

Passionate About Italy (& the Mediterranean)

Greece & Turkey 2012

A Cultural Legacy

The program will consider various aspects of the history and culture of Greece and Turkey/Anatolia, as well as addressing the lives and achievements of some significant players

HISTORY - PEOPLES, PLACES & EVENTS

Pearl of the Dodecanese

Rhodes - Island and city

The great migration

Hellenes in Anatolia - migration, settlement and achievement

Colonies and Empires

Persian presence and Ionian revolt

The Turkish Riviera

Lycia, the Lycians and their legacy

Spa town sacred to the gods

Hierapolis and "Cotton Castle"

Dedicated to the goddess

Aphrodisias, the city of Aphrodite

Pride of the East, Ionia's radiant eye

Ephesus - sacred shrines and commercial enterprises

Hellenistic time capsule

Priene and the legacy of Alexander

First settled and mother of great cities

Miletus and the Milesians

An ancient oracle honoured by kings

Didyma and its temple to Apollo

Jewel in the Attalid crown

Pergamum, an illustrious Hellenistic city

Archaeology versus mythology

Homer's Troy - fact, fiction or something in between?

The strait that surpasses all straits

The Hellesponte and the Dardanelles

Forcing the Dardanelles

The Gallipoli campaign of 1915

The City of Constantine

The rise, fall and rebirth of a mighty metropolis

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Alexander the Great / St. Paul / Constantine / Various Byzantine emperors & Ottoman sultans

ARCHITECTURE & VISUAL ARTS

Hellenistic architecture / Roman town planning / Byzantine architecture / Hagia Sophia
Islamic art / Ottoman architecture / Hellenistic sculpture / The art of the icon
Byzantine mosaics / Cappadocian "cave" paintings / Ottoman crafts - textiles and carpets

LITERATURE

The wrath of Achilles - Homer's Iliad / Poetry of C.P. Cavafy / Orhan Pamuk's Turkish vision

MUSIC

The Byzantine musical tradition / Folk music of Turkey / Istanbul - musical melting pot