

# HERMES TOURS



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DISCOVERIES



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## ENJOY THE HERMES TOUR ADVANTAGE

Venture off the tourist path into your destination's backyard, for unforgettable worldwide discoveries at the best value for gay and lesbian travelers.

Small groups of like-minded gay and lesbian travelers—our group size caps off at 20, so we can explore unobtrusively for a more authentic experience.

Focus on discovery—the richest discoveries are off the typical tourist-worn path. We'll take you there, so you'll experience the cultures and natural environments of your destination in a more meaningful way.

Unrivaled camaraderie—we don't believe you need circuit-like parties to make friends. Quite the contrary, we've found that when our travelers share unforgettable experiences, bonds form quite naturally, and quickly.

The best value in gay and lesbian travel—enjoy the most authentic experience, and pay less than you would with other gay and lesbian travel companies.

And even greater savings—pay even less when you reserve your trip at least 5 months before departure with our \$100 per person early booking discount.





TURKEY



# TURKISH DELIGHTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 – MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013

Once you set foot in Turkey, Eurasia's heady mix of east and west, it doesn't take long to realize you're not in Kansas anymore. Here, one exotic city straddles two continents, an incredibly preserved metropolis reveals an ancient past, and magical, mystical landscapes of cotton castles and fairy chimneys lead to a vast underground city that invites endless exploration. Join Hermes Tours, and we'll unravel endless mysteries of an enchanting land as only a small group can!



## HIGHLIGHTS

Istanbul Tour, including Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, The Blue Mosque, and Hippodrome  
Visit to the Grand Bazaar

Take a cruise up the Bosphorus

Ephesus Tour, including the Antique City, Temple of Artemis, Virgin Mary's House, Selçuk Ephesus Museum, and St. John Church

Pamukale Tour, including ancient Hierapolis and its Theatre, Apollo Temple, Necropolis, and more

Konya Tour, including Mevlana Mausoleum and Karatay Theological School

Cappadocia Tour, including Pigeon Valley and Open Air Museum in Göreme, and Kaymakli Underground City

2 internal flights from Istanbul to Izmir and Cappadocia to Istanbul

Accommodations for 8 nights in 3 - 5-star hotels

Services of a Hermes Tours escort

Services of an expert, local guide in all cities

\$100 per person savings if you reserve 5 months before departure!

# TURKISH DELIGHTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 – MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013

## Detailed Itinerary

### **Day 1 – Saturday, April 27, 2013 - Arrive in Istanbul (D)**

Welcome to Turkey! We arrive at Istanbul Airport, then privately transfer to our hotel. This intoxicating city is the only one in the world to straddle two continents, with Europe to the west of the Bosphorus Strait and Asia to the east. Tonight, we gather for a special Hermes Welcome Dinner.

### **Day 2 - Sunday, April 28, 2013 Tour of Istanbul (B)**

Byzantium, Constantinople, Istanbul. Its three names span more than 2,600 years, and our full-day tour today spans its most notable and historic landmarks. We visit the Topkapi Palace, home to Ottoman sultans for 400 years; Hagia Sophia, the basilica-turned-mosque-turned-museum; The Blue Mosque, named for its countless blue tiles that adorn its interior; and the Hippodrome, where chariot races and the Byzantine riots took place.

By tour's end, we'll be browsing the exotic halls of the Grand Bazaar, and endless maze of 1,200 shops along 58 covered streets brimming with kilims, jewelry, pottery, spices, and all things Turkish.

### **Day 3 - Monday, April 29, 2013 Ephesus (B,L,D)**

After breakfast, we fly to Izmir and continue to Ephesus, an incredibly preserved ancient city where St. Paul is said to have preached. During our eye-opening tour, we'll see the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world; the Virgin Mary's House; St. John Church; and the Selçuk Ephesus Museum. We spend tonight in Kusadasi.

### **Day 4 - Tuesday, April 30, 2013 Pamukale (B, D)**

The "cotton castle" mineral deposits of Pamukale cast a magical glow over Pamukale, as we'll see today. We also tour Hierapolis, the ancient spa city fed by the same hot springs that created the surrounding white fairyland. Admire its bowled Theatre, Apollo Temple and sprawling Necropolis. After lunch we visit ruins and museum. Spend tonight in Pamukkale.

### **Day 5 – Wednesday, May 1, 2013 Drive to Konya (B,L,D)**

En route to Konya, we visit the Mausoleum of Mevlana, the famed mystic and poet known to many as Rumi. Later, we admire the beautiful tiles of the Karatay Theological School. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to relax.

### **Day 6 - Thursday, May 2, 2013 Cappadocia (B,L,D)**

After breakfast we drive to Cappadocia, stop at the 13th-century Sultanhan Caravanserai, a masterfully constructed travelers inn from the Seljukian dynasty. We take time to explore the breathtaking Kaymakli Underground City, a vast network of 100 tunnels where early Christians hid from persecutors.

### **Day 7 - Friday, May 3, 2013 Cappadocia (B,L,D)**

Join an early-morning, optional hot-air balloon ride over Cappadocia for a breathtaking view of this spectacular, otherworldly landscape. After breakfast, we head to Goreme's remarkable Open Air Museum. Start the day with a visit to some early Christian churches adorned with unique frescoes depicting biblical scenes. After lunch in a local restaurant, We'll also see the Zelve Monastery artfully carved into a hillside, then stop in Avanos to shop for its famed earthenware pottery.

# TURKISH DELIGHTS

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27 – MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013

### **Day 8 -Saturday, May 4, 2013 Return to Istanbul (B)**

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport and our flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, you are assisted to your hotel and the rest of the day is free. You might sample an age-old Turkish tradition by stopping by a hammam, an authentic bath where locals undergo rigorous massage.

### **Day 9 - Sunday, May 5, 2013 Bosphorus Cruise & Free Time Istanbul (B, D)**

This morning we take in the vibrant scents and colors at the city's spice market. Then, embark a 2-hour cruise on the Bosphorus, with Europe to port and Asia to starboard. Your afternoon is free to make more discoveries, or revisit some favorite spots. Tonight, join us for our special Hermes Farewell dinner.

### **Day 10 – Monday, May 6, 2013 Depart for Home (B)**

Our tour ends after breakfast with a private transfer to the airport.

Price: \$2,545 per person, double occupancy, land only. Includes your domestic flights.  
Book 5 months before departure and save \$100!

Single Supplement: \$475 USD, Not Required. Hermes Tours can match you with another traveler should you wish at no cost. Please note that there is a limited number of single rooms available.





# TOUR REGISTRATION FORM 2012/2013

Complete one form for each guest. Signature required for Billing and General Information and Conditions.  
You may fax the completed form to Happy Gay Travel at: +44 2071382691 or email to: happy@happygaytravel.com

Please submit one registration form for each guest

TOUR TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ TOUR DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? Happy Gay Travel

LEGAL NAME (AS PER PASSPORT): \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER M:  F:

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE/PROVINCE, ZIP/POSTAL CODE, COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED NAME (NICKNAME) : \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ MEDICAL/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSPORT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY PASSPORT ISSUED IN: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSPORT EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE NOTE YOUR PASSPORT SHOULD BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEYOND YOUR RETURN DATE HOME).

### SINGLES:

I would like single accommodations. A single supplement charge will apply.

I am traveling as a single but would like Hermes Tours to find me a share if possible. No charges will apply.  I am a smoker

**SHARED ACCOMMODATION:** Please indicate if you would prefer a double bed or twin bed in the hotels. We will make every effort possible to accommodate.

We would like twin bedded accommodation

We would like a double bed

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

**LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY:** Each guest should carefully read the following conditions. Making a reservation or acceptance of tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the conditions outlined below.

**BOOKING CONDITIONS:** A deposit of \$500 USD per tour and person is required for us to reserve a space for you. The deposit may be made either with credit card or check. Final payment for the tour is due 80 days prior to departure. **Final Payment can only be done by either personal check or credit card, payable to Hermes Tours.** If we do not receive final payment by this date we reserve the right to cancel the reservation. **Payment in full is required at the time of booking for reservations made less than 80 days before departure date.**

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All notifications of cancellations must be received in writing. We will assess the following penalties on the day that your cancellation is received: All cancellations will be assessed a \$500.00 USD administration fee per tour/per person. Final payment for the tour is due 80 days prior to departure. If we do not receive final payment by this date we reserve the right to cancel the reservation.

- 1) Cancellations received more than 80 days prior to departure will be assessed a \$500.00 USD administration fee per tour/per person.
- 2) Cancellations received within 40-79 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of 50% of the total invoice amount.
- 3) Cancellations received from departure date to 39 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of 100% of the total invoice amount.
- 4) No refunds will be given for any activity on the tour that you chose not to participate.
- 5) No travel documents may be issued unless booking has been paid in full.
- 6) Refunds on airline, rail and cruise tickets are subject to the policy of the airline/rail/cruise company.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & ITINERARY:** We reserve the right to make alterations to the itinerary as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the tour. The right is reserved to substitute hotels in similar categories.

**LODGING:** Prices are per person, double occupancy, except as otherwise noted. If you sign up at least 100 days before departure and would like the per-person/double rate, we will either match you with a roommate, or give you a room to yourself at no extra charge. If you want to room alone you may do so by paying the singles supplement.

**INSURANCE:** Trip cancellation insurance as well as medical travel insurance is highly recommended. Hermes Tours can provide this for you should you wish. Travel Insurance is not compulsory except for any Hermes Tours Adventure Tour. Should you elect to not purchase travel insurance, you will be required to sign a Travel insurance waiver. You will also be responsible for all costs that may be incurred should you need to cancel your trip for any reason. You will also be responsible for any costs incurred and not limited to any medical attention, terrorism event, political unrest or other condition incurred while on your trip or prior to the departure of your trip. Please inquire about policies that cover you for such instances. Hermes Tours provides travel insurance via Travel Guard.

**SAFETY:** Please be aware that during your participation in tours operated by Hermes Tours, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including but not limited to, the hazards of traveling in underdeveloped areas, travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft, or other means of transportation, the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Hermes Tours will not have liability regarding provisions of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that Hermes Tours will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

**BEHAVIOR:** Participants agree to respect the laws and customs of the regions in which we travel. A participant may be asked to leave the trip if our guide feels that the person's continuing participation may prove detrimental to that individual, or to the safety, well-being, or enjoyment of others.

**DISCLAIMER:** Hermes Tours does not accept responsibility, including financial in whole or in part for any delay, loss, accidents, personal injury, sickness, medical expenses, acts of terrorism, event of political unrest, "acts of god" or property damage by fault of any person from whatever cause. All participants are required to sign a standard liability form. Hermes Tours recommends all travelers acquire adequate travel insurance.

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:** Airport taxes and fees, passports, visas and vaccinations, tips to your tour director, tour driver, local city guides, laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol and beverages and food unless stated otherwise, optional excursions, travel insurance, and all other items of a personal nature.

**PHOTOS/EMAIL:** Trip Members grant Hermes Tours express permission to take photographic records of its trips for promotional and commercial use without compensation to trip members. Members who do not wish to have their photo taken must inform their tour leader on the first day of the tour. Your name and email address may be supplied to other participants on your trip at the beginning and/or end of the trip unless you request otherwise.

**BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE:** Portage of one suitcase on the tour is included in the tour price. For safety reasons, wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motorcoaches and mini-buses.

Guest signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**PAYMENTS**

**STEP 1:**

**DEPOSIT**

Please deposit \$500 USD per person to reserve your space on the tour.  
(Payment is due in full if booked less than 80 days prior to departure, please see booking conditions below)

Enclosed is a personal check payable to Hermes Tours Inc.

Please charge my:  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of card holder: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2:**

**FINAL BALANCE**

Final balances are due in full 80 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by personal check or major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover card). If desired, you may also set up a payment plan where Hermes Tours will automatically deduct payments from your credit card. On a scheduled basis.

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (A, B OR C):

A.  I will mail a check for final payment

B.  I authorize Hermes Tours to automatically deduct my credit card for final payment in full, 80 days prior to departure. *Please notify us at least 5 days before scheduled deduction if you would like to make any changes.*

Please charge my:  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of card holder: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT PLANS:

C.  I would like to set up a payment plan with my credit card, the balance will be paid in full 80 days prior to departure. (Not applicable to guests who register less than 80 days prior to departure). *Please notify us at least 5 days before scheduled deduction if you would like to make any changes.*

I authorize Hermes Tours to deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD on the 15th of each month starting in \_\_\_\_\_ (month) until my balance has been paid in full.

Please charge my:  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of card holder: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 3:**

**INSURANCE**

Would you like Hermes Tours to send you a Travel Cancellation and Medical Insurance quote? \*  Yes  No

\*Clients who do not wish to purchase travel insurance will be required to sign a Travel Insurance waiver.