

Intercultural & Interfaith Trips to Turkey 2013

There is a Turkic proverb: *"To see and experience once is better than to hear and read hundred times!"* Being an organization that promotes mutual understanding, respect and cooperation among people of diverse faiths and cultures, the Dialogue Institute of Southwest realizes the importance of inter-cultural trips to Turkey where delegations have a chance to experience a different culture, learn about the history and geography of Turkey. In this sense, following its tradition The Dialogue Institute of Southwest organized the trips of several delegations to Turkey in 2013. Groups were hosted by Turkish families and entrepreneurs in many cities of the Republic of Turkey including Istanbul, Kayseri, Konya, Anakara, Izmir, Manisa, Antalya, Sanli Urfa, Bursa etc. Our guests had an opportunity to find out about the Turkish life style, culture, history, healthcare and educational system, governmental structure, cuisine and etc. About 80 guests from Kansas and Kansas City metro area were hosted during the seasons of 2012 and 2013, including the following delegations:

Delegation of Kansas State Legislators – June 2013

Delegation of KSU School of Human ecology – May 2013

Group of KSU English, Engineering and Human Ecology professors - June 2013

Delegation of Professors from WSU, KU, Rockhurst University – June 2013

Group of Businessmen, Nurses, Pastors and Writers - August 2013



Bosphorus Tour in Istanbul



Group of Legislators hosted by a Turkish businessman



Panoramic view to Bosphorus from Topkapi Palace



Enjoying beautiful nature of Cappadocia



Underground City tour in Cappadocia



In front of the Sultan Ahmet Mosque also known as the Blue Mosque



Hard decision making in a handmade carpets store



Simulative patient room at Shifa University



In front of the Hagia Sophia Museum