



2012 JANUARY TERM ABROAD

Islam in Turkey

January 2-27, 2012

Itinerary

Twin Cities Departure	01/02	Antakya/Cappadocia	01/11
Istanbul Arrival	01/03	Cappadocia/Konya	01/13
Istanbul/Mardin	01/05	Konya/Izmir	01/14
Mardin/Urfa	01/06	Izmir (Bergama/Manisa)	01/17
Urfa/Gaziantep	01/08	Izmir/Bursa	01/19
Gaziantep/Antakya	01/10	Bursa/Istanbul (Edirne)	01/20
		Istanbul/Twin Cities	01/27

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Price: \$5,455-\$5,755*

It is no mere coincidence that President Obama chose Turkey as the first Muslim country to visit and as a site for an important address to what gets referred to as the Islamic world. As it seeks its soul, its identity, between the European Union and the Islamic world, Turkey is both a battleground and a learning ground. New York Times reporter Stephen Kinzer declares that it is poised to be "the most audaciously successful nation of the twenty-first century." Turkey stands in a pivotal position, with the Bosphorus Bridge its great symbol of the geographical, political, and social spanning of both Europe and Asia. Islam is central to both the political significance and the mystery of Turkey.

For centuries visitors have been struck with wonder at its remarkable tauheed, or unity, and yet with fear of religious fundamentalism. This course familiarizes students with the basic beliefs and practices of Islam in Turkey, including worship, family life and intellectual and artistic traditions. We will perceive Islam from both "insiders' perspectives" (reading the Quran and works on the Prophet Muhammad and challenges facing Muslims in contemporary Turkey), and from "outsiders' perspectives" (reading British, American, and secular Turkish writers who are imagining or describing Turkey and Muslims).

Site visits include mosques, churches, madrasas, palaces, museums, ancient towns, and bazaars such as: Kasimiye Medresesi, Cinciriye Medresesi, Deyrulzafaran Manastiri, Deyrulumur Manastiri, Ulu Cami, Mary Kilisesi and Patrikhanesi and Mor Yusuf Kilisesi in Mardin. The cave and mosque of Abraham, Mevlid Halil Mosque and the Mosque of Rahman, Pool of Sacred Fish and the unique town of mud-brick beehive shaped houses in Urfa. Zeugma Archeological site in Belkis village, the castle and Mosaic Museum, stone houses, covered bazaars and 16th century mosques in Gaziantep. Archeological Museum of Peter Cave Church in Antakya. The underground city of Kaymakli, volcanic formations, deep valleys and rock dwellings in Cappadocia. Sultanhan Caravanserai, Mevlana Museum, Selimiye Mosque, Aladdin Mosque, Karatay Madrasa in Konya. Ephesus in Selcuk. Roman sites in Bergama. Muradiye, Grand and Green Mosques and Sakirin Mosque in Bursa. The stunning Blue Mosque and historical Eyup Sultan Mosque), churches (Armenian and

Greek Orthodox), the world-famous Byzantine Hagia Sophia, lavish Ottoman Topkapi Palace, and the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul. To experience Turkish friendship we also engage in interfaith and intercultural dialogue over dinners in the homes of local families.

Physical Requirements: Students must be able to engage in moderately strenuous physical activity in warm weather and muddy conditions. Daily walks of 5-7 miles on unpaved paths and unstable urban surfaces will be required.

Comprehensive Fee Includes: Transportation and course arrangements as indicated, hotel accommodations in twin and triple rooms, continental breakfast daily, four lunches, twelve group dinners and visa fees for U.S. citizens. (subject to change)

Prerequisites: The course does not have any academic prerequisites. If from St. Thomas, THEO 101 and a 200-level Theology course is required.

Required Readings: Khaled Abou El Fadl, *The Place of Tolerance in Islam* (selected chapters)
 Karen Armstrong, *Muhammad, A Prophet for Our Time*
 Seyyed Hossein Nasr, *Islam: Religion, History, and Civilization*
 Marmaduke Pickthall, *The Meaning of the Glorious Qur'an* (selected readings)
 Stephen Kinzer, *Crescent and Star: Turkey Between Two Worlds* (selected chapters)
 Coursepack of Readings

Evaluation:
 Attendance at and Active Contribution to ALL Course Sessions **20%**
 Academic Journal: Observations of the Traveler **40%**
 Final Essay: The Synthesis of Your Learning **40%**

***Each home institution may have supplementary fees in addition to the price listed.**

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Dr. Ozdemir is an Adjunct Professor of Theology at the University of St. Thomas. He is a native of Turkey and has taught Koranic studies since 1976. Dr. Ozdemir taught the course nationally and internationally, in pluralistic settings, such as UCC seminaries, as well as St. Thomas. He also taught for 25 years at 9 September University, in Izmir, Turkey. Dr. Ozdemir lived in Turkey for fifty years. He led two UMAIE Courses on Islam to Turkey in 2009 and 2010.

Ms. Ozdemir is a native of Turkey. She completed her BA and MA in philosophy at Middle East Technical University in Ankara and her MA in Islamic Studies and Muslim Christian Relations at Luther Seminary. Currently she is completing her Doctorate in Leadership at the University of St. Thomas. Ms. Ozdemir taught as a guest lecturer at various theology classes at UST. She has talked to congregations in the Twin Cities about Islam and is a member of various interfaith organizations such as SPIN, MCDCC, ICM, and Minnesota Interfaith Initiative. She has an interfaith certificate from Yale University and participated in an international interfaith conference in Beirut, Lebanon in 2009.



RULES AND PROCEDURES

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APPLICATION PROCESS

The UMAIE application process is described and the required documents are available on the UMAIE website (www.umaie.org/how_to_apply.htm). Applications are accepted between **April 18 - October 3, 2011**.

No application will be considered without **ALL** the required signed documents, copies and a deposit check. If you have any questions please contact your campus UMAIE Board Member.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS

Faculty Directors will review and screen each application to ensure all pre-requisites are met, and that equal access is given to students from all consortium schools. Each applicant will be notified if they are:

- 1) accepted into the course;
- 2) on a waiting list;
- 3) not accepted into the course.

For applications received by April 18th, the UMAIE Secretariat will notify each participant via e-mail by May 6, 2011. Applications received after April 18, 2011 will be sent to the faculty directors weekly and students will receive notification on a timely basis.

Please be aware that if you are placed on a waiting list, your deposit check will still be cashed upon receipt. In the event a course is filled or cancelled due to low enrollment, students will be contacted regarding a second choice. Students who choose not to transfer to another course will receive a full refund.

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

All applicants must send a copy of a valid and signed passport to their campus UMAIE Board Member as soon as possible but no later than October 24, 2011. **Passports must be valid at least six (6) months beyond your return date.**

If your course requires a visa it will be stated in the course description. A country specific visa application will be sent to you 2-3 months prior to departure. Visa fees and processing for U.S. citizens is provided by UMAIE. Students holding passports from other countries are responsible for obtaining their own visa.

Information regarding recommended and/or needed immunizations can be found at the CDC website: www.cdc.gov/travel/. If you are traveling to a destination that requires an immunization, the UMAIE Secretariat will inform you in a timely manner. Additional information regarding passports, visas and immunizations is available from your campus UMAIE Board Member.

COMPREHENSIVE FEE

Per person course price ranges are based on a minimum enrollment for each course. Every effort is made to operate the program within the stated price range. However, if fewer students enroll, costs may be increased or the course cancelled. Individual institutions may assess additional charges. **NOTE:** UMAIE reserves the right to adjust prices due to dollar devaluation, fuel surcharges and general inflation.

The comprehensive fee includes round-trip air transportation from Minneapolis-St. Paul (or approved alternate airports) to the course location; airport transfers; visas; transportation to most course activities while abroad; lodging, primarily in twin or triple rooms in hotels, pensions, university dormitories, or family homes (where indicated); continental breakfast daily (exceptions noted on individual course descriptions) and other meals as indicated; tickets for required cultural performances; planned excursions; and administrative costs. **When rail passes or entrance fees are included, they are based on the utilization of youth rates (25 years or under), and a valid University ID will be required to be presented at the entrance. Any additional amount incurred will be the participant's responsibility.**

ALTERNATE APPROVED AIRPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Students from Augustana College, Elmhurst College, Hastings College and St. Ambrose University will receive further information on possible connecting flights upon acceptance.

EXCLUSIONS

Personal expenses are the responsibility of each individual participant. Examples include but are not limited to: passport fees; airline checked baggage fees; excess baggage fees; local public transportation; departure taxes (except U.S.); optional entertainment and excursions; meals not indicated in individual course descriptions; individual room service charges; travel insurance; porter's fees; laundry and dry cleaning; telephone and fax; personal gratuities; transportation to and from the course departure city.

FINAL PAYMENT

Accepted applicants are notified of the final price during mid-October. Final payment is due before Monday, November 1. Check with your home campus for payment procedures.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

- The full deposit amount is refunded for students withdrawing on or before **September 15, 2011**.
- The full deposit amount is non-refundable for students who withdraw between **September 16 and November 1, 2011**.
- A refund for cancellations occurring after **November 1, 2011** is based upon recoverable costs. The **ENTIRE COURSE COST** may be forfeited.
- **If cancellation occurs 30 days or less prior to departure, there will be no refund. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended for students with pre-existing medical conditions.** This insurance must be purchased at the time of application. Please discuss this with your Campus UMAIE Board Member.
- If a course price increases by more than 6% (due to general inflation or lower enrollment) a student may cancel without penalty.
- No refund is given to students who wish to omit portions of the course.
- **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO YOUR CAMPUS UMAIE BOARD MEMBER.**

COURSE ORIENTATION

Course orientation will include a self-study and on-line quiz to be completed early fall, a webinar on-line meeting in November and an on-site orientation session once abroad. More information on these components and the deadlines for completing them is available on the UMAIE website by clicking on the UMAIE Courses tab, then clicking on your course title and following the link to the orientation information. **FULL PARTICIPATION IN EACH COMPONENT IS MANDATORY.**

DEVIATIONS

Course prices are based on group air arrangements. The air carrier may assess a service fee for individual changes. Not all airlines allow deviations on group reservations. In addition to the airline service fee(s), an additional fee must be paid to Seminars International, Inc. as follows: before **October 3, 2011 the charge is \$75; from October 4, 2011 until November 1, 2011 the charge is \$125. After November 1, 2011, no deviations will be accepted.** Deviation requests must be made in writing to the Chicago Seminars International office via fax (312) 332-5509 or email TRAVEL@semint.com. Once the deviation has been booked, these costs are non-refundable and any changes may incur additional costs. Students who deviate are responsible for providing their own transportation to/from the actual course location abroad, and for communicating their final itinerary to their study abroad office.

COURSE CANCELLATION BY UMAIE

During the year, UMAIE may need to cancel a course. Events that could cause UMAIE to cancel a course include:

- Low enrollment
- Faculty withdrawl
- Travel warnings issued by the U.S. Department of State

If UMAIE cancels a course, students will receive a full refund for all payments made.

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