

SMI/TDY

14<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Dear Parents/Guardian

**Re: Turkey Trip 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

This letter is to inform you of the final details regarding the Turkey Trip departing on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> April together with details of a parents' meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

A parents meeting has been arranged for **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in room G1** to run through all relevant information regarding the trip and to answer any questions or concerns that you might have before we travel. Please enter via Main School Reception.

For your information, please see below details of travel arrangements: -

- **Departure by coach from NSB to London Heathrow at 05.15 Sat 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014**
- **Outbound Flight BA676 at 10:30 LHR to IST arriving at 16:20**
- **Inbound Flight on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April EZY8844 at 22:50 DLM to LGW arriving at 01:05 12<sup>th</sup> April.**
- **Arrival at NSB approx 04:30 on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April.**

Staff accompanying students on the trip: -

Mrs S Minai  
Mr M Mirnateghi  
Mr D Pearle  
Mrs G Davies

Contact details for Mrs Minai – Trip Coordinator: - 07739 338464 – Please **text** only in the first instance in case of emergencies.

School contact **in case of emergency only** – Mr J Ellis (Assistant Headteacher) 07764 278503 – Please do not contact this number for travel information.

To view accommodation whilst in Turkey please use the following links:

<http://grandemirhotel.com/>

<http://www.ozcelikhotels.com/grandozcelik/en/>

<http://www.grandsevgihotel.com/>

P.T.O.

Suggested 'Things to Pack' list as follows: -

- Passport – **Do not forget as you cannot travel without it!**
- Sterling (for lunch at airport & spending money whilst in Turkey)
- Hat/Cap
- Long trousers/shorts (not too many)
- Underwear/socks/swimming trunks
- Trainers/comfortable shoes
- Sunscreen
- Wash kit
- Small Rucksack – for day to day use
- **Secure money/passport pouch**
- Medicine
- A single £10 note for Turkish visa (not coins or £5 notes)!

I would like to reiterate that it is your responsibility to organise any injections required for a visit to Turkey. You can do this by contacting your GP.

Suggested spending money is between £50-£100 sterling for the week but this is at your discretion. Money can be changed into local currency each day at the hotel.

Students will be asked to contact home approx half an hour before arrival at Northampton School *for Boys* on the return journey.

Please find attached a copy of the proposed itinerary whilst in Turkey.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any of the above before we travel.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Minai', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Mrs S Minai  
Turkey Trip Coordinator

## **T13506 Northampton School *for Boys* Turkey trip Itinerary 2014**

### **Saturday 5th April**

05:15 Depart School  
08:30 Check in at Heathrow  
10:30 Depart London Heathrow  
16:20 Arrive Istanbul Airport  
Coach transfer from airport to accommodation  
17:30 Arrive at hotel and check in  
18:30 Evening meal at hotel/restaurant

### **Sunday 6th April**

08:00 Breakfast  
No guide or bus today  
School to take own guided tour of Bosphorus river boat, disembark at Besiktas  
12:00 Lunch at a local restaurant.  
Dolmabahce palace.  
17:00 Take the tram back to your hotel.  
18:00 Dinner at Local restaurant

### **Monday 7th April**

08:00 Breakfast  
No guide or bus today  
School to take own guided tour Basilican Cistern (Yerebatan). Walk through Gulhane Park to Topkapi Palace.  
12:00 Lunch at a local restaurant  
After lunch, walk the back streets of Istanbul via the Grand Bazaar, Old Book bazaar, Istanbul University. Sulyemaniye Mosque, Rustem Pasha Mosque. Spice Market.  
17:00 take the tram back to your hotel.  
18:00 Dinner at a local restaurant.

### **Tuesday 8th April**

08:00 Breakfast  
Morning: No guide or bus this morning. School to take own guided tour of Basilica of St. Sophia Roman Hippodrome and Blue Mosque.  
12:00 Lunch at a local restaurant  
13:00 Coach Transfer to Kuşadası with rep assistance on coach (7 hours)  
20:00 Arrive and check in  
20:30 Dinner  
Overnight Kuşadası

### **Wednesday 9th April** - Full day guide included

08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 Full day visit to Ephesus with guide.  
Walk along the Arcadian Way and see the theatre where St Paul preached and the superbly preserved library.  
See the Temple of Artemis, which is one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World and the Basilica of St John.  
12:00 Lunch  
Go on to visit the House of Virgin Mary and the impressive collections at the Ephesus Museum.  
18:00 Dinner  
Overnight Kuşadası

**Thursday 10th April** - Full day guide included

07:30 Breakfast

08:30 Transfer to Pamukkale

12:15 Arrive Pamukkale

Enjoy a swim in the thermal pools or simply enjoy the breath-taking views.

Visit Aphrodisias, with its well-preserved stadium and Odeon.

19:00 Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

**Friday 11th April**

08:00 Breakfast

Morning at leisure – no services today

13:00 Lunch

15:30 Coach transfer to Dalaman Airport

20:50 Check in for your flight

22:50 Depart Dalaman Airport

01:05 (12<sup>th</sup> April) Arrive London Gatwick

04:10 approximate arrival at school