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February 7, 2011

Dear Parents,

REF: VACATION TRIP TO TURKEY (ISTANBUL)

The school is planning a vacation trip for students from **3rd to 9th April 2011** for a duration of 6 Days, 5 Nights to Istanbul, Turkey. Details of the itinerary are attached below.

We would like to get a confirmation on the number of students registered for the tour by **Thursday 10th February 2011**.

The tour can only materialize if a substantial number of students register and pay. All payments in cash should be made to the Bursar by **Tuesday 15th February 2011**.

The total cost for the tour per person sharing on Full Board basis: **USD 1360**. If interested in extra travel insurance cover, the cost is **16 Euros**. The cover will include:

- ❖ Emergency medical expenses and hospitalization abroad,
- ❖ Evacuation and repatriation benefit,
- ❖ Visit by family member if hospitalized,
- ❖ Delivery of medicines benefit,
- ❖ Return of accompanying family member,
- ❖ Compensation for loss of passport,
- ❖ Cover for loss and delay of arrival of luggage,

The cost of the trip includes:-

- ❖ Return flights on Turkish Air (Nairobi – Istanbul – Nairobi),
- ❖ 5 nights accommodation at a City Centre Hotel (3 star standard),
- ❖ Sightseeing & entrance fees as per above itinerary,
- ❖ Full board accommodation on all the days,
- ❖ Full day tour with Lunch
- ❖ Local English speaking guide,
- ❖ Visit to Palace, St. Sophia, underground Cistern, Miniaturk, RMK Museum
- ❖ Travel Insurance,
- ❖ Airport taxes.

Excludes

- ❖ Yellow Fever Certificates,
- ❖ Tips and gratuities,
- ❖ Visa charges ,
- ❖ Pocket money,
- ❖ Drinks and snacks,

I request all parents to encourage your children to come forward for the trip since "TRAVEL IS A PART OF EDUCATION". Students will be booked on First come First Served Basis.

Yours faithfully,

C. BANERJEE (MR)
HEAD – JUNIOR HIGH

TURKEY – THE CENTRE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY (5 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS)

Day 1 - Arrival Day - 3 April 2011

(Dinner included)

Welcome to Turkey Istanbul Airport. Meet with a representative and transfer to your hotel, Transfer from airport & check in to your hotel. Day at leisure at the poolside weather permitting as its spring time.

TK 604 T 03APR NBOIST 0555 1210 03APR (breakfast and a very light snack on the plane before landing)

Overnight and Dinner at the hotel in Istanbul.

Day 2 - Istanbul City Tour- 4 April 2011

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Pick up at 08:30am from your hotel for the a day tour of old Istanbul city. Visit to ST. SOPHIA This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. TOPKAPI PALACE The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the BLUE MOSQUE because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. HIPPODROME Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. Lunch at the local restaurant. After lunch depart for **BOSPHORUS CRUISE**, a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion you will see the magnificent sights of the following attractions from your boat. See Dolmabahce Palace, and further along, the parks and imperial pavilions of Yildiz Palace. On the coastal edge of this park, is Ciragan Palace, 300 meters of its marble facade faces the shore. At Ortakoy a great variety of artists gather every Sunday to display their work along the street. Ortakoy is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries. RUMELI FORTRESS Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul was completed in only four months to control and protect the infamous Bosphorus passage. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world. BEYLERBEYI PALAS (PALACE) The summer residence of Ottoman sultans exists in its original renovated glory featuring original antique furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian side of Istanbul. BOSPHORUS BRIDGE enjoy a unique chance to step from one continent (Asia) to another (Europe) CAMLICA HILL the highest point in Istanbul. At the top of it you can rest and admire the magnificent panorama of Istanbul and the Bosphorus from the beautiful gardens, landscaped in traditional Turkish Ottoman style. SHOPPING TOUR (after cruise) Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the carpet weaving courses provided by The Ministry of National Education. You will get the opportunity to see jewellery, handcrafts centre and a modern leatherwear show. Enjoy the experience of shopping whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen, with Murti's Tour's local escort full of knowledge about how to haggle the streets of Istanbul. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight and Dinner at the hotel in Istanbul.

Day 3 Istanbul City Tour - 5 April 2011

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Breakfast at hotel and departure from hotel for full day tour with lunch. Basilica Cistern; Built by Emperor Justinian to accumulate water for the shortages in the 6th century, this extraordinary water cistern with its several hundred columns could supply water to the city in case of siege. St.Sophia; The magnificent Byzantine Church; one of the finest architectural works in the world. It has been nominated as the 8th wonder of the world by many historians. Lunch at the local restaurant. Egyptian Spice Market; A short visit to the famous oriental shopping area where spices, herbs, vegetables, fruits are sold. Overnight and Dinner at the hotel in Istanbul.

Day 4 Istanbul City Tour - 6 April 2011

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast departure from hotel for full day tour with lunch.

RMK Museum ; The Rahmi M Koç Museum is the first major museum in Turkey dedicated to the history of Transport, Industry and Communications. Housed in magnificent buildings - themselves prime examples of industrial archaeology - on the shore of the historic Golden Horn, the collection contains thousands of items from gramophone needles to full size ships and aircraft. Miniaturk ; The first miniature park in Istanbul. The park hosts icons of many cultures and civilizations. Models vary from the Hagia Sophia to Selimiye, from Rumeli Fortress to Galata Tower, from Safranbolu Houses to the Sumela Monastery, from Qubbat As-Sakhrak to the ruins of Mount Nemrut. In addition, some works that have not survived into the present, such as the Temple of Artemis, the Halicarnassus Mausoleum and Ajyad Castle, were recreated. In addition to the models on exhibition in the open-air museum, Miniaturk also has different places where the visitors can enjoy themselves. These places include a 400-seat amphitheater, a gift shop that sells souvenirs of Miniaturk, a playground to attract the interest of younger visitors, a life size chess board and a labyrinth. Lunch at the local restaurant. Grand Bazaar; In addition to its historical importance, it's a bazaar that will tempt even the non shoppers with its rich collection of precious handmade carpets, jewellery, leather and souvenirs. Overnight and Dinner at the hotel in Istanbul.

Day 5 - Istanbul City Tour - 7 April 2011

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, departure from hotel visit to İstiklal Avenue, Taksim Square and Galata.. Lunch at the local restaurant. Visit to shopping Mall Cevahir. Overnight and Dinner at the hotel in Istanbul.

Day 6 - End of Tour - 8 April 2011

(Breakfast included)

After breakfast check out from the hotel, luggage will be stored at the lobby and guest are free to use hotel facilities.

Lunch.

Students can use pool to pass the time.

Check in at the airport 3 hours prior to departure to allow time for check in. TK 607 T 08APR ISTNBO 1845 0120 09APR