

Another traditional IDC intercultural trip to Turkey took place between July 7th and 17th, 2008. This time IDC hosted a group from law enforcement. The group had opportunity to meet several officials, visit foundations, see many historical sites and have dinner with local families.

They got to know the Turkish culture very closely. Some of the important sites visited included Hagia Sophia, Ephesus, Blue Mosque, House of Virgin Mary, underground city and carved chapels in Cappadocia. The cities that were included on the trip were Istanbul, Izmir, Antalya, Konya, Cappadocia and Ankara.

Some pictures of this wonderful experience:



At the gate of Dolmabahce Palace



A small but old mosque among the houses in Asian side of Istanbul



One of the doors of Dolmabahçe Palace



Inside Hagia Sophia



Hagia Sophia



Blue Mosque



Inside Blue Mosque



Blue Mosque



Ortakoy Mosque from the boat on Bosphorus



An old mosque by Beşharic



Yeni Mosque in the evening



On the Byzantine walls with mayor of Fatih District of Istanbul



Breakfast with mayor of Fatih District of Istanbul



Our group visited Mgr. Yusuf Sag, Vicar General, Syrian Catholic Church in Turkey



Bosphorus Bridge



Our group hosted by Attorney General Hekuder Dikmen of Istanbul



One of our stops was Samanyolu TV



Ephesus with the theatre behind



After the dinner with some families in Izmir



Aspendos Theatre in Antalya



Group with a family in Antalya, three generations together



After visiting tomb of great sufi master Rumi



Traditional pizza from the city of Konya



Cappadocia



Group photo in Ankara



At the Turkish History Society in Ankara



Dinner with Congressmen in Ankara



At the Authors and Journalists Foundation



Dinner with a family last night in Istanbul



An old mosque and church in Istanbul, seen from the hotel terrace