

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO TURKEY: PROGRAMME

I need to consult you about the programme for the second day of your visit to Turkey, or when you will be in Istanbul. The programme as it at present stands is attached.

Mr. Thatcher has suggested that you should visit the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and the Florence Nightingale Cemetery at Scutari. This would involve crossing the Bosphorous to the Asian side and would take a total of some two hours.

The Embassy are very reluctant to sacrifice what is already in the programme for that day to include this visit. The choices are:

- to leave the programme unchanged;
- for you to go through with the programme as planned but for Mr. Thatcher to go independently to the War Graves Cemetery and the Florence Nightingale Cemetery;
- to extend the programme in Istanbul to add visits to the Cemeteries. This could be done by leaving Ankara rather earlier and putting back some of the afternoon engagements so that you leave for London rather later. This would make for a long day in what is already a crowded visit. But it is not impossible.

Start much earlier. Go to cemetery first.

Could you please tick whichever of the options you would prefer?

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Friday 8 April

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0900 Leave Residence
0930 Joint Press Conference at Ankara Airport
1025 Depart Ankara for Istanbul
1125 Arrive Istanbul Airport
Met by Governor, Mayor, Military Commander and Police
Chief
1130 Depart Istanbul Airport
1150 Arrive Municipality
1220 Depart Istanbul Municipality
1240 Arrive Shale Kiosk
1300 Mayor of Istanbul's Lunch (speech)
1445 Depart Shale Kiosk
1500 Visit Topkapi Palace and Aya Sofia
1600 Visit Yenikapi Water Treatment Plant (British project)
1630 Depart Yenikapi
1640 Visit Otokar Land Rover Assembly Plant
1700 Depart Otokar
1715 Arrive Istanbul Airport
Seen off by Governor, Mayor, Military Commander and
Police Chief
1730 Depart Istanbul

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