy, glass, porcelain, stone, and a fully furnished nomad’s tent. Then take a private cruise on the Bosphorus Strait. Stop in the village of Ortakoy, known for its trendy art scene, cafes and boutiques. There’s time to explore and have lunch independently here before the return to the hotel mid-afternoon. **B**

Day 5: Istanbul/Gallipoli/Troy/Assos Leaving Istanbul this morning, we travel to the northern Aegean Coast and Gallipoli, haunting site of 31

Cover photo: We spend five days aboard our privately chartered gulets on the stunning Turquoise Coast.



The spectacular ruins at Ephesus, which we visit on Day 7.

Allied cemeteries from World War I. Then we ferry across the Dardanelles to Troy, once believed to exist only in Homer's epic poem until the present site was discovered in the 1870s. After touring here we continue south to Behramkale, ancient Assos, where we spend the night. **B,L,D**

Day 6: Assos/Pergamum/Kusadasi Today we explore one of Turkey's most spectacular ancient sites: windswept Pergamum, a major power in the 3rd and 2nd centuries BC, with a wealth of Greco-Roman ruins. Then we continue on to Kusadasi. **B,L,D**

Day 7: Kusadasi/Ephesus Few ancient sites compare to Ephesus, the world's best-preserved classical city. Dating to at least 1300 BC, Ephesus was Asia Minor's largest metropolis and principal port. We also visit the acclaimed Ephesus Archaeological Museum housing relics from the ancient site. Then, we share lunch with a Turkish family in their home. **B,L,D**

Day 8: Kusadasi/Gocek Today we journey south to coastal Gocek, stopping along the way at a carpet factory to watch a demonstration of this age-old craft, then in a local village for lunch. Late afternoon we board our *gulets* and enjoy the first of our meals freshly prepared on board. **B,L,D**

Day 9: Cruising – Aga Limani/Cleopatra Baths Our route for the next five days is along the stunning coastline Marc Antony is said to have given Cleopatra as a wedding gift. We begin our "Blue Voyage" today, as we cruise this morning to the hidden cove of Aga Limani, where an optional hike along herb-scented trails brings us to Lydea, a little-known Greco-Roman

site. Later we relax at the breathtaking inlet sheltering the Sunken Baths of Cleopatra. **B,L,D**

Day 10: Cruising – Dalyan River This morning we disembark and drive to Dalyan, an environmentally protected area where we board a small skiff for a trip through an intriguing maze of channels. At the Lake of Koycegiz, we see our first Lycian rock tombs. After lunch in a local restaurant, we meet up with our gulets and cruise to a secluded cove for the remainder of the evening. **B,L,D**

Day 11: Cruising – Yassica Isles/Bedri Rahmi Cove/Tersane Island This morning we sail to Bedri Rahmi cove for a day of hiking, swimming, and relaxing. **B,L,D**

Day 12: Cruising – Gemiler/Kayakoy We cruise today to Gemiler Island to tour its 6th-century Byzantine monastery. After lunch on board we

Post-Tour Extension: September 22-26, 2009

PRICES REFLECT \$100 SAVINGS

CAPPADOCIA & ANKARA

5 days/4 nights for \$695

Single Supplement: \$165

We explore the bizarre rock formations and underground cities of Cappadocia and the Goreme Valley; and also tour Ankara, Turkey's capital.

Your Tour Price Includes

- 4 nights accommodations: 3 nights in Cappadocia at Uchisar Kaya Hotel (First Class); 1 night in Ankara at Ankara Hilton (Deluxe)
- 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

drive to Kayakoy, the Greek “ghost town” abandoned after World War I. After touring the town and its two churches, we return to our gulets. **B,L,D**

Day 13: Fethiye/Demre/Myra/Antalya

This morning we sail to Fethiye, disembark, bid farewell to our crew, and begin the drive to Antalya. Along the way we visit Demre to tour the striking Roman ruins at nearby Myra and visit the 12th-century Church of Saint Nicholas. After lunch in Demre we continue the drive along the Turquoise Coast to the resort town of Antalya. **B,L,D**

Day 14: Antalya On this morning’s walking tour, we encounter highlights of Antalya’s charming Old Town, including the extravagantly carved Hadrian’s Gate and the lovely Yivli Minare (fluted minaret). After a visit to the city’s Archaeological Museum, this afternoon is at leisure. **B,D**

Day 15: Antalya/Perge/Aspendos This morning we visit the ruins at ancient Perge, which reached its apex during the reign of Alexander the Great. We continue on to Aspendos, whose huge

theater is considered among the best preserved in all of antiquity. This afternoon is at leisure before we gather for a farewell dinner this evening. **B,D**

Day 16: Depart for U.S. Today we board our return flights back to the United States. **B**



Istanbul’s Blue Mosque, an architectural wonder

Tour Departs: September 7, 2009

PRICES REFLECT \$200 SAVINGS

New York **\$3,795**

Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Miami, Orlando, Tampa, Washington, DC **\$4,095**

Atlanta, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Minneapolis **\$4,195**

Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco **\$4,295**

Phoenix, Portland (OR), Seattle **\$4,395**

Please call if your city is not listed. Land only price is \$3,295 (airport transfers not included). Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Single travelers please add \$1,195 (single room availability is very limited). All tour prices above are guaranteed.

An overnight stay at the Sheraton JFK Airport Hotel on departure is available for \$135 (single supplement: \$95). Depending on flight schedules, certain U.S. departure cities may require an overnight stay at your expense.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$3,695 per person (upgrade is on request and pricing is subject to change). Airline taxes and departure fees of \$397 per person will be listed separately on your invoice, and are subject to change.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For reservations and information, contact Carol Polk, Associate Alumni Director, toll-free at

888-242-9351, or at

651-696-6037, or e-mail us:

polk@macalester.edu

Our Private Turkish Gulets



Indoor & outdoor public areas on each gulet

Crew: 4 **Avg. Length:** 85 ft
Passenger Capacity: 14 **Avg. Width:** 21 ft

This tour includes a five-night cruise aboard privately chartered gulet yachts. Gulets are teakwood with a broad sun deck plus both indoor and outdoor dining areas. Cabins are small but comfortable, each with private facilities.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 14 nights’ accommodations: 9 nights in Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels; 5 nights aboard privately chartered gulet yacht
- 36 meals: 14 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 12 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
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