

# *The Great Homecoming*

## *an Epic Journey to the Cradle of Civilization*

Slowly Meandering through Anatolian: April 28th through May 21st, 2023



28. April – 21. May, 2023: Full Tour

28. April – 14. May, 2023: Anatolia

15.- 21, May, 2023: Ephesus and Surrounding

Can't you hear the echoes of a far distant past? Ancient reverberations from the Orient, the Morning Land, they are beckoning us home?

So I am calling the poets, musicians, artists, philosophers, mystics, healers, the battered and the bruised, saints and the sinners, the vaccinated and unvaccinated, to a pilgrimage home to our ancestral lands in Anatolia.

This promises to be an epic sojourn back to our oldest roots, followed by a slow, meandering travel through cultures, epochs, and very ourselves, ending in Ephesus and the birth of the modern Western world.

It is time to excavate, out of the deep recesses of our cell-memory and even deeper dimensions of our D.N.A. Therein lies the life-giving, life-serving powers of the Divine Mother, the Goddesses venerated in Asia Minor over the many millennia.

Our journey begins where time began. Some call the area of the Taş Tepeler (Turkish, literally 'Stone Hills'), on the outer edge of ancient Mesopotamia, the 'womb of the creation'. For others it is the mythological location of the Garden of Eden, the original paradise. It is, above all, the true 'cradle of civilization'.

Since the discovery of Göbeklitepe some 26 years ago, as many as 18 other such sites have been identified in the area. They are spell-binding both in their ages – all over 10,000 years old, but as well in their utter enormity. As little as 5% has been uncovered Göbeklitepe and Karahantepe, and both are far larger than any temple complex known to man. The architects and the belief system of the folk who created these sophisticated and mesmerising structures remain a mystery. And yet they may hold a vital message for our troubled times?

Day: 1 28.04	Sanliufra	Day: 13 10.05	Pamukkale
Day: 2 29.04	Sanliufra: Göbeklitepe/Museum	Day: 14 11.05	Pamukkale/Laodizea
Day: 3 30.04	Sanliufra: Karahantepe/Harbetsuvan	Day: 15 12.05	Pamukkale/Hierapolis
Day: 4 01.05	Sanliufra: Soğmatar	Day: 16 13.05	Aphrodisias arrival in Ephesus, evening visit to Mary's house
Day: 5 02.05	Sanliufra to Gaziantep: Sayburç	Day: 17 14.05	Arrival day, day of rest or travel home
Day: 6 03.05	Arsemia Roman Bridge of Cendere Hierothesion of Mithridates Mount Nemrut: an ancient burial mound	Day: 18 15.05	Old City, Museum, Artemis Temple
Day: 7 04.05	Cappadocia/Monks Valley Pasabag Vadisi	Day: 19 16.05	Sardis and Claros
Day: 8 05.05	Cappadocia/Göreme Open Air Museum	Day: 20 17.05	Lagina, Hecate & Stratonicea (Caria)
Day: 9 06.05	Cappadocia/Kaymakli Underground City	Day: 21 18.05	Priene and Didyma
Day: 10 07.05	In and around Konya: Konya's Archaeological Museum Mausoleum of Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi Sultanhan caravanserai	Day: 22. 19.05	Latmos Agora & Eurmos
Day: 11 08.05	In and around Konya: Asikli Höyük: The Oldest Village of Central Anatolia, Boncuklu Höyük is the site of a 10,500 year old village Çatalhöyük: a 9000 year old town	Day: 23 20.05	Magnesia & House of Mary
Day: 12 09.05	Sagalassos/Antioch of Pisidia	Day: 24 21.05	Day to travel home or enjoy a few days on the beach.

Options	Type & Costs	Dates and Sights
Option 1	<p>Full Journey, 23 nights from Sanliufra to Ephesus and the surroundings</p> <p>4499,00 Shared double room. 4999,00 with single room supplement.</p>	<p><b>28.4.-21.05.2022</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Göbeklitepe, a 12,800-year-old temple complex that shook the world.</li> <li>2. Karahantepe, another amazing c. 13,500 year old site recently opened to the public.</li> <li>3. Harbetsuvan Tepe: the 11,000-year-old Neolithic Acropolis</li> <li>4. Sefer Tepe: A New Pre-Pottery Neolithic Site</li> <li>5. Sanliufra Archaeological Museum: an exceptional collection of artifacts dating back thousands of years.</li> <li>6. Birthplace of Abraham: the father of the Judeo-Christian faith.</li> <li>7. Tomb of Job: A man whose faith was tested to the core.</li> <li>8. Gaziantep Mosaic Museum.</li> <li>9. Sogmatar: Known for their worship of the primeval sun and moon gods.</li> </ol>
Option 2	<p><b>Konya to Ephesus</b></p> <p>Fly into Konya (KYA) Fly out of Izmir (ADB) Shared double room: 1699,00 Single room supplement 250.00</p>	<p><b>07.05.-13.05.2023</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asikli Höyük, 2. Boncuklu Höyük 3. Çatalhöyük,</li> <li>4. Konya's Archaeological Museum</li> <li>5. Mausoleum of Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi</li> <li>6. Sultanhan caravanserai,</li> <li>7. Sagalassos, 8. Pamukkale,</li> <li>9. Hierapolis, 10. Laodicea and</li> <li>11. Aphrodisias</li> </ol>
Option 3	<p><b>In and Around Ephesus</b></p> <p>Fly in and out of Izmir (ADB) Shared double room: 1699,00 Single room supplement 250.00</p>	<p><b>15.05. -21.05, 2023</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Old City, 2. Museum, 3. Artemis Temple, 4. Sardis and 5. Claros, 6. Lagina, 7. Priene, 8. Milet and 9. Didyma, 10. The temple of Zeus Leptis at</li> <li>11. Euromos, 12. Magnesia &amp; 13. House of Mary.</li> </ol>
Option 4	<p><b>Konya and Ephesus</b></p> <p>Fly into Konya (KYA) Fly out of Izmir (ADB) Shared double room: 3199,00 Single room supplement 400.00</p>	<p><b>07.05.-21.05.2023</b></p> <p>Options 2&amp;3 combined</p>

#### PRICE PER PERSON INCLUDES

All transportation to and from sites in private in an air-conditioned coach.  
All entrance fees to museums and sites on tour schedule.  
All hotel accommodation in middle class/boutique hotels.  
All breakfasts and at least one other meal per day, either lunch or dinner.  
Full-time guidance with a certified Turkish tour guide.

#### EXCLUDES

International and domestic flights, drinks in restaurants and hotels. Meals or services not mentioned.  
Tips. Items of a personal nature. Private airport transfers. Multiple visits to the same site.

# Your Meanderering Team



Paul Skorpen  
Spiritual Guide

**Paul Skorpen** (b. 1961 in USA) lives in Germany and is the founder of the Theosis Institute of Teachings and Travel. After a 6 year intensive training, on the island of Cyprus, from the great Christian mystic and healer, Daskalos, he moved to Munich. For over 25 years Paul has been teaching healing and mysticism all through Europe and the USA.

The Theosis Institute offers seminar travels to the Holy Land, Patmos, Egypt and Anatolia. We have produced three films, in the German language, of the lost Gospels of Thomas, Maria Magdalena, and Philip (free to view on Youtube).

**Dr. Carla Ionescu's** research is focused on the influential nature of Artemis both in the Greek world and in Ephesus. Her recent book, "She Who Hunts: Artemis, The Goddess Who Changed the World" is a comprehensive compilation of all things Artemis, filled with examples of ritual, symbolism and cultural folklore.

As one of the leading experts in the worship and ritual of Artemis, Dr. Ionescu spends most of her time teaching in the field of Ancient History and Women's Studies, and constructing The Artemis Centre, a virtual (and eventually physical) platform where everyone can learn, collaborate and enjoy stories of mythology and ritual culture. Carla hopes to run the Centre full time, create adventures in goddess travel, and share all her new discoveries with everyone who is passionate about ancient spiritualities and the mysteries of the divine feminine.

You may reach Dr. Ionescu through The Artemis Centre here: <https://artemis-researchcentre.com/> or subscribe to her podcast, The Goddess Project on Spotify/Youtube."



Dr. Carla Ionescu  
Special Guest Presenter



Yücel Temirodaman  
Cultural and Historical Guide

**Yücel Temirodaman** was born in 1969 in Pforzheim, on the edge of the beautiful Black Forest. After graduating from school (Abitur) in Germany, his parents returned back to Turkey; to the beautiful Aegean, to Izmir. For his studies in his home country, he had to complete the final class at the Lyceum in Izmir.

During his course at the Faculty of Natural Sciences in Ankara, he did an apprenticeship with state exam as a tour guide (1991). Actively he entered into the tourism industry only in 1994 and accompany German-speaking and English-speaking guests on round trips and day trips through its beautiful and mythical country.

The challenge of visiting historical and magical places with guests always awakens his passion and gratitude for his work.