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I have gotten some inquiries on this cruise ship port in the Black Sea. Following is the review I wrote when I returned along with contact information.

Few ships go to many of the Turkish ports and Adem actually is called in to train the guides that some cruiseships use.

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"I have just returned from a cruise of the Black Sea. In Sinop, I contracted with Adem of Sinop Tours to guide us for the day. Initially, we were a small group, but I ended up including 39 people from our ship in total.

I emailed Adem many times in the months before our trip and he was always prompt and attentive to our needs and concerns.

We had a very comfortable bus for our day in Sinop. Adem is very knowledgeable (also fluent in German as he was educated as an engineer in the University of Cologne in Germany).

Adem worked hard to provide us with the best possible experience (for example, getting us to the museums when there were no other big groups, taking our bus for a scenic panorama that is not widely known). We also went out of town for a short but pretty ride through the lovely countryside to the famous Fjord. A few of our group went for a swim in the bay!

Not only did we see twice as much as the cruise ship passengers, but it was half the price! Adem also included, as a surprise a snack break for us at the crafts bazaar which was very tasty with local specialties. We were the envy of others who asked how we arranged such a wonderful tour. It was also delightful not to be steered towards certain vendors as is true with so many port guides.

The historical significance of Sinop extends back thousands of years.

There is a wonderful archeological museum in which one can view thousands of years of finds.

Most recently, it was a listening post /military base of the US government (it is the northern most part of Turkey and therefore the closest to what was the USSR).

We really appreciated the hospitality provided at this port by Adem and the Turkish people."

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Note: They arrived in Sinop on the Holland America Cruise Ship on 10th October 2010