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Dear Members of the Oriental Institute,

The Oriental Institute is the world leader in the study of Hittitology, and has been at the forefront of the study of Anatolian civilizations for over 75 years. In the 1920s and 1930s, we sponsored expeditions that probed the origins of the Hittites in southeast Turkey. The late professor Hans Güterbock, one of the greatest figures in the rise of Hittitology, was a major force in establishing the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations in Ankara. One of the most lasting contributions that we are making to Hittitology and Anatolian studies is the compilation of the great Chicago Hittite Dictionary, the research tool used by all scholars of the region, now under the editorship of your tour leader, Professor Theo van den Hout.

This program has a different focus than other tours to Turkey or Syria. It will take you to the homelands of the ancient Indo-European peoples of Anatolia, the Hittites, and their successors, the Neo-Hittites. The tour was specially designed by Professor van den Hout around his expertise and interests. You will have the opportunity to tour Hattusa and Karatepe, the great centers of the Hittites and Neo-Hittites, as well as fascinating excavations in the region, including Göbekli Tepe and Tell Ta'yinat. You will follow in the footsteps of the Hittites, from Turkey to Syria, and observe first-hand how these ancient people made Anatolia one of the greatest cradles of civilization.

This is a very special tour with an exceptional lecturer. Even if you have visited Turkey before, this program will give you new perspectives. Space is very limited. I urge you to join us for this extraordinary program.

Gil J. Stein
Director, Oriental Institute
Professor, Near Eastern Archaeology



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Depart Chicago on Turkish Airlines.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: ANKARA

Our Turkish Airlines flight arrives this evening.

HILTON HOTEL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: ANKARA

We begin our touring at the Ankara Museum of Anatolian Civilizations. Its outstanding collection of Hittite and Neo-Hittite art provides an excellent introduction to the tour. After a break for lunch, we will stroll through the Citadel, where the old wooden Ottoman houses are slowly being restored. We will stop to view the Alaeddin Camii, built during the Selcuk period, before continuing our city tour with some of the city's Roman remains including the Temple of Augustus. This evening we will gather for our opening dinner at our hotel.

HILTON HOTEL (B/L/D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13: BOGAZKÖY

We depart Ankara for the Hittite capital Hattusa at Bogazköy, first excavated in 1906. A complete tour of this incredible site includes

FRONT COVER: Lion Gate at Hattusa, Bogazköy

BACK COVER: Painted vase (so-called Atchana ware), from Chatal Höyük (1600-1200 BC); from the collection of the Oriental Institute Museum.

the famous Lion Gate, the fortifications, and the temples and palaces of the city. After lunch, touring continues with the cult center of Yazilikaya, its reliefs cut into the living rock.

HOTEL ASIKOGLU (B/L/D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: CAPPADOCIA

A beautiful drive through the mountains of central Anatolia brings us into Cappadocia, famed for its unusual and beautiful rock formations known as "fairy chimneys," and its rock-hewn Byzantine churches decorated with elaborate frescoes. We will spend the remainder of the day touring in the wondrous Göreme Valley.

DOUBLETREE HILTON AVANOS (B/L/D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: KONYA

After visiting Kaymakli, one of the many underground towns hewn from the tufa to a depth of eight to ten stories, we drive to Konya, stopping en route at the Selcuk caravanserai Sultan Hani.

DEDEMAN HOTEL (B/L/D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: KONYA

This morning touring begins at Yalbur, a Hittite water monument or reservoir lined on three sides with inscribed stone blocks. The inscription describes the campaign of Tudhaliya IV. We then drive to the village of

Hatip to see a rock relief showing a Hittite king with an inscription alongside. We then return to Konya to visit the Selcuk monuments of Alaeddin Park, including the ruins of the Ince Minare Medresesi and the Sirçali Medrese. We will also visit the Mevlâna Tekke, which houses the tomb of Mevlâna, founder of the mevlevi order of dervishes, and the Mosaic Museum, housed in a former madrasa.

DEDEMAN HOTEL (B/L/D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: ADANA

We continue east to Adana, stopping in Kizilda and to view the Neo-Hittite reliefs near the village of Ivriz. Here we will see the elaborately dressed king of Tuwana, Warpalawas, worshipping the god Tarhunza. We will reach Adana in time for dinner at our hotel.

HILTON HOTEL (B/L/D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: MALATYA

Before leaving Adana we will take a short city tour to see its Roman bridge and the Sabanci Merkez Cami, the largest dome in Turkey. We then continue to Karatepe, the Neo-Hittite capital of Azitawada. Here we will see a number of monumental sculptures and reliefs that have been restored and are in situ. Our day ends in Malatya, a crossroad of major trade routes since Chalcolithic times.

ANEMON HOTEL (B/L/D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: GAZIANTEP

Arslantepe has yielded a wealth of information about the development of one of the world's oldest urban civilizations. Excavations have revealed the first-known palace, swords, toothed locks operated with a key, and a princely tomb with what appears to be evidence of human sacrifice. The palace contains some of the earliest and best-



RIGHT: Base for a wooden column, Tell Tayinat 900-750 BC; from the collection of the Oriental Institute Museum.

BELOW: The Umayyad mosque, Damascus, Syria.



preserved ancient wall paintings. These finds all date to more than 5,000 years ago. Arslantepe is also one of the sites where the Hittite empire tried to continue after its demise around 1200 BC. After examining some of the finds from this impressive site at the Malatya Museum, we drive to Gaziantep.

DEDEMAN HOTEL (B/L/D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: ANTAKYA

Our day begins with another amazing site, Göbekli Tepe, dated to 10,000 BC and considered to be the oldest man-made place of worship yet discovered. Here ongoing excavations have revealed seven stone circles precisely carved and erected with great care on top of a hill that is the highest point on the Urfa Plain. Many of the large T-shaped megaliths are covered with carved reliefs of animals. Driving south, we stop at Yesemek, a Neo-Hittite stone-carving workshop, where we will see dozens of partially completed sculptures and reliefs scattered on a hillside now situated in the middle of a tiny village.

SAVON HOTEL (B/L/D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: ANTAKYA

Our morning touring begins with a drive through the Plain of Amuk, dotted with hundreds of tells dating from the Neolithic to the Hellenistic periods. At Tell Ta'yinat the Oriental Institute excavations uncovered the remains of several large Neo-Hittite palaces, a temple, and numerous beautifully carved stone reliefs and sculptures. Its lengthy settlement

history spans the Early Bronze and Iron Age periods. Numerous inscriptions that helped to identify the site as ancient Kunulua, capital of the Neo-Hittite/Aramaean kingdom of Patina/Unqi were found here. Excavations continue under the auspices of the University of Toronto. After visiting nearby Tell Acana (Alalakh), we return to Antakya to visit the Archaeological Museum, which houses an outstanding collection of mosaics from the region.

SAVON HOTEL (B/L)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: ALEPPO

Today we cross the border into Syria and visit the extraordinary Neo-Hittite tell of 'Ain Dara en route to Aleppo. Its acropolis is crowned with a fine temple and beautifully preserved basalt reliefs. Although still under excavation, six settlements dating to the ninth century BC and earlier have been identified. We will spend two nights in the old city of Aleppo at a charming hotel, formerly the home of a prosperous merchant.

BEIT SALAHIEH HOTEL (B/L/D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: ALEPPO

Aleppo, established in the second millennium BC, will be the subject of our full day of touring today. Touring will include the National Museum, which displays the finds from Mari and Ebla, the Grand Mosque, and the Citadel with its remains of a temple from the Neo-Hittite period. We will have a walking tour of the charming old Armenian Quarter and wander through Aleppo's colorful souks.

BEIT SALAHIEH HOTEL (B/L)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: LATAKIA

Our touring begins today at Ebla, the great Bronze Age trading city whose excavations have revealed its palaces, halls, and courts as well as the base of its monumental gateway. The most important and controversial find has been the royal archives, which are still being examined by the excavation team. We then visit the fascinating city of Apamea, with its extraordinary colonnade running 2 km north-

south along the Cardo Maximus. We end our day at Ugarit's sister city, Ras Ibn Hani.

ROTANA APAMEA HOTEL (B/L/D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: DAMASCUS

Touring begins at the impressive port of Ugarit, famous in antiquity for its trading contacts across the Mediterranean as well as its contributions to the first alphabet. We then drive into the Orontes Valley to one of the best-preserved Crusader castles in the region, Krak des Chevaliers. This magnificent structure guards passage between inland Syria and its ports. Our last two nights will be spent at a traditional Damascene house.

TALISMAN BOUTIQUE HOTEL (B/L)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: DAMASCUS

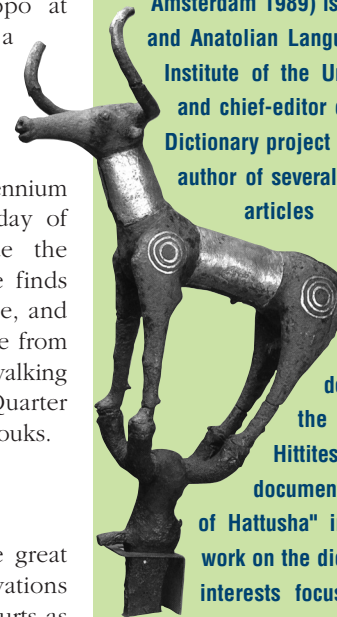
Our last day of touring begins at the National Museum. The museum houses an excellent collection of artifacts from Palmyra, Mari, and Ugarit, as well as the magnificent frescoes from Dura Europos. We will complete our touring at the city walls, the Tomb of Saladin, and the Umayyad Mosque, which sits amid the Corinthian columns of the third century Temple of Jupiter. This evening we will gather for our farewell dinner at one of the city's traditional restaurants.

TALISMAN BOUTIQUE HOTEL (B/L/D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

We will transfer to the airport for our Turkish Airlines flights to Chicago.

THEO VAN DEN HOUT (PhD, University of Amsterdam 1989) is a professor of Hittite and Anatolian Languages at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, and chief-editor of the Chicago Hittite Dictionary project since 2000. He is the author of several books and numerous articles covering Anatolian civilizations of both the second and first millennia BC. In 2003 Professor van den Hout took part in the Turkish film "The Hittites" as well as the BBC documentary "The Dark Lords of Hattusha" in 2006. Besides his work on the dictionary, his personal interests focus on ancient record management and early literacy in Hittite society. Professor van den Hout led the 2008 Oriental Institute tour to west and central Turkey.



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