Istanbul, Turkey

Istanbul is the most populous city in Turkey, a modern, secular, democratic, state, where the vast majority of the population is Muslim. Istanbul has been a global city for more than two thousand years. Straddling the continents of Europe and Asia, it was the capital city of the Roman Empire from 330-395, the Byzantine Empire from 395 – 1204 and 1261 – 1453, and the Ottoman Empire from 1326 – 1923. The Ottomans successfully governed an ethnically and religiously diverse multicultural empire that ruled over Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, and Greek Orthodox communities in the Middle East, North Africa, and Eastern Europe.

Tentative Itinerary

Saturday, March 7:  Departure from the U.S.
Tuesday, March 10:  Visits to Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, and Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts. Boat tour of the Bosphorus.
Wednesday, March 11:  Visits to Grand Bazaar and Spice (Egyptian) Bazaar. Stroll through Galata to Dolmabahce Palace. Stroll to Ortakoy. Return by ferry to Sultanahmet. Dinner at Hamdi et Lokantasi.
Thursday, March 12:  Visit to Sabanci University. Guest lecture, meet with Turkish students. Dinner on own.
Friday, March 13:  Visits to shopping district of Nisantasi and Taksim Square. Dinner at Haci Baba.
Saturday, March 14:  Depart for airport and return to U.S.
Housing and Meals
Students will be housed in a hotel(s) in Istanbul. Breakfast is provided each morning.

Program Costs
The cost information below lists all costs included in the program fee, and estimates for additional expenses. There is no additional tuition charge for this program.

Program Fee: $1895.00

The program fee includes the following:

- International flight to Istanbul;
- Transportation from/to airport;
- Daily breakfast;
- Tours;
- Repatriation insurance coverage;
- Hotel accommodation;
- Field trips; and
- Farewell dinner.

The following are not included in the program fee:

- Connecting flight (varies);
- Passport cost - $100.00;
- Spending money - $300.00;
- Lunches and dinner daily - $200.00.

The above are estimates and vary per individual spending habits.

Course Enrollment & Requirements
The study visit is a required component of the 3 credit “POL 300/GLS 100 Global Cities - Istanbul” course. The course meets weekly during Q3, and a course syllabus will be provided with course requirements.

Qualifications
Participants must be matriculated Oswego students. Interested students will be registered for Q3 course “POL 300/GLS 100: Global Cities - Istanbul” during course registration by the Office of International Education and Programs.

Payment Dates
December 1, 2008 $250 deposit due
January 15, 2009 Program Balance due

Applications
Submit completed application with $250 deposit by December 1st to the Office of International Education and Programs. Earlier applications strongly encouraged. Refer to http://www.oswego.edu/intled for application and registration instructions.