



The Izmir Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to:

The Levantines

Past – Present – Future



**A Symposium and Social Meetings
in Izmir and Istanbul
2nd to 8th November 2010**

Full information and booking forms on: www.levantineheritage.com
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The Levant: land of fascination and of conquest!

Westerners putting down roots in these lands of opportunity would live here for centuries and thus become a commercial and cultural bridge between East and West.

In his book *Les Levantins*, Olivers Jens Schmitt describes the Levantines as an "ethno-confessional supranational group". With no specific official identity of its own, this community easily embraces all cultures and religions. At the same time, Levantine individuals still retain citizenship ties with their countries of origin.

The Izmir Chamber of Commerce have accepted to host a symposium to take place from 3rd to 5th November 2010 in their own premises which also host a museum on the history of Izmir as a great trading centre. There will be simultaneous translation facilities into and from English, French and Turkish. The Symposium will study the history of the Levantines and consider how the past and present Levantine concept can play a role in the modern world as a model for peaceful and multicultural cohabitation. These themes and aspirations will be developed during presentations and discussions, creating fresh opportunities and a pool of ideas for new relationships.

Messrs Alex and Giancarlo Baltazzi of Karavan Travel-Turkey have kindly agreed to organize the logistics of the activities in Izmir and Istanbul. Please see approximate costs below.

Local delegates and participants staying with relatives or friends will be able to attend the meetings and activities too such as tours to Ephesus (cost 45 Euro), and Izmir sightseeing (30 Euro), Izmir & Ephesus combined 75 Euro). For Istanbul, approximate costs will be 56 Euro, including full day Istanbul sightseeing and half day Bosphorus cruise. Entrance fees, entrance tickets, meals are not included in the tours.

www.levantineheritage.com is an excellent source of information and photos of The Levant and Levantine families. This reunion should also bring to life these mementos, and hopefully keep alive the notion of the Levantine spirit for future generations.

The symposium will take place in Izmir, with round table meetings at the Chamber of Commerce premises full day on Wednesday 3rd November, and sight-seeing tours on Thursday and Friday to the areas where Levantine ancestors used to live and work. We shall have the opportunity of capturing the atmosphere of a by-gone age visiting: (Alsancak) old Smyrna's "Punta", and suburbs such as Bornova (Bournabat), Buca (Boudja), Karsiyaka (Cordelio). Ephesus, and the Izmir Museum visits also recommended.

On the evening of 3rd November the Izmir Chamber of Commerce will host a reception and dinner for our speakers and hotel guests who have taken our organisers' package.

For those not participating in the formal sessions there will be alternative activities such as an Izmir Bay cruise, shopping, and promenades on the new corniche and the Konak Pier.



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On Saturday 6 November, the tour will continue by air to Istanbul with several site visits in Galata and Pera, including the birthplaces of Levantine poets and artists. A Bosphorus cruise is also planned.

A list of speakers is attached. We shall do our best to accommodate other participants wishing to present a theme, or cater for contributions such as individual photo displays.

This symposium will celebrate several centuries of the Western presence in Turkey and will provide an opportunity to enjoy the experience of a unique architectural and cultural heritage. There will be no discussion of religious, political or racial issues.

Craig Encer is looking at the possibility of setting up a web-broadcast for those unable to attend in person.

Attached please find Karavan Travel booking forms which please complete and return to izmir@karavantravel.com . Kindly tell us if you wish to participate in the symposium:

- a) As an attendee: please indicate number of participants and hotel rooms required.
 - b) As an attendee and speaker: please indicate number of participants and hotel rooms required and provide a synopsis of the theme you wish to present.
 - c) As an exhibitor: please indicate numbers of participants and hotel rooms required and provide details of exhibits i.e. photos, pictures, stamps, etc...
 - d) As an attendee with no hotel requirements: please indicate number of participants.
- We look forward to hearing from you at any of the following email addresses:

Symposium Secretariat: izmir@karavantravel.com
alexbaltazzi@karavantravel.com www.karavantravel.com
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Approximate costs per person; (including hotel, transfers and tours indicated in the programme. Air fares to Istanbul are not included:

Izmir (4 nights): Euro 488 per person (single room), Euro 387 per person (double room)
Istanbul (2 nights): Euro 368 per person (single room), Euro 242 per person (double room)
Izmir and Istanbul combined: Euro 856 per person (single room), Euro 629 per person (double room)

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS IN IZMIR:

~~Pergamum Min.15 persons Euro 25 including guide fees & transportation, excluding lunches & entrance fees~~ **tour cancelled for lack of interest**

~~Urla & Alacati & Cesme Min.15 persons Euro 25 including guide fees & transportation, excluding lunches & entrance fees~~ **tour cancelled for lack of interest**

Bayrakli & Bornova & Boudja Min. 15 persons Euro 20 including guide fees & transportation, excluding lunches & entrance fees. **Lunch option at ex-Gavrili/Pengeley mansion restaurant in Buca.**

News: List (printed brochure) of all the tombs in both catholic cemeteries will be available against a donation for the Cemeteries of 10 Euros.

Programme and Itinerary (revision of 13 October 2010)

Tuesday 2nd November 2010

Arrive Izmir – Transfer to Izmir Hilton Hotel. Tour guests will be issued with a non-alcoholic welcome cocktail coupon to be redeemed at “The Lounge” bar on the hotel lobby floor.

Wednesday 3rd November 2010

09:00 - 09.15 Ekrem Demirtas, Chairman of Izmir Chamber of Commerce
09.15 - 09.30 Alex Baltazzi, President of Aegean Travel Agencies Association
09:30 - 09:50 Livio Missir: The Importance of Genealogy in History
09:50 - 10:10 Philip Mansel: In search of The Levant: Smyrna- Alexandria- Beirut
10:10 - 10:30 George Vassiadis: Levantine Architecture of Smyrna/Izmir
10:30 - 10:50 Coffee Break
10:50 - 11:10 Achilleas Chatziconstantinou: The Image of the Levantine as Portrayed in the late 19th Century Travel Guides
11:10 - 11:30 Antony Wynn: The Oriental Carpet Manufacturers Company – The History of Turkey 1907-1929 as seen by Weavers in the Villages, Merchants in the Towns and Financiers in the Cities. This will be supported with a photographic presentation by Enrico Aliotti.
11.30 - 13.00 Talks from members of Levantine Families in Izmir
13:00 - 14:00 Buffet Lunch - by courtesy of Izmir Chamber of Commerce, 5th Floor
14:00 - 14:20 George Poulimenos: Captain Miniotis's Memoirs
14.20 - 14.40 Fahri Dikkaya: The Levantine Symbiosis – A World Behind the Big World
14.40 - 15.00 Eda Kacar: A United Family from Three Roots: Belfante, Catoni, and Beard
15.00 - 15.20 Coffee Break
15.20 - 15.40 Willem Daniels: Vicissitudes of an Expat Family: The De Jonghs, 1812-1964
15.40 - 16.00 Craig Encer: How to Research Archives
16:00 - 16:20 Ahmet Mehmetefendioglu: The Story of a Levantine Family from Empire to Republic: Van Der Zee Family
16:20 – 17.00 Questions and Answers - Closing session
19.30 Hotel pick-up to dinner venue at Izmir Konagi restaurant, Balcova (Agamemnon) springs
20.00 Reception and Dinner hosted by the Izmir Chamber of Commerce to welcome overseas presenters and guests who subscribed to Symposium travel plan.

Thursday 4th November 2010

Full day Buca(Boudja)- Bayrakli – Bornova(Bournabat)

NEW: Photo exhibition of Levantine Mansions by Nedim Sonmez at Wilkinson Villa in Bornova

NEW: at 18.00 “Old Photos” exhibition at French Cultural centre ! everyone invited: entrance if free.

Friday 5th November 2010

Free time/Optional Excursions:

Morning: Izmir sightseeing tour. The same coach will pick up those doing the Izmir tour, as well as those doing and Ephesus tour. After the Izmir tour those not wishing to take the afternoon tour to Ephesus will be dropped at the Hilton Hotel. A stop at Pasakopru Catholic cemetery is planned time permitting.
Afternoon: Ephesus tour.

NEW: at 18.00 Paintings by Levantine Lady Artists exhibition at Italian Cultural Centre! Ditto.

Saturday 6th November 2010

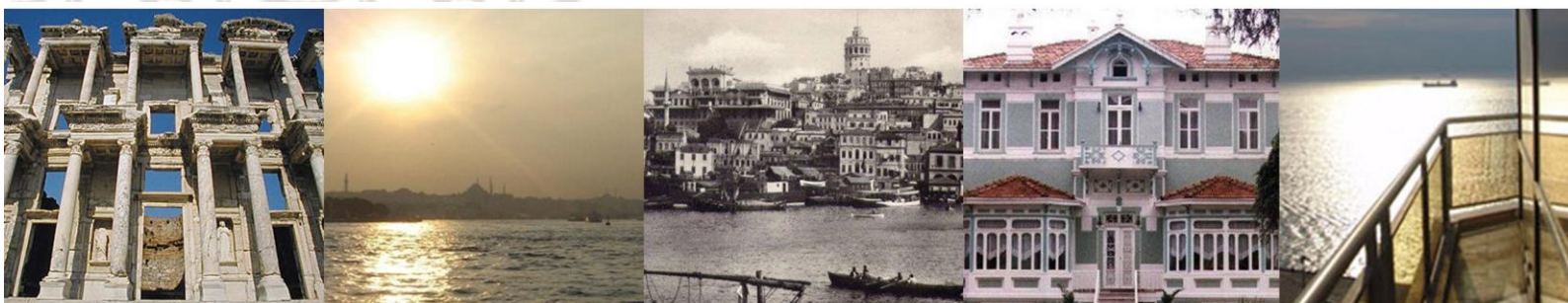
Arrive Istanbul – Transfer to Hotel Nippon, Taksim , (or similar)

Please note change of schedule: Half day Bosphorus cruise

Sunday 7th November 2010

Please note change of Schedule: Full Day Istanbul tour

Monday 8th November 2010: Departure



SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FORM

Also available at: www.levantineheritage.com

Please print & fill in your information below and send to the Secretariat:

Or fax to +90 232 422 4168

E-mail : izmir@karavantravel.com

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IDENTIFICATION

Surname

First Name

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Representing

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Address Postal Code

City Country

Country of Citizenship Phone

.....
Fax E-mail

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(If necessary, the secretariat will inform you about the visa procedure)

ACCOMPANIES:

Surname 1:

First Name 1:

Surname 2:

First Name 2:

ACCOMMODATION AND REGISTRATION

Rates based on a minimum of 15 guests.

Please indicate number of rooms to be reserved and your choice of room:

Izmir Hilton

Rates are per person for 4 overnights, including taxes and buffet breakfast, transfers and tours indicated in the program.

Hotels

Double Room - Single Room

Nights of: 02/11/10 - 5/11/10 € 387- € 488-

Special Requests (if any)

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Nippon Istanbul (or similar)

Rates are per person for 2 overnights, including taxes and buffet breakfast, transfers and tours indicated in the program.

Double Room - Single Room

Nights of: 06/11-07/11/2010 € 242- € 368-

Special Requests (if any)

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS AND REGISTRATION

Full Day Tours

	<u>Tour Fee</u>	<u>Number of Participants</u>
Pergamum	€ 25
Urla & Alacati & Cesme	€ 25
Bayrakli & Bornova & Boudja	€ 20

Special Requests (if any)

Rates are per person including taxes, guide fees and transportation; excluding lunches and entrance fees.

Tours subject to minimum participation of 15 persons.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

In and Out transfers will be arranged as per below flight information:

Arrival from to via (if there is connection)

Flight No time

Date time

Departure from to via (if there is connection)

Flight No time

Date time

PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION

Izmir Euro:

Istanbul Euro:

Optional Excursions Euro:

Total Amount Euro:

20 % Deposit (Registration) Euro:

To be paid by 01/08/10 Euro:

Balance

To be paid by 01/10/10 Euro

PAYMENT

OPTION 1: CREDIT CARD

VISA MASTER CARD

I hereby authorize KARAVAN TOURISM / SYMPOSIUM SECRETARIAT to debit the below mentioned credit card account with the total value of the items booked by me on this form.

Name & Surname of the Cardholder

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date Security Number

Invoice Address

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Date Signature

OPTION 2: BANK TO BANK TRANSFER

Euro Account

Bank Name: Türkiye Garanti Bankası

Branch: Izmir

Bank Address: Fevzipasa Boulevard No:1 35210 Konak, Izmir

Account No: 9005646

Account Name: Karavan Turizm A.S.

Swift Code: TGBATRISXXX

IBAN No: TR30 0006 2000 1000 0009 005646

If you don't receive your confirmation directly from Karavan Tourism, please kindly contact the Symposium Secretariat.

Please contact Karavan Travel directly for pre and post arrangements

ACCOMMODATION



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Istanbul : NIPPON HOTEL (or similar)

www.nipponhotel.com.tr

The minimalist decoration expressed with far-eastern figures meets guests with another world where they can rest in the heart of metropolis far from the chaos of the city.

A very special location, near Taksim Square, combining the beauty of Istanbul with comfort.

The unique hospitality is presented in homelike rooms that are equipped with all needs modern life with the professional service attitude of Nippon Hotel.

Room Amenities:

Air conditioning, Mini bar, Direct Dial Telephone, Bathroom Telephone, Pay TV, Electronic Personal Safe for Laptop, Complimentary water, Slippers and bathrobe, Complimentary tea and coffee facilities, Direct Med-Line Health Emergency Line, Daily Newspaper, Wireless Internet (free), Special pillow menu.



CANCELLATION POLICY

✂ Any cancellation between 01 August – 01 September 2010: (50%) of the deposit will be charged as penalty.

✂ Any cancellation between 02 September – 01 October 2010: (75%) of the deposit will be charged as penalty.

✂ Any cancellation after 02 October 2010 will be subject to a full cancellation fee.

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