

MEDITERRANEAN EMPIRES QUILT SEMINAR AT SEA

JULY 28 - AUGUST 9, 2011

EXCLUSIVE QUILTERS' TOUR IN ISTANBUL!

You will not find this tour anywhere else—this is exclusive FOR OUR GROUP ONLY!! And the best news is that Holland America designed this special tour just for us, so it comes with the Holland America guarantee and works with their trusted tour operators. Companions are welcome and encouraged to join as well!

Board your motorcoach and cross the Galata Bridge to the heart of the old city. Walk the historic streets with your English-speaking guide.

Your first stop will be the famous Grand Bazaar. Your guide escorts you to a store just outside the Grand Bazaar, your rendezvous point after experiencing the marketplace. Take in a carpet-weaving demonstration and explore the Grand Bazaar, where the shops are organized by the wares they sell.

The narrow alleys are filled with shops offering jewelry, carpets, leather ware, copper goods and more. Bargaining is expected - and half the fun. We will take you to the special section that sells all types of local fabrics to offer something exotic for your quilts.

Next, you will visit the Spice Bazaar (also known as the Egyptian Bazaar) built in 1663, the Spice Market is still the second-largest covered bazaar in Turkey and it is still the best place to buy Turkish delight, dried fruit, exotic herbs and all the spices of the East including cardamom, turmeric, saffron, rose water and more.

Lunch will be served at a famous Bab-i Hayat restaurant located in the Spice market serving the best varieties of Turkish Cuisine prepared by a famous chef. After lunch you will cross the intercontinental bridge to the Asian side of Istanbul and visit the Textile Arts Association. You will experience a great workshop with patchworkers and interact with the local quilters and enjoy light refreshments together. There will be a themed block exchange (details to come).

Price \$139 per person ~ including lunch

Approximately 8 Hours

You will NOT be able to sign up for this tour on board the ship, you must sign up ahead of time. Please return the second page by mail, email or fax. You will not be billed for this tour until final payment time, at that time the cost of the tour is non-refundable. Since the tour is specifically designed for us, the penalties for canceling are stricter than Holland America's normal tours.

This tour will run on **Wednesday, August 3, 2011**, our second day in Istanbul. Since it is a full-day tour, please do not sign up for any other tours on this date. This is an exclusive tour and you will not be able to sign up for this tour on Holland America's web site, but must do so with Quilt Seminars at Sea.

Questions? Call Amy Ross at 1-866-573-6351 or email ARoss@groupseminarsatsea.com

Tour itinerary subject to change/modification/cancellation by discretion of local tour operator on authority of Holland America. Minimum to run the tour is 30, max is 40. Please see Holland America's Shore Excursion brochure for a full list of exclusions.

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**YOU MUST RETURN THIS FORM AND SIGN YES OR NO SO WE KNOW
EVERYONE HAS HAD THE CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE TOUR!**

RETURN THIS ASAP TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT! SPACE IS LIMITED!

Name(s): _____

____ YES! Sign me up for _____ (number) of spaces on this exclusive tour in Istanbul! I will be billed \$139 per person for the tour on my final payment invoice and understand the cancellation penalties.

____ Number of Quilters

____ Number of Non-Quilters

____ No, I am declining the special tour.

I understand that I will be unable to add the tour after final payment time with Quilt Seminars at Sea or Holland America. I understand that this tour will not be offered by Holland America in any other form.

Please sign: _____

Other persons I am signing for: _____

Please return to:

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