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ANTALYA GLOBAL FOUNDATION

An Introduction

Global Hearts, Together for Antalya



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Welcome to the Antalya Global Foundation

This introduction is for everyone who meets the Antalya Global Foundation for the first time: friends of the city in every country, the people of Antalya, Türkiye, and the institutions that serve and celebrate it.

It explains who we are, why Antalya, what we believe and what we do, and it closes with the ways to take part. It is short on purpose. Antalya is best understood slowly, in person and in conversation, and we hope these pages are the start of that conversation with you.

Every figure, plan and promise in these pages is stated as it stands today. Where something is a plan, we say so.

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Antalya matters, to us and to the world



Dear friend of Antalya,

Antalya is more than a city. It is a meeting place of sea and mountains, of memories and discoveries, of people who arrive from everywhere and somehow feel at home. We have walked its old streets, written about its light and its people, and listened to visitors from many countries who carried the city home with them.

We founded the Antalya Global Foundation on 07.07.2025 to give that feeling a home: a global circle of people who love Antalya, Türkiye, and who wish to present it to the world with depth and care, and to bring the world closer to it. AGF complements every effort that serves the city. It adds a global voice, made of many voices.

We invite you to join us, as a Friend, as a member or as a partner, and to share your own Antalya with the world.

Prof. Bassem K. Khafagy

FOUNDER, ANTALYA GLOBAL
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Dr. Nurgül Karahan

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The Antalya Global Foundation in one page

Global Hearts, Together for Antalya. A global circle of people who love Antalya, Türkiye, connecting the world to Antalya and presenting Antalya to the world.

IN SHORT

What	A global foundation and community dedicated to the city and province of Antalya: its people, its ideas and its places.
Why	Antalya is known to millions as a destination. AGF helps the world know it as a living city, with a story, a culture and a voice of its own.
Who	Friends of Antalya in every country: residents, visitors, people who return every year, writers, artists, scholars and institutions.
How	Storytelling and publications, gatherings and celebrations, a growing community of members and ambassadors, and partnerships across borders.
Where	A US non-profit, headquartered in San Diego, California, working in Antalya through a strategic partnership with the Rising Crescent Association.
Founded	On 07.07.2025, by Prof. Bassem K. Khafagy and Dr. Nurgül Karahan.
Join	Become a Friend, free, at Antalya.Foundation , or choose a membership. Write to Connect@Antalya.Foundation .

Antalya matters. To me, to us, and to the world.

A city that deserves to be known in full

Antalya, Türkiye sits where the Taurus Mountains meet the Mediterranean. For more than two thousand years it has welcomed travelers, traders, scholars and artists, and it still does.



Most of the world knows Antalya through its beaches and its resorts. Those who stay longer discover much more: an old town of stone streets and wooden houses, ancient theaters and harbors, mountain villages, festivals, crafts, and the warmth of the people who live here.

AGF exists so that this fuller Antalya is seen, understood and remembered. We believe the city's story belongs to everyone who loves it, and that it deserves to be told with dignity in every language of the world.

Antalya deserves to be known not only for its beaches, but for the fullness of its story: its people, its ideas and its places.

A bridge between the world and Antalya

The Antalya Global Foundation is a global circle of people who love Antalya, Türkiye. Some visited once and carried the city home with them. Some chose it as their home. Some return every year, and many dream of coming one day.



AGF is a bridge in two directions. We present Antalya to the world through stories, books, pictures and gatherings, and we bring the world to Antalya: visitors, thinkers, artists, institutions and ideas that enrich the city and its people.

Our members are ambassadors of the city. Each of them carries Antalya into conversations, friendships and work around the world, and each has a place in the foundation.

To the world

Stories, books, pictures and gatherings that carry Antalya into homes, schools and conversations far from the Mediterranean.

To Antalya

Visitors, thinkers, artists and partners who come closer to the city, take part in its life and bring their own ideas with them.

People · Ideas · Places

Three words guide everything we do. Together they describe how a city lives: through the people who make it, the ideas it holds and the places that keep its memory.

People

Residents, visitors, artists, scholars and friends of the city in every country. AGF begins with them.

Ideas

Antalya is a city to think with as well as to see. We gather reflections, research and new initiatives that carry its meaning further.

Places

From the old harbor to the mountain villages, every place in the province holds a story worth telling well.

OUR VALUES

Respect

We honor Antalya as it is, and every person and institution that serves it.

Reflection

We invite pause and depth. We prefer meaning to noise.

Connection

Everything we do links the city and the world in both directions.

Beauty

Elegance is part of the message, in our words, our pictures and our gatherings.

Four directions, one purpose

AGF works in four directions, all serving one purpose: to give Antalya, Türkiye the global presence its story deserves.

Antalya to the world

We present the city through books, essays, photography and abstract art that honor its depth, in English first and in more languages over time.

The world to Antalya

We invite visitors, scholars, artists and institutions to know the city closely, and we open doors for them to take part in its life.

Initiatives

We create original initiatives, projects and gatherings that serve both directions and that the people of Antalya and the world can share.

A think tank

We act as a global think tank on the relationship between Antalya and the world, and as a model that other cities may follow.

HOW IT SHOWS

- Publications and stories that treat Antalya as a living subject, not a guidebook.
- Gatherings and celebrations, online and in the city, that bring members together.
- A growing collection of member reflections, photographs and art about Antalya.
- Partnerships with cultural, academic and civic institutions in Antalya and abroad.

Global, independent and complementary

A few principles keep AGF true to its purpose and welcome everywhere it works.

PRINCIPLE	WHAT IT MEANS
Global	AGF serves the global presence of Antalya, Türkiye. Its home and reach are international; its heart is in the city.
Complementary	We complement every effort that serves Antalya, local and international. We never compete with them.
Independent	AGF is an independent foundation. It speaks for its members and its mission, not for any authority.
Positive	We say what Antalya is and what we build. We explain our ideas and invite questions.
Lasting	We prefer depth to speed. Our work is built to last beyond any season or campaign.
Light	AGF stays light in form and lean in cost, so that more of its effort goes to the city and its friends.

In Antalya, AGF works through a strategic partnership with the Rising Crescent Association, which has supported the foundation since its first steps.

AGF is an invitation before it is an organization.

Every member an ambassador

The heart of AGF is its community: people in many countries who love Antalya and share it with others.



A letter from Antalya

A monthly letter with seasonal reflections, stories and news from the city and the community.

Wall art

A picture or a piece of abstract art of Antalya each month, to download, print and keep.

Your reflections

A growing collection of essays, photographs and memories shared by members, so the world sees Antalya through many eyes.

Recognition

Members who share their reflections, propose ideas or invite others may be honored as ambassadors of the city.

Choose your place in AGF

Everyone who loves Antalya is welcome. Start as a Friend, free, and choose a membership whenever you wish.

MEMBERSHIP

Friend Free

- Your digital Antalya Friends Card
- The monthly letter from Antalya
- Wall art of the month
- Invitations to online gatherings
- Take part at least once a year to stay active

MEMBERSHIP

Antalya Moment

€70 a year

- Everything a Friend receives
- Your Antalya Moment member card
- Member invitations to gatherings
- Member offers from AGF partners, as partners join

MEMBERSHIP

Antalya Passport

From €250 a year

- Everything an Antalya Moment member receives
- The Antalya Passport, a printed premium card
- Priority invitations to gatherings in Antalya
- The fullest way to belong to AGF

Membership is yearly and is paid by card on Antalya.Foundation. Current details and benefits are always published there.

Partners across borders

AGF welcomes institutions that share its purpose: museums, universities, cultural festivals, research centers, publishers, and the businesses that welcome the world to Antalya, Türkiye.

Cultural partners

Exhibitions, programs and publications created together, in Antalya and abroad, that extend the city's presence in the world.

Academic partners

Research, lectures and student projects on the city, its heritage and its relationship with the world.

Supporters

Institutions and companies that support the foundation's work and share in its reach across a global community.

Hosts

Places in Antalya that open their doors to AGF members and guests, and offer them a warm welcome.

Institutions join AGF through sponsorship and partnership agreements shaped around each partner.

HOW A PARTNERSHIP BEGINS

STEP

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| 1. Write | Tell us about your institution and your idea at Connect@Antalya.Foundation . |
| 2. Talk | We meet to explore a shared purpose and what each side brings to it. |
| 3. Agree | We shape a partnership agreement around the work, the time frame and the support. |
| 4. Work together | We carry out the work together and share it with the AGF community around the world. |

Two homes, one city at heart

AGF was founded by two people who live the bridge it builds: one from beyond Türkiye who chose Antalya as home, and one who grew up in Türkiye and carries its culture to the world.

Prof. Bassem K. Khafagy

An academic, author and founder of international initiatives in higher education, who has made Antalya his home and writes about the city's soul, its people and its ideas.

Dr. Nurgül Karahan

An academic from Türkiye and a scholar of the Arabic language, who brings to AGF a deep cultural insight into Antalya and its place between East and West.

Together they have written books about Antalya that present the city as a living story rather than a destination. AGF is the home they built for everyone who feels the same.

WHERE WE ARE

Headquarters	San Diego, California, United States
In the city	Antalya, Türkiye, through a strategic partnership with the Rising Crescent Association
Online	Antalya.Foundation
Write to us	Connect@Antalya.Foundation

What we are building

AGF is at the beginning of a long road. These are the plans that guide its next steps, stated as plans.

WE PLAN TO	SO THAT
Grow a global community of Friends and members	People who love Antalya in every country find one another and share the city.
Publish books, essays and art about Antalya	The city takes the place it deserves in the world's literature and imagination.
Hold gatherings, online and in the city	Members meet, exchange ideas and celebrate Antalya together.
Build a collection of member reflections	The world sees Antalya through many eyes, in many languages.
Form partnerships across borders	Antalya's culture and ideas travel further, and the world's reach the city.
Welcome more languages over time	Friends everywhere can take part in their own language.

What begins as a circle of friends may one day become a lasting home for the story of Antalya in the world.

Join us

If Antalya has touched your life, or you wish it would, there is a place for you in the Antalya Global Foundation.



Become a Friend of Antalya, free

Visit Antalya.Foundation to join, or write to Connect@Antalya.Foundation. Bring a friend with you: every new member makes the circle wider.

[ANTALYA.FOUNDATION](https://Antalya.Foundation)

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Küresel Gönüller, Antalya için Birlikte

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