



Cultural Discovery and Photography Tours with NURAN ZORLU

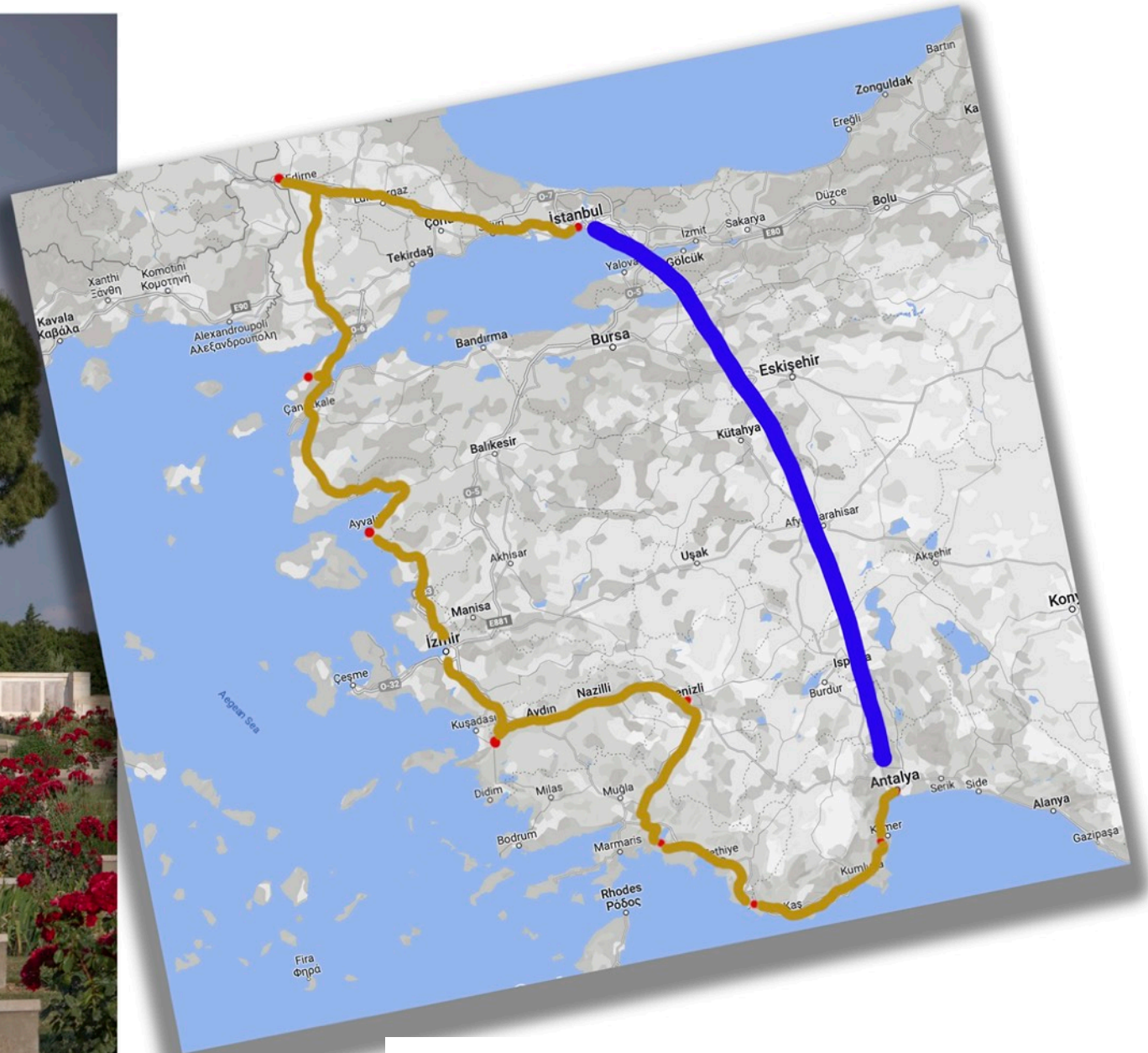
WESTERN TURKEY (AEGEAN AND MEDITERRANIAN COAST)

Discover antiquity, nature, local culture and delicacies



Lone Pine Cemetery, Gallipoli

Front image, Lycian Rock Tombs, Dalyan



Edirne, Canakkale, Ayvalik, Selcuk,
Pamukkale, Dalyan, Demre and Antalya
14th April to 2nd May 2024

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Trip Notes

****Day 1: Arrive in Istanbul****

- Arrive in Istanbul and check into accommodations in the Old Town.
- Rest and recover from your long flight.

****Day 2-3: Explore Edirne****

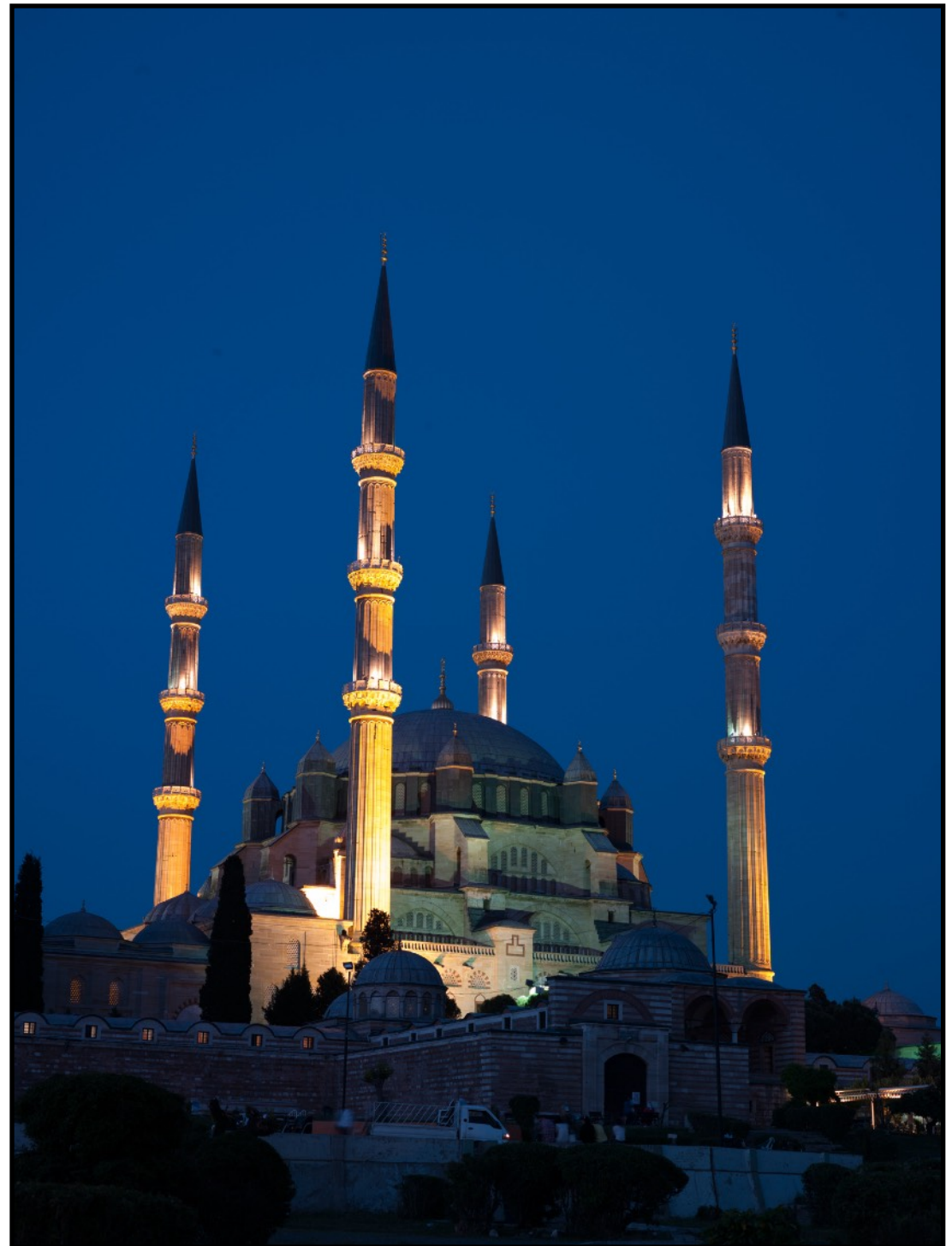
- Drive to Edirne, the former Ottoman capital before Istanbul.
- Visit the Selimiye Mosque, a masterpiece of classical Ottoman Islamic architecture, designed by Mimar Sinan.
- Explore Edirne's Old Town and nearby suburbs, experiencing its Balkan charm.
- Discover the historical significance of the city as a crossroads between Eastern and Western cultures.

****Day 4-5: Çanakkale and ANZAC War Grounds****

- Drive to Çanakkale along the scenic shores of the Marmara Sea and Dardanelles Strait.
- Overnight in Çanakkale and visit the emotionally charged 1915 ANZAC war grounds and memorials.
- Explore the vibrant city of Çanakkale with its unique blend of modern and historical elements.

****Day 6-7: Troy and Ayvalik****

- Explore the ancient city of Troy, known for the legendary Trojan War, and visit its captivating museum.
- Drive to Ayvalik, a charming town on the Aegean coast.
- Enjoy the breathtaking views of Ayvalik and experience the laid-back coastal life against the backdrop of the Greek island of Lesbos.



Selimiye Mosque, Edirne



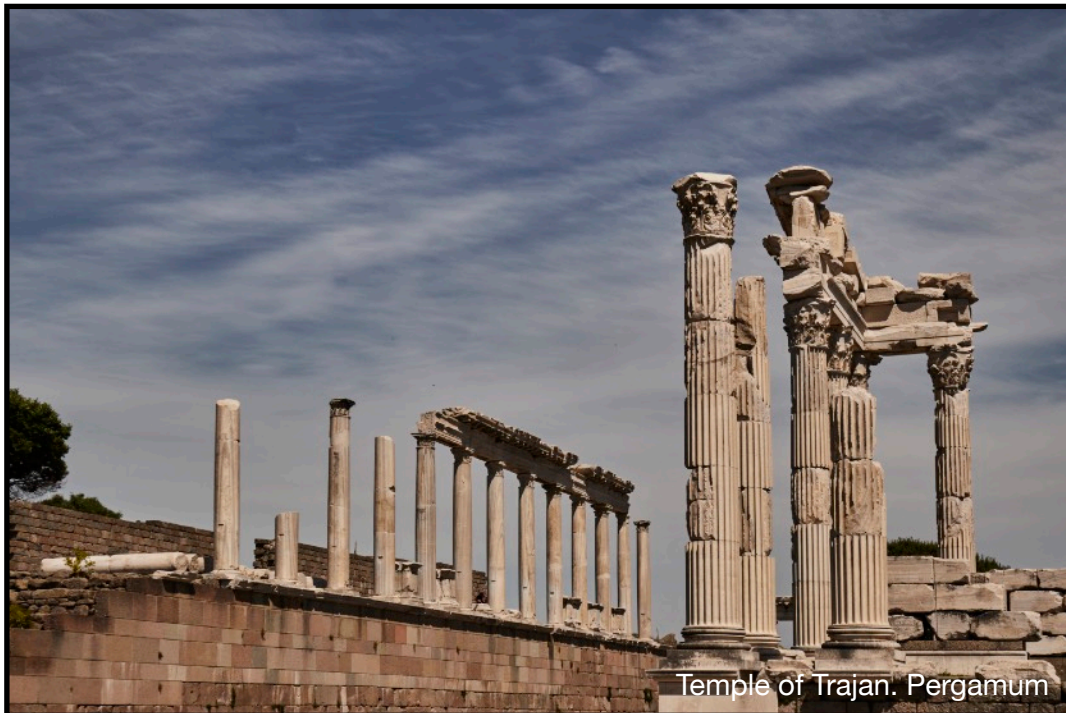
Clockwise, Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery, fallen soldiers, Troy



Aegean Coast facing Lesbos island



3rd century BC theater of Pergamum



Temple of Trajan. Pergamum

****Day 8-9: Pergamum, Selcuk, and Ephesus****

- Depart for Pergamum, an ancient Greek and Roman city, and explore its well-preserved ruins, including the Acropolis.
- Continue the journey to Selcuk, a town rich in history and culture.
- Immerse yourself in the ancient wonders of Ephesus, an archaeological site with remarkable structures such as the Library of Celsus and the Great Theatre.
- Discover the lesser-known but equally fascinating ancient cities of Miletus and Didyma.

****Day 10-11: Aphrodisias and Pamukkale****

- Visit Aphrodisias, an archaeological gem known for its well-preserved Temple of Aphrodite.
- Head to Pamukkale, renowned for its surreal terraces formed by mineral-rich thermal waters.
- Explore the ancient city of Hierapolis, located atop Pamukkale, and soak in the therapeutic hot springs.

****Day 12-13: Dalyan, the Riverside Town****

- Spend two days in the picturesque Riverside town of Dalyan.
- Explore the ancient kingdom of Lycia, starting with its capital, Kaunos, known for unique rock-cut tombs and a beautiful lake.
- Immerse yourself in the historical and natural wonders that will leave a lasting impression.



Coastal life



The Library of Celsus, Ephesus



Detail of the Temple of Hadrian, Ephesus



The Sebasteion , Aphrodisias



The Roman Theatre, Aphrodisias



Villa detail, Ephesus



Detail from Sebasteion, Aphrodisias Museum

****Day 14-15: Demre (Myra) and Lycian Ruins****

- Head to Demre, formerly known as Myra, and marvel at breathtaking corners of the Mediterranean.
- Explore stunning Lycian ruins both in the mountains and underwater, offering a unique perspective on ancient history and culture.

****Day 16-18: Antalya, the Final Destination****

- Reach the final destination of our Mediterranean tour, Antalya, a vibrant city with a captivating charm.
- Explore the historical sites in the old city, such as Hadrian's Gate and the Antalya Museum, showcasing artifacts from the region's rich past.
- Enjoy the Mediterranean ambiance along the picturesque Old Harbor.
- Take a stroll through the narrow streets of Kaleici, the historic district, and discover hidden gems.
- Experience the vibrant nightlife, local cuisine, and the warmth of Antalya's welcoming atmosphere.



Hierapolis Thermals, Pamukkale



5thC BC Lycian Tombs, Dalyan River





On the way to Iztuzu beach, Dalyan River

Nuran Zorlu, an Australian commercial and advertising photographer, boasts over two decades of industry expertise. A recipient of the AIPP Travel Photographer of the Year (NSW) award twice, his work has garnered acclaim in competitions like 'Head On' and 'Shoot the Chef.' As an esteemed photography teacher and judge in Australian competitions, Nuran's influence extends beyond his captivating visuals.

His travel photography, showcased in prominent exhibitions and publications, reflects his passion for exploring diverse cultures. Nuran has lectured on travel photography and history at esteemed institutions like the Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney University, Cezayir Cultural Centre in Istanbul, and the 2016 Tehran International Book Fair. His images have adorned the walls of both NSW and Victorian parliament houses.

Born in Istanbul to Armenian parents, Nuran is multilingual, fluent in English, Turkish, Armenian, and a bit of Persian. Holding a degree in philosophy and sociology from Istanbul University, he possesses a profound love for the region's history. This unique blend of cultural insight and photographic prowess ensures that Nuran's travel photography workshops transcend mere technical lessons, offering an intimate understanding of the regions and their inhabitants.

Nuran's illustrated travel journal, "Persia to Iran," garnered attention on ABC radio and featured in a BBC World Service documentary. He conducts photography workshops in Armenia, Georgia, Turkey, Central Asia and Iran, further enriching participants with his regional expertise.

Beyond photography, Nuran's passion for food adds a flavorful dimension to his tours. A connoisseur of local dishes and the best regional restaurants, he ensures participants not only capture moments but also savor the culinary delights each region has to offer. Join Nuran Zorlu on a journey where photography becomes a gateway to cultural understanding, and every frame tells a story of history, diversity, and delectable experiences



Terms and Conditions

HEALTH REQUIREMENT

The workshop is designed for people of all ages in good health and moderate fitness. Nuran Zorlu cannot accept responsibility for losses or extra expenses caused by, but not limited to, delays, changes in transportation services, weather, illness, injury, strike, quarantine, or other causes. Participants should be cautious during activities like hikes in National Parks, involving short steep descents and climbs. We will comply with National Parks' safety requirements, but participants need to be careful and inform us of any concerns about their capabilities before booking. Nuran Zorlu reserves the right to cancel any workshop, with a full refund. Participants must carry their camera equipment and water for activities.

RESERVATIONS

Workshops are limited to a maximum of 8 participants, with a minimum of 5 required. Places will be confirmed based on receipt of payment or deposit. Contact Nuran Zorlu at nuran@nuranzorlu.com or call 0413 619 292 to book.

PRICE

DISCOVER WONDERS OF WESTERN TURKEY (AEGEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN COAST)

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Tour cost AUD 12.500

Single room Supplement AUD 1500

Deposit to secure your place AUD1500

PRICE INCLUDES/EXCLUDES:

- Domestic flight Antalya to Istanbul)
- Accommodation in 4star hotels or traditional homes.
- All breakfasts and one meal a day.
- Admission fees to museums and places in the itinerary.
- Comfortable AC/van, driver, gas, parking, bottled water in the vehicle.

The price does not include international airfare, tips, gratuities, and travel insurance.

DEPOSIT & PAYMENT

- A deposit upon booking to reserve your place AUD 1500
- Final payment by 14 Jan 2024

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

- Deposits are refundable up to 90 days prior to the event.
- If canceling more than 90 days from the tour date, we will refund your deposit in full.
- If the tour is not full, and we have the minimum number of bookings, we will refund your deposit in full.
- If the tour is full, and you cancel within 90 days of the workshop date, we won't refund unless your place is filled by someone else.
- No part refunds for unused portions of tour services

INSURANCE

Participants are advised to obtain their own insurance suitable for their needs.

RESPONSIBILITY

Nuran Zorlu has limited responsibility and may organise programs from various suppliers. Nuran Zorlu is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure of any supplier. By participating, you agree that Nuran Zorlu shall not be liable for these failings.

These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of New South Wales, Australia. Participants must agree to the Acceptance of Risk Release before the workshop. In the absence of signing the release, attendance confirms acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.

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