



Speaker CV



Erkunt Oner

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Erkunt Oner was born in Sivas, Turkey in 1944. His interest in tourism started when he was a young high school student, and at the age of 21 he started the first licensed guide organization with the support of the Ministry of Tourism, while also studying law at Ankara University.

In 1964, he took a Tourism Training Program in Brussels offered by the Belgian Government. In 1972 he completed his academic career with a degree in International Relations, Ecole des Hautes Etudes Internationales, Universite de Sorbonne.

Erkunt Oner founded Tura Turizm in 1966 as an inbound and outbound tour operator based in Istanbul. Over the past 50 years, the company has grown dynamically to become one of the strongest tour operators in Turkey.

During his career, Erkunt Oner owned and managed cruise ships, ferries and hotels of various sizes. He worked as a lecturer at the University of Istanbul from 1990 until 2000. He participated as an interim lecturer at Seatrade Cruise Academy in Cambridge in 2012. He has often been a speaker at Seatrade Conferences in Miami, Europe and the Mediterranean, PSA, Med Cruise, and WTM.

Erkunt Oner has served as Chairman and CEO of Tura Turizm for 50 years, from its founding to the present. He has been awarded for Lifetime Achievement Award for Services to Cruising at Seatrade Cruise Awards 2016.