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Twenty interesting facts about Turkey...

1) The famous Trojan Wars took place in Western Turkey, around the site where the Trojan horse rests today.

2) The first church built by man (St. Peter's Church) is in Antioch (Antakya), Turkey.

3) The oldest known human settlement is in Catalhoyuk, Turkey (7th Millennium B.C.)

4) Ephesus and Halicarnossus – two of the wonders of the ancient world – are in Turkey.



5) St. Nicholas, also known as Santa Clause, was born in Demre, on Turkey's Mediterranean Coast.

6) Noah's Ark landed on Mount Ararat (Agri Dagi) in Eastern Turkey.

7) The last meal on Noah's Ark, a pudding of sweet and sour taste (asure) , is still served throughout Turkey.

8) Turks introduced coffee to Europe.

9) Turks gave the Dutch their famous tulips.

10) Istanbul is the only city in the world built on two continents.

11) Tradition in Turkey says that a stranger at one's doorstep is considered "God's guest" for at least three days.



12) Turkey is noted for having one of the three most famous and distinctive traditional cuisines in the world.

13) The First Ecumenical Council was held in Iznik, Turkey.

14) Writing was first used by people in ancient Anatolia. The first clay tablets – in the ruins of Assyrian Karum (Merchant Colony – date back to 1950 B. C.

15) The oldest tin mine was found in Goltepe, 60 miles south of Tarsus.

16) The first Neolithic paintings found on man-made walls are in Catalhoyuk, Turkey.

17) Anatolia is the birthplace of historic legends, such as Homer (the poet), King Midas,

Heredotus (the father of history), and St. Paul the Apostle.

18) Julius Caesar proclaimed his celebrated words, "Veni, Vidi, Vici (I came, I saw, I conquered)" in Turkey when he defeated the Pontus, a formidable kingdom in the Black Sea region of Turkey.

19) Female goddesses dominated the Central Anatolian pantheon for thousands of years before these supernatural powers were transformed to male gods.

20) The Hittites sold Abraham the cave where he buried his wife Sarah, when the Israelites came to Palestine.



TURKISH MARITIME PILOTS' ASSOCIATION (TUMPA)

Turkish Maritime Pilots' Association, founded in 1968, whose mem-

bers are Turkish Pilots from all over the country, has also chosen, as a project, to analyze and take measures about ecologic and navigational problems and set up more effective safety precautions, which, in fact, lie in the philosophy of pilotage. TUMPA believes that pilotage is the principal actor for maritime safety in ports and critical waterways.

Up to date, our association has studied on problems in question, has tried to find out the whys and wherefores, and in parallel with the countries that work on the similar subjects, has offered effective solutions.

Turkish Maritime Pilots' Association studied continually for the commission established to figure out the regulations that was put in effect on July 1st, 1994, about "Maritime Traffic Regulations for the Turkish Straits and the Marmara Region". Finally 34 out of 59 items in the regulation have come out of the report of the Turkish Maritime Pilots' Association, after the historical worth contribution to the Turkish Straits legislation, the Association has also initiated to modernize the pilotage services and after observing that in most developed countries the pilotage services are managed by the establishments of pilots themselves, the Maritime Pilotage Incorporated (DEKAS), where 128 pilots are shareholders, was founded. Maritime Pilotage Incorporated has been successfully giving service since June 14, 1996 in the Izmit Gulf.

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IMPA 2004 CONGRESS WILL BE HELD IN ISTANBUL

Istanbul will host the 17th IMPA (International Maritime Pilots' Association) Congress in 2004.

IMPA is the International body of pilotage which sets up the international standards and understanding for pilotage and also one of the active members of IMO (International Maritime Organization).

One of the members of IMPA International Committee is Turkish. (Capt. Cahit ISTIKBAL)

Turkish Maritime Pilots are looking forward to welcome colleagues from all around the world and have exchange of views and experiences. Istanbul, a historical city split in two by a busy Strait, will be an unique platform for such a meeting.



Some key information about Istanbul and the Straits:

- Declared as "a city of world heritage" by UNESCO, Istanbul has 10 million inhabitants and 3000 years of historical and cultural heritage.
- 50000 vessels passing through the Strait of Istanbul per year. It is 3 times busier than the Suez Canal and 4 times than the Panama Canal.
- The Strait of Istanbul is one of the most difficult waterways for pilotage. Surface current reaches to 6-8 Knots. Rocky curves forms the difference than a river.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOME COLLEAGUES IN ISTANBUL.

"LET'S MEET WHERE THE CONTINENTS MEET"

"Only after the last tree has been cut down,
only after the last river has been poisoned,
only after the last fish has been caught,
only then will you find that money can not be
eaten"

(CREE INDIAN PHILOSOPHY)

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world appears as a "blue pla-
net". 3/4 of our world is
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*O, Pilot, 'tis a fearful night,
There's danger on the deep;
I'll come and pace the deck with thee,
I do not dare to sleep.*

A 19th-century song



85% of all accidents in the Turkish Straits were done by vessels without pilot.
Pilots are the best risk eliminators to protect the environment in confined waters.

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