



KaravanNews



*Unusual Turkey, Spectacular,
a Kaleidoscope of contrast...
Escape from the ordinary with Karavan...*



Our history

A proud heritage

Established in 1969, Karavan is one of the oldest travel companies in Turkey with over 45 years experience in destination management. As a family, however, the Baltazzi's, who own and still run the operation, boast an even greater history of providing top class hospitality, having hosted both the Sultans Abdul Mecid and Abdul Aziz at their home in the mid 19th Century.

To these experiences and traditions the Baltazzi family has added modern methods and technology to create the Karavan of today, with its 4 distinctive brands; Karavan Travel, Karavan Cruises, KaravanMar and Kmice each of them leaders in their sector.



Over 100 employees
multilingual



5 offices in major
cities and resorts

Istanbul - Izmir - Antalya - Marmaris - Kusadasi

Karavan travel™

- Accommodations and Land Services
- Archaeological and Cultural Tours
- Religious tours
- Guaranteed Departure Tours
- Gulet Cruises



Endless Turkey™ by Karavan

- Istanbul so Chic
- Luxury Boutique Hotels & Villas
- Golf & SPA Packages
- Cruising in the Turkish Riviera
- Gastronomy Tours
- Exclusive Visits



- Meetings
- Incentives
- Congresses
- Events



- Shore Excursions
- Pre - Post Packages
- Turnaround Services
- Port Agency Services
- Sales Agency Services
- Yachting





Looking for expertise, in-depth knowledge and creativity to handle your clientele. Karavan Travel with its 5 offices across Turkey and experienced team of 90 staff is able to provide you unique programmes unique itineraries combining history, traditions, cultural and natural beauty and excellent services. Karavan Travel provides a wide range of services such as; Group & FIT Travel, Hotel Bookings, Transfers, Sightseeing Tours, Archeological & Cultural Tours, Biblical Tours, Guaranteed Departure Tours, Special Interest & Tailor Made Tours, Blue Cruises etc.



Accommodations and Land Services

- Hotel Bookings
- Airport/ Port Transfers
- Private & Regular Daily Tours
- Weekend Packages
- Shore Excursions



Archaeological and Cultural Tours

- Grand Tour Of Turkey
- Highlights of Turkey
- Istanbul & Cappadocia Tour
- Pontus & East Turkey
- Eastern Turkey
- On the Foot Steps of Mimar Sinan



With over 45 years unparalleled experience creating bespoke travel itineraries, Turkish specialists, Karavan, have developed 'Endless Turkey' to satisfy the most discerning and cultured travellers. Luxurious, boutique accommodation, exquisite Riviera cruises, imaginative tours and perfect relaxation packages combine with exceptionally high standards of service, offering an inspiring breadth of choice in a truly diverse, picturesque and historically mesmerising destination.

Luxury Boutique Hotels

At Endless Turkey we believe that in order to experience a destination, you need to truly immerse yourself in its way of life. Stay with us and choose from an exquisite collection of luxurious resorts, select private villas and boutique hotels in some of Turkey's most idyllic, unspoiled locations. Each one carefully handpicked because it captures the true spirit and individuality of this beautiful country. Wherever you are travelling In Turkey we offer an Endless choice of select and unique properties to suit your style and taste.



Cruising in the Turkish Riviera

The Turquoise Coast of Turkey provides the perfect backdrop for a romantic Riviera cruise. Set sail and let the warm winds carry you across twinkling waters on a journey of discovery, whilst you relax in opulent surroundings and enjoy standards of service from a bygone age of travel. Islands, bays and peninsulas create a unique Mediterranean cruising ground populated by unspoiled, white sandy beaches, fragrant, green pine forests, quaint, traditional fishing villages, ancient ruins and intriguing tombs carved into cliff faces. It's a coast that is also home to some of Turkey's most popular holiday resos.



Gastronomy Tours

Good food and wine are at the very heart of Turkish culture. Over the centuries the diversity of the landscape, climate and people has contributed to creating an eclectic mix of influences and flavours found nowhere else in Europe. Explore the country and from region to region, from village to village and you'll be treated to a dazzling variety of gourmet delights. You can choose from a range of our carefully selected Gourmet Tours designed to give you a true understanding and appreciation of Turkey's culinary heritage and traditions. The tours take you to local markets 'pazaars' and spice bazaars for ingredients, including the world famous Spice Market in Istanbul, where your senses will be dazzled by the colours and fragrant smells that fill the air.



A brand fully dedicated to excellence in MICE industry...

We offer strategic support and creative implementation over a vast array of business events as a DMC and PCO with high level of creativity at all times at every stage of planning and execution. Over the years kmice has proven track of having an international and local reputation for flexible and objective advices, excellent service and a visionary approach.

Our focus is our ability to create experiences that are both magical and memorable. We seek to create the ultimate fusion of originality,

complete project management and seamless production truly inspire, time after time.

Our team of professionals share common values which combine a rational and fresh approach with creative vision. We have moved with the times, but we have kept our original values to create the world of kmice, a world of energy, of expression, of creativity. A world where elegance and unique style go hand-in-hand with intelligence and ingenuity to stage events of vision and beauty.

• MEETINGS



• INCENTIVES



• CONGRESS



• EVENTS



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Karavan's reputation is based upon supplying competitive prices with innovative programs, which produce results for our partners and this is something we have built up over the years. Our experience has shown us that the right DMC needs to be able to develop and deliver products and services which stand out from the crowd and are competitive at the same time. We have also introduced some fantastic 'Unique Moments' experiences for clients who are looking to escape the crowds. Some of our key highlights are being able to offer clients the opportunity to visit sites such as St Sophia, Bodrum Castle, or the Islamic Art Museum in total privacy. For clients who are especially interested in food and wine, there are the options to stroll through the local markets for some food tasting, visit local homes for cooking classes, or visit the Turkish Gourmet Museum. Clients looking for something special may also want to organise wine tasting in Diyarbakir, or a glass of Champagne on Mount Nemrut.

EXCLUSIVE VISITS

Join us for a more exclusive experience, a more authentic and intimate look at some of Turkey's most amazing and admired monuments, museums, and special places. With Karavan, you have the opportunity to avoid the crowds, escape the ordinary and enjoy after-hours tours and have access to spectacular sites. Imagine a fully catered dinner against the backdrop of Ephesus.

Let us take you on a private visit to the Museum of Turkish & Islamic Arts, or help you to explore the stunning Hagia Sophia Museum to view a wealth of both Ottoman and Byzantium effects and treasures under one great domed roof. You can enjoy the beauty of the Basilica Cistern, otherwise known as 'the sunken palace', without having to jostle for a place and witness the two Medusa heads, mysteriously placed upside down and sideways in their surroundings. Private guided tours of St. Irine Church, located in the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul, the Bodrum Castle any many more locations.

ESSAYS AND CULTURAL TOURS BY CAV ALEX BALTAZZI

Alex Baltazzi Chairman and founder of Karavan besides his fifty year of successful experience in tourism and travel is a notable multilingual writer and specialist in the cultural and archaeological wealth of our country.

Furthermore IS President of the Italian Cultural and Friendship Association of Izmir bestowed with the honour of Knight by the Italian President of the Italian republic, and is considered one of the best experts on the Levantine Heritage.

See: www.levantineheritage.com/testi44.htm





TURKISH COFFEE AT SARK KAHVESI

Enjoy a traditional Turkish coffee at the Historical Coffee Roaster located in the Grand Bazaar. Each variety has been prepared with a blend of traditional knowledge, experience and an abiding Love of Coffee.



BAKLAVA TASTING AT THE KARAKOY GULLUOGLU BAKLAVA SHOP

Treat yourself with Baklava from the masters unchanging taste in Karakoy Gulluoglu Baklavicisi (since 1949).



WHIRLING DERVISHES AT DARUZZIYAFE RESTAURANT

The Whirling Dervishes is the Mevlevi ritual, which symbolizes the mystical meaning of Divine Love and the passion for the union with the Divine truth. This has been performed for hundreds of years in the Mevlevi Lodges.



TRANSFER WITH A VINTAGE CAR

Take a road trip through the city in a vintage American car. It's a fun way to get around in a Chevrolet Dodge, Plymouth or Desotos, which were among the most popular choices of vehicle in Turkey prior to 1960.



CALLIGRAPHY COURSES

Learn the secrets of creating rich patterns of handmade marble paper and experience the sensuous flow of Ottoman calligraphy in the company of our highly skilled artist craftsman. He will put you at ease whilst giving you the rare opportunity to experience Turkish art up close with his beautiful henna tattoos, which may have originated in Turkey 7000 years ago.



WITNESS THE DANCE OF COLOURS WITH THE WATER

Ebru Painting workshop is a traditional Turkish art. Natural dyes mixed with ox gall are sprinkled with brushes made of horse tails on the surface of water in a deep ebru tray. The oily dyes are designed on the surface of water, after the design is ready, tray-size papers are left on the tray to absorb all the dyes as they are with their formed shape.



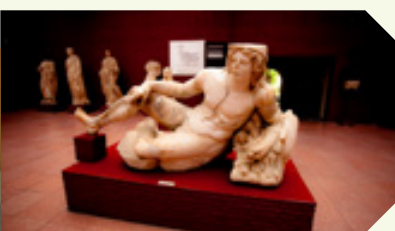
EXPLORE CUCURCUMA AND VISIT ORHAN PAMUK MUSEUM

Cukurcuma, known as the neighbourhood that, here you will find the best antique stores in Istanbul combined with a visit to the Museum of Innocence, founded by Nobel prized author Orhan Pamuk, based on the museum described in his book. It is housed in a building in Cukurcuma and displays a evocative collection of everyday life and culture of Istanbul during the period in which the novel was set.



NOSTALGIC TOUR OF IZMIR

A short ride of Phaeton/Fayton (traditional horse carriage of Izmir) tour in Izmir along the famous shore promenade called Kordonboyu.



EPHESUS MUSEUM

Private lecture by the director of the Ephesus Museum.



PRIVATE VISIT AND DINNER IN EPHESUS

Imagine a fully catered dinner against the backdrop of Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city of the Eastern Mediterranean.



WINE TASTING IN SIRINCE

This historical Greek village acquired world-wide fame when tourists flocked to the village in December 2012 to witness the Mayan Apocalypse; you will truly enjoy the impressive wines of Sirince.



DINNER AT A LEVANTINE VILLA'S GARDEN IN IZMIR

Dinner at the villa of one of the most notorious French Levantine family.

Cappadocia



CAPPADOCIA HOME COOKING

Traditional stone house where we accommodate our guests for traditional home cooking. The house is decorated in a traditional style (arched ceilings, Turkish textiles & Cappadocia rugs) so that guests can experience real village life of Cappadocia. We want you to feel and enjoy the Turkish hospitality and tradition. Savor this authentic Turkish food after we have prepared it together! The ingredients used are organic products, including fresh eggs from our chickens, honey from our own beehives and a variety of fruits, vegetables and spices that are grown in our garden.



DINNER AT THE CAPPADOCIA VALLEY

Exclusive catered breakfast, lunch or dinner in the ancient settings of the Valley of Cappadocia, a unique life time experience.



CAVE HOUSE VISIT

Visit a historic cave house and experience how the inhabitants used to live.

Eastern Turkey



VISIT OF A TYPICAL TARSUS HOUSE

Have a refreshment stop in Typical Tarsus house converted to a cafe (Atilla Cafe).



COCKTAIL AT THE MOUNT NEMRUT

Taste the award winning wine Bogazkere of Diyarbakir region at the peak of the Mount Nemrut.



TASTE THE "MENENGIC COFFEE" IN GAZIANTEP

After the visit to Bakircilar Bazaar taste the Menengic Coffee at the famous Tahmis kahvesi Coffee house.



VISIT THE TURKISH GOURMET MUSEUM

Visit the only Gourmet Museum in Turkey called "Emine Gogus Cuisine Museum" located in Gaziantep.

Ruins Of Hierapolis



Private lecture by the Director of the Italian excavations Prof. Francesco d'Andria from the Universita dei Studi di Lecce who also last year discovered the tomb of St. Philip.

On The Spot Unique Moments



Our guides will spontaneously pay school visits and weddings in villages should time and circumstances allow us.

UNIQUE MOMENTS IN ISTANBUL



Piano Recital by Tuluyhan Ugurlu at St. Irene Church

Exclusive classical music concert will be performed at St. Irene Church which is the largest and oldest church from the Byzantine era. It also carries the distinction of having been the first museum in the Ottoman Empire.

St. Irene was built in 330 by Emperor Constantine the Great.

Now days the Museum host classical concerts and art exhibitions.

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Tuluyhan Ugurlu

His talent to the music was discovered when he was four years old. In 1987, he completed his first album that consisted of recordings from the live concerts he gave all around Europe. Tuluyhan Ugurlu started a new project in 2003 and began to perform his concerts in historical places rather than concert halls, as much as possible. In the framework of this project, he performed a meaningful concert entitled "Living together Easter and Western Cultures", on September 4, 2003, at the peak of the Nemrud Mountain, at an elevation of 2150 meters.



Private Visit to St Sophia & Cocktail at Basilica Cistern

The evening will start with an exclusive visit to the Hagia Sophia, which is considered as one of the eight wonders of the world, also occupies a prominent place in the history of art and architecture. It is one of the rare works of this size and age that has survived to our day.

After a short walking at Sultanahmet Square you will arrive at Basilica Cistern where you will savor your cocktail accompanied by the classical music.

Cistern also known as the Sunken Palace was used as the water reservoir for the Byzantine Great Palace during the reign of Justinian in 532. Inside the huge building, there is a few feet of water but wooden walkways have been built for visitors. There are 336 columns supporting a cathedral ceiling and some of them were taken from torn-down temples.



A Spectacular Gala Dinner

Archeological Museum of Istanbul
This spectacular dinner will be served at the grounds of the Archeological Museum under a specially designed transparent tent, unique in Turkey and just there you will feel the joy of witnessing the wisdom meeting the history.

The Archeological Museum was founded by painter and archaeologist Osman Hamdi Bey on June 13th, 1891. At that time was called the Imperial Museum. Two side wings were added in 1902 and 1908, and on its centenary in 1991 the museum was enlarged with a new section and reorganized. The architect of the monumental building was the famous Valaury.

PRINCE ISLANDS



Sailing is an ideal setting to work as a team and lends itself very well to the corporate life metaphorically. The boat is the company that has to reach the aims within defined periods and everyone in the company (as a boat) have a clear role and work to the maximum to bring the company to success.

The tour starts from Kalamis Marina - on the Asian side with a briefing and a course of using a sailboat and then navigate to the Princess Islands.



Includes:

- Sailing boats (divide up to 6/7 boats)
- Skipper in all sailing boats
- Apres sail party
- English Assistance
- Unalcoholic drinks during the day
- Lunch in the restaurant

Advised Clothing:

- Sport shoes
- Sport clothing (tracksuit)
- Hat
- Sun glasses
- Barrier cream
- Spare clothes



DRAGON BOAT



Dragon Boat is a sport activity that was born in the Far east and globalized in the eighties. It is transformed an occasion for friend groups, corporate staff and diverse social groups. It is one of the most rapidly growing team sports in the world. The facility is located at the heart of Istanbul: Golden Horn. Along with its unique location with the view of historical peninsula, its water conditions are appropriate for all season events and as base is used Rahmi Koc Museum.

Before the event, the group is informed briefly about dragon boat and paddling technique. All teams split into groups according to total team number. Every team has to race at least 2 times. Event can be formed as a contest or as a trip. After races or trips every participants is given a souvenir certificate.



COMPELLING ORIGINALITY

We make a difference by being different.



VISIONARY THINKING

We draw on our creativity to shape your ideas.



MANIFESTING YOUR VISION

We take a hold of your dreams and make them real.



COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP

We believe in looking at business from both sides.



POSITIVE APPROACH

The right approach that leads to mutual success



PROACTIVE ENTHUSIASM

We jump right in whatever situation arises.



GENUINE PASSION

We work in harmony and enjoy the moment.



PROUD TO LEAD

We lead, not follow. We set you apart from the crowd.





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