

Athens, March 2, 1977

Kay Ann,
 good news for both! I got the Turkish visa, valid for one year, but only for 10 days in Turkey (Turkey? Turkey?) now we have to organize my joining you, if you really wish me to join you in this country!
 That is

1.- I decided not to go with you on your Aegean cruise. I know Crete, Mykonos and Santorin (where I was last year!) and would like to go this year to Rhodes and Patmos, but to be able to stay some days and see as much as I can.
 But I am terribly excited at the idea I'll follow you to Turkey. A very old dream, - ever since you persuaded me to be my guide in Constantinople! now I will have you as guide, and am really very grateful to you.

2.- For me, the best solution would be to meet with you in Athens, on the day of your arrival (if you let me know your hotel I'll come and meet you) and, after your Aegean tour, to leave with you by plane, to Turkey, then back to Athens.
 That is Athens - Istanbul - Athens by airplane.
 But if it is too complicated for you, I can also go with you from Istanbul to Zurich and then, alone back to Greece, where I must stay for two or three more months.

One thing is maybe necessary: I must be included in your group, for all reservations, planes, hotels, etc etc...
 I have also a little personal problem:

3.- I wish I could leave Istanbul the same day with you and if possible a little before you!! To go to the airport with you! Because of the fanaticism against Greeks that is existing in Turkey! You cannot imagine how the government has fanatized this good people! When they see a Greek they think he is the devil! And I'll be alone, an old lady in a country (hostile to Greeks)
 Maybe when you know what a flight you will have from Istanbul to Zurich, you can also reserve my flight to Athens. But if all this is too complicated for you, I'll go with you to Zurich (a reasonable way!!) and then back to Athens!

For all the expenses, airplanes, hotels, etc etc, I can send you a check in US dollars or in Swiss francs, just as you like it!

With the hope that you can understand my Metro-English, and arrange things in the best way for us all, I am sending you with my thanks my blessings and wishes and much love

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