

TRIP OVERVIEW & WELCOME



MERHABA!

We are so thrilled that you are considering joining us on this exciting journey to Turkey this June 2018. As you do so, we hope that the information supplied on the main page proves to be informative and helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team. We would love to assist you!

Recognizing that this journey to Turkey is a “Faculty Enrichment Trip”, we would like to take this opportunity to provide a brief overview of the trip, as well as to share a little bit about expectations that you should have – both for the trip and in follow up to the trip. As for travel arrangements and accommodations, this trip will provide everything you would like in a week’s getaway – a top 15 ranked airline in Turkish Airlines and 4 or 5 start hotels throughout. The touring that takes place will prove to be busy as we pack a lot in a short amount of time! However, apart from walking in Istanbul and some specific sights, the majority of this will take place by coach bus. For more information pertaining to the schedule, take a look at the [land itinerary](#) provided by our hosts.

Specific to our **Faculty Participants**, it is LU Send’s desire that this experience be enriching in a holistic way – spiritually, mentally, academically, and culturally. While the nature of this particular trip is heavy on touring, we will have time to focus in on pertinent topics such as short-term trips, international internships, study abroad, service abroad, best practices, travel safety & security, and more. Many of these discussions will take place in a more informal context (e.g. conversations at dinner, on the bus, etc.) however we will also facilitate 1 – 2 formal seminars. The purpose of these will be to share more about the partnership and expectations of the Office of the Provost and the Office of Spiritual Development, vision for future opportunities abroad, as well as the nuts and bolts of related processes.

As part of these discussions taking place throughout the trip, we will also expect to have conversations about your specific plans to engage in education abroad opportunities in the next two years. As a reminder, you are required to fulfill one of the following:

- ✈ Initiate and lead a short-term trip within the next two years (does not have to be back to Turkey – can be internationally or domestically)
- ✈ Facilitate the development of international internship opportunities

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If you have questions or concerns about what this would look like, let us know! We do not want this to be burdensome, however it is an expectation of University Leadership that the investment made on these trips has a tangible R.O.I., which we want you to be well informed about.

As for our **Spouse Participants**, we hope that this trip is just as much of an enriching time for you! Know that when it comes to the formal discussions that are more professional/academic in nature, you will be welcome to join, but certainly are not required to. Take it as an opportunity for some extra R&R!

We thank you for your continued investment at Liberty University and in our community, and once again want to let you know how excited we are that you are considering this opportunity. We know that it is an investment of time, money, and energy, and we pray that the return on this investment is truly a blessing for you, and prove to be beneficial as we all continue to engage students with the world and culture.

The LU Send Team

