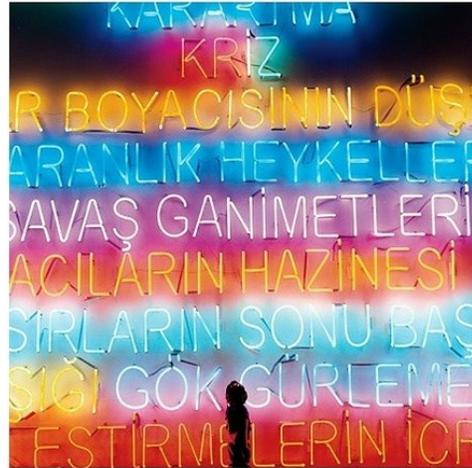


Istanbul: Contemporary Art Among a Thousand Minarets

October 6–12, 2013



Travel with Contemporary Forum and Contemporary Art Curator Sara Cochran on a six-night, custom-designed journey to Turkey for the 13th Istanbul Biennial.

The tour will explore both Istanbul's unique history and its vibrant culture of contemporary art. The itinerary includes visits to major architectural sites, ancient ruins, palaces, colorful markets, leading contemporary art galleries, and a world-famous biennial.

Dating from 1987, the Istanbul Biennial is, along with Venice and São Paulo, one of the three most esteemed contemporary art biennials in the world.

The tour begins on Sunday October 6, 2013 with an afternoon check-in at the Grand Hyatt Istanbul where we will stay for six nights of luxurious accommodations. The Grand Hyatt Istanbul is conveniently located in Taksim Square area. For the next five days, we will have a fully escorted tour with an English speaking guide in a private bus.

Highlights of the itinerary:

- ◇ **Visit Byzantine and Ottoman treasures**, including: Saint Sophia Church (Ayasofya), Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Chora Church, Süleymaniye Mosque, Basilica Cistern.
- ◇ **Explore Istanbul's supercharged contemporary art scene.** Travelers will enjoy access to private collections, galleries, artist studios and a guided tour of the 13th Istanbul Biennial and the Istanbul Modern.

- ◇ **Experience Istanbul's rich culture.** Relax on a private sunset cruise on the Bosphorus and learn the secrets of delicious Turkish cuisine at a culinary school. Optional tours are available for Turkish spa experiences and shopping.

The itinerary will be full, but there will be ample free time to find your own Istanbul.

Note: This trip involves considerable walking.

Land Only Cost (Does not include air fare.)

Double Occupancy	\$3,600
Single Supplement	\$ 940

All members of CF are invited, but the trip is limited to 22. When full, we will start a waiting list. Pricing assumes 16 travelers. We can run the trip with as few as 12 travelers, but there will be an additional charge.

See separate page for terms and conditions of trip. For further information, contact Lucia Renshaw, 602 369 2307 or LRenshaw@cyberitas.com.

The 46 Places to Go in 2013, New York Times

"# 10 Istanbul. In addition to the biennial this fall, there are new galleries and cultural centers to explore. Salt, which is directed by the curator Vasif Kortun and has impressive spaces in Beyoglu and Galata, and the Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk's Museum of Innocence opened last year, joining a buzzing art scene that includes newish arrivals like Rodeo Gallery and Arter...."

Terms and Conditions

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Tour Cost

Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$3,600
Single Supplement	\$ 990

Tour Cost Includes

- Expertise of Sara Cochran and local guide throughout the tour.
- Touring with licensed, English speaking tour guide throughout, available 24/7.
- 6 nights Grand Hyatt Istanbul, Grand Deluxe rooms. If available, you can upgrade your room at an additional cost.
- Meals: breakfast daily, 4 lunches; 3 dinners, including welcome reception and dinner and culinary class with meal.
- Deluxe motor coach.
- All visits, entrance fees, and events as per itinerary.
- Local taxes VAT and service charges
- Pre trip orientations.
- Tips for meals, guides, and drivers.

Not included

- Airfare
- Items of a personal nature, eg laundry, telephone calls, internet.
- Beverages not included with meals.
- Trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance.
- Optional Tours.

Deposits and Final Payment

An initial deposit of \$1,000 per person is required at the time of booking. This includes a \$300 non-refundable contribution to CF. If applicable, the single supplement is payable at this time.

The remaining balance of \$2,600 per person is due on

June 21, 2013.

Reservations

The number of participants is limited to 22, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Cancellations

Up until June 1, 2013: \$500 of initial deposit is refundable.

June 22, 2013 to departure date: 100% of the tour cost is non-refundable

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return is required. Neither Stellar Travel nor Contemporary Forum is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents.

Insurance

Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended upon booking the trip.

A Note About Costs

Tour costs are based upon current tariffs and currency values, and on the basis of a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. Should actual enrollments fall significantly below minimum numbers, a surcharge may be added. Details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

Organized by

Turkish Airlines Canada/Stellar Travel, Inc and Contemporary Forum Travel Committee.

What is a perfect day in Istanbul?

"In Istanbul, I would go first to look at the Byzantine architecture, frescos, and mosaics at the Chora Church ..., I would then visit the Hagia Sophia [Aya Sofya], originally a Basilica built by the Emperor Constantine, then a mosque, now a museum, and walk round some of the small mosques designed in the mid-16th century by Mimar Sinan in the same area. The best of these have beautiful painted tiles, such as the one tucked away in the corner of the small square opposite the Spice Market. I would then either take a boat up the Bosphorus to the mouth of the Black Sea or go to some of the small restaurants and bars around Taksim Square."

David Elliott, former director, Istanbul Modern: