



SI IZMIR SOROPTIMIST CLUB
50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 23-27, 2011

Dear Soroptimist International Friends,

We cordially invite you to our Golden Anniversary Celebration in Izmir, Turkey. We will be very happy to have you with us during our celebration activities. Please save the dates (November 23 -27) in your calendar now! It will be a pleasure to host you in İzmir.

Sincerely yours,

Ilke Erol, President

SI Izmir Club

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PROGRAM

November 23 (Wednesday):

Arrival, transfer to *Konak Best Western Hotel* and Registration

November 24 (Thursday):

After breakfast at the hotel, guided tour of Ephesus and the House of the Virgin Mary in Selcuk; guide will be Soroptimist member Evin Egeli McCain. Lunch with local food in Sirince, an old village with Greek history. Visit to Selcuk museum, and return to hotel.

Evening: Welcome Dinner with Izmir Soroptimist Club members.

November 25 (Friday):

After breakfast at the hotel, tour of Urla (ancient Klazomenai) including one of the world's oldest olive oil presses (5th Century BC), birthplace of Nobel laureate George Seferis, and the vicinity. Lunch at a seaside restaurant with typical Aegean fish and Turkish appetizers-'mezes'. Tour of a famous Urla winery. Return to hotel.

Evening: Program, *International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women* organized by the five Soroptimist Clubs of Izmir.

November 26 (Saturday):

After breakfast at the hotel, tour of historic Izmir with a Soroptimist guide. Shopping in Kemeraltı and Kızlarağası Han, an old Ottoman Inn. Return to hotel.

Official ceremonies for celebrating our 50th anniversary begin at 16:00, in the hotel with a slide show, historical overview of Izmir and the Aegean region.

18:30 - Exhibit of İzmir Club members' art works and Cocktails

19:30 - Gala Dinner

November 27 (Sunday):

Departure.

Accommodation and the official program will be at the Konak Best Western Hotel.

Cost: Full program, double occupancy – Euro 500;

Supplement for single occupancy - Euro 50.

Registration form and procedures are attached.

We look forward to meeting you !

(Note: extended stay is possible. Guided tours to Pamukkale, Aphrodisias and/or Bergama can be arranged if there is enough interest.)