TÜRKIYE
History, Culture & Carleton Connections
with Donald Barry ’70 & Roxanne Barry ’70
May 15 - June 1, 2023 (18 days)

Travel with Carleton Alumni, Family & Friends

Blue Mosque, Istanbul

Celsius Library, Ephesus
Cappadocia
Pergamum
Dear Carleton College Alumni and friends,

This all-inclusive, comprehensive, 18-day Alumni Adventure is led by Don and Roxy Barry of the class of 1970 who, between them, have lived in Türkiye for 30 years. An expert local guide and a professional tour manager will also accompany you throughout.

Get to know Türkiye in all sorts of ways, such as by enjoying several dinners and conversations with a number of local students who were either taught by Roxy’s parents or by Don and Roxy. Embark on a chartered boat in Istanbul and leisurely wend our way up and down the Bosphorus Strait, discovering the Asian side of the Bosphorus and the town of Kadıköy, its fish markets, and interesting shops; and visit the nearby mission school in Üsküdar. In Talas, where Roxy grew up, visit the mission school founded by Henry K. Wingate, Carleton class of 1887.

Other highlights:

- Discover six UNESCO World Heritage Sites: historic areas of Istanbul and Cappadocia, plus the fascinating archaeological sites of Çatal Höyük, a prehistoric settlement that flourished around 7000 B.C.; Ephesus, the best preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean; Troy, site of the epic siege in Homer’s Iliad; and Pergamum, one of western Asia’s greatest ancient cities.
- Enjoy a total of seven nights in Istanbul for in-depth exploration, including Hagia Sofia, the monumental, 6th-century church built by the Emperor Justinian; Topkapı Palace, which was the imperial residence of 25 Ottoman Sultans; the magnificent Blue Mosque; the Archaeological Museum and Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art; the Underground Cistern; and much more.
- See the capital city of Ankara’s mausoleum of Atatürk, who created the modern Republic of Türkiye in 1923 out of the ruins of the Ottoman Empire; and visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, with extraordinary artifacts of the Hittites, Assyrians, Phrygians, Lydians, and others.
- In the dreamy, pumice landscapes of Cappadocia, spend three nights in a cave-style hotel and visit homes and churches carved into the soft rock. See folklore dances and artisans making pottery, and learn about various types of woven goods.
- This will also be a gastronomical tour, featuring different regional cuisines and a variety of restaurants specializing in Ottoman palace dishes or fish, kebabs, or dumplings. Almost all meals are included, and we will enjoy 4- or 5-star accommodations for 16 nights.

I hope you will join this custom-designed tour, discovering many of the greatest highlights of Türkiye and gaining special insights that can only be provided by Don, Roxy, and your expert local guide.

Sincerely,

Micah Evans ’02
President, Carleton Alumni Council

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**ITINERARY**

**Breakfast=(B), Lunch=(L), Reception=(R), Dinner=(D)**

**Monday, May 15, 2023: Depart home**
Depart for Türkiye on an overnight flight.

**Tuesday, May 16: Arrive Istanbul, Türkiye | Welcome reception**
Arrive at Istanbul Airport (IST), where you are met and transferred to our hotel in Sultanahmet—İstanbul’s “Old City”—a UNESCO World Heritage Site within walking distance of many major historical sites. Istanbul is a treasure chest of East and West, having served as the capital of the Byzantine Empire for 1,000 years and then capital of the Ottoman Empire for 500 years. It comprises elements of Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, and Turkish civilizations. This evening we gather for a welcome reception and dinner at our hotel, meeting our Carleton leaders, Don and Roxy Barry; our expert local guide; our tour manager; and fellow travelers. 

*Overnight at the 4-star Armada Hotel for five nights.* (R,D)

**Wednesday, May 17: Istanbul: Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, Underground Cistern, Archaeological Museum**
After breakfast, we take a short walk to Hagia Sophia, which was built by the Emperor Justinian in the sixth century A.D. and reigned for 1,000 years as the grandest church in Christendom until the fall of Istanbul in A.D. 1453, when it became a mosque. In the 20th century it became a museum, but now functions again as a mosque that welcomes visitors (except during prayer times) as if it were a museum. Continue on to Topkapi Palace, which was the imperial residence of 25 Ottoman Sultans. The Palace complex is considered a multi-ethnic construction with influences from Central Asia, Asia Minor, Persia, and Mesopotamia. In addition to its historical and architectural interest, it houses extraordinary collections of porcelain, armor, fabric, jewelry, miniatures, and calligraphy.

Enjoy lunch on the grounds of the Palace, and then explore the nearby Underground Basilica Cistern, originally built by the Byzantine Emperor Justinian in the sixth century. The cistern (known as Yerebatan Sarayı in Turkish, meaning “Sunken Palace”) is comprised of beautiful arches and Roman support columns. Return to our hotel to freshen up before we gather for dinner at a local restaurant serving Ottoman cuisine. We will be joined by some Turkish students of Don, Roxy, or Roxy’s parents. (B,L,D)

**Thursday, May 18: Istanbul: Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art, Arista Bazaar**
This morning we walk a short distance from our hotel to the Blue Mosque, which features the most splendid exterior of Istanbul’s imperial mosques, including six
slender minarets and a dome that can be seen from all over the Sultanahmet district. It is named for the gorgeous blue Iznik tiles that decorate its interior. We continue walking across the ancient Hippodrome to visit the Ibrahim Paşa Museum (Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art) with a wealth of art dating from the eighth to the 19th centuries. The collection ranges from calligraphy and paintings to a spectacular selection of antique rugs, with items from across the Middle East. We continue on foot to the Arista Bazaar, an open-air market behind the Blue Mosque. Return to the hotel and freshen up before we walk as a group to a local fish restaurant for dinner. (B,L,D)

Friday, May 19: Istanbul: Spice Market, Bosphorus cruise, Anadolu Kavağı, Robert College, Karaköy
This morning we take a short drive to the boat landings at Eminonu and visit the atmospheric Spice Market, featuring a vast array of spices, sacks of henna, oils, herbs and, of course, the world’s very best Turkish Delight (confection). Then embark on a charter boat to go up the Bosphorus Strait with some of Don and Roxy’s Tarsus students, while enjoying insightful conversations about Türkiye. A leisurely exploration of this historic waterway between the shores of Europe and Asia is delightfully relaxing. Disembark on the Asian side in Anadolu Kavağı, a neighborhood at the northern end of the Bosphorus. After a waterfront lunch we embark on our charter boat and cruise to Arnavutköy, where we disembark and meet our bus, which will take us to Robert College, where Don taught. Founded in 1863, the College is the oldest, continuously operating American school outside the United States. Take a tour of the school and perhaps meet with either current or former students on the campus called Bizim Tepe. Drive onward to Gümüşgöl Baklava, in Karaköy, where baklava is made by masters using the original formula and all natural ingredients, and is best paired with Turkish black tea. Drive back to our hotel and enjoy an independent dinner. (B,L)

Saturday, May 20: Istanbul: Grand Bazaar
This morning a short drive takes us to the famous Grand Bazaar (Covered Market), whose first phase of construction began in 1455, under Mehmet the Conqueror, and which has been expanded many times over the centuries. The end result is an enormous labyrinth of covered streets lined with thousands of shops selling hand-woven carpets and kilims, gold and silver jewelry, hand-painted ceramics, leather goods, fine antiques, illuminated manuscripts, and more. Enjoy lunch within the Grand Bazaar. Return to our hotel and freshen up before we gather for dinner at one of Istanbul’s finest restaurants. (B,L,D)

We depart Istanbul on an early morning, one-hour flight to Ankara, a city chosen in the 1920s as the capital of the new Republic of Türkiye. Upon arrival we visit Atatürk’s Museum and Mausoleum (Anıtkabir), housing the tomb of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, founder of the Turkish Republic. Next we visit the nearby, 1st-century B.C. Temple of Augustus and Rome, whose walls preserve the most complete record of Emperor Augustus’ political autobiography, the Res Gestae. After lunch we visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, housed in a restored, 15th-century, covered market, home to a wide array of artifacts discovered in excavations throughout Türkiye and spanning the Paleolithic, Neolithic, Hittite, Phrygian, Greek, Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine eras. Check-in to our hotel, freshen up, and gather for dinner at a local restaurant with some Turkish students of Don, Roxy, or Roxy’s parents. Overnight at the 4-star The Wings Hotels Neva Palas. (B,L,D)

Monday, May 22: Avanos | Göreme National Park | Cappadocia
This morning we drive for four hours to the amazing, dream-like landscape of Cappadocia, complete with beautiful villages, houses carved from soft volcanic ash, underground cities, and frescoed churches. Our visit will start with Avanos, which is a center of terra cotta works of art since 3000 B.C., where we will enjoy

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Tuesday, May 23: Kayseri: Talas American College | Cappadocia
An optional, sunrise, hot-air balloon ride will be available today (at additional cost). After breakfast, we all travel just outside of town to Talas American College, a United Church of Christ (UCC) mission school brought to fruition by Henry K. Wingate, an 1887 graduate of Carleton. Roxy’s father, a 1937 graduate of Carleton, and mother taught at the school from 1946 to 1960, and her father was the principal from 1953 to 1960. Over the years, Carleton has sent many missionaries to Türkiye. Roxy grew up in Talas, and attended the village elementary school. On our return from Kayseri, we stop at an art and handicraft center of Cappadocia and see such crafts as carpets being made the traditional way. Freshen up at our hotel and then gather for dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 24: Kaymakli Underground City | Ihlara Canyon | Whirling Dervish Ceremony | Cappadocia
Our first stop today is the Kaymakli Underground City, one of the deepest and most fascinating multilevel underground settlements of Cappadocia. This incredible underground world contains courtyards, stables, churches, and wineries, all intertwined in an extensive network of tunnels. Continue on to visit scenic Ihlara Canyon, once the site of more than 4,000 residences (“trogloodyte dwellings”) and 100 cave churches decorated with frescoes very different from those elsewhere in Cappadocia. At the end of a spectacular day’s sightseeing, we head back to our hotel. Late this afternoon we enjoy a Whirling Dervish Ceremony and then have dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 25: Kervansaray | Konya: Mevlâna Museum & Rumi’s Tomb
This morning we depart Cappadocia for Konya, about a three-hour drive, stopping along the way to see a Kervansaray (caravanserai), built in 1229 to house travelers (caravaners) on one of the Silk Road routes. Upon arrival in Konya we have lunch. Konya is a holy city for Muslims, and the city appears in Acts 14 as Iconium, a place where Paul initially had great success in preaching but from where he was eventually driven out. We visit the famous Mevlâna Museum, dedicated to Whirling Dervishes and the Sufi mystic Rumi. It is in this museum (former lodge of the whirling dervishes) that the tomb of the founder of the order, Jalal ad-Din Rumi dit Mevlâna, is located. Translations of Rumi’s poems are very popular, most notably in Türkiye, Azerbaijan, the United States, and South Asia. Check-in to our hotel in the historic center of Konya, and gather for dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the 4-star Hilton Garden Inn for two nights. (B,L,D)

Friday, May 26: Çatal Höyük | Sille Subaşı | Konya
A short drive south from Konya is one of the most famous Neolithic settlements in the world, Çatal Höyük, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discovered and first excavated in the 1960s, archaeologists renewed excavations in 1993 to shed more light on its remarkably advanced Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures, dating from 7500 to 6400 B.C. On our return to Konya we visit the picturesque Greek-Turkish village of Sille Subaşı. There will be some time at leisure in Konya before we gather for dinner. (B,L,D)
**Saturday, May 27: Fly to Izmir | Ephesus | Kuşadası**

We take a morning flight from Konya to Izmir, on the Aegean Sea coast, and then drive south to Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that we will visit this afternoon and again tomorrow. Ephesus is the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, and it has been extensively excavated and restored. At its peak, it was the largest Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor, with a population of 250,000 and an infrastructure that included street lights, running water, a huge stadium and theater, and the magnificent Library of Celsus. Take a private tour of its Terrace Houses—villas of the wealthy, filled with colorful wall frescoes and intricate mosaic floors. Check-in to our hotel in Kuşadası and gather for dinner. 

*Overnight at the 4-star Doubletree by Hilton Kuşadası for two nights. (B,L,D)*

**Sunday, May 28: Ephesus | Ephesus Archaeological Museum | Kuşadası**

We return to Ephesus this morning to visit areas of this vast and spectacular ancient city not seen the previous day. Then we visit the Ephesus Archaeological Museum, whose many fine artifacts include famous statues of Artemis. We return to our hotel on the Gulf of Kuşadası for time on our own to relax, perhaps enjoy the spa, or go shopping before gathering for dinner. 

*(B,L,D)*

**Monday, May 29: Pergamum | Troy | Çanakkale**

We drive 2.5 hours north to ancient Pergamum, home to the spectacular Theater of Anatolia, the impressive Altar of Zeus, and one of the largest ancient libraries. The word “parchment” evolved via the Latin word “pergamenum” since Pergamum was a major center of parchment production. We continue driving for 3.5 hours to ancient Troy (Ilium), the legendary town of Homer’s *Iliad* with stories of King Priam, Hector, Paris, the beautiful Helen, and the wooden horse. We drive a little farther, along the Dardanelles Strait, to Çanakkale where we check-in to our hotel, freshen up, and gather for dinner. 

*Overnight at the 5-star Kolin Hotel. (B,L,D)*

**Tuesday, May 30: Gallipoli | Istanbul**

This morning we take a ferry across the Dardanelles to Eceabat, to visit the battlefields of Gallipoli, a heartbreaking site on the peninsula where thousands of Australian, New Zealander, and Turkish soldiers lost their lives during a merciless WWI campaign. Continue driving to Istanbul, where we check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner. 

*Overnight at the 4-star Armada Hotel for two nights. (B,L,D)*

**Wednesday, May 31: Kadıköy | Üsküdar American Lisesi | Kuzguncuk | Farewell dinner**

After a morning at leisure, to pack for tomorrow’s flights home, we take a 20-minute drive to Kadıköy (ancient Chalcedon), on the northern shore of the Sea of Marmara and on the Asian side of Istanbul. Visit antique shops, second-hand book shops, and the fish market, where we enjoy lunch. Then we visit the UCC sponsored Üsküdar American Lisesi (Academy) and later explore the Kuzguncuk district, a hidden gem favored by artists and intellectuals, with its traditional wooden houses. Celebrate the end of our adventure with a special farewell reception and dinner, joined by Turkish classmates of Roxy from the Üsküdar American Lisesi. A 35-minute, private boat ride on the Bosphorus takes us back to our hotel. 

*(B,L,R,D)*

**Thursday, June 1: Depart Istanbul | Fly home**

Transfer to Istanbul Airport (IST) for return flights homeward. 

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Accommodations

Spend 16 nights in 4- and 5-star, conveniently located hotels, some with resort/spa amenities.

Istanbul: Seven nights total at the 4-star Armada Hotel

Ankara: One night at the 4-star The Wings Hotels Neva Palas

Cappadocia: Three nights at the 4-star Utopia Cave Cappadocia

Konya: Two nights at the 4-star Hilton Garden Inn

Kuşadası: Two nights at the 4-star Doubletree by Hilton Kuşadası

Çanakkale: One night at the 5-star Kolin Hotel

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What to Expect
This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails, with a couple of half-day excursions covering up to 3 miles apiece. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. There will be some long drives, with comfort stops along the way. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. At the time of our visit you can expect pleasant weather, with daytime temperatures ranging from the mid-70s F to the low 80s, and cool evenings in the 50s to 60s F. Accommodations and restaurants have been carefully selected to offer the ultimate experience of true Turkish culture, ambiance, and hospitality. Complete pre-departure details, including up-to-date COVID-related protocols, will be sent to participants.

Flights & Transfers
Airfare to/from Istanbul Airport (IST) is not included in the tour price. Complimentary group arrival and departure airport transfers (times TBD) are provided. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

“The blend of Carleton learning, exploring, outdoor time, and adventures felt just right. I’m ready for my next Carleton travel adventure! I only wish I’d done a Carleton trip sooner!”

- Candace, TX
TOUR PRICES Per Person (16 nights)

Double Occupancy (17-20 participants) ...................$6,795
Double Occupancy (13-16 participants) ...................$7,295
Single Supplement (limited availability) .......................$995

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.

With fewer than 13 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Prices Include

- Leadership of Carleton hosts Donald ’70 and Roxanne ’70 Barry; a professional tour manager plus an expert local guide
- Accommodations for 16 nights at 4- and 5-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- Most meals, including breakfast daily, fifteen lunches and fifteen dinners with mineral water, and coffee/tea at all meals. Wine or beer will be served with dinners, where available. Welcome and farewell receptions and dinners also include cocktails. Three special dinners include graduates of the mission school in Talas as our guests
- All sightseeing, entrance fees, and excursions as indicated in the itinerary
- Surface transportation by deluxe, air-conditioned minibus or motorcoach, including bottled water
- Two in-program flights: Istanbul to Ankara, and Konya to Izmir; charter boat and ferry tickets
- Group airport arrival and departure transfers, on program dates
- All gratuities to the tour manager, local guide, professional driver, wait staff for included meals, and porters
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- Personal listening devices during excursions
- Baggage handling at hotels
- Complete pre-departure information, including a suggested reading/media guide, Zoom sessions with Don and Roxy based on their Elder Collegium course, and packing suggestions

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; individual airport transfers; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; meals or beverages not specified as included; excess baggage charges; personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; all items of a personal nature such as medical expenses, laundry, taxi, telephone and fax charges, and room service; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour and other items not listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to “EOS-Passenger Account-CAA Türkiye5/23.” Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit, you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

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Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leaders are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions are available upon confirmation or upon request, and can be viewed online at carleton.edu/alumni/adventures.

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RESERVATION FORM

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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-811-7244 or carleton@studytours.org.

Participant Name 1   Carleton Class of:
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Participant Name 2   Carleton Class of:
(as it appears on passport)
Address
City       State       Zip
Phone (home)       Phone (cell)
Email(s)

☐ I/We have read the ‘What to Expect’ section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____________________________________________________

☐ Please sign me/us up for the optional, sunrise hot-air balloon excursion in Cappadocia (additional fee).

How did you hear about this tour? ☐ eNewsletter ☐ mailing ☐ website ☐ friends/family ☐ other __________________________

ACCOMMODATIONS:
☐ Double (one bed) ☐ Twin (two beds) ☐ Single
☐ I will be sharing with: ________________________________ ☐ Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed).
☐ Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:
A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. You will receive an invoice for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):
☐ Check payable to: EOS Passenger Account–CAA Türkiye5/23 ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Already paid by phone

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Signature (participant #1)                Date

Signature (participant #2)                Date
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