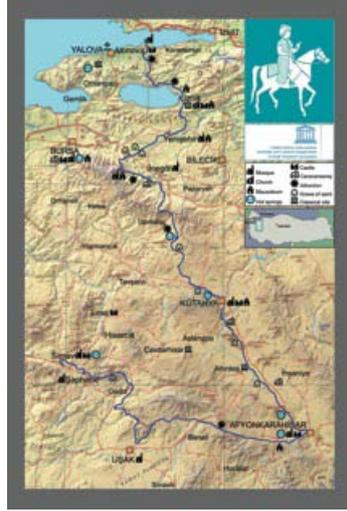




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The Evliya Çelebi Project

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By Professor Donna Landry

'The Evliya Çelebi Project and The Evliya Çelebi Way: In the Hoofprints of the Ottoman Past'

Tuesday, 1st May 2012

at

Turkish Embassy Residence
69 Portland Place, London W1B 1QS

11.30 am- Registration 12 pm- Presentation 1.30 pm- Buffet Lunch 3 pm- End

Price: £50



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WHO IS EVLIYA ÇELEBI?

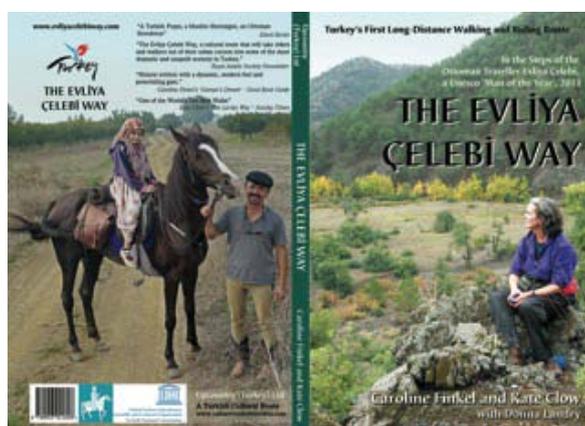
Evliya Celebi (1611 – c.1683) was an enlightened man in a variety of ways who believed in equality, freedom of thought and intellectual debate, and found all of these things present in Islamic societies. He was an Ottoman Turkish gentleman who journeyed through the territory of the Ottoman Empire and neighbouring lands over a period of forty years. Over the course of his travels he wrote ten volumes detailing his adventures. ‘Seyahatname’ –Book of Travels – is a unique and important text, representing one of the few accounts of the 17th century and the Ottoman world from the perspective of a Muslim. In 2011, the year which would have been his 400th birthday, Evliya is being paid homage as UNESCO’s Man of the Year.

THE EVLIYA CELEBI PROJECT

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May 1671: the mighty Ottomans still command one of the most powerful and magnificent empires the world has ever known. One of the empire’s most cosmopolitan sons, Evliya Çelebi, age 60, sets out from Istanbul on the pilgrimage to Mecca. He has spent the last 40 years travelling throughout the width and breadth of the empire and beyond. He has written down everything; the stories he has heard the places he has seen, his dreams, and his obsessions with beautiful youth and fast-paced horses.

September 2009: an international team of 6 riders, Turks and non-Turks, led by Ercihan Dilari, 7 horses, 2 motorised support staff, and a small film crew, set out from Hersek on the southern shore of the Gulf of Izmit to pick up Evliya’s trail. This talk by expedition team member Donna Landry, co-author of the guidebook, will combine recapturing Evliya’s world with introducing Turkey’s first long-distance equestrian cultural route, The Evliya Çelebi Way.



Presented by

Professor Donna Landry, FRAS, of the University of Kent, is a founding member of the Evliya Çelebi Ride and Way project, and a member of the 2009 expedition. She recently published *Noble Brutes: How Eastern Horses Transformed English Culture* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009). She has now embarked upon a book about Evliya Çelebi, and the English travellers Wilfrid Scawen Blunt and Lady Anne Blunt, investigating alternative pathways to modernity, cosmopolitanism, and empire.