

ARIT BOOK TALK

Following Miss Bell: Travels Around Turkey in the Footsteps of Gertrude Bell

by Pat Yale

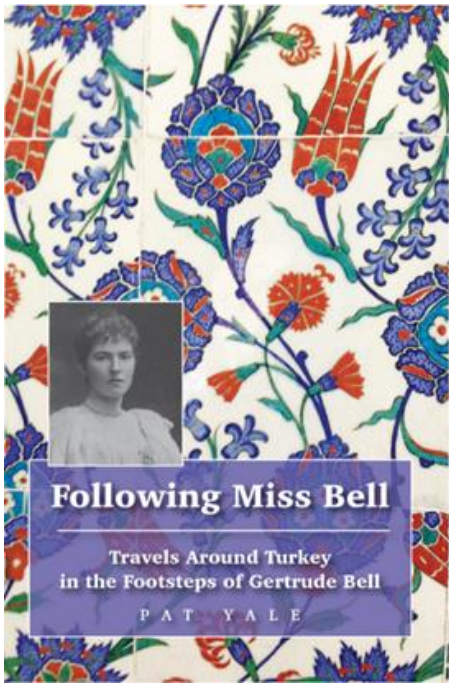
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm İstanbul

In person lecture at ANAMED Auditorium, İstiklal Caddesi, 181, Merkez Han, Beyoğlu

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The life of the renowned explorer, archaeologist and writer Gertrude Bell has been covered in several excellent biographies but because her work in the Levant was so high profile the role that Türkiye played, particularly in her younger life, has tended to be overlooked. In 2015 Pat Yale mapped everywhere that Bell had visited in the country and then set out to follow in her footsteps, travelling from İzmir to Cizre and back across Anatolia to İstanbul. The end result was a travel book – *Following Miss Bell: Travels Around Turkey in the Footsteps of Gertrude Bell* – that interweaves the story of Bell’s visits as revealed by her letters, diaries, photographs and published works with Yale’s own story of what she found on a journey that saw her attempting to climb Hasan Dağı, experiencing Ramazan in sweltering Şanlıurfa and visiting many remote and forgotten Byzantine churches and monasteries in the Tur Abdin. In an illustrated talk she will explain how the project developed and talk about some of the discoveries made along the way.

Pat Yale grew up in London and studied history at Cambridge University before going to work in the travel industry. She then became a guidebook writer specializing in Türkiye, primarily for Lonely Planet. Her articles have appeared in *The Guardian*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Independent*, *Time Out Istanbul* and many other publications. After almost two decades of residence in a cave-house in Cappadocia, she now lives in İstanbul.