ON THE TRAIL OF THE MOTHER GODDESS IN ANATOLIA

July 16-30, 2012

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YOU are invited to join the 2012 journey “On The Trail of the Mother Goddess in Anatolia”

Celebrate the Great Mother Goddess, whom the Turks call Ana Tanrica, and experience her 14,000 year old heritage. Visit Goddess sites, museums, do ritual, enjoy a Turkish bath, the Grand Bazaar and Turkish hospitality with fellow travelers on a special journey!

July 16  Arrive in Istanbul, an ancient vibrant city at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, by late afternoon. A Welcome Circle Ritual is followed by dinner.

July 17  Begin with a visit to Medusa in the underground water cistern. Following a ritual, we visit Hagia Sophia, the sixth century architectural masterpiece dedicated to Sophia Wisdom. Next we visit the fourteenth century Chora, where Mary is revered as the Great Mother and Zoodochus Pege, an ancient Artemis spring. A cruise of the Bosphorus, which separates Europe from Asia, is followed by dinner at a fish restaurant. Overnight in Istanbul.
July 18  Our comfortable air conditioned “Goddess Womb” bus takes us through the beautiful Turkish countryside to **Troy** the home of the matriarchal Amazons. Overnight in Ayvalik with a chance to swim in the Aegean.

July 19  At **Pergamom** there are temples dedicated to Isis and Athena, and an Aesclepiion where ritual and dreams were used for healing. Driving on to **Sardis** we visit the remains of the temple dedicated to Artemis. Dinner and overnight on the Aegean in Kusadasi.

July 20  Visit the spectacular ruins of ancient city **Ephesus**, where Lydia’s Goddess Icon Banners made their debut in 1995, the remains of the Artemis Temple, the Ephesus Museum with multi-breasted Artemis as the Great Mother, and the House where the Virgin Mary is believed to have spent the last years of her life. The House is located near Ortega, the birth place of Artemis. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

July 21  At **Magnesia** there is a temple dedicated to Artemis. At **Lagina** we visit the sacred grounds of the Temple of Hecate. Dinner and overnight in **Bodrum**, a lively holiday port and town.

July 22  Drive to **Aphrodisias**, city dedicated to the goddess as the Great Mother with fascinating remains of her temple, a stadium and an odeon and an exceptional collection of sculpture at the museum. Drive to **Pamukkale**, with its unique limestone terraces. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.
July 23  Drive to **Catalhoyuk**, a world heritage archaeological site where we will meet with Shahina Farid, chief excavator and the archaeological teams working there. Catalhoyuk is a neolithic settlement where humans led a peaceful, egalitarian, non stratified existence, guided by the Goddess 8,000 years ago. Dinner and overnight in Konya.

July 24  In **Konya** visit the shrine of Rumi, founder of the order of whirling dervishes. Drive to **Cappadocia**, a striking lunar landscape created by the erosion of volcanic ashes. Dinner and overnight in a cave hotel in Nevshehir. In the evening, you will have an opportunity to witness the performance of whirling dervishes in a thirteenth century Caravanserai Sari Han.

July 25  Begin the day with a dawn balloon ride (optional extra) over **Cappadocia**. Visits to Goreme Open Air Museum and Kaymakli Underground City and scenic stops. Dinner and overnight in Nevshehir.
July 26  A drive through ripening fields of grain takes us to **Hattusas**, the capital city of Hittites, who ruled over ancient Turkey from 1600 to 1200 BCE. Visit and do ritual at the open air Yazilikaya shrine where we see the Hittite Pantheon with Hepat as the Great Mother. We visit the remains of the magnificent city walls, shrines, palaces and lion gate at Bogazkoy. Dinner and overnight in **Ankara**, the capitol of Turkey.

**July 27**  Visit the AnatolianCivilizations Museum in **Ankara** with its priceless treasures including the sculpture of the Great Mother of Catalhoyuk. In the evening fly to **Sanliurfa** where we overnight.
July 28  Visit **Gobekli Tepe**, which means “navel mountain”, the oldest rock temple in the world. Then visit the Sanliurfa Museum and Haleplibahce Roman mosaics depicting four Amazon Queens. After a drive to **Gaziantep**, we visit the newly opened Zeugma Museum with Aphrodite, Europa, Demeter, Psyche mosaics. In the evening fly to and overnight in **Istanbul**.
July 29

Return to **Istanbul** for the last minute Shopping Goddess at the Grand Bazaar or enjoy a Turkish bath. Visit Sappho and many Goddesses at the Archaeological Museum and/or the splendors of Topkapi Palace. Our journey ends with a farewell dinner and shared Herstories. Overnight in Istanbul.

July 30

**Departure.** Transfer agents will take tour members to the airport for their respective flights. You may choose to extend your stay in Istanbul. Your airport transfer can be arranged on your date of departure.

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**Tour Price:** $2950

**Single Supplement:** $600

**Price includes:**
Arrival and departure transfers, transportation including flights within Turkey, hotel accommodations, all breakfasts and dinners, museum entry fees, local taxes, gratuities to hotel staff, baggage handling and a free copy of the new edition of *Anatolia Land of Mother Goddess*

*Air fare is not included***

**Itinerary, hotels and guides are subject to change**

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July 18-19:
HALIC PARK in Ayvalik
www.halicpark.com

July 19 – 21:
KISMET in Kusadasi
www.kismet.com.tr

July 21-22:
EL VINO in Bodrum
www.elvinobodrum.com

July 22-23:
Colossae in Pamukkale
www.colossaehotel.com

July 23-24:
HILTON Garden Inn in KONYA
www.hiltongardeninn.com

July 24-26:
Fresco Mansions (Cave hotel) in Cappadocia (Nevsehir)
www.frescomansions.com

July 26-27:
DOUBLETREE in ANKARA
www.doubletree.hilton.com

July 27-28:
EL RUHA in URFA
http://www.hotelelruha.com/

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