

# Digital Photography in Turkey

**May Term 2009: May 13 – June 4 (22 days)**

(No prerequisites. Application Deadline: October 15, 2008)

**Description:** Join us to experience and photograph the rich cultural history and diversity of a Moslem people living in a democratic, secular state, as we explore the western half of Turkey. We will experience Turkey's traditional arts, incredible history, warm hospitality and delicious foods. We will weave, dye, pot, block print, bead glass, marble and make a mosaic – and document it all through digital photography. We will visit such famous sites as Aya Sophia in Istanbul, the fairy chimneys and cave churches of Cappadocia, Rumi's tomb in Konya, the ancient Roman city of Ephesus and the remains of Troy. We will spend our days absorbing and recording the history and culture of a people who formed the modern Turkish republic in 1923 from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire, in a land steeped in Hittite, Greek, Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman history, then review and discuss our photography with a digital projector in the evenings.

**Course:** ART 330: Photographing Western Turkey (3 credits). No prerequisites. Digital camera required.

**Faculty:** Lincoln Blake and Walt Bistline. Lincoln, Professor Emeritus of English, grew up in Turkey and has returned many times. He led Earlham alumni trips to Turkey in 2001 and 2007 and co-led May Terms there in 2005 and 2007. Walt, Earlham's Artist-in-Residence, has taught photography at EC since 2004, including four on-campus May Term courses.

**Living Arrangements:** We will stay in small, local hotels, with the possibility of an optional overnight home-stay with a Turkish family in one village.

**Location:** Western Turkey, beginning in Cappadocia and ending in Istanbul.

**Application:** Applications are available in the International Programs Office in LBC 131. Students must apply through IPO to participate.

**Orientation:** In a series of orientation sessions in the spring semester we will begin to study Turkey and how to best capture our experiences there with a digital camera.

**Estimated costs:** \$4,300 (assuming at least 20 participants), plus airfare to Istanbul and May Term enrollment fees. Fewer participants will increase the per person cost. The cost includes all meals, lodging, on-site travel, admission fees, and gratuities in Turkey. A passport is required. Payment due in full by February 15, 2009.

**May Term Plans Are Subject to Change**

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