

## *Jim Gold International Folk Tours*



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# **Turkey!**

**Folk Dancing, Folk Music, Culture, Art, History, Adventure !**

**October 17-31, 2009**

with

**Jim Gold and Lee Otterholt**

- ★ **Visit Istanbul, Ankara, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Izmir, Kusadasi, Pergamon, Troy, Canakkale, and Bursa !**
- ★ **Folk dance with local Turkish teachers !**
- ★ **International folk dancing with Lee Otterholt !**
- ★ **Price includes round-trip air, transfers, hotels, private bus, guide, sightseeing, all breakfasts and dinners !**

### **ITINERARY**

**Day 1: Saturday, October 17:** Departure on Turkish Airlines from JFK airport in New York City.

**Day 2-3: Sunday-Monday, October 18-19:** Arrive in **Ankara**. Transfer to our hotel. Visit the **Anatolian Civilizations Museum** and **Mausoleum of Ataturk**. Travel to the historic **Hittite capital of Hattusas**, and visit the **Underground Gate, Citadel, and Sanctuary of Yazılıkaya**. **Folk dancing with Lee and local group**. Dinner and overnights in Ankara.

**Day 4-5: Tuesday-Wednesday, October 20-21:** Morning drive to **fascinating Cappadocia!** See hollowed-out dwellings of early Christians who hid in these cave dwellings to escape Roman and Byzantine persecutors. Stop by **Agzikarahan caravanserai** enroute. Visit the **underground city of Kaymakli**. Next day, we travel to see **churches in Goreme, fairy chimneys of Pasabag Valley, and the natural citadel of Uchisar and Avanos**. **Folk dancing with Lee and local groups**. Dinner and overnights in Cappadocia.

**Day 6: Thursday, October 22:** Drive to **Konya** and visit the famous **Mausoleum of Mevlana**. **Folk dancing with Lee**. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

**Day 7: Friday, October 23:** In **Pamukkale** explore ancient city of **Hierapolis** in detail, then drive to the Greco-Roman settlement of **Aphrodisias**, dedicated to Goddess of Love. **Folk dancing with Lee and local teachers**. Dinner and overnight in Izmir.

**Day 8: Saturday, October 24:** Drive to **Kusadasi**. Visit the house of **Virgin Mary**. Then explore one of the great archeological sites of the world, the Roman Capital of Asia Minor, the ancient **Ionian city of Ephesus!** **Folk dancing with Lee, local groups, and teachers**. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

**Day 9: Sunday, October 25:** Morning drive to **Pergamon**. Visit this ancient capital, its healing **Asclepium, and dramatic Acropolis**. Later, we'll drive along the coast to visit **Homer's legendary Troy!** Dinner and overnight in Canakkale.

**Day 10: Monday, October 26:** Morning drive to **Bursa**. Explore **Ulu Cami (Grand Mosque), Green Mausoleum, and old Silk Market in the Covered Bazaar** where you can buy Turkish towels. Dinner and overnight in Bursa.

**Day 11-15: Tuesday-Saturday, October 27-31:** We travel to **Istanbul!** City tour: Visit **St. Sophia Museum, Hippodrome, sportive Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, and the Grand Bazaar**, a maze of over 4000 tiny shops selling gold, jewelry, leather work and fine carpets, and the exotic **Spice Bazaar**. We'll take a **scenic cruise on the Bosphorus!** Enroute we'll pass palaces, castles, palatial homes, visit majestic **Dolmabahce Palace** (residence of latter-day Sultans of the Ottoman Empire) and **Camlica Hill**, with breathtaking views of the city. **Meet and dance with local Istanbul folk dance groups and teachers!** Dinners and overnights in Istanbul.

**Day 15:** Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

### **About Jim Gold**

Jim brings a love of music, people, languages, history, humor, and new discoveries to his tours, and dance classes, making them a joy for all ages. For over 25 years, he has led Folk Tours to countries such as Bulgaria, Greece, Norway, Poland, Hungary, Turkey, Israel, Croatia, Egypt, and Spain in order to experience their history and culture from the perspective of the folk dancer. Jim is a classical and folk guitarist, a folk dance teacher who makes dancing easy. He is the author of nine books, his latest being "50 Folk Dances choreographed by Jim Gold." As a professional guitarist and singer, his concert program has been performed at schools, universities, on TV and national radio. This is his 24<sup>th</sup> year leading **Jim Gold International Tours**.

### **About Lee Otterholt**

Lee Otterholt, born in USA of Norwegian-American parents, has lived and worked in Norway as a professional dancer, teacher, and choreographer. He founded the Center for International Folk Dance in Oslo, and was professor of dance folklore at the Norwegian National College of Ballet, and University College of Oslo. Lee established folk dance and performing groups in Norway, taught at festivals and workshops throughout Europe, United States, and East Asia, and authored folk dance and instructional manuals for Norwegian schools. He was a choreographer for the Opening Ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer.

**Land: \$2895**

**Land and Air: \$3295**

**REGISTRATION: I can't wait to go!** Enclosed is my registration deposit of \$200 per person, refundable until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Single Supplement: \$495. Additional charges: \$85 hotel taxes and service, air tax/fuel surcharge: \$375 app. **Gratuities and Lee's pre-arranged visits with local folk dance groups, are not included in the price.** Cancellations 30 to 45 days prior to departure: Refund 50% of total price. Less than 30 days: No refund. Travel insurance recommended.

**Total balance due June 30, 2009.**

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