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WELCOMING REMARKS

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure for us to invite you to the 66th Plenary Meeting of ICAC, which will be held in Izmir, Turkey, between October 22-26, 2007.

Turkey will be hosting the delegates of the ICAC Plenary Meeting for the third time in 50 years. The Undersecretariat of the Prime Ministry for Foreign Trade is honored to host this unique international event, which brings together international professionals, tradesmen and officials, involved in cotton production and trade.

With its 3 million inhabitants, Izmir is named to be the third largest city and the major port on the Aegean coast of Turkey. With a history of 5000 years, the city has been the center of trade and production of many traditional agricultural products like cotton, dried figs, sultanas and tobacco. As a significant cotton production center, Izmir has been chosen as the ideal place for hosting the Plenary Meeting. Additionally, Izmir hosts a large number of extremely important architectural and cultural sites. The town is nicknamed as the Pearl of the Aegean and has been a meeting place of people from different cultures to live in peace and harmony for centuries.

We believe that the ICAC 2007 Plenary Meeting will be a great success. We would like to extend our sincere welcome to all of you to benefit from the meeting and enjoy Izmir.



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COTTON & TEXTILE IN TURKEY

Cotton in Turkey

The excavations in India, where cotton was used for the first time, shows us that the history of cotton dates back to 5000 - 5500 years. Cotton was first brought to Anatolia from India in the first century and was grown during the Ottoman Empire, but, considerable progress in cotton production has been achieved during the Turkish Republic Period.

Turkey ranks the 7th in cotton production and 4th in cotton consumption. She ranks the second in world cotton imports which gives Turkey an important role in the world cotton market. Moreover, Turkey is the 4th biggest exporter country in apparel and 9th in textile sector in the world.

Turkey has an important place in the world cotton market. With regard to changes in domestic and global prices, fluctuations in total cotton field are observed. Due to rise in the yield, cotton production has considerably increased by the years. The Aegean Region, Çukurova, Antalya and South East Anatolia are the major cotton production areas of Turkey.

Turkish Textile and Apparel Industry

The textile and apparel sector takes substantial place in Turkey's economy and foreign trade. It constitutes one of the largest industries in terms of employment and production with a share of 10% in GDP, 22.6% in manufacturing output, and 21% in employment in the manufacturing sector. There are almost 45.000 firms operating in textiles and apparel sector employing an estimated number of 2 million people.

Although the share of textile and apparel exports displays a decreasing trend in recent years, it still has the largest share in Turkey's total exports. In 2006, exports of textile and apparel products contributed to total merchandise exports by 23.1%.

Turkey's textile and apparel sector has great significance in world trade. According to the World Trade Organization, Turkey is the 4th largest exporter in apparel and 9th in the textile sector.

Turkey's performance in the production of high value added products; concentration on the quality, design of new fashions and creation of trademarks provide her with the unique competitive power in the global textile and apparel market.



66TH PLENARY MEETING PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Main Topic of 66th Plenary Meeting

The Organizing Committee in Turkey selected the theme of the 66th Plenary Meeting as "Strategies for National Competitiveness". The theme is designed to provide opportunities for discussion of problems confronting policy makers and businesses in adapting to current highly competitive conditions in the cotton and cotton textile economies.

Preliminary Agenda

The Preliminary Agenda of the 66th Plenary Meeting includes four plenary sessions. Plenary Sessions are sessions in which observers are permitted but participation in discussions is limited to government representatives:

1. Inaugural Plenary Session for Opening Remarks
2. First Plenary Session for Discussion of Government Measures
3. Second Plenary Session for Statements from International Organizations, Member Countries and Non-Member Countries
4. Closing Plenary Session for Concluding Remarks

Open sessions, in which observers may participate:

1. Strategies for National Competitiveness in Textile and Garment Industries
2. Strategies for National Competitiveness in Cotton Production
3. Social, Environmental and Economic Performance (SEEP) of Cotton Production
4. Outlook for Cotton Supply and Use
5. Technical Seminar: The Vision for Technology in 2025
6. Biotech Cotton, Situation and Solutions

Breakout Sessions open to all participants:

1. Progress Toward Industry Standardization, CSITC and Trade Rules
2. Demand Enhancement, IFCP
3. Traceability in Cotton Production and Consumption, Special Regional Efforts to Protect Brands and Logos
4. Price Risk Management in Cotton
5. The Effects of Global Warming on Cotton Production

Social and Cultural Activities of 66th Plenary Meeting

October 21, Sunday	Welcome Cocktail, Hilton Izmir Hotel
October 22, Monday	Cultural Performance and Cocktail Prolonge Aegean University Atatürk Cultural Center
October 23, Tuesday	Dinner at Naci Restaurant
October 24, Wednesday	Technical Site Visits or Sightseeing to Ephesus and Mother Mary's House Dinner at Kuşadası Marina
October 25, Thursday	Gala Dinner at IZFAS Atlas Pavilion
October 26, Friday	Daily Excursions
October 27, Saturday	Departures for Post Meeting Tours

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM AND TIMETABLE

Saturday, October 20, 2007

14:00 Meeting of the Private Sector
Advisory Panel (PSAP)

Sunday, October 21, 2007

08:00 Set up of Trade Booths
10:00 Registration in the Hilton Hotel
to 16:00 Tours and Shopping Opportunities
13:30 Meeting of the Task Force on
Commercial Standardization of
Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC)
19:00 Welcome Reception, Hilton Hotel

Monday, October 22, 2007

08:00 Registration at the Hilton Hotel
09:00 Inaugural Session
10:30 Tea/Coffee
11:00 **First Open Session:**
*Strategies for National Competitiveness
in Textile and Garment Industries*
13:00 Lunch for all Participants
14:30 **Second Open Session:**
*Strategies for National Competitiveness
in Cotton Production*
16:30 Adjourn
19:00 Conference Dinner and Cultural Performance
Ege University Atatürk Cultural
Center, hosted by the Mayor of Izmir

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

08:00 Registration
09:00 **Third Open Session:**
*Social, Environmental and Economic
Performance (SEEP) of Cotton Production*
11:00 Tea/Coffee
11:30 **Fourth Open Session:**
Outlook for Cotton Supply and Use
13:00 Lunch for all Participants
15:00 **First Plenary Session:**
Cotton and Multilateral Trade Negotiations
17:00 Adjourn
19:00 Dinner for all Participants

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

09:00 **Second Plenary Session:** Statements
09:00 **Breakout Session:**
Progress Toward Industry Standardization
10:30 Tea/Coffee
11:00 **Second Plenary Session:**
Statements (continued)
11:00 **Breakout Session:**
Demand Enhancement
12:30 Lunch for all Participants
13:30 Departure for Mother Mary's House and Ephesus
Alternative Technical Tour available
18:30 Dinner at Kuşadası Marina

Thursday, October 25, 2007

07:00 Breakfast Meeting of Plenary Meeting Host
Committees, Sec General's Conference Room (by invitation)
08:00 Registration
09:00 **Fifth Open Session:**
Meeting of the Committee on Cotton Production Research
10:30 Tea/Coffee
11:00 **Fifth Open Session:**
Technical Seminar continued:
12:30 Lunch for all participants
13:45 Meeting of the Drafting Group (member country delegates)
13:45 **Breakout Session:**
Traceability in Cotton Production and Consumption,
Special Regional Efforts to Protect Quality Brands and Logos
13:45 **Breakout Session:**
Price Risk Management in Cotton
15:30 Tea/Coffee
16:00 Meeting of the Steering Committee (member country delegates)
16:00 **Breakout Session:**
The Effect of Global Warming on Cotton Production
17:30 Adjourn
19:30 Conference Dinner

Friday, October 26, 2007

09:00 **Sixth Open Session:**
Biotech Cotton, Situation and Solutions
10:30 Tea/Coffee
11:00 **Closing Plenary Session**
12:00 Lunch for all Participants

HOSPITALITY SERVICES

Airport Transfer Services

The Organizing Committee will open a welcome desk at the arrival terminal of Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport. All registered delegates will be met with the logos of the 66th Plenary Meeting and will be transferred to their hotels free of charge. Guests who wish to benefit from this complimentary transfer are kindly requested to inform their flight details in advance for achieving a high standard service.

No arrangements will be made for return transfers from the hotels to the airport.

Information on the Meeting Venue

The 66th Plenary Meeting will be held between October 22-26, 2007 at Hilton Izmir Hotel, which is one of the leading hotels in Izmir, located right at the heart of the city. Towering above the historic port city, the tallest building on the Aegean Coast; Hilton Izmir is five minutes from Izmir International Fairgrounds, Convention Centre and 18 kilometres from the International Airport. Guest Rooms offer either a wonderful view of Izmir Bay or panoramic view of the city sky lining Citadel of Kadifekale. Guests can enjoy the indoor swimming pool, and sundeck terrace on the 10th floor, one lit tennis court & mini soccer field, squash court, steam bath, sauna and extensive health club facilities.

All lunches and meetings will be held at Hilton Hotel. Hilton Hotel will also be used as the main hotel for accommodation, but due to very limited allotment for the meeting, all participants who prefer to stay at Hilton are advised to book their rooms before June 1, 2007.



Accommodation

The Organizing Committee has assigned Visitur Travel & Trade Inc. to make all the arrangements including transfers from the airport, accommodation, tours and social programs. Enough number of rooms are reserved at the selected 4 or 5 star hotels. Below you may find the designated hotels for the 66th Plenary Meeting. For additional information about hotel reservations please visit the web site www.icac2007izmir.org

For any questions concerning hotels, tours and airport transfers please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Eser Turgal on +90 212 254 32 30 ext 130 or on e-mail icac2007izmir@visitur.com.tr

The rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis. As October is a busy month in Izmir, participants are highly recommended to make their room reservations well in advance to benefit from the special accommodation arrangements.

ACCOMMODATION & RESERVATION CONDITIONS

List of the Hotels

HOTEL	CATEGORIES	DISTANCE FROM THE MEETING VENUE	SINGLE ROOM RATE	DOUBLE ROOM RATE
Hilton Hotel**				
Standard Room	5 Stars	Meeting Venue	199 USD	239 USD
Seaview Room	5 Stars	Meeting Venue	239 USD	278 USD
Deluxe Room	5 Stars	Meeting Venue	255 USD	295 USD
Executive Room	5 Stars	Meeting Venue	278 USD	318 USD
Movenpick Hotel**				
Standard Room	5 Stars	5 Minutes walking	190 USD	225 USD
My Hotel*	Special Category	5 Minutes walking	115 USD	140 USD
Kordon Hotel*	4 Stars	5 Minutes walking	155 USD	190 USD
Anemon Fuar Hotel*	4 Stars	10 Minutes walking	120 USD	140 USD
Hotel Kaya Prestige*	4 Stars	5 Minutes walking	100 USD	125 USD
Hotel Marla	4 Stars	5 Minutes walking	80 USD	95 USD
Kilim Hotel*	3 Stars	5 Minutes walking	110 USD	145 USD
Karaca Hotel*	3 Stars	5 Minutes walking	110 USD	135 USD
İsmira Hotel*	3 Stars	5 Minutes walking	70 USD	95 USD
Hotel Yumukoğlu*	3 Stars	5 Minutes walking	70 USD	90 USD
Kismet Hotel*	3 Stars	10 Minutes walking	65 USD	90 USD

Room rates are inclusive of breakfast and 18%VAT. Any increase in VAT will be reflected to the prices given above.

* Indicate the hotels which has free wireless internet.

** Indicate the hotels which has paid wireless internet.

Terms of Payment:

Reservation will be confirmed upon fulfilling the payment of two nights deposit. The full payment shall be completed before 15 October, 2007. Payments can be made by bank transfer or by credit card (Visa, Mastercard are accepted). For those who wish to pay with American Express Card will be charged additional 4 % commission. Credit Cards will be charged as Turkish Lira. As a result local currency fluctuations may occur.

Cancellation Policy for Room Reservations

All cancellations must be written; by email or fax and should be addressed to the Organisation Office Visitur Travel and Trade Inc. Cancellations and refunds will be handled according to the following conditions:

Cancellations made

Before May 31, 2007

Between May 31 - August 1, 2007

Between August 1 - September 1, 2007

After September 1, 2007

Refund arrangement

100 % refund of deposit

50 % refund of deposit

% 25 refund of deposit

No refund from the deposit.

CITY MAP WITH HOTELS



Transportation to and from the Plenary Meeting Venue and Social Events

All designated hotels are in walking distance to the Hilton Hotel, where the plenary meeting will be held. However, there will be shuttle bus services once in the morning and once in the evening from those, which are relatively far from the Hilton Hotel. The transportation for the evening programs will start from the designated hotels. Only the sightseeing tour to Ephesus and Technical Site visit on October 24, 2007 Wednesday will start from Hilton Hotel.

HOST CITY - IZMIR

HISTORY

The pearl of the Aegean, one of the oldest known settlements in history, İzmir has a long past reaching back to the Early Bronze Age, witnessing the passage of countless civilizations from Hittites to Ionians, Lydians to Persians, Pergamonians to Romans, and Byzantines to Ottomans.

There has been a settlement in İzmir, formally Smyrna, since 3000 BC. The Trojans were the 1st inhabitants and according to excavations, the city was founded in an area known today as Tepekule in the Bayrakli district, which lies to the east of the Gulf of İzmir. İzmir is also credited with being the birthplace of the legendary poet Homer, who is believed to have lived there in the 8th century BC. The city went through a few invasions, destructions and reconstructions until Alexandra the Great began the construction of a castle on the top of Mt. Pagos (Kadifekale) somewhere around 330 BC. After Alexandra, around 290 BC, the Pergamons took over the city, which by then had expanded outside the castle walls and centered itself in the harbor region, before they handed over to the Romans around the 1st century BC.

Despite burning the odd Bishop (Bishop Polycarpe 166 AD), suffering a major earthquake (178 AD) and putting off a siege by Attila the Hun (440 AD), the Romans managed to hold onto the city which was reputed to be "The most beautiful city in Asia" and also became the Capital city for the Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantine) until the Selcuks arrived in 1076 AD.

By this time İzmir had become quite cosmopolitan and was a commercially important port. In 1098 the Byzantines came back, 1320 the Selcuks returned, in 1334 the Crusaders took their turn, 1402 brought the Turks (who are credited with naming the city İzmir) then in 1426 came the Ottomans who carried on all the way until after the 1st World War in 1919 when the Greeks tried their hand. This did not last for long though because on September the 9th 1922, during the Turkish National War of Independence, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk took the city back and İzmir became one of the cornerstones of the current Turkish Republic.

ABOUT IZMIR

İzmir is an attractive cosmopolitan city with lots of historical and interesting places to visit both inside and outside the city boundaries. As the most strategic port and the third largest city of Turkey, İzmir is located at the intersection point of many touristic centers. With a mystical history of 5,000 years, İzmir hosts a large number of extremely important architectural designs and archeological sites.

With its historical identity, beaches and plateaus, thermal waters, macchia and red pine forests, agricultural products and soft climate, İzmir presents many unique opportunities to realize recreational activities and nature-compliant tourism.

The touristic towns of İzmir near the Aegean, including Ephesus, Pergamum, Phokaia, Çeşme, Seferihisar, are well known for their historical and cultural wealth. Here are just a few places of interest within the city where you may like to spend a little of your time during your visit for the 66th Plenary Meeting.

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Cumhuriyet Meydanı

Cumhuriyet Meydanı - Republic Square

Housing Pietro Canonica's famous monument of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk sitting astride his charger pointing out to sea. Cumhuriyet Meydanı is generally accepted as being the heart of Izmir. This is where Izmir holds all its official military, memorial and national parades. Sometimes political protest rallies or sporting celebrations are also held here.



Pasaport

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The district of Pasaport can be found between Alsancak and Konak districts. Originally this was a "bonded" area where merchants, customs halls and other commercial activities took place. The harbor area is now mainly used by small commercial crafts, there is also a ferry port and some Turkish Naval vessels can often be seen moored by the Konak Pier. The waterfront quarters a host of bars, cafes and tea houses where the locals relax and play backgammon well into the night.

Konak

This area is the "original" administrative, artistic, cultural, commercial and shopping center of Izmir. It is also home to the Town Hall (Belediye), Main Police Station and until recently the main law courts. Konak is also the transport hub of the city, the point where bus, ferry and metro all meet. Konak Pier is a steel lattice construction built in 1854 and believed to be designed by the famous Gustav Eiffel or one of his protégés. The structure remained a customs building for many years, however today the building has been fully restored to its former glory and is used as a shopping and entertainment center with lots of boutique shops, bars, coffee shops and even a cinema inside.



Konak Square

Konak Square

The center piece of the square is Izmir's famous Clock Tower (Saat Kulesi) which is the "Official" symbol for the city. Built in 1901 by Grand Vizier Küçük Said Paşa to celebrate the silver jubilee of the coronation of Sultan Abdülhamit II, the tower is ornately decorated in traditional Ottoman style. Also located in Konak Square is an attractive little Mosque with ceramic mosaic walls and a single minaret.

"Asansör" - The Lift

Located in Mithatpaşa, the "Asansör" was erected in 1907 by local businessman Nesim Levi to provide easy access for residents of the villas on the top of the hill. Unfortunately this 50 meter brick tower fell into disrepair and was for many years out of service until 1992 when the structure was fully renovated and brought back into service. Today the asansör is mainly used to provide access to the Asansör Restaurant and cafe where diners can relax and enjoy both good food and a spectacular view of the city.

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MUSEUMS

Izmir Atatürk Museum

The Atatürk museum was opened in 1941. Originally a merchant's mansion, the house was presented by Izmir Municipality to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, to be his base to work from and live in during his visits to Izmir.

Izmir Ethnography (Folk) Museum

This "Folk Museum" opened in the late 80's in a converted hospital building. In here you will find exhibits depicting the typical social life and work of the Aegean people from the 19th Century onwards.

Izmir Ahmet Piriştina City Archive and Museum

Housed in a converted Fire Station, this museum first opened to the public in 2001 by the late Ahmet Piriştina, the Mayor of Izmir at that time. The museum aims to document the 7000 year history of Izmir in addition to the permanent displays; the museum also houses many documents and books relating to Izmir which are catalogued and available to researchers.

Izmir History and Art Museum

Located in the central Culture Park of Izmir, this modern museum in its 3 exhibition halls exhibits jewelry, coins, ceramics, glassware, friezes and statues found in the historical sites around Izmir. Of particular note are the statues of Demeter, Poseidon and Artemis which were found in the Izmir Agora excavations.

Natural History Museum

Located on the Aegean University Campus, the Izmir Natural History Museum is the second largest of its kind in Turkey. There are many displays of Mammal Fossils in the Paleontology gallery, examples of rock, minerals and crystal found in the region along with bird and fish exhibits in the Zoology galleries.

Izmir Trade History Museum

This museum was founded by the Izmir Chamber of Commerce and is located on the 1st floor of the chambers offices. A model of a 1st century merchant ship, ceramics, seals, glassware, gold silver and bronze coins and Ottoman scales and calculators are on display at the museum.

EATING OUT

Sometimes a taste integrates with the place it originates from, and they are called as such. Izmir meatballs and **Izmir Lokma** are among the taste specific for Izmir. The kitchen of Izmir makes wide use of wild herbs. Herb Roast, Ivy Roast, and asparagus Roast, are at the top of the dishes. Alongside the herbal dishes, the kitchen of Izmir is also proud of its special fish **Çipura** and **Izmir Meatballs**, decorated with potatoes and tomatoes, a quite common dish at weddings and festivities, **Keşkek**, the last but by no means the least Zerde, made of starch, rice and sugar, with pinch of cinnamon.

SHOPPING

You can get the most out of shopping in Izmir with the contrast of modern and traditional. Most famous place for traditional shopping is **Kemeraltı Çarşısı**, which still retain a 19th century atmosphere and **Kızlarağası Han**. In contrast to the traditional and busy old market, Alsancak has modern boutiques and Çankaya has a huge shopping centre.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON TURKEY

Location

A country of sun and history, Turkey is located at the heart of three continents; Asia, Africa and Europe; where various different cultures blended in. Because of its geographical location, the mainland Anatolia, has witnessed the mass migration of diverse peoples shaping the course of history.

As the home to countless civilizations, Anatolia has developed a unique synthesis of cultures, each with its own distinct identity, yet each linked to its predecessors through insoluble treads. As an ancient land and a modern nation; Turkey today is both the inheritor and conservator of the common heritage of mankind.

How to Reach İzmir

Most of the international flights come to İzmir with a connection from Istanbul. Only a few airlines fly directly to İzmir. To have more information on the alternative flights please visit www.thy.com, www.atlasjet.com, www.onurair.com.tr, www.flypgs.com

Visa Requirements

Turkey requires an official entry visa from citizens of several countries. The most updated information can be received from www.mfa.gov.tr

Language

Turkish is the official language of the Turkish Republic and it is an Ural-Altai language related to the Finno-Ugric. Turkish is written in a Latin alphabet and is spoken by some 150-200 million people around the world. English and German are widely spoken in cities and resorts.

Time

Turkish Standard Time is GMT + 2 from October to March; CET + 1 and EST (US) + 7. Please note that local summer time is GMT + 3 from April to October. Offices and banks are open generally from 09.00 to 17.00 hours, from Mondays to Fridays, and close for lunch 12.00 to 13.30.

Climate

İzmir has a mild climate with an average temperature of 11 C° at night time and 22 C° at day time.

Currency

The New Turkish Lira is available in notes and coins. The exchange rate is announced on daily basis. There are many banks and exchange bureaus. Traveler's checks can be cashed at most banks. Hotels and many shops and restaurants accept foreign currency.

The monetary unit is the Yeni (New) Turkish Lira.

New TL (YTL) denominations

Banknotes 1; 5; 10; 20; 50 and 100 YTL

Coins (kuruş) 1; 5; 10; 25; 50 New Kuruş and 1 New Lira

1 YTL = 100 kuruş

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Exchange

ATM's can be found everywhere. Most ATM's accept international credit cards or bankcards. A strip of logos which indicates the cards accepted is displayed on the ATM's. Banks will exchange foreign currency and traveler's cheques with your passport as a proof of identity. Exchange rates change daily and can be checked in the press. All major credit cards are honored by the hotels, restaurants and shops. Restaurant and shops generally display signs indicating which cards are accepted.

Electricity

220 volt, 50 cycle. Most hotels have a receptacle with 110 volts. Socket type is standard European two-pin.

Communications

Turkey's GSM operators have a wide range of roaming agreements with foreign operators. It is possible to use most of the Cellular phones in Turkey. Public telephones have two different systems. Some of them work with cards while others work with tokens. They are both sold in post offices and tobacco shops. For international calls it is advisable to purchase cards. All over Turkey, phone numbers consists of two sections: area code with three digits and the number itself with 7 digits.

Same area / city calls	just the 7-digit number
From area to area	0+area code-7-digit number
International calls	0+0+country code + area code + number

Official Holidays and Public Holidays

1 January	New Year's Day
23 April	National Sovereignty and Children's Day
19 May	Atatürk Commemoration and Youth & Sports Day
30 August	Victory Day
29 October	Republic Day

Religious Holidays

The dates of these religious festivals change according to the lunar calendar and thus occur 10-11 days (exact difference between Gregorian and Lunar calendars is 10 days and 21 hrs) earlier each year. According to this; **Ramadan Fest:** October, 12-13-14, 2007, Ramadan is the Muslim holy month, the ninth one in the Lunar Year. Ramadan is the holiest month in Islam, when the Koran was published in the year 610. The festivities for Ramadan Bairam begin after the end of the holy month.

Holiday of Sacrifice: January, 20, 21, 22, 23, 2007. Moslems celebrate one of their major holidays, Kurban-Bairam.

Customs

Customs Formalities generally include forbidden or limited items being brought into the country, or items registered beforehand in the owner's passport. In general all types of sharp instruments and weapons are forbidden. Personal belongings can be brought in provided they will be taken out on exit. International regulations mean that there are certain procedures for the type and amount of these personal belongings, and the following list should clarify this in detail. For further information, see the web - site of Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry Undersecretariat of Customs or Ministry of Tourism of Turkey. (www.gumruk.gov.tr or www.tourismturkey.org)

Tipping

Tipping in Turkey is most of the time not included for services. In any case tipping is your prerogative, a reward for service.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON TOURS

Daily Excursions	Duration	Date	Price
E1 Orientation Tour	14:00 - 15:30	Oct. 21, Sunday	Complimentary
E2 Orientation Tour	10:30 - 12:00	Oct. 22, Monday	Complimentary
E3 Izmir City Tour	13:30 - 16:30	Oct. 22, Monday	Complimentary
E4 Ancient City of Phokaia "Foça"	09:00 - 17:00	Oct. 23, Tuesday	90.- US\$
E5 Ephesus Tour & Dinner in Kuşadası	13:30 - 21:30	Oct. 24, Wednesday	Complimentary
E6 Technical Site Visits & Dinner in Kuşadası	13:30 - 21:30	Oct. 24, Wednesday	Complimentary
E7 Shopping at Outlet Stores	13:30 - 17:00	Oct. 25, Thursday	30.- US\$
E8 Turkish Village Life Experience "Şirince"	09:00 - 17:00	Oct. 25, Thursday	80.- US\$
E9 Ephesus Tour	11:00 - 18:00	Oct. 26, Friday	100.- US\$

Post Meeting Tours	Departure	Return	Price
P1 Aphrodisias & Pamukkale	09:00 Oct. 27	18:00 Oct. 28	350.- US\$
P2 Pergamon & Troy	08:00 Oct. 27	20:00 Oct. 28	360.- US\$
P3 Cappadocia	14:00 Oct. 26	21:45 Oct. 28	890.- US\$
P4 Istanbul	17:00 Oct. 26	14:00 Oct. 28	950.- US\$

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- All participants are required to register to the tours desk at Hilton before October 22 Monday for the complimentary tours on October 24 Wednesday.
- Full payment of tours is required for reservations.
- Guests who participate to the Daily Excursions will be picked up from their hotels, only E5 & E6 will depart from Hilton Hotel.
- Guests who participate to the Post Congress Tours will be picked up from their hotels.
- Guests are kindly requested to be on time at the meeting points given by the tour guides. Tours will proceed without waiting for delayers.
- Camera fees, drinks at lunches or dinners unless specified are not included in the tour prices and to be paid by the guests on spot.
- No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.
- Visitur Travel & Trade Inc. disclaims any responsibility and shall not pay any indemnity or reimbursement in the event that certain museum or monument included in the tour program could not be visited with any reason beyond control.
- Visitur Travel & Trade Inc. reserves the right to alter, postpone or cancel a tour without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Visitur Travel & Trade Inc. reserves the right not to operate the part or whole of the tours in case of low attendance. In such a case participants will be offered with alternative tour dates and programs. Participants have the right to refuse this offer. In such cases, the amounts received for this particular program(s) will be fully refunded.

Cancellation Policy for Daily Excursions

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Cancellation Policy for Post Meeting Tours

- Once tours are booked and necessary reservations are made by Visitur Tours Desk no cancellations are accepted and no refund will be made.

DAILY EXCURSIONS

E1 / E2 • ORIENTATION TOUR

Half Day Tour



E1

Half Day Tour : 14:00 - 15:30

Operation Days : October 21, Sunday

Prices : Complimentary

requires pre-registration 12 hours before tour departure.

E2

Half Day Tour : 10:30 - 12:00

Operation Days : October 22, Monday

Prices : Complimentary

requires pre-registration 12 hours before tour departure.

Drive through Izmir with a professional guide explaining the highlights and giving short stops for photo opportunity.

E3 • IZMIR CITY TOUR

Half Day Tour



Morning Tour : 13:30 - 16:30

Operation Days : October 22, Monday

Prices : Complimentary

requires pre-registration 12 hours before tour departure.

Visit to the **Archaeological Museum** with art crafts from old Smyrna and Ephesus. Then proceed for a photo break to a Clock tower 106 years old that is the Symbol of Izmir.

Next stop is **Kemeralti, the old Bazaar** with 2,001 shops, of pull-down shutters, thresholds of the doors, low ceilings and old briquettes with limitless shopping opportunities for here you will find almost anything you want, at the most appropriate prices. Jewellery, carpets and kilims, optician and sunglasses, leather, clothing, souvenir quite cheap.

Coffee break in a historical **Kizlaragasi Han**, which was completed around 1745 and is one of the rare examples of Ottoman architecture. Kizlarağası Han, there are many shops sells antiques, old stuff, second hand etc. Anatolian and Ottoman Antiques varying from chests made of mahogany, walnut and pine, old copper kitchen utensils, terracotas, wooden boxes, to unique embroideries made with gold or colored threads. Antique money, watch, comb cases and prses made of very fine work with silk thread, which is achieved by doing crochet but by using a needle instead of a crochet hook plus other exquisite items.



DAILY EXCURSIONS

E4 • ANCIENT CITY OF PHOKAIA “FOÇA”

Full Day Tour

Full Day Tour : 09:00 - 17:00

Operation Days : October 23, Tuesday

Prices : 90.- US\$

Services included in the price: Transportation, Professional English Guidance, Boat Cruise, Lunch.

Departure from the hotel to the ancient city of Phokaia- “Foça” which is located 70 kms northwest of Izmir. It is one of the mythological settlements mentioned by Homer in one of his Epics, and it was also one of the 12 most important centres built by the Ionians on the Aegean Coast.

With two symbols, rooster and seal, Foça is an authentic town of İzmir with an integration of mythology, archaeology, history, nature and urbanism. Foça, owing its antique name of Phokaia to seals, was an important port and marine power at its time. Starting with 7th century BC, the city Phokaia has developed rapidly, and according to Herodotus the father of history, has made great leaps in maritime trading.

Embark on a wooden boat for a picturesque sea trip. View the Siren Rocks, Kosova Bay and many more...

Lunch in a seafood restaurant nearby the sea with Aegean mezes.

Shopping opportunity in a local street market and walking around the narrow streets, visit the Five Doors, Genoese Castle, Fatih Mosque, Kayalar Mosque and the Ottoman graveyard.



DAILY EXCURSIONS

E5 • EPHEBUS TOUR & DINNER IN KUŞADASI

Half Day Tour : 13:30 - 21:30
Operation Days : October 24, Wednesday
Complimentary for all delegates

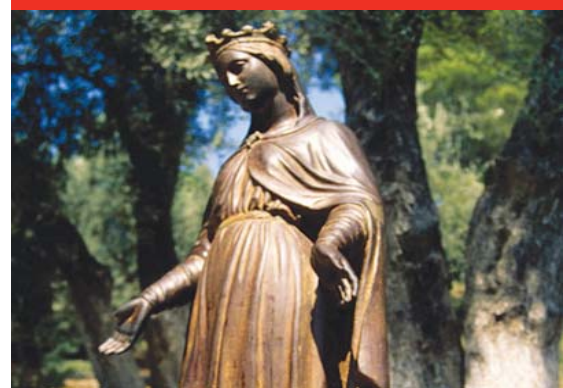
Departure from Hilton Hotel

Visit to **Ephesus** which is known to be the Commercial, the Religious and the Social Center of Antiquity, and one of the Highlights of any Visit in Turkey. Ephesus is probably the best combination of Greek, Roman and Byzantine civilizations. With the mythological stories and spectacular ruins you will feel the life in ancient Ephesus. Visit the Fountains of Trojan, Polio, the Temples of Hadrian and Domition, Private House, the Library of Celsius, Varius and Scholastic Baths, Bouloterion and the Great Theatre with a capacity of 24.000 spectators.

Visit to the **House of Virgin Mary**, where she spent last days of her life; next stop is the **Archaeological Museum of Ephesus**.

Before returning to Izmir, stop at **Kuşadası** (or Bird Island) which is a lovely port built along the shores of a glittering bay. The terraced town overlooks the most beautiful inlet of the Aegean and seems to have been created purely for the delight of the holiday-maker. Grand Bazaar is the biggest shopping center, situated near the Kuşadası Harbour. Every hour of the day it is very crowded. Variety of leather clothes, gold jewelry and many souvenir shops are located side by side.

Dinner at Kuşadası Marina.



E6 • TECHNICAL SITE VISITS & DINNER IN KUŞADASI

Half Day Tour : 13:30 - 21:30
Operation Days : October 24, Wednesday
Complimentary for all delegates

The Organizing Committee have selected most modern examples of plants where you will have a chance to visualise the entire production, as well as a visit to a field and observe cotton harvesting.

The group will meet the participants of E5 and enjoy having the dinner at Kuşadası Marina.

DAILY EXCURSIONS

E7 • SHOPPING AT OUTLET STORES

Half Day Tour

Afternoon Tour : 13:30 - 17:00

Operation Days : October 25, Thursday

Prices : 30.- US\$

Services included in the price: Transportation, Boat Trip, Professional English Guidance

Boat trip to **Karşıyaka**, which is a large district within the metropolitan area of Izmir and situated on the Aegean Sea coast along the northern shore of the tip of the Gulf of Izmir. Karşıyaka borders an industrial zone and a shipyard to the east, and a large forest area to the north. The city is an important business and commercial centre. Proceed to **IAOSB** - "Izmir Ataturk Organized Industrial Zone", and visit of the factory outlets.

E8 • TURKISH VILLAGE LIFE EXPERIENCE "ŞİRİNCE"

Full Day Tour

Full Day Tour : 09:00 - 17:00

Operation Days : October 25, Thursday

Prices : 80.- US\$

Services included in the price: Transportation, Professional English Guidance, Lunch.

Visit the pretty old Orthodox village - **Şirince**, which is 60 km away from Izmir and located on the top of a mountain. All the narrow streets of the village belong to the women, selling handcrafts of all kinds and olive oil. Another attraction of **Şirince** is its wine. Try the famous wine of the village while enjoying lunch in one of the traditional restaurants. The tour ends with a visit to **Sultanköy** and carpet lecture.



E9 • EPHEBUS TOUR

Half Day Tour

Half Day Tour : 11:00 - 18:00

Operation Days : October 26, Friday

Prices : 100.- US\$

Services included in the price: Transportation, Professional English Guidance, Lunch.

Carpet lecture and lunch at **Sultanköy**. Carpet weaving is an important part of traditional Turkish life. Here in the village the guests can observe the different stages of the carpet making process by watching the women in the outdoor pavilion busy at their looms. Each works on a different design weaving rugs of different colors. Visit to the **House of Virgin Mary**, where she spent last days of her life; next stop is the **Archaeological Museum of Ephesus**.

POST MEETING TOURS

P1 • APHRODISIAS & PAMUKKALE TOUR

2 Days, 1 Night



Pick-up : 09:00, October 27, Saturday

Drop off : 18:00, October 28, Sunday

Prices : 350.- US\$

Services included in the price: Transportation, Accommodation in a four star hotel on half board basis (breakfast and dinner included), two lunches, museum entrances, Professional English Guidance.

Aphrodisias is an ancient city of sculptors with some of the best looking ruins of the world. Pamukkale (cotton castle) is a beautiful and spectacular natural site, unique in the world with the fairylike, dazzling white, petrified cascade. The thermal spring water laden with calcareous salt, plunging down the mountain-side has created this natural formation of stalactites, cataracts and basins. The tour also includes a visit to the Roman city of Hierapolis, Apollo-Temple and Necropolis.

P2 • PERGAMON & TROY TOUR

2 Days, 1 Night

Pick-up : 08:00, October 27, Saturday

Drop off : 20:00, October 28, Sunday

Prices : 360.- US\$

Services included in the price: Transportation, Accommodation in a four star hotel on half board basis (breakfast and dinner included), two lunches, museum entrances, Professional English Guidance.

The tour will start from Izmir to Pergamon for the visits of Acropolis and Asclepion, the first hospital of ancient Anatolia, Troy with the stories of King Priam, Hector, Paris, and the beautiful Helen which is the subject of Iliad of Homer.

P3 • CAPPADOCIA TOUR

3 Days, 2 Nights



Pick-up : 14:00, October 26, Friday

Drop off : 21:45, October 28, Sunday (Istanbul)

Prices : 890.- US\$

Services included in the price: Transportation, Airfare, Accommodation in a four star hotel on half board basis (breakfast and dinner included), two lunches, museum entrances, Professional English Guidance.

Izmir/Kayseri flight (via Istanbul) : 15:00-16:00 Istanbul 18:15-19:40

Kayseri/Istanbul flight : 20:30-21:45

For millions of years, volcanoes of the Central Anatolian Plateau erupted and spewed their contents across the land that would become the cradle of civilization. Cappadocia has a unique landscape with the fairy chimneys-a natural formation and an open air museum with churches located inside the caves.

POST MEETING TOURS

P4 • ISTANBUL TOUR

3 Days, 2 Nights

Pick-up : 17:00, October 26, Friday
Drop off : 14:00, October 28, Sunday (Istanbul)
Prices : 950.- US\$

Services included in the price: Transportation, Airfare, Accommodation in a four star hotel on half board basis (breakfast and dinner included), two lunches, museum entrances, Professional English Guidance.

Izmir/Istanbul flight : 18:00-19:00

Istanbul is the only city in the world that has been the capital of three empires East Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman. Now being the largest and most populated city of Turkish Republic she still preserves the characteristics of the past. The tour includes the following highlights of the city.

Hagia Sophia built in the 6th century by Byzantine Emperor Justinian is still seen as one of the world's most important architectural monuments with the beautiful mosaics.

Blue Mosque was built in the 17th century by Sultan Ahmet I. It is the only mosque in Turkey with six minarets. Due to its magnificent hand-dyed blue, green and white tiles it has been named the "Blue Mosque" by Europeans.

Hippodrome is the centre of Byzantine civic life where chariot races took place.

Topkapi Palace: Topkapi Palace was the imperial residence of the Ottoman Sultans, starting with Fatih Sultan Mehmet, the conqueror, until 1856. The museum also has collections from imperial treasury, Chinese porcelain, weapons, calligraphy etc.

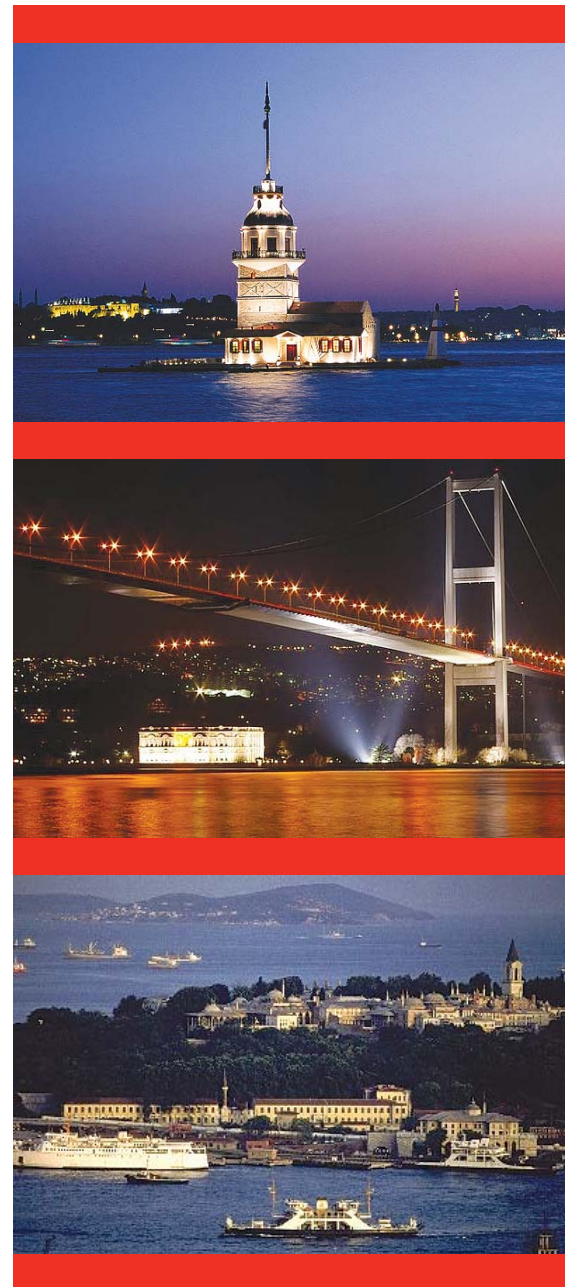
Grand Bazaar: The oldest and biggest closed bazaar in the world, also known as Kapali Carsi (Covered Bazaar) has around 4000 shops and over 60 alleyways, covering a huge labyrinth in the city centre.

Dinner & Turkish Show at Kervansaray Restaurant

Drive through the illuminated streets of Istanbul and stop in an exclusive nightclub for dinner and to enjoy a spectacular oriental show, which will be performed by well-known belly dancers and folk groups from various regions of Anatolia.

Bosphorus Boat Cruise through the waterway separating the two continents, Europe and Asia, with a possibility to take photographs of marble palaces, ancient wooden villas of Ottoman architecture besides modern residential of luxurious apartments.

Rumeli Fortress: A monument-art built in the narrowest and flowing section of Bosphorus. In preparation to the conquest of Istanbul, the castle was built in about four month period which is a considerably short period.



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