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The clock is counting down and the bell is about to ring to end our visit here in Turkey. Ignoring that, today we had a change on our schedule, so we decided to pay another visit to the Rahmi Koç museum after being so fascinated the first time we went there.

After our travelling experience here, we decided to take back the rental car and took an underground train to one station, where we had to change into a minibus. We were very amazed by the way the minibus is set up, with four seats and lots of empty standing space, but the catch is, it can carry any number of passengers, unless it is tickled. So in the end we finally made our way to the museum in less time than we thought.

Our visit was much of deep exploration today, in that we all went separately to different areas in the museum which had attracted us most on the previous visit. We again enjoyed everything we saw there and the generosity of the workers who are very passionate about what they do. Some of our highlights of the museum includes seeing seawater cars, which have propellers and a normal car engine and are able to propel in the water, you just can't believe, models of old steam trains and a large collection of boat designs.



Selin, our generous hostess!



(Surrounded by kids who were fascinated by the boys and kept crowding around them, occasionally exchanging a High Five and just generally curious).

After we had spent some time in the museum, we took a minibus back to the Metro station where we went on the underground to Tarabye where we had lunch in a nice restaurant before our meeting with Admiral Cem who organised a very adventurous tour for us along the Bosphoros.



Cruising the Bosphoros with the Admiral!



It is a dream which has not come true yet for some people, but we are very privileged for that. Our time on the boat, powering across the Bosphoros, which is a very busy waterway and mainly a Black Sea shipping lane will remain memorable to us.

The view of houses and some other buildings along the shores of the Bosphoros made us realise we were experiencing a strong current. Everything caught our attention and we really enjoyed every moment on that boat.

We are looking forward to meeting Mr Koç tomorrow before saying a sad goodbye to Turkey tomorrow around midnight when we fly back to Cape Town.

A big thank you to everyone!