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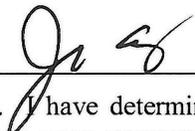
EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: JASON DAY
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ *or* None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 10/17/2014 Return: 10/25/2014  
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ *or* None
4. Departure city: WDC Destination: ISTANBUL, ANKARA Return city: WDC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): TURKIC AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MIDWEST
6. Describe meetings and events attended: FACT FINDING MEETING WITH INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND BUSINESS LEADERS TO DISCUSS US-TURKEY RELATIONS
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
  - a.  a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
  - b.  the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; *and*
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\* SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER:  DATE: 11/3/2014

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: DANIEL LIPINSKI DATE: 11/3/2014

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: 

**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics**

**SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM**

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): \_\_\_\_\_  
Turkic American Federation of Midwest
2. Travel Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Washington DC-Istanbul-Ankara-Washington DC
3. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 17, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 25, 2014
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Jason day, Miranda Margowsky, Andrew Goczowski  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	1,731.60	\$1,150.25	\$213.32	\$212 (entrance fees, parking and tips)
Accompanying Relative				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box):

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Suleyman Turhanogullari Title: President  
Organization: Turkic American Federation of Midwest

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):

Address: 501 Midway Dr. Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Telephone number: 312-215-2337

Email Address: sturhan@turkicamericanfederation.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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**TRAVELER FORM**

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).*

**YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: JASON O. DAY

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: DANIEL LIPINSKI

Office address: 1717 LHOB

Telephone number: 202-225-5701

Email address of contact person: JENNIFER.SYPOLT@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above,** as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Ethics  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (fax)  
Travel email: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov)

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: JASON O. DAY
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): TURKIC AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MIDWEST
3. Travel destination(s): ANKARA & INSTANBUL, TURKEY
4. a. Date of departure 10/17/14 Date of return: 10/25/14  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No  
b. If yes:  
(1) Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)?  Yes  No  
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.  
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR; FACT-FINDING TRIP  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip?  Yes  No

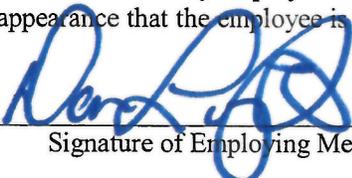
10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 9/17/2014

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employing Member

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Committee on Ethics

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip):  
Turkic American Federation of Midwest (TAFM)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one: I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip  or
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds  or
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.   
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
Please see attachment.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of departure: October 17, 2014 Date of return: October 25, 2014
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC  
b. Destination(s): Istanbul, Ankara (TURKEY)  
c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  or
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night:  or
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:   
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box):

11. Check one:

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box):  or  
b. N/A - trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
TAFM is the sole sponsor of the trip to promote mutual understanding thru interaction between the Congressional staffers and the people of Turkey. The purpose of the trip is to provide a first-hand experience to explore political, social and economic issues in Turkey, which is a critical ally to the US in the region.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
b. Class of travel: Couch  Business  First  Charter  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  or  
b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation:

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided):  
\$30/day per applicant

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:  
We organize this study trip to Turkey to better understand the dynamics about the strategic relationship between Turkey and the US while facing all the turmoil in the region.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name:	Istanbul Gonen Hotel	City:	Istanbul	Cost per night:	\$160
Reason(s) for selecting:	easy access and affordable cost				
Hotel name:	Metropolitan Hotel	City:	Ankara	Cost per night:	\$140
Reason(s) for selecting:	easy access and affordable cost				
Hotel name:		City:		Cost per night:	
Reason(s) for selecting:					

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1,453	\$1,100	\$210
For each accompanying relative	\$400	-	\$210

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$200	entrance fees, parking and tips
For each accompanying relative	\$200	entrance fees, parking and tips

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below.  or  
b. N/A - sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

SULEYMAN TURHANOGULLARI

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

TURKIC AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MIDWEST

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

501 MIDWAY DR. MT. PROSPECT, IL 60056

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

312-215-2337

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

STURHAN@TURKICAMERICANFEDERATION.ORG

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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October 15, 2014

Mr. Jason O. Day  
Office of the Honorable Daniel Lipinski  
1717 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Day:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Turkey scheduled for October 17 to 25, 2014, sponsored by the Turkic American Federation of Midwest.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$375 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$375] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

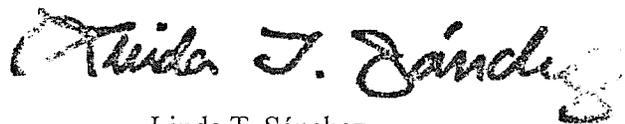
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



K. Michael Conaway  
Chairman



Linda T. Sánchez  
Ranking Member

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Invitee List for Trip to Turkey  
October 17-25 2014  
Organized by Turkic American Federation of Midwest

We would like to take the following staffers on this trip in order to educate them about political, social and economic issues in Turkey. We believe that this study trip will enable all the participants to better inform their offices about the US-Turkish relations.

- Joshua Lee Jackson, Legislative Director, Congressman Smith-NE
- Andrew Goczkowski, Legislative Assistant, Congresswoman Schakowsky-IL
- Darryl Piggee, Chief of Staff, Congressman Clay-MO
- Miranda Margowsky, Press Secretary, Congressman Cuellar-TX
- Jason Day, Legislative Director, Congressman Lipinski-IL
- Lenette Myers, Director of Administration and Operations, Congressman Rush-IL
- And other staffers from Congressional offices.



# **Turkey Trip for Congressional Staffers**

**OCTOBER 17-25, 2014**



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Dear Friend,

We would be extremely delighted and have the utmost pleasure in having you attend our Congressional Staffers Trip to Turkey. We believe and hope that this trip will be a remarkable experience, from the regional politics, history and culture to the warm hospitality of the people.

Attached you can find the invitation letter which includes dates, terms and conditions of the trip offered by the Turkic American Federation of Midwest (TAFM). The participants will depart on Friday and will return back on Saturday of the following week.

**Trip Cost**

All trip costs will be covered by TAFM. In case of an unforeseen event that would require you to cancel the trip after you have accepted, please contact us immediately.

There will be an orientation meeting in which a tentative itinerary will be discussed, useful tips for the trip will be presented, and questions regarding the trip will be answered. If you are interested in joining the trip, please fill out the attached form and e-mail it to TAFM.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suleyman Turhan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Suleyman" and the last name "Turhan" clearly distinguishable.

**Suleyman Turhan**  
**President**  
**Turkic American Federation of Midwest (TAFM)**

## INTRODUCTION

### **Program Sponsor:**

#### **Turkic American Federation of Midwest (TAFM)**

TAFM is established as a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization with the mere purpose of bringing people together with interest in the American and Turkish political cultures. TAFM is a leading, independent and an umbrella organization committed to advancing the interaction among American and Turkish people to promote and encourage continuing good relationship and understanding through its affiliate organizations regardless of their ethnic origin, religion and other preferences. TAFM brings people together by hosting public programs and private events featuring leaders and experts with diverse views on a wide range of global and regional topics through task forces, executive forums, luncheons, conferences, studies, and leadership dialogue. TAFM's mission is to promote the cultural, educational, academic, business, social and arts relations and to organize events and activities to bring together the American and Turkish communities within the US.

There are 43 non-profit and non-governmental member organizations united under TAFM in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, S. Dakota and N. Dakota.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Suleyman Turhan  
President  
Turkic American Federation of Midwest (TAFM)  
501 Midway Dr. Mount Prospect, IL 60056  
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## PROJECT SUMMARY

Turkic American Federation of Midwest (TAFM) organizes a study trip to Turkey and invites Congressional staffers to this educational trip.

### TAFM has outlined the following specific objectives for the project

- ✚ To introduce and provide broad exposure to cultural, social, economic, educational and political issues in Turkey.
- ✚ To gain an understanding of relevant topics including Turkey's trade, economic development & finance, remarkable educational achievements of Turkish civil society, religious diversity, minority rights and foreign policy.
- ✚ To promote intercultural understanding through dialogue and discussion among American and Turkish participants.

## TURKEY IN BRIEF

Official Name of Country	Republic of Turkey
Capital City	Ankara
Government	Parliamentary Democracy
Population	74 million (2010)
Labor Force (Population)	25.9 million
Median Age	29.2
Official Language	Turkish
President	Recep Tayyip Erdogan
Prime Minister	Ahmet Davutoglu
Area	783,562.38 km <sup>2</sup>
Time Zone	GMT +2
Neighboring Countries	Bulgaria, Greece, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia
Major Cities (Population)	Istanbul (13.3 million), Ankara (4.8 million), Izmir (3.9 million), Bursa (2.6 million), Adana (2.1)
Climate	Temperate; hot, dry summers with mild, wet winters
Telephone Code	90
Country Code Top-Level Domain	.tr

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>
<b>October 17</b>	<b>WASHINGTON DC</b>	
<b>2:00 PM</b>		Depart for Istanbul
<b>October 18</b>	<b>ISTANBUL</b>	
<b>3:40 PM</b>		Arrive at Istanbul Ataturk Airport
<b>6:00 PM</b>		Hotel Check in
<b>8:00 PM</b>		Dinner
<b>10:00PM</b>		Back to hotel
<b>October 19</b>	<b>ISTANBUL</b>	
<b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b>		Breakfast
<b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>		Lecture on Byzantium, Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkish History: It is very important to understand the history of Anatolia and the Turkish Republic in order to understand the contemporary political and social developments in the region. Especially about the recent turmoil in Syria, Iraq and Iran.
<b>12:00 - 1:30 PM</b>		Lunch
<b>2:00 – 4:00 PM</b>		Visit Fatih University Tour and Briefing on Higher Education System in Turkey
<b>4:00 – 5:00 PM</b>		Discussion with university students on Turkish-US Relations. Staffers will have the opportunity to observe the perspectives of youth towards US and the region.
<b>6:00 PM</b>		Back to Hotel
<b>7:00 – 9:30 PM</b>		Dinner Roundtable with Academicians Dr. Ihsan Yilmaz, Professor of International Relations Dr. Savas Genc, Professor of International Relations Staffers will learn about the role of universities in building a more democratic Turkey.
<b>10:00 PM</b>		Back to Hotel
<b>October 20</b>	<b>ISTANBUL</b>	
<b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b>		Breakfast
<b>10:00AM – 12:00 PM</b>		Visit Greek Orthodox Patriarchate Briefing on Christian Minority Issues in Turkey The Orthodox Greek minority in Turkey has been a hot topic in the Turkish-US relations for several years especially on the possible opening of Halki Seminary.
<b>1:00 – 4:00 PM</b>		Visit Zaman Newspaper Lunch and Briefing by Turkish journalists on "Democracy and Freedom of Press in Turkey" Zaman is the highest circulated newspaper in Turkey. There are serious concerns about the freedom of media in Turkey reported by Freedom House and Committee to Protect Journalists. Media and

		Democracy issues in Turkey will be discussed in detail.
<b>4:30 – 6:00 PM</b>		Briefing on Social Movements & Intercultural Dialog Efforts in Turkey at the Journalists and Writers Foundation. Since 1994, the Journalists and Writers Foundation has organized events promoting values of love, tolerance and dialogue through the work of six platforms—the Abant Platform, Intercultural Dialogue Platform (IDP), Dialogue Eurasia Platform (DA Platform), Medialog Platform and Women’s Platform.
<b>7:00 PM</b>		Dinner with Journalists and Writers Foundation Executives
<b>9:00PM</b>		Back to hotel
<b>October 21</b>	<b>ANKARA</b>	
<b>6:30AM</b>		Breakfast
<b>7:00AM</b>		Hotel Check out
<b>7:30AM</b>		Departure
<b>9:00AM</b>		Flight to Ankara
<b>11:00AM – 1:45PM</b>		Visit the Grand National Assembly of Turkey A brief tour of the Parliament and learn about the historic significance of it in Turkish Republic. Lunch meeting with Deputies at the Turkish Parliament
<b>2:00 – 3:30PM</b>		Visit US Embassy in Ankara Briefing on Turkish-US Relations in terms of strategic partnership and military cooperation.
<b>4:00 – 5:30PM</b>		Meeting with Republican People’s Party Briefing on Turkish Politics, Foreign Affairs and the recent Presidential Elections
<b>6:00PM</b>		Back to hotel
<b>7:30 – 9:00PM</b>		Dinner roundtable with Deputies from Nationalist Movement Party
<b>9:30PM</b>		Back to hotel
<b>October 22</b>	<b>ISTANBUL</b>	
<b>6:00 AM - 7:30 AM</b>		Breakfast
<b>7:30 AM</b>		Meet at the Hotel Lobby
<b>9:20 AM</b>		Fly from Ankara to Istanbul
<b>10:40 AM</b>		Arrive at Istanbul Ataturk Airport
<b>12:00 – 2:30 PM</b>		Lunch with Entrepreneurs from Bogazici Businesswomen’s Association Business Sectors: Textile and Food
<b>3:00 – 5:00 PM</b>		Visit Kimse Yok mu? Relief Organization Turkey ranked fourth largest humanitarian donor in 2012. Kimse Yok Mu? Is one of the largest international relief organizations in Turkey reaching out to people from 60 different countries. Turkish

		humanitarian activities in Africa, Middle East and the Syrian Refugee crisis will be explored in detail.
5:30 PM		Back to Hotel
7:00 – 10:00 PM		Dinner meeting with Journalist Mr. Hrant Topakian Briefing and discussion on Armenian-Turkish relations, Armenian Diaspora in the US and Europe, and exchanging ideas on the conflict between Turkey and Armenia.
10:00 PM		Back to hotel
<b>October 23</b>	<b>ISTANBUL</b>	
9:00AM		Breakfast
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM		Briefing on Turkish-US Export-Import Economic relations with Turkish Businesspeople from MARIFED (Marmara Region Business Federation) Sectors: Manufacturing and Finance
12:00 – 2:00 PM		Lunch roundtable with MARIFED Executives
4:00PM		Meeting Historian at Dolmabahce Palace
7:00 PM		Dinner Meeting with Journalist Mr. Mustafa Akyol and Discussion on Turkish Media & Politics
10:00 PM		Back to Hotel
<b>October 24</b>	<b>ISTANBUL</b>	
8:00AM		Breakfast
10:00AM – 12:00PM		Briefing at TUSKON (Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists of Turkey) on Turkish-US Business Relations and Future Cooperation TUSKON is operating as the top organization of associations of businessmen that are serving to make contributions for economic and social development of Turkey. TUSKON, formed by 7 different regional business federations throughout the country, was established in 2005 in Istanbul. There are 151 associations of businessmen within TUSKON, which are operating in 80 different provinces of Turkey. TUSKON represents 15,000 business people.
12:00 – 1:30PM		Lunch roundtable with TUSKON Executives
2:00 – 4:00PM		Visit Jewish Museum and Briefing on Jewish Community in Turkey
5:00PM		Back to Hotel
7:00 – 9:00PM		Dinner and Discussion about the Turkey Study Tour Ideas and prospects for bettering relations between the US and Turkey, and the role of Congress
<b>October 25</b>	<b>ISTANBUL</b>	
9:00 AM		Breakfast
1:00 PM		Flight to Washington DC
6:00 PM		Arrive on the same day

## **EMBASSY AND CONSULATE INFORMATION**

### **U.S. Embassy - Ankara**

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Kavaklıdere, 06100 Ankara / Türkiye

### **U.S. Consulate General – Istanbul**

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İstinye 34460 - Istanbul / Turkey

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Time:** Local time is equal to GMT + 2 hours. Same time zone all over the country (seven hours ahead of U.S. eastern standard time).

**Electricity:** 220 volts a.c. throughout Turkey

**Weights and Measures:** Metric and Kilo system

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