May 14 & 15 U.S.-Turkey
Depart the U.S. on our flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival we are met and transferred to our hotel. Have lunch at the Hamdi Restaurant. Afterwards we will tour the Golden Horn and visit the Church of St. Saviour in Chora and Pierre Loti Café. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (L,D)

May 16  Istanbul
Depart after breakfast on a full day tour of the city beginning with a visit to the Roman Hippodrome. We continue on to the fabled Blue Mosque built by Mehmet Aga, a student of the Great Sinan and the Archaeological Museum which houses the sarcophagus of Alexander the Great, before lunching at the Konyali Restaurant. In the afternoon we will tour the oldest and largest remaining palace in the world, the Topkapi Palace overlooking the Golden Horn. We will also visit the church of St. Sophia built by Emperor Justinian in 532 B.C. Originally dedicated as a church, it was converted into a mosque and is now a renowned museum. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

May 17  Istanbul
We spend another full day exploring this fascinating city beginning with a visit to the Egyptian Bazaar. Next we will cruise along the Bosphorus and stop for lunch at Fuatpasa, a restaurant popular for its local fish. In the afternoon we will drive to the Asian side to visit Beylerbeyi Palace and enjoy the panoramic view of the city from Camlica Hill. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

May 18  Cappadocia/Antakya/Dalaman/Gocek
We take an early morning flight to Ankara where we will visit the Museum of Ancient Anatolian Civilizations and the Mausoleum of Ataturk. We will have lunch at a local restaurant before departing overland for Cappadocia arriving late in the afternoon. We will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

May 19  Cappadocia
The area boasts a stunning landscape of mountainous cones and towering surreal shapes formed by soft volcanic rock. We will visit Cavusin Village, Zelve, the pottery village of Avanos and Oskonak, one of the multi-level underground cities that housed thousands of 7th century Christians escaping persecution. These incredible “cities” were not discovered until the 1950’s. We’ll have lunch at a local restaurant and afterwards we will explore the Goreme Valley to see hundreds of rock and cave churches. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

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May 20  Cappadocia/Antakya/Dalaman/Gocek
Early morning start for Hattusa to visit Bogazkoy, Alacahoyuk and Yazilikaya. We will have lunch before heading to the airport for our flight to Dalaman via Istanbul. We will continue to Gocek upon arrival where we will board our gullet. The captain will welcome us with a cocktail and answer any questions we may have about the trip. Depending on our arrival time, our first night on board will be spent in the harbor or in a small bay nearby. Dinner and overnight on board. (B,L,D)
May 21  Islands of Gocek Bay
After breakfast, we begin our tour with the bays and islands in Gocek Bay. Our first stop will be Tersane Island for swimming, sun bathing and enjoying the natural setting. Late afternoon we will cruise to Aga Harbor for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

May 22  Islands of Gocek Bay
We continue to discover the small islands of Gocek Bay including Yassica Adalar, Batik Hamam, Domuz Adasi, and Bedri Rahmi. We will have opportunities for swimming in the crystal blue waters. (B,L,D)

May 23  Islands of the Mediterranean
After breakfast, we will depart for Oludeniz, one of the Mediterranean’s most beautiful beaches. The rest of the day will be spent near the tiny island of St.Nicholas (Gemiler Island) where we will have the opportunity to visit the ancient ruins that remain from Byzantine times. Dinner and overnight at Gemiler Island. (B,L,D)

May 24  Elkincik Bay
Depart very early morning for Elkincik Bay, where breakfast will be served. Explore the turquoise blue waters of the area and have lunch in this setting. In the afternoon we will board small fishing boats for the Dalyan area with its fantastic King Tombs, the ancient city Caunos, mud baths and Turtle Beach. After this fantastic experience we return to the yacht where dinner will be waiting for us. (B,L,D)

May 25  Kadirga to Cennet Adasi
After breakfast we cruise to Kadirga. Relax on board or enjoy the crystal clear waters until lunchtime. Spend the afternoon visiting several bays eventually arriving at Cennet Adasi in time for tea and a swimming break. We will anchor here for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

May 26  Serçe Limani to Marmaris
Today we cruise to Serçe Limani where a Byzantine wreck from the 11th century carrying merchandise to the eastern Mediterranean was found. Continue on to Marmaris for dinner and our last night aboard. (B,L,D)

May 27  Marmaris to Pamukkale
After breakfast we will disembark with our luggage and depart for Pamukkale visiting Aphrodisias en route. We will stop for lunch and continue to the ancient town of Hierapolis before arriving in Pamukkale where we will have dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B,L,D)

May 28  Pamukkale to Kusadasi
We begin our day with a visit to the Temple of Apollo in Didyma. We will tour Priene and have lunch before continuing to Kusadasi. We will spend the afternoon exploring the city-state of Ephesus, the most extensive ancient city ever uncovered. Stroll marble-paved streets of the world’s greatest archaeological discovery. One can imagine running water, bathhouses, apartment dwellings, and extensive libraries from the time St. Paul. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B,L,D)

May 29  Kusadasi to Istanbul
After breakfast we will transfer to the Izmir Airport for our flight to Istanbul connecting to flights back to the US arriving home the same day. (B)
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- Any other service not mentioned above

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