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Cruise the Southwestern Coast of Türkiye by Traditional Wooden Gulet and Explore the Remains of Past Civilizations from Fascinating Crusader Castles to Remote Historical Fishing Villages

Picture yourself lounging on the teak deck of a 90-foot wooden yacht surrounded by breath-taking vistas, and azure seas with an indigo sky above. Imagine watching a glorious crimson sunset and then the canopy of stars as it slowly appears overhead.

Dream of the relaxation as a smiling crewman brings you a frosty drink and serves you delectable Turkish dishes created by your personal chef. See yourself standing next to the captain as he steers the craft into a silent bay, once an ancient port. Each day presents a discovery!

Explore the dazzling remains of former civilizations, fascinating crusader's castles, and remote fishing villages.

Enjoy the leisure time to hike, swim in the crystal-clear water of the Eastern Mediterranean, or simply snooze on deck. During the voyage, enjoy informal lectures on the culture, archaeology, and history of Türkiye.

Far Horizons proudly presents a 15-day trip along the Mediterranean coast of Türkiye that includes eight days onboard a traditional wooden gulet, or motor sailer. Today, as in antiquity, the ancient cities along the Turkish Carian and Lycian coasts are most accessible to the outside world from the sea.

This part of the Turkish coastline is so lush, verdant, and bountiful in natural beauty and history that it takes your breath away. Won't you join only eight others for what is truly a trip of a lifetime?

Daily Itinerary

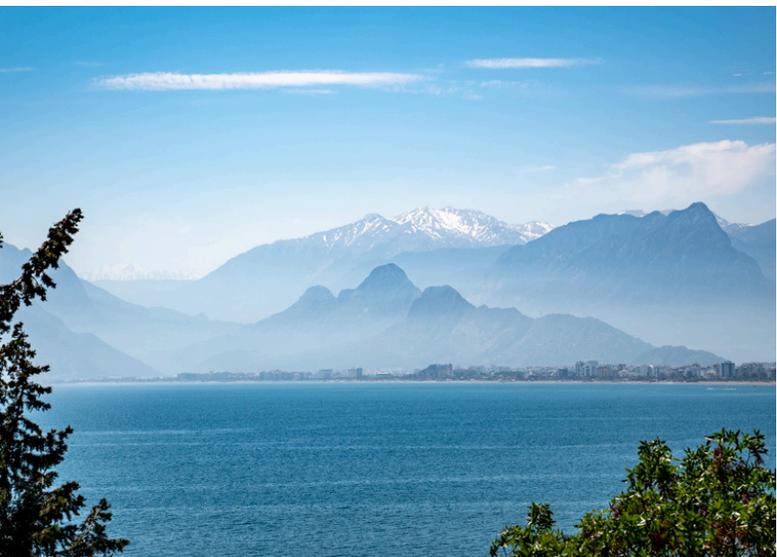


Day 1

Arrive in Antalya, Türkiye

Arrive in Antalya, Türkiye Transfer to our home for the next two nights – the Tuvana Hotel, an exquisitely restored 19th-century Ottoman home located in the Kaleiçi, the delightful old port section of the city encircled by 2,000-year-old Roman walls. This picturesque quarter with its narrow winding streets and lovely Ottoman homes has won national and international architectural awards for its beautiful restoration. The charm of the ancient Roman and later Ottoman architectural styles has been maintained with outdoor cafes, restaurants, hotels, and shops housed in the old buildings along the twisting cobblestoned streets.

After the long flight, enjoy the outdoor swimming pool encircled by lush gardens before gathering for our festive welcome dinner party in one of Antalya's fine restaurants. (D)



Day 2

Antalya Archaeological Museum

Begin in the Antalya Archaeological Museum, displaying splendid marble sculptures from nearby Perge. In the afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of the kaleiçi, the ancient port, to study both Ottoman and Roman architecture. We will see a decorated three-arched monumental Roman gate built into the city wall to celebrate Emperor Hadrian's visit in 130 AD, the Karatay Medrese that exemplifies the best of Selcuk stone carvings, the elegant Fluted Minaret Mosque, which started its life as a Roman temple, was converted into a Byzantine church, and finally became a mosque and the 13th century Truncated Minaret Mosque, converted from a 5th-century church to the Virgin Mary.

The rest of the afternoon and evening are on our own to discover the secrets of the old port section. (B/L)

Day 3

Phaselis and Olympos

Depart Antalya and drive along the southern coast with stops to see the remains of two memorable cities. Ideally positioned to be an important commercial center, Phaselis was settled many centuries before Christ by Greeks from the island of Rhodes. Tucked between the rocky crags of the mountain and the azure sea, the location is stunning with archaeological remains still standing within a grove of pine trees, encircled by enticing beaches.

Olympos was named for the nearby mountain, one of more than twenty mountains of the same name throughout Greece and Asia Minor. Built in the Hellenistic period, it was a hidden home for pirates during the Early Roman Period. Located where a river meets the Mediterranean Sea, the site is especially striking in the summer when it is overgrown with flowering pink oleander bushes. The city is also known for the perpetual fire that burns on the massif above and has been burning continuously since long before classical antiquity. A climb takes us to see the eternal flames of the Chimaera, "the fire-breathing monster," dedicated to Vulcan, the Roman god of fire.

Overnight in the Turkuaz Köy Hotel in Finike.
(B/L/D)

Day 4

Arykanda

Travel to the rarely visited Arykanda, perched high in the Taurus Mountains and known to be one of the oldest Lycian sites. Overlooking a spectacular valley, the city's strategic location allowed it to control ancient trade routes. As we ascend the five terraces supported by huge basalt stone blocks, we will spot the odeon, theater, stadium, and immense Roman bath.

After lunch, we board our gulet, or traditional wooden yacht, our home for the next eight nights.

Cruise to Kekova, a national underwater park, where submerged ruins of an earlier civilization glisten beneath the crystal-clear, cerulean blue waters. The area includes a protective island as well as an ensemble of scenic bays and we will anchor in one of them.

All breakfasts, most lunches, and dinners will be created for us onboard by our creative Turkish chef. (B/L/D)

Day 5

Theimussa

Our day's explorations begin in Theimussa or present-day Üçağız. Here, a multitude of sarcophagi from Hellenistic and Roman times lie scattered in the nearby fields, and the remains of a massive dock are still visible. Along the northern shore of Kekova Island, earthquakes have disturbed the land causing some of the houses to sink below the sea.

As we motor along the shore we will catch glimpses of this city below the sea. The village of Kale is set on the remains of Lycian Simena. Our climb up the hillside takes us to both the Lycian citadel and a crusader's fortress, perched at the top of the mountain. As we climb down, stop to investigate a theater that is Lycia's smallest and take some time to explore the teahouses and shops dotting the fishing village below. (B/L/D)



Daily Itinerary *(cont'd)*

Day 6

Demre

Myra (modern Demre) was one of the most important towns of ancient Lycia. During the 5th to the 3rd centuries BC, hundreds of dramatic tombs were cut into the towering cliff faces surrounding the heart of the city, many with finely carved reliefs of funeral scenes. The remains of a glorious theater, one of the largest and finest in Anatolia, stands at the base of the acropolis. The Eastern Roman emperor Theodosius II made Myra, ancient Demre, the capital of Byzantine Lycia. The fame of the city is primarily due to St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra in the 4th century AD. He was known to help the needy and, after his death, Saint Nicholas was transformed into the legendary character called Santa Claus, who brings Christmas presents to children around the world.

Upon return to our vessel, enjoy a swim in the crystal-clear waters of our cove. (B/L/D)



Day 7

Lycia

This part of the coast, heavily indented and full of isolated caves and islets, encompasses some of Lycia's most breathtaking scenery. Hundreds of tombs dot the hillsides with many rising out of the sea. Founded 2,500 years ago, Aperlae is protected by a formidable wall of perfectly carved stone blocks. Once the capital of a confederation of Lycian cities, today it can only be reached from the sea and stands deserted but for the herds of goats wandering among the silent ruins. Immense middens of murex shells found here suggest that the city manufactured the prized purple dye used for the robes of royalty.

Then we continue to the alluring village of Kaş, or ancient Antiphellos, a member of the Lycian League. Whitewashed houses are festooned in vivid bougainvillea, and rock-cut tombs and sarcophagi are scattered among today's buildings. After walking to the Hellenistic theater, there will be time to wander in the town square or sip Turkish tea in one of the shore-side gardens. (B/L/D)





Day 8

Letoon, Xanthos, and Patara

Today we travel by minibus to visit three important cities of the Lycian Federation. Letoon, a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#), was a shrine dedicated to the goddess Leto and her children by Zeus – Apollo and Artemis – the principal deities of Lycia.

In Xanthos, also a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#), the fine theater is dominated by towering tombs. After the 4th century BC, nearby Patara became the capital of the Lycian Federation and its port. Today the harbor has completely silted in, and the resulting five-mile-long beach is considered the most beautiful in southern Türkiye. Over the centuries, the magnificent buildings have been covered by the blowing sand; Turkish archaeologists have been excavating here for several years.

Cruise to Gemiler Island where we anchor for the night.

Day 9

Gemiler Island

Climb to the top of Gemiler Island to explore the remains of several churches built between the 4th and 6th centuries AD. This was once a Byzantine trading port crowned by a basilica, and the remains of the city completely cover the small island. As we climb to the summit, we pass the ruins of churches, small chapels, tombs, and sarcophagi, and walk along an immense covered walkway that leads to the cathedral dominating the island.

Following lunch, drive by minibus to visit Pinara one of the three major cities in the Xanthos Valley and one of the six principal cities of Lycia. These little-known remains are dramatically located in a mountain setting of fragrant pines, ancient olive trees, wildflowers, and thyme-scented breezes. Explore Kayaköy where Anatolian Greeks lived until the exchange of populations in 1923. The ghost town, now preserved as a museum village, consists of hundreds of mostly intact Greek-style houses and churches covering a small mountainside.

Once back onboard, move on to the enchanting Bay of Sarsala where we anchor for the night surrounded by pine trees. (B/L/D)



Daily Itinerary *(cont'd)*

Day 10

The Gulf of Fethiye

The Gulf of Fethiye is surrounded by the lower slopes of the Taurus Mountains, pine-clad to the water's edge and containing the ruins of ancient sites. Dotted with small islands, the bay is a naturally protected harbor.

The adventurous may want to hike to Lydae, which legend has it Cleopatra herself visited, but well off the beaten path today. Still visible are the remains of a basilica, temple walls, cisterns, Corinthian column parts, and inscribed pedestals from the Roman and Byzantine periods as well as a vaulted Carian rock tomb in two levels dating from the 5th or 4th century BC.

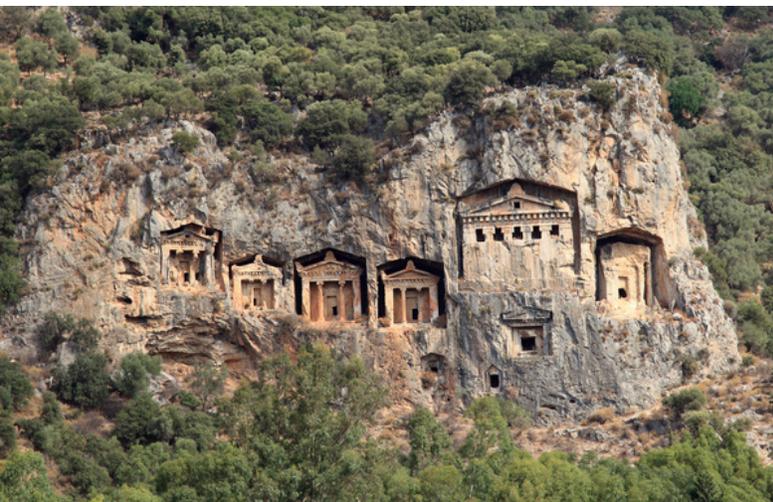
This night will be spent in a tranquil cove in the Gulf of Fethiye. (B/L/D)

Day 11

Ekincek

We meander further north to Ekincek, where in the afternoon we climb aboard a small boat to putt-putt up the meandering Dalyan River. As we travel between the reed-lined banks of the river, we will see royal temple tombs cut into the cliff face towering above.

At the end of the short boat ride is Caunos, an important Carian fishing center in ancient times. Although initially settled during the 9th century BC, the buildings standing today are Greco-Roman and include a recently excavated Byzantine church. (B/L/D)



Day 12

Marmaris

Cruise to Marmaris where we sadly leave our yacht and wonderful crew. While here, we will enter Marmaris Castle, originally constructed in Classical times. The bastion was reconstructed by Süleyman the Magnificent during his campaign for the Greek island of Rhodes in 1522, and in 2014, was turned into a museum.

After examining the displays, drive to Bodrum. Tonight's dinner party will be in a local seafood restaurant along the shore.

Overnight for two nights in the boutique Bodrium Hotel with views over the Aegean Sea. (B/L/D)

Day 13

Bodrum

As a port with a long history that spans thousands of years of continuous habitation, charming Bodrum has an incredibly rich past. In ancient times known as Halicarnassus, this is the location of the Tomb of Mausolus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Today this small city is home to Turkish artists and intellectuals and a major boat building and yachting center.

We will visit the 15th-century Castle of Saint Peter, built by the Knights of Saint John as part of a network of fortresses to defend the southeastern Aegean. It now houses the Bodrum Archaeology Museum, renowned for its wide range of fascinating underwater finds displayed throughout the Castle in a myriad of atmospheric halls and galleries. (B/L/)

Daily Itinerary *(cont'd)*

Day 15

Transfer to the Bodrum airport

Transfer to the Bodrum airport for our flight to Istanbul, and our international flights home. (B)

PLEASE NOTE: This is a sample itinerary that is typical of our trip offerings. In general, you can expect a very similar program, though days may be swapped depending on availability, opening hours, and other affecting factors.

Pre and Post Trip Extensions

Far Horizons offers pre or post extensions for many of our trips. We can also arrange extra nights at the arrival and departure hotel should you wish to arrive early or depart later. Please contact us for details.



Why Take This Tour?

Travel with Dr. Jennifer Tobin, who excavated in Türkiye and taught at Ankara's Bilkent University

Visit the twin UNESCO World Heritage sites of Letoon and Xanthos

Stroll through charming, out-of-the-way fishing villages

Explore ancient cities most accessible to the outside world by sea

Spend eight days cruising the Mediterranean coast on a 90-foot Turkish yacht

Limited to 9 participants



Tour Information

Pricing

For current pricing, please visit farhorizons.com and navigate to our trip page.

Inclusions

Price based on double occupancy and includes:

- Internal flights during the trip (if applicable/unless otherwise noted)
- The accompaniment of your scholar throughout the entire trip
- Local English-speaking guide
- Hotel accommodations (3 or 4 stars; or best available based in the area)
- Ground transportation
- Airport transfers for arrivals and departures
- Most meals as noted in the itinerary
- Entry fees to all included sites and museums
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, and restaurant and hotel staff
- Coordination for any private presentations or tours

Trip prices are based on a minimum number of participants. If this minimum number is not met, trip prices are subject to change. Should the prices need to change, Far Horizons will reach out to registered guests to discuss directly.

Single Supplement

Should a roommate be requested and one not be available, the single supplement will be charged.

Exclusions

- International round trip airfare
- A separate donation check of \$150.00 per person to a designated donation project
- Passport or visa fees
- Required vaccines or tests
- Airport or departure taxes
- Alcoholic drinks, beverages or food not included on set menus
- Excess baggage charges
- Personal tips and hotel incidental expenses
- Laundry or other items of a personal nature

Donation Checks

As a tour company that benefits from the cultural and natural riches of our destinations, we have a policy of donating to the scientific and cultural sites and projects which we visit. This has created a bond between Far Horizons and the academic and local communities that has helped us establish an extensive list of lecturers and contacts in each of our destinations. We ask that each participant donate to the noteworthy project we designate. The donation amount is \$150.00 per person. Note that the donation is required as part of your registration for the trip and that it is non-refundable.

Exchange Rate Fluctuations

Prices are based on currency exchange rates keeping below a projected level. While it is unlikely, if the exchange rates should change substantially, Far Horizons reserves the right to charge an additional amount to the trip cost.

Registration

A deposit of \$1000 per person is required along with your registration & health forms, which will be linked in the email confirmation you receive once you pay your deposit on our booking platform. Final payment is due 120 days before departure. Prior to departure, you will be sent a reading list and a tour bulletin containing travel information.



Cancellation

Cancellations received in writing at least 120 days before departure will receive a refund less a \$500 per person administrative fee.

Cancellations received less than 120 days before the departure date will not receive a refund. If for any reason you are unable to complete the trip, Far Horizons will not reimburse any fees. Upon registering for the tour, the purchase of travel protection with both trip cancellation and emergency evacuation is strongly advised. Links to recommended insurance policies will be included in the email you receive confirming receipt of your deposit.

Expectations During Travel

Our trips are designed for flexible, energetic people who like to be active, have a spirit of adventure and a positive attitude. We have designed this trip to be as comfortable as possible, while also aiming to visit some remote or unique sites that other companies do not attempt to include in their itineraries. There may be days where we have very long drives and the conditions of the roads may vary. Hotels and transportation in some remote areas may not be up to western standards. There may be times when no bellhops are available; please pack with the understanding that you need to be able to handle your own luggage at times. Sometimes we may be walking over uneven trails for a mile or more; hiking boots are strongly recommended. Not every meal will be haute cuisine and several lunches may be picnics or box lunches. By maintaining a flexible attitude we will soon be captivated by the beauty of the natural scenery, the hospitality of the local people, and the fascinating sites we will see. Your flexibility and patience will be appreciated.

Air Ticketing

International round trip flights are not included in the cost of the trip. If Far Horizons must change the trip dates or cancel the trip for any reason, Far Horizons is not responsible for any air ticket you may have purchased. Please send your complete air schedule as soon as you have it. NOTE: Please contact Far Horizons if you would like for us to handle your air ticketing.

Private Tours and Talks

The private tours of archaeological sites and talks by specialists are scheduled in advance and include a donation to each. Specialists working at these sites are excited about showing their work to interested enthusiasts. However, please be aware that there may be times when the director or a member of the staff may not be on site when our groups arrive due to other commitments.

Walking and Standing

Far Horizons expects all participants to be physically active and able to walk and climb independently throughout the full touring days. This includes walking over uneven terrain (uphill and downhill) for 2 miles or more at each site. You should expect to be on your feet for much of each day, averaging as much as 5 miles of walking per day. **As such, each participant should be able to walk unaided at a pace of 3 miles per hour for at least an hour at a time, and to stand unsupported for at least 60 minutes.** Bearing this in mind, we suggest that, if you have not already done so, you begin walking several miles every day, ideally including stairs and hills. If you have questions about your ability to keep up with the group or the strenuous nature of this trip, please contact the Far Horizons staff.



Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend that you consider purchasing travel insurance. Should illness or an unforeseen event force you to cancel your travel plans after your final payment or during your trip, it would be doubly unfortunate to incur a significant financial loss. Trip cancellation protection will enable you to be reimbursed for the loss of your payment if you are unable to travel for any of the covered reasons in the "Outline of Coverage" section, or should you have an accident or suffer from any medical conditions during the trip.

Far Horizons offers customized protection plans through Travel Insured International (a Crum & Forster Company) with the following benefits:

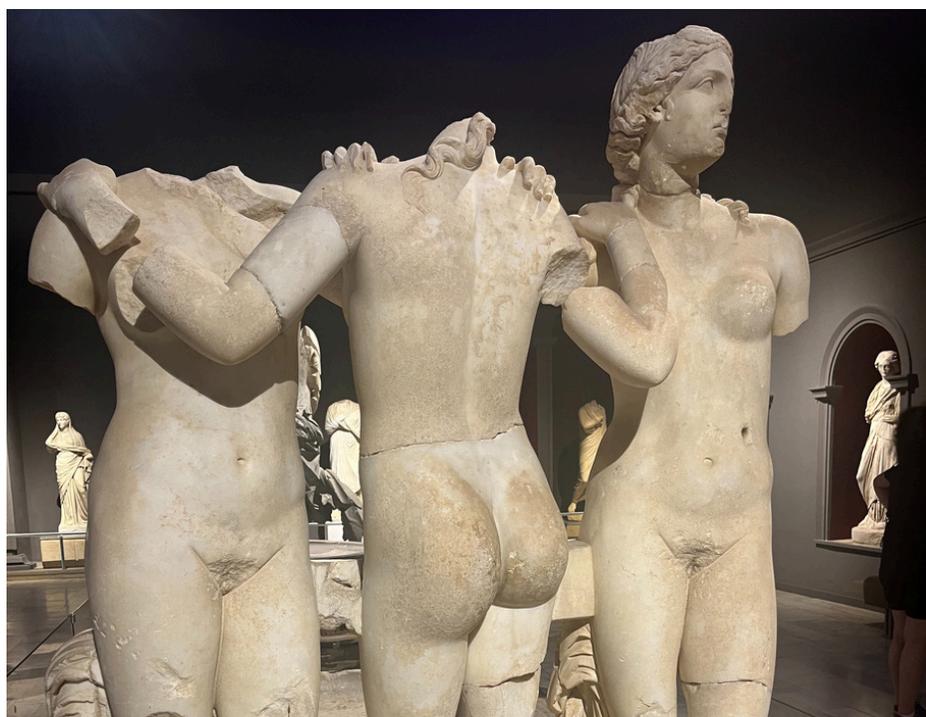
- Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption for covered reasons
- Trip Delay
- Baggage Loss and Baggage Delay
- Emergency Medical Expenses and Emergency Medical Evacuation
- 24-Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- 24-Hour Travel Assistance & Concierge Services
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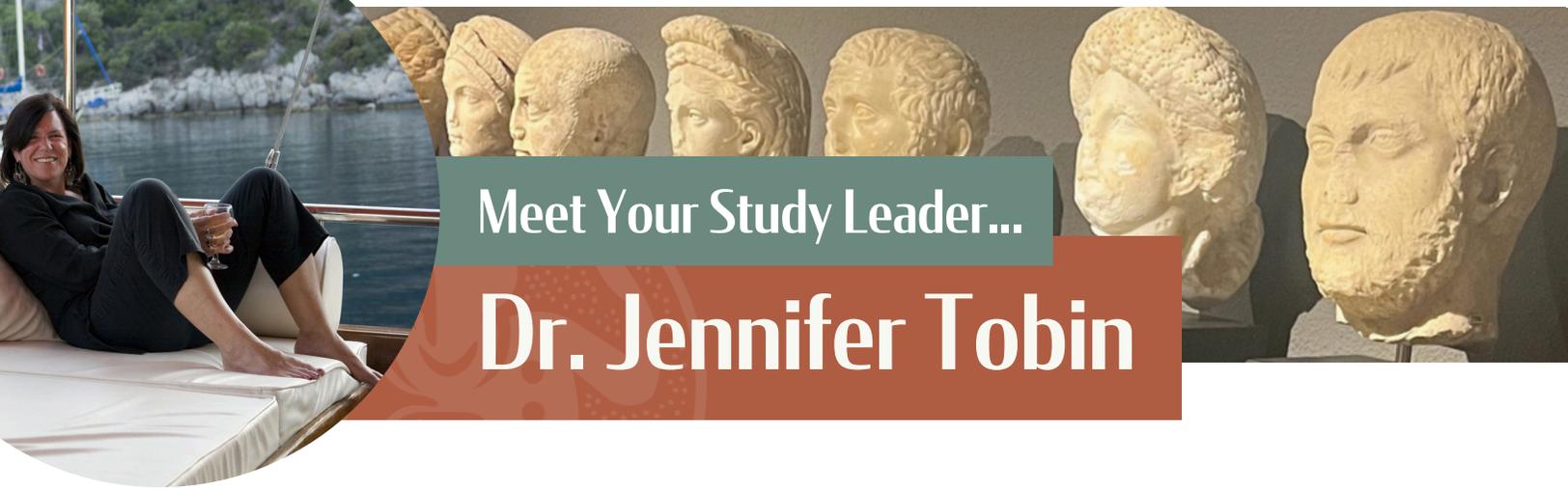
We recommend reviewing the language in detail so you are aware of specific parameters; Depending on the policy, to waive the Pre-Existing Medical Condition Exclusion or to upgrade to CFAR coverage, the plan must be purchased within 14 to 21 days of the initial trip deposit, full trip cost must be insured, and traveler is medically fit at time of plan purchase. Otherwise, coverage may be purchased at any time prior to departure.

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Itinerary Changes

Changes in our itinerary, accommodations, and transportation schedules may occur while traveling. While we are committed to keeping as close to the published details as possible, sometimes it is simply not possible. Weather events, government affairs, or other factors out of our control sometimes come into play. A good book to read as well as patience, flexible attitude, and a sense of humor are essential.





Meet Your Study Leader...

Dr. Jennifer Tobin

Jennifer Tobin received her BA in Classical Studies from Stanford University and her PhD in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1991.

From 1992-97, she was Assistant Professor at Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey. She is now Professor Emerita in the Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Professor Tobin has worked on archaeological projects in Israel, Turkey, Jordan, and Greece. She speaks Modern Greek, German, French, Italian and Turkish, and has published widely on everything from Roman architecture in Syria to Alexander the Great.

Her books include *Black Cilicia: A Study of the Plain of Issus during the Roman and Late Roman Periods* and *Herodes Attikos and the City of Athens*. She has been a featured teacher for The Modern Scholar series – Learn Out Loud, recorded not-for-credit lecture courses taught by university professors, including the *Glory that was Greece* and *The Grandeur that was Rome*.

Twice a recipient of the University of Illinois at Chicago's Silver Circle Teaching Award, Professor Tobin's enthusiasm, marvelous teaching skills, and appreciation of the people and archaeology of the Mediterranean World is infectious.



What People Are Saying About...

Dr. Jennifer Tobin

“Dr Jennifer Tobin was fabulous! She made this tour so great, with the depth of her knowledge, and her obvious enthusiasm for Turkish culture and ancient history. Also, she has a wicked sense of humor which added to our enjoyment. I also loved her ‘hand-outs’ for each site!”

- CHRISTINE KAFERLY



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✦ Trusted Partnerships

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