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First of all we would like to thank all the readers of our January newsletter and to give a massive thank you especially to all those incredibly lovely emails we received with such positive feedback. As part of this whole new e-marketing newsletter, Holly, our IT and Website Manager, has created a link on our website where all our newsletters will be posted and can be viewed/printed at any time. As requested by some of our readers, to keep you all up to date with our statistics of subscribers and un-subscribers, I have provided a diagram and some general information below for you all (just for fun).

One idea suggested was that we provide comments from clients about their trips. This is also your chance to send us any feedback you have from your travel that we arranged for you. We'll put your comments into the newsletter (please advise whether you prefer first name only, last name only or full name with the comment).

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, this issue will focus on our annual Anzac Day tour at Gallipoli which finished a couple of weeks ago and about the exciting development of the Turkish Australian Cultural Centre at the March 18

University at Canakkale near Gallipoli. In fact, because we have our Anzac tour and two Ozturk Grand Sultan tours this month in Turkey, much of this newsletter will focus on this fascinating country which straddles east and west.

Future issues will concentrate more on our other areas of specialization - Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel; Morocco, Spain and Portugal and Oman, the Emirates and Iran plus much much more:)

Enjoy!

Kind regards,
The Timeless Team

TIMELESS NEWSFLASH!~ !

Preferred Arrangements & Fares. You may have noticed that many travel agencies stock only a limited number of brochures about places you are interested in. This can be partly due to shelf space but is also due, as it is in supermarkets, to large retail chains charging tour operators to display their brochures.

These so-called **preferred arrangements** also mean that in many agencies, especially large chains, you won't necessarily be given the best options for your trip but only those with which the agency has a preferred financial arrangement.

We at Timeless do not believe in this system. While we work, as a wholesaler, with agencies from all the travel chains, we will not pay any of them to recommend us to their clients. Similarly, as a retail agent, we don't push any particular brands to you our customers. We try to find what best suits you and the information we give is limited only by our knowledge not by how much we are paid.

Fares

Last time we talked about possible trends in air fares. We were correct in thinking that, in 2009, cheap fare deals would continue well into the new year. Many are still ongoing.

However, apart from North America, which is a special case because two new airlines are flying the Pacific, we don't think that international economy fares will drop any further. Some have already started to creep up though they are still much cheaper than a year ago. In particular, if you are travelling in December and January, don't hang off in the expectation that fares will drop from what they are now. That is the time of year when airlines can fill seats in and out of Australia so there is no incentive for them to cut prices.

Business and first class are a different story. Because of world economic problems, airlines are really struggling to fill their premium classes and it would not surprise if fares dropped even further. Passengers of ours who travel to Europe each year on the same airline have paid up to \$3000 less this year as last for the same flights. Companion and seniors deals are being introduced regularly. First class on those airlines which still have it, is suffering more than business. One airline, Etihad, is selling first class fares to Europe for as little as \$500 more than business.

It is probably not well known that airlines pay different rates of remuneration (commission) to us travel agents and that some airlines on some routes pay no commissions at all. This means that some travel agents won't tell you about all the airfares available to you particularly if their consultants are paid a percentage of their sales.

At Timeless we always try to find the most suitable airline, route and fare for you regardless of what we earn (except for small local airlines which don't participate in computerised distribution systems). We have over 100 years of combined travel industry experience in our office, are proudly independent and not under orders from any head office about what we sell.

This is probably a perfect segue to tell you about **Hilde Menzies** whose official title at Timeless is 'Fares Guru'.

Hilde Menzies: Fares Guru... Hilde works part time at Timeless Tours after a long career at airlines, travel agencies and cruise operators of more than 30 years (she started while still in the cradle!). With more than 10 years in reservations, fares and ticketing with airlines plus over 20 in travel agencies including our friends and former neighbours Diamond Tours, her knowledge of fares and ability to search them out is excellent and painstaking.

Hilde has also lived in many countries and is widely travelled. She still loves to get away with husband Jim who is an excellent golfer and has caddied at pro tournaments in the US, Europe and Australia. Whether it's to Tassie, regional NSW, the Dolomites in Italy or elsewhere, she still gets a buzz!



Hilde Menzies—
Timeless Fares
Guru

General Info and Updates on our Destinations... Timeless Tours has decided to provide our clients with general information and some updates on our destinations through the use of magazines and/or newspapers and other interesting/relevant information we may dig out. **Please go to:**

1. www.timeless.com.au
2. Click 'General Info' - bottom left hand corner
3. Scroll further down to find further general useful information. For instance...

The Turkish language was written in Arabic script until 1928. Its transformation into our (Roman) script was carried out over an amazingly short time frame as one of Ataturk's reforms. We have added to our website a fascinating article and photos from the **January 1929** edition of **National Geographic Magazine**. Go to:

1. www.timeless.com.au
2. Click 'General Info' - left hand bottom corner of Home page
3. Click 'Turkey Goes to School' article by Maynard Owen.

(It is a most fascinating story and we highly recommend, when you have a minute or two, that you have a look at it)

Gulets are the new 'way to go': For those of you out there becoming intrigued by the fascination of cruising, we at Timeless have the perfect solution!! Gulet throughout Turkey and the nearby Dodecanese islands of Greece! You may ask: **"what are Gulets??"** [Gulets are modern motor sailers (**based on traditional Turkish designs**) which operate half, one or two week cruises along the Turkish coast and to the Greek islands. **Gulets have between 4 and 9 cabins** and are only available with their crew. **Gulets can be chartered on a private basis where the whole boat is paid for or they can be joined by individuals on what are called cabin charters.**

On cabin charters the passengers just pay for their cabin on a boat with others who are also paying for their own cabin. Cabin charters are available on fixed routes and days of the week (usually starting on weekends) for 4, 7 or 14 days. Cabin charters include fuel, crew, all meals, linen and port taxes. Cabin charters are often cheaper than travelling on land for the same time, meals are generally excellent and prepared by the crew from fresh local ingredients - you don't have to do a thing except buy your drinks. There are some similar boats and programs operating in Greek waters and on the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia.

Holly Gursansky, our Website Manager, is currently updating our website and working on the Gulet and Cruising section. For more information **please go to:**

1. www.timeless.com.au
2. Click 'Turkey' - top left hand corner
3. Click 'Tours' - top of page
4. Scroll down the page until you reach: 'SAILING, CRUISING, KAYAKING in and from TURKEY'

ANZAC DAY at GALLIPOLI APRIL 2009/2010

Anzac day in 2009 was attended by about 8000 people including a group from Timeless Tours led by our experienced tour leader and guide, Will Willis and Nazli Zobranli. Many people were at the Anzac commemoration site well before the Dawn Service but, because we have been doing these tours for many years, our vehicle is always well-positioned for the wait for the Dawn Service and for departure afterwards. The NZ Governor-General and Australian Foreign Minister Stephen Smith officially represented their countries.

The Lone Pine service following the Dawn Service continues to be a highlight of the commemorations as it is a uniquely Australian service that captures the spirit of the day and the Australian character. The pilgrimage to Gallipoli to commemorate Anzac Day is now firmly embedded in the culture of defining what it means to be an Australian.

We are already well advanced in planning our 2010 programs for the 95th anniversary and will be taking a group of Vietnam Veterans from NSW.

Watch our website for details.

Feedback from this year's group was great... (below)

William (Will) Willis - Gallipoli for Anzac Day Tours



Tour leader, William (Will) Willis, is an Australian who lived in Turkey for several years working first with the Turkish Government, then as manager of a Turkish tour company. Will, a Vietnam War veteran, has visited Gallipoli many times and has led Timeless Anzac groups for seven years. Will has also lectured in World War I history and gives guest seminars at March 18 University, Canakkale.

ANZAC Tour 2009- Lorraine G:

“I returned yesterday from the Anzac Day trip and am writing to say *what a wonderful experience. Both Will the leader and Nazli, our local guide were friendly, informative* and made the trip all the more successful.

***My thanks to them for a great experience.*”**

ANZAC Tour 2009- Cliff and Rae

Stern: **“We are at Bangkok Airport, finally *on our way home after a wonderful holiday.*”**

Just wanted to let you know that we had a ***great time*** and ***Will couldn't do enough for everybody.*** We would have ***no hesitation in recommending this trip to anyone.*** Thanks again! ”

Gallipoli for ANZAC 2008 Tour -Julie and David: **“We are writing to congratulate Timeless on the quality of the recent tour we undertook to Gallipoli for the 2008 ANZAC ceremonies. It was a more in-depth tour than we had ever imagined that gave us a far better understanding of the tragic events that occurred there in 1915. *The small group enables access to areas that other larger groups could not* (we know this first hand from friends who were on a large 45 person tour this year). The *success of the tour* was significantly ***due to the passion and depth of knowledge demonstrated by Will Willis.*** He gave us a ***great insight into the events at Gallipoli*** not only by taking us to the many sites, but also through his ***in depth commentary*** throughout the tour. Importantly, his commentary was very balanced and delivered without the heavy military flavour one might expect. ***Further, he could not do enough to assist all members of the group feel comfortable within their individual physical limitations,*** ensuring that each person gained the maximum benefit from the tour. ***We will have no hesitation in recommending future tours to friends and colleagues.*****

Regards, Julie and David Bell .”

Turkish Australian Cultural Centre, Canakkale, Turkey



During Tom's and Christina's trip to Turkey in December 2008 they visited the March 18 University in Canakkale to see the progress of the new Centre.

The Turkish Australian Cultural Centre located within the 18th March University at Canakkale (COMU), near Gallipoli, was opened by the Australian Foreign Minister, Stephen Smith, on 24 April 2009. The Centre is located in the Science and Literature Building of the main campus of COMU and occupies an 80m2 area based on three interconnected rooms with a flexible design to allow for multipurpose usage. The first room is a small office and meeting area which will accommodate the Centre Secretary and a meeting table for 8-12 people. The second larger and larger area is a general study area and library containing 3 large desks (4-5 students) for individual study and theatre facilities. This area will also accommodate larger meetings and tutorials, as well as being a facility to show movies and documentaries for up to 30 students and seminars and small conferences for around the same

number of participants. The third area will accommodate three computer stations and a smaller number of bookshelves. The Centre is also looking at the possibility of establishing an English Language Laboratory at the Centre in adjoining rooms.

Australian literature is already taught and plans are in place to base an Australian academic there to assist the dynamic Director, Prof Dr Sevinc Ozer and to teach Australian Studies. Future activities will include staff and student exchanges and a gradual widening of areas of teaching to encompass fields other than literature and history (eg science, tourism etc).



Timeless Tours, on behalf of the Eastern Mediterranean Tourism Association of Australia (EMTA) was heavily involved in coordinating the transport from Australia of almost 400kg of books donated by Professor and Mrs Ken Inglis and the WA State Library. Our Gallipoli Tour Leader, Will Willis, donated a wide cross section of Australian films and gave seminars at the Centre for a week prior to the Anzac opening. Others involved in donations or assistance to the Centre have included a wide range of individuals, the Victorian Branch of the RSL, Monash University, Emirates and Jetta Express Baggage Services. Foundation Sponsorship status is open to any individual or organisation donating money or other support to the minimum value of AUD 10 000 during the first year of operation of the Centre.



This is just the start of an exciting project that will continue to build on the strong relationship between the peoples of Australia and Turkey that started on the battlefields at Gallipoli in 1915.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO PETER RENNERT, THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUL IN CANAKKALE—HEAVILY INVOLVED OF THE CONCEPTION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRE—ON HIS WEDDING THIS WEEKEND. WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST!

Delightful passenger travel reports !~ !

We would like to sincerely thank our passengers for their lovely travel comments:) If anyone else feel they have something they would like to tell others about, please let me know and you could be the lucky person in the next newsletter:)

Turkey including Gallipoli-

Peter and Di 2008: Just back from our Turkey odyssey and had to let you know *it was GREAT!!!! Will was just fantastic as our tour leader at Gallipoli* and made sure everything ran smoothly - he knows so much about the campaign that, although I thought I was well informed about Anzac, *he taught me facts I didn't know - brilliant. Your accommodation choices for us were outstanding* - each one so different but so interesting. *Your general driving guidelines were most helpful.* All told it was *a most memorable holiday*, and if any of our friends or relatives ever indicate they want to go to Turkey we will certainly tell them *there is only one way to go --- with Timeless*”

Turkey including Gallipoli -Jennie and

Graeme 2009: “*We had an amazing holiday in Turkey thank you. Wish we were still there with Will of course, not back at work. Thanks again for organising the holiday.*”

Neon Escorted Turkey Tour-

Jo (Travel Agent): “*I loved Turkey!! My favourite places were Istanbul followed by Kalkan and then Urgup—I did the balloon ride over Cappadocia which was fantastic. Neon Tours were good—only 10 on tour. The hotels used on the tour were fabulous so I would recommend this tour to anyone. Thanks for your help*”

Ozturk Grand Sultan

Tour- Pat: “The tour of Turkey was *very comprehensive and enjoyable*, and it was nice to be with a group of Australians on tour. I am feeling fitter now that I have managed all those archaeological sites.... The itinerary very good, the *meal inclusions excellent* (its certainly difficult for singles when the meals are not included). The luncheon venues were a delight! *I enjoyed the balloon flight over Cappadocia.... The Turkish bath in Cappadocia was not to be missed!!*

As far as the air travel is concerned—Cathay Pacific was excellent; *Turkish Airlines very good....* Please let Hamit know *I enjoyed the Ozturk tour* and it was an *excellent idea* to go with *a company who knew the country so well.* He can be well proud of his country of origin and *I will have no hesitation in recommending it to anyone who wants to go to Turkey in style!* Thanks again for making arrangements.”

Bodrum Tour- Laurie: “Well, *Bodrum was a highlight*, thanks to you [Timeless], Chris and Bahadir. Chris took me first to the Info centre. Here we waited a little while to try and contact the custodian of the *little museum of the Halikarnassus Balicki*. No success so we decided to chance it and grabbed a taxi. The museum turned out to be closed but a woman passing by -- *thanks to Chris's fluent Turkish* -- promised to ask at the baker's, where she was heading, about the key and the custodian. Not long after, he and a convoy of three others arrived, laden with tool-bags from which they produced jemmies, hammers and other useful tools. In a jiffy the museum was open and the workmen departed. It is a *small affair but interesting for someone like me interested in fringe things*. There were *manuscripts, copies of his books, portraits, photos*, some yellowed by age, but *fascinating*. Chris read from some of the manuscripts written in pencil in English: *vivid descriptions of the beauties of Bodrum of his time*. There were also *family photographs and a family tree*. All well worth preserving but with more care than at present. Chris, who knows a surviving family member, tells me his main papers are in Izmir. There's a short book to be written -- all I need is a collaborator who speaks Turkish? Chris? I did not mention it but should have.

Then to the *Myndos Gate*. Some guide books say there is nothing to see. In a literal way that is true but *ruins can speak to us in a way well preserved buildings can't. It was evocative to walk between the pillars, vestiges of the gateway where Alexander entered*, and to see *remains of old tombs dotted through the trees*, was a moving experience for me. *Bahadir* joined us here and *told fascinating stories of excavations* there. Then on to the *Mausoleum*, just a quarry littered with stone remnants but again it can call up ghosts and visions. The model replica gives some idea of its magnificence, if not the colossal scale. And one original relief has been retained, the rest carted off to the British Museum in typical nineteenth century imperialist style.

The castle and its treasure are of course the piece de resistance as you had prepared me to expect, but *was even more fascinating than I had imagined. The amphoras and the story of their retrieval and restoration is just amazing*, as it was to see how they were stowed away on the model ship. Not many spills of the precious contents I imagine. By the time we got to the holy of holies, specially opened for me, my energies were flagging a little but how thrilled I was to see so much. *Tea in the gardens, overlooked by the peacocks*, revived me. *Chris was so thoughtful and considerate throughout*. By this time Bahadir had left us to take a tour group, having had no lunch break I am afraid. *So Bodrum was a great success and a good choice*.

This is to thank you Tom and also Chris and Bahadir -- I had not realised he had been diver as well as a marine archaeologist. All best wishes, Laurie

PS *The Timeless Tours info about books to read is a good one I think!* [this is available on the Timeless website]

Syria & Jordan Tour- Maree and Greg Clark: “Just a quick note *to let you know how fabulous the trip was*. Everything went very smoothly particularly in Syria and Lebanon, *our guide in Syria was a lovely, extremely informative lady who was passionate about her country*. In Lebanon also, even though it was a brief stay, we had another lovely guide. They are hoping that more tourists start visiting Lebanon again so please *spread the word to your clients*. The *rebuilding of Beirut is so impressive* with beautifully restored buildings and the city has an air of sophistication. Our hotel was close to the sea and it was *very pleasant to stroll along the Corniche* that runs along by the sea. The food was excellent and we had lunch at some *very nice places particularly in Damascus and Aleppo, beautiful restaurants with central courtyards and fountains*. Forgot to mention Dubai - quite amazing place but so artificial. *We thoroughly enjoyed the Desert Safari, very exciting dune bashing and very nice meal*. Wish we were still over there. Thanks again!”

Gulet Cruise and Turkey Tour-Hildegard Griffin: “The *boat cruise of course was a complete delight, the boat magnificent, the food terrific* and, being so early in the season, we had the waterways pretty much to ourselves. The *Gem of the trip (among many) was Sirince*, an inspired choice which we all absolutely loved. *Our disappointment was that we could not stay longer. The guides were all excellent and entertaining, meaning not boring*.

What more can I say? Thanks for organising a *fantastic trip* for us, and if the proof is in the pudding, *Turkey is a place I could return to tomorrow. Istanbul is my favourite city. Great work*, Tom, we did appreciate your choices.”

Maree and Greg are only two of several passengers whom Timeless Tours have sent to travel in Syria and Jordan in the last 12 months.

Tom also, in November 2008 travelled to both Syria and Jordan as well as Israel. However we got a little carried away with other useful information throughout this newsletter and we feared the size may be too large, so we'll have to fill you in on these details in a later edition including the extravagant and, highly developing and popular destination, Lebanon.

We will also be providing you with a special newsletter edition including Spain, Portugal and Morocco.

Syria / Jordan / Israel /Lebanon —see later issue for further details..

EXCITING NEWS—Ozturk Boutique Turkey Tours

2009 sees an extra tour The first of the ever popular *Ozturk Grand Sultan* 17 day 16 night tours for 2009 has just departed Istanbul and ***last minute places are still available*** for the next starting in Istanbul on **31 May**.

We are honoured to have renowned Australian author Thomas Keneally and his wife Judy on this tour.

The Grand Sultan Tour will also be operating on **15 September** in **2009** and on **11 May, 30 May** and **14 September** in **2010**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.TIMELESS.COM.AU**

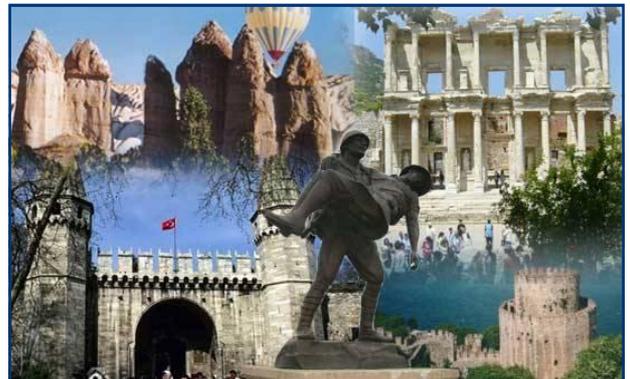
GRAND SULTAN TOUR (17 DAYS/ 16 NIGHTS)

This is a tour designed for first time visitors who wish to not only see the usual highlights but also go off the beaten track to see the real Turkey. The tour is a journey of discovery covering:

- Fascinating and colourful **Istanbul**
- The beautiful and moving battlefields of **Gallipoli**
- Legendary historical sites such as **Troy** and **Ephesus**
- Traditional villages and picturesque coves along the **Turquoise Coast**
- The surreal landscapes and underground cities of **Cappadocia**

Main tour features are:

- **Small groups** of 12 to 25 people with guaranteed personal attention
- Accommodation mostly in special category **boutique hotels** with modern facilities
- Organised in association with Turkish tour operators who are **Turkey specialists**
- Timed to take advantage of the **glorious climate** in **May/June** and **September/October**
- Specially selected restaurants serving the **many cuisines** for which Turkey is renowned.
- And of course the special perspective of Turkish born Australian Tour Leader Hamit Ozturk and our excellent, professional Turkish guides.



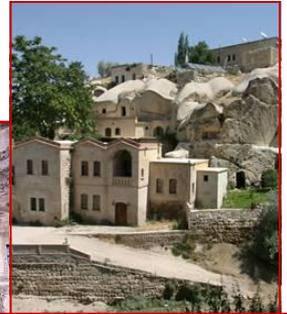
Yearly Cappadocia Cave Event!

CAPTIVATING CAVES OF CAPPADOCIA: In support of the Göreme Restoration Charity, local and foreign home-owners of Göreme are throwing open the doors of their unique cave homes to visitors. It's an *opportunity* to see not just what *traditional cave houses* looked like but also what can be done to turn them into comfortable modern homes with private *Turkish baths, stable dining rooms, and frescoed rooms*.

Minimum donation is 20 Turkish Lira, but this goes towards a great cause and *light refreshments* will be available. **This event happens every year [23 and 24 May 2009]** and if you happen to be in Cappadocia around this time of year you should check it out. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, please go to www.goremecharity.com.

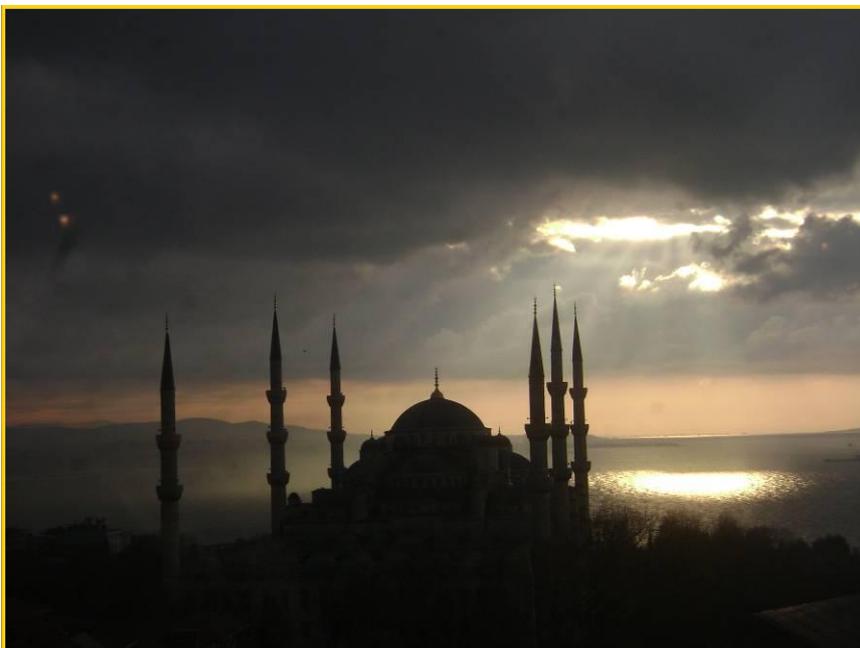
Date: 23-24 May 2009
Time: 23rd May @ 2pm
24th May @ 10:30am
Approx. 2-3 hours long
Location: Tourism Information Centre, Göreme.

Those of you who have travelled to Cappadocia you will understand the fascination of these cave houses. Their transformation into modern homes which retain the traditional historic cultural heritage of the area is greatly assisted by these donations.



Make a donation:
www.goremecharity.com

Spectacular Spectacular!! After we published this photo in our previous newsletter, we had requests for a larger size version, with a brief explanation!
[Reason: IT'S REAL!]



I woke up early in the morning, got ready and went to the roof-top breakfast area of Arcadia Hotel in Sultanahmet, the old city of Istanbul....Sitting alone with my own thoughts, tired and slowly getting through breakfast and a strong westernized coffee (!) I looked out the window and with amazement realised that the Blue Mosque had sunlight on one side and rain on the other! No joke!!! I quickly grabbed my camera... it has got to be one of the most amazing views, [next to the view on top of Mount Kinabalu in Kota Kinabalu Sabah] I have ever seen throughout my travels (and I have done my fair share) !!

Christina Erlandsen

Newsletter Statistics and 'Printer-friendly version' info!!!

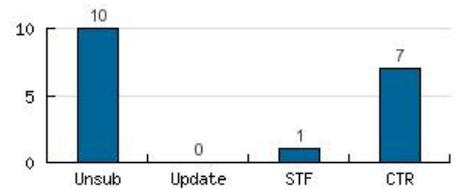
OF ALL THE EMAILS SENT OUT, ONLY 10 PEOPLE UNSUBSCRIBED!! (YAY!! Hehe!) Over 50% opened the newsletter! Those who have not opened them include emails which have bounced (hopefully fixed) due to spelling mistakes or email addresses no longer available. So, so far, pretty good ha'! :) There are a few 'glitches' in the system, but that's a given considering its all very new:) We want you all to know that we're working on it:)

I realise some people have had trouble opening the newsletter and I am also in the process of figuring out why and how!

I do suggest though, that for those who wish to print the newsletter, follow the instructions (pink box), until the problem has been solved:) I appreciate everyone's patience and sincerely hope you'll keep reading our newsletter:) Again, any problems, send me an email so I can respond ASAP:)

About 100 emails bounced (happens when you type in well over 500 contacts!); So, I realise some of you may be receiving this as your first and did not get the last edition. If this is the case, and you would like to view our first newsletter, please contact me: christina@timeless.com.au or go to our website and follow the link for a 'print-out' version. --> [check out pink box!]

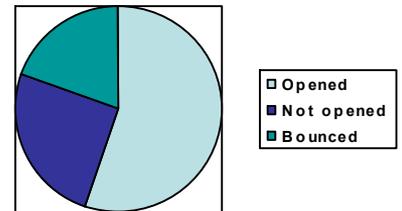
By the way, I [Christina] am also studying and will only be at work on Wednesdays and Thursdays, so don't panic if you don't get a reply straight away:)



Unsub = Unsubscribed

STF = Send To Friend

CTR = Click Through Rate



WANT TO PRINT THE NEWSTELTER!?

Our passengers are all well educated people and we appreciate that you all want to correctly read and follow our newsletter, so we have below included general information on where you can find your printer-friendly version of our newsletter:

Visit www.timeless.com.au and click:

1. 'General Info' (left hand column)
2. Click on 'May 2009 Timeless Newsletter'
3. The printer-friendly version will automatically download as a pdf file. It may take a while depending on the speed of your internet.
4. Now your 'printer-friendly version' is ready to print!!

GRADUATION TO CELEBRATE!!

- Holly, our IT and Website Manager, finished university at the end of 2008 and graduated in 2009 on the 31st March.... We're so proud! YAY for Holly!! Congratulations :)



Holly and Christina

Send Holly a congratulatory email on holly@timeless.com.au (hehe!)

TIMELESS SPECIAL: Quiz with Prizes!!

We have decided to reward our readers!! Below you will find a set of questions... and remember rewards are not free (as we all know!!) ... you must get all the questions correct to be rewarded!

IF you get ALL answers correct, you will be in the running to win one of the selected prizes from Timeless and our international operators. On top of all this...an extra AUD\$50 will be deducted from your travels if you purchase travel insurance with us. WOW WOW WOW!! Exactly my words...amazing right!? Well go on then, grab a cup of coffee/tea/hot chocolate, relax, and show us what you've got! This SPECIAL OFFER is only valid for travel from 15 May 2009 to the 31st December 2010.

Submitting your answers: Email answers to christina@timeless.com.au; any other email address used and your answers will not be taken into consideration! **DO NOT** hit reply to this newsletter to send your answers! You **MUST START A NEW EMAIL** using christina@timeless.com.au as the address! The subject of the email should read 'Quiz Answers'. For more terms and conditions please read below.

QUESTIONS:

1. In the early years of the first millennium, groups of Christians fleeing from Roman persecution began moving into the inaccessible wilds of Cappadocia seeking refuge. One group, which arrived here from Jerusalem via Antioch (Antakya) and Caesarea (Kayseri) in the second century AD settled in an area of Cappadocia now well known for its underground city? What is its name?
2. Canakkale is a city located in the northwest of Turkey on the eastern side of the Dardanelles, the famous strait which separates the continents of Europe and Asia. The Dardanelles links two seas; which are they?
3. The Imperial Sultanahmet Mosque built between 1609 and 1616 is also known as? And is located in which city?
4. 'Lokum' is also known as? From which century has it been produced?
5. The birthplace of the Jewish people is the land of Israel where a significant part of the nation's long history has occurred, the first thousand years being recorded in the Bible. On which date was the establishment of the modern State of Israel proclaimed.
6. Jordan, officially the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, is an Arab country in Southwest Asia spanning the southern part of the Syrian Desert down to the Gulf of Aqaba. During its history, Jordan has seen numerous civilizations, including such ancient western civilizations as the R[...]; B[...]; and O[...] empires. *Identify the three empires beginning with the letters provided.*
7. Syria, officially the Syrian Arab Republic, is an Arab country in Southwest Asia, bordering 5 countries and one sea. *Name them.*
8. The Ottoman Empire, also known by its contemporaries as the Turkish Empire or Turkey, was an empire that lasted from 1299-1923. It was succeeded by the Republic of Turkey, which was officially proclaimed on October 29, 1923. At the height of its power (16th-17th century), it spanned areas of three continents. *Name the areas.*

Now the most exciting part.... The Prizes!~!~!

One of the six prizes below will be awarded to the first correct set of quiz answers from this newsletter. The winner of this newsletter's quiz will have their choice from the six, the winner of the quiz in our next newsletter will have their choice from the remaining five and so on.

1. Cappadocia hot air ballooning trip for one with Kapadokya Balloons.
2. Two nights on bed and breakfast basis at beautiful Museum Cave Hotel (Cappadocia, Turkey) staying in Elegant, Direkli, Mystic or Oriental cave suites (twin/double share)
3. Dubai Desert/Safari with BBQ and entertainment including transfers from/to your hotel.
4. Regular 2 day/1 night Istanbul-Gallipoli and Troy tour for one.
5. Two nights on bed and breakfast basis at the excellent riad Maison Mnabha in Marrakech Morocco
6. Panoramic half day Madrid tour plus either of Toledo or Avila and Segovia day tours for one.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- Bribing staff members for answers with chocolates is permitted at all times (kidding—worth a try though!)...
Ok, seriously:
- You must answer all questions correctly to go in the draw for winning the above prizes.
- You must be 18 years of age or over (or have the consent of a parent 18 years of age or over!)
- The prizes must be used in conjunction with other travel booked by the winner through Timeless Tours.
- The prizes cannot be converted/changed/refunded/exchanged into money or any other travel arrangements. A booking already paid for cannot be replaced by the prize.
- The redemption of prizes is dependent on availability on requested dates.
- To receive an extra deduction of AUD\$50, travel insurance must be bought in conjunction with the use of the above prizes (applicable only for trips longer than 18 days).
- Winners will be chosen by Timeless Tours and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Timeless reserves the right to change any of the above prizes given for quizzes in future newsletters
- You must send your replies in a new email to christina@timeless.com.au with the email subject being 'Quiz Answers' or equivalent.
- 1 entry only allowed per each household
- 1 prize only allowed per each travelling party
- Prizes must be used by 31 December 2010
- The winner of the May Newsletter quiz will be contacted by Thursday 04 June and will be announced in our next newsletter and on our website.

If you have read all the way through to here, you probably deserve to win the quiz! Thanks till next time...

Is there anything missing??

What would you like to know about? Tell us!!

This newsletter is intended not only to provide you information about Timeless Tours and the countries we work with but also general information on travel. Our experienced staff of Tom, Wayne, Holly, Christina and Hilde and our associates Roy and Jan Curtis, Hamit & Olga Ozturk, and Will Willis are ready to help with all your travel arrangements.

If there is anything that you would like see in our Newsletter, drop me an email on christina@timeless.com.au!

Next Issue!!!

In our next issue we hope to provide you with a special edition of the fabulous destinations of Spain, Portugal and Morocco. If you're a passenger who has travelled to any of these destinations and would like to share your travels please send me an email and your comments will be included in our 'travellers comments' section:) We are also hoping to issue newsletters with information on the spectacular countries of Oman and Lebanon.

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