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**HALI
TOUR**

Greater Anatolia: Turkey
23 May–5 June 2024



A **Rug and Textile Study Tour**, from **The Black Tent Project** in partnership with **HALI**, is taking place **23 May–5 June 2024**, beginning and ending in Istanbul before the International Conference of Oriental Carpets—**ICOC XV Istanbul**, which is happening **6–9 June 2024**.

Developed and led by the Istanbul-based weaving and natural-dye expert, Deniz Coşkun, this exclusive 14-day tour will offer the opportunity to visit museum and private collections in Istanbul and beyond ahead of the academic conference, visiting:

Istanbul • Bursa • Bergama • Tire • Birgi • Izmir • Ankara • Cappadocia • Sultanhanı • Konya

Highlights include a presentation by the longstanding Anatolian rug and textile expert, Udo Hirsch; a private view of a kilim and tent band collection belonging to one of the most famous collectors in Cappadocia; a lecture on the famous Uchisar-Aksaray rugs mentioned in Marco Polo's chronicles; meetings with weavers in rural villages; Seljuk and Ottoman workshop and village carpets, costume and textiles in Istanbul's TIEM—the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts, Topkapi Palace, the Islamic Art Museum of Bursa, Arkas Art Bornova in Izmir, Ankara's State Vakiflar Kilim and Rug Museum. Plus, encounter an incredible range of architecture, from 14th-century mosques to 18th-century mansions, Turkic shrines to 6th-century churches.

View the itinerary, hotel details and logistics on [The Black Tent Project website](#). Being on the HALI Tour mailing list, you are among the first to receive information on this tour before it is more widely promoted next week. To reserve a place, please [complete this booking form](#) and return it to halitours@hali.com.


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Iberia: Spain and Portugal
8–20 April 2024





The **HALI Tour, Decorative Arts of Iberia**, is taking place from **8–20 April 2024** in Spain and Portugal in partnership with **Martin Randall Travel**. Led by Gijs van Hensbergen, an art historian and author specialising in Spain and the USA, with regular commentary from museum curators and the Burgos-based academic Miriam Ali de Unzaga, who specialises in medieval North African and Andalusí textiles. Special access to little-seen carpets, world-class tapestries and other incredible antique textiles is being arranged at monasteries, museum stores and institutions that are not normally open to the public, so this promises to be a unique Iberian experience, visiting:

Lisbon - Madrid - Pastrana - Cuenca - Toledo - Zamora - Burgos - Segovia

The programme features many specially arranged visits, ensuring that the group will gain exclusive access to fabulous and little-seen rugs and textiles at institutions in Lisbon, Portugal and across northern Spain including the **Calouste Gulbenkian Museum** in Lisbon, the **Instituto Valencia de Don Juan, Museum of Decorative Arts** and **Factum Arte Foundation** in Madrid and a monastery which houses a spectacular 15th-century Spanish ‘Holbein’ carpet. **Outstanding, world-class tapestries** will be encountered in Pastrana, Zamora and La Granja, while beautiful examples of **Hispano-Islamic textiles** will be encountered in Burgos, Toledo and Palencia.

Read a HALI magazine account of the last HALI Tour in this region with Gijs van Hensbergen in 2015 [here](#). View the route, hotel details and booking details on the [Martin Randall Travel website](#).

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Image: Veil of Hisham II made in Cordoba or Almeria during the Spanish Umayyad period, 976-1013, Real Academia de la Historia, Madrid

What to expect

HALI works with local experts, institutions and individuals to offer small groups exclusive access to the best carpet and textile treasures in museums and private collections around the world.

We guarantee encounters with little-seen pieces in the company of experts and fellow enthusiasts paired with opportunities to visit other select sites of cultural interest to support the in-depth carpet and textile content. Handpicked luxury accommodation, quality dining, limited group sizes and scheduled free time combine to maximise relaxation and comfort.

Both of these tours have limited spaces available. Email halitours@hali.com with any

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