

## *Turkey Photo Tour & Workshop - 2012*

A unique tour covering eastern and western Turkey  
September 10 – 22, 2012

Many different civilizations have existed within Turkey's present-day border making Turkey a fantastic place to explore what these civilizations left behind in the form of architecture and culture. We will travel from one end of Turkey to the other and photograph many amazing sites that are hundreds and thousands of years old. We will also enjoy the local customs and culture that has evolved in Turkey and will have many chances to photograph the people in their daily routine and their special events.

*Turkey Photo Tour & Workshop* is specifically designed for people that want to experience this exciting travel destination while improving their travel photography skills. You will start your journey in Istanbul where you will get your first glimpse of the history and culture this country has to offer. You will photograph the Suleymaniye Mosque, and Galata Bridge in the early morning followed by the old neighborhood of Kadirga and the Spice Market. In the evening you can photograph sights along the Bosphorus waterfront. You will be back in Istanbul at the end of the trip so we'll save other locations until then.



Next you fly to Mardin in the eastern end of Turkey where you will visit an old bazaar with medieval scenes, a 13<sup>th</sup> century theological school, an ancient graveyard and a Syrian Orthodox Christian Monastery. You will also visit Sanliurfa, the city of prophets where Abraham, Job, Jethro

and Moses lived and take pictures of the holy sites and the people there today. Your next stop is Harran, old Canaan, to photograph the oldest mosque in Anatolia as well as the ant hill-like houses here. Then you travel to Adiyaman to see the Ataturk Dam and the Euphrates River. One of the highlights of the trip, Mount Nemrut, is next. You will hike to the top of the mountain for a sunrise shot of the temple built here in the first century BC. The mountains and local villages will also warrant a few stops.





Your next destination is Cappadocia, an area of rock formations, caves and underground cities carved in volcanic ash. You will photograph these unique sites in both morning and evening light and will even stay in a cave-based hotel. One morning you will ride a hot air balloon over this area and photograph it from the air. This is sure to be an experience that you will never forget.

You continue travelling west by flying to Izmir and driving to Kusadasi on the Aegean Sea. From here you will visit the Roman city of Ephesus, one of the best preserved Roman cities anywhere. You will also stop in Sirince, a quaint mountain village.



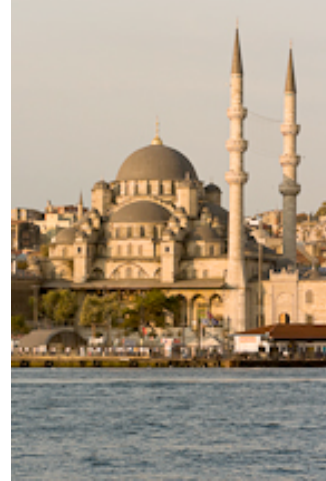
You will return to Istanbul for the last few days of the trip where the best has been saved for last. You will visit Hagia Sophia, the Byzantine Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, the Underground Cistern and the Grand Bazaar. You will take a boat ride up the Bosphorus to photograph the waterfront houses, palaces, forts and mosques. One evening you will attend a whirling dervish performance that is sure to challenge your photography skills. You will have a special farewell dinner on your last evening in Istanbul and fly home the following morning.



## ITINERARY

Mon Sep 10

You will arrive in Istanbul, Turkey where you will be met and transported to your hotel. You will meet the other participants in the late afternoon for an orientation and a 1-hour travel photography workshop followed by dinner. You will spend the night in Istanbul.



Tue Sep 11

You are up early this morning to photograph the Suleymaniye Mosque across the Golden Horn in early daylight. Then you will walk across the Galata Bridge to take pictures of the fishermen. You return to the hotel for breakfast and then



you are off to Kadirga, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Istanbul, to photograph the old wooden houses. Next you visit the spice market to photograph the bazaar and the local people working and shopping there. After lunch and a short break, there will be a second travel photography workshop offered. Later in the afternoon, you will travel along the Bosphorus to Ortakoy where you can photograph a 19<sup>th</sup> century mosque right on the waterfront in the late afternoon light. There are lots of

vendors and interesting street scenes here too. You are staying at the same hotel in Istanbul tonight.

Wed Sep 12

Today you fly to Mardin in eastern Turkey where you can photograph the old bazaar area that is full of medieval scenes. You will also visit a 13<sup>th</sup> century theological school where you can take photographs with the Mesopotamian Plain in the background. In the late afternoon, you will photograph interesting headstones in an old graveyard with the city in the background. You stay at a boutique hotel in Mardin tonight.



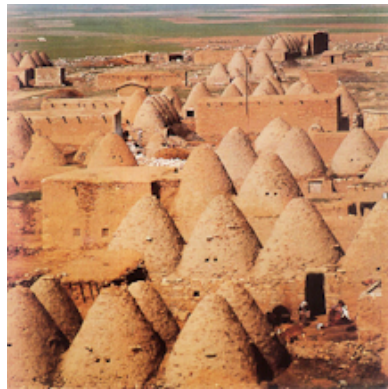
Thu Sep 13

In the morning you will visit the Syrian Orthodox Christian Monastery of Dayrulzefaran, an interesting monastery that is still in use by Syrian orthodox monks. Then you will travel to Sanliurfa, known as the city of prophets, as Abraham was born here and Job, Jethro and Moses lived here. You can photograph the old bazaar with people playing chess and dominos and craftsmen working on their trades. Then you will visit the cave where Abraham was born. This is a holy place and a great place to photograph people. You will even see Abraham's Pond with holy carps. You will stay in a hotel in Sanliurfa tonight.



Fri Sep 14

You are up early to go to Harran, old Canaan, to photograph the ruins of the oldest mosque in Anatolia. You will also see the ant hill like mud brick domed houses of Harran. Then you travel back to Sanliurfa with a stop at the cave where Job stayed when he had leprosy. In the afternoon, you will travel to Adiyaman with stops along the way to see the Euphrates River and the Ataturk Dam, the 6<sup>th</sup> largest earth filled dam in the world. Tonight you stay at a hotel in Adiyaman.



Sat Sep 15

Today you visit one of the highlights of the trip. You get up very early and travel to Mount Nemrut. Then you hike about half an hour to the mountaintop where you can photograph the 1<sup>st</sup> century BC open-air temple and giant statue heads at sunrise. You will have breakfast in a mountain café and take pictures of the mountains and villages on the way back. In the late afternoon, the third travel photography workshop session will be offered. You are staying at the same hotel in Adiyaman tonight.



Sun Sep 16

You have the only long drive of the trip today but you pass through fields and mountains offering great landscapes as we travel to Cappadocia. Once you arrive you can photograph interesting rock formations at



Uchisar along with other photogenic valleys and canyons. In the evening you will attend a folkloric show where you can photograph folk dancers and belly dancers. You will spend the night in a boutique hotel built in caves. These comfortable accommodations are sure to be remembered for a long time.

Mon Sep 17

You will have an opportunity to photograph Uchisar again this morning from a different angle with morning light and hot air balloons in the air. After breakfast you will visit



Goreme to see churches, with 10<sup>th</sup> century frescoes, carved out of soft volcanic rock. After lunch, the forth and last travel photography workshop will be offered.

Following the workshop you will visit the underground city of Derinkuyu and the 13<sup>th</sup> century caravansary of Agzikarahan. Later in the afternoon, you will visit Pasabag/Zelve where you can photograph interesting rock formations called fairy chimneys in the late afternoon light. You are staying at the same cave hotel in the Cappadocia area tonight.

Tue Sep 18

Another special treat awaits you this morning. You will board a hot air balloon to photograph the Cappadocia region from the air. This will give you a 'bird's eye view' of the caves, rock formations and other balloons providing a unique photographic opportunity. You won't forget this experience. In the afternoon you will fly to Izmir and then travel to Kusadasi on the Aegean Sea. You will stay in a hotel in Kusadasi tonight.



Wed Sep 19

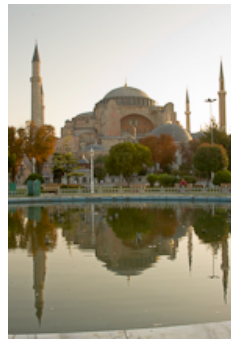
In the morning you will visit the Roman City of Ephesus, one of the best preserved Roman cities anywhere. You will be among the first to enter the area so you can capture images with early morning light and fewer tourists.



When you leave Ephesus, you will stop at the Ephesus Archaeological Museum where some of the best art from the city is preserved. In the afternoon, you will visit a quaint mountain village called Sirince to photograph the architecture and the people in this rural area. Later in the afternoon you will fly back to Istanbul where you will see a performance of the Whirling Dervishes. You will spend the night at the same hotel in Istanbul you began the trip with.

Thu Sep 20

The best has been saved for last. Now that you are back in Istanbul, you will see all the highlights of this magnificent city.



In the morning, you will visit Hagia Sophia, the Byzantine Hippodrome and the Blue Mosque. In the afternoon you will visit the Topkapi Palace and its harem section. Late afternoon will find you at the Grand Bazaar. In the evening you will have dinner in a restaurant with gypsy musicians to give you a chance to photograph the performers. You will stay at the same hotel in Istanbul tonight.

Fri Sep 21

This morning you will take a local ferry boat up the Bosphorus to see the sights along this famous waterway including a palace, several forts and many fancy homes. In the afternoon you will visit the eerie underground cistern to challenge your low light photography skills.



At sunset you will have an opportunity to photograph mosques in silhouette from the Asian side of Istanbul. You will have a special farewell dinner this evening and one last night at the same hotel in Istanbul.

Sat Sep 22

You will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight home this morning.

### Fees for This Trip

- Tour Cost: \$6,500 per person
- Single Supplement Fee: \$ 850 per person

Rates are quoted per person, based on sharing double accommodations. If you prefer single accommodations, the Single Supplement Fee is added. If you're travelling alone and wish to share accommodations, we'll try our best to find you a roommate. If that's not possible, we will only charge you half of the single supplement.

### What's Included

- Professional photography guide and trip leader
- Full time local English speaking guide
- Accommodations
- All meals while traveling as a group
- Ground transportation
- Airport transfers
- Internal flights and airport departure taxes as noted in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and activities as noted in the itinerary
- Tips to guides, trip leader, drivers, waiters (for group meals), porters and bellhops
- One photo book of the tour created by Roger Nelson

### What's Not Included

- International airfare to and from Istanbul, Turkey
- Accommodations or meals en route to and from Istanbul, Turkey
- Trip Insurance
- Excess baggage charges
- Sodas and alcoholic beverages
- Hotel services such as internet, laundry or massage services
- Passport and visa fees
- Other personal expenses

### Payment & Booking Policy

A deposit of \$1,000 is required to confirm a reservation for this trip. The deposit payment must be accompanied by a completed Trip Application Form that includes a Release of Liability and Assumption of All Risks Agreement. The balance of all trip fees is due 90 days prior to departure.

### Cancellation Policy

If written notice of cancellation is received	cancellation fee
At least 90 days prior to departure	\$200
89 to 60 days prior to departure	\$400
59 to 30 days prior to departure	50% of all applicable fees for this trip
Less than 30 days prior to departure	100% of all applicable fees for this trip

If Global Travel Photography cancels the trip due to insufficient participation, all monies paid will be refunded to you or applied to another trip at your discretion.

### Flight Reservations

International airfare to the meeting place for this trip is not included in the cost of the trip. For air reservations, we recommend you contact the airlines directly, either by phone or Internet. Many travelers elect to use their "frequent flyer" miles when traveling internationally. **Please do not book your international flights without verifying that we have enough participants to operate the trip.**

### Insurance

**You are strongly encouraged to purchase travel and liability insurance.** If you are hurt in a remote area, it can be very expensive to air lift you to the nearest reliable medical facility. Global Travel Photography does not provide any insurance for trip participants. You will need to purchase a travel insurance policy that meets your needs for medical expenses, emergency medical evacuation, trip cancellation and interruption, and baggage protection. There are a number of companies that offer policies with varying levels of coverage. Check the web and purchase a policy that provides the coverage you need.

### Health & Fitness

This trip involves a lot of walking on uneven surfaces and stairs. There are very few accommodations for handicapped individuals. **We recommend that you consult a physician before the trip to ensure that you are healthy enough for this type of trip.**

If you want to enjoy all the adventurous activities on this trip you should participate in an active exercise regime before the trip. Naturally, you will be able to opt out of any of the activities if you wish.

### What to Expect

You will have an exciting and unforgettable experience! No other photo tour offers this combination of activities, workshops and photo opportunities.

This tour will be led by Roger Nelson, a professional photographer that specializes in travel photography. He has visited Turkey before and has personally designed this trip to give you the best experience possible. You will also have a local guide that will accompany us throughout the trip to share his knowledge of the areas that we visit. He has led many photography tours in Turkey before and knows what photographers are looking for.

You will travel together by plane from Istanbul to Mardin, Cappadocia to Izmir and Izmir back to Istanbul in order to cover greater distances in a shorter period of time. Most of the time, however, you will travel in an air conditioned van or bus accompanied by our driver and local guide.

You will be staying in comfortable accommodations in all destinations. In Cappadocia you will stay in a boutique cave hotel that the area is famous for. You dine together for all meals while traveling as a group in order to share experiences, convey information and stay on the same schedule. Your days often start early, sometimes before breakfast, in order to be ready for sunrise photography or to catch an early flight. Lunch can be a box lunch or a restaurant stop during our travels. Dinner is often eaten at your hotel so participants can return to their room as they wish while others stay and chat for a while.

If you have a spirit of adventure, a positive attitude and a desire to take inspiring photographs of your trip, Global Travel Photography tours are designed for you. While we will do our best to adhere to the itinerary schedule as listed, it is subject to change. Sometimes, a special event is taking place and we want to be part of it. Other times travel delays simply make us rearrange schedules. In any event, you can be assured of a very memorable trip.

### Signing Up

Download the 'Turkey Photo Tour & Workshop' Trip Application Form from our website ([www.globaltravelphoto.com](http://www.globaltravelphoto.com)). Complete all 3 pages of the form for each participant, signing where required, and send the completed forms along with a deposit check for \$1,000/person to: Global Travel Photography, 1031 1<sup>st</sup> St S, #906, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250.

We will provide you with extensive planning information to prepare for the trip including advice on camera gear, baggage and packing as well as what to expect in Turkey. In the meantime, if you have any questions, just send us an email at [info@globaltravelphoto.com](mailto:info@globaltravelphoto.com) and we'll do our best to get you a quick answer. If you would rather talk by phone, call us at 904-537-3136 or 904-372-4600.

**The deadline to sign up for this tour is July 10, 2012**