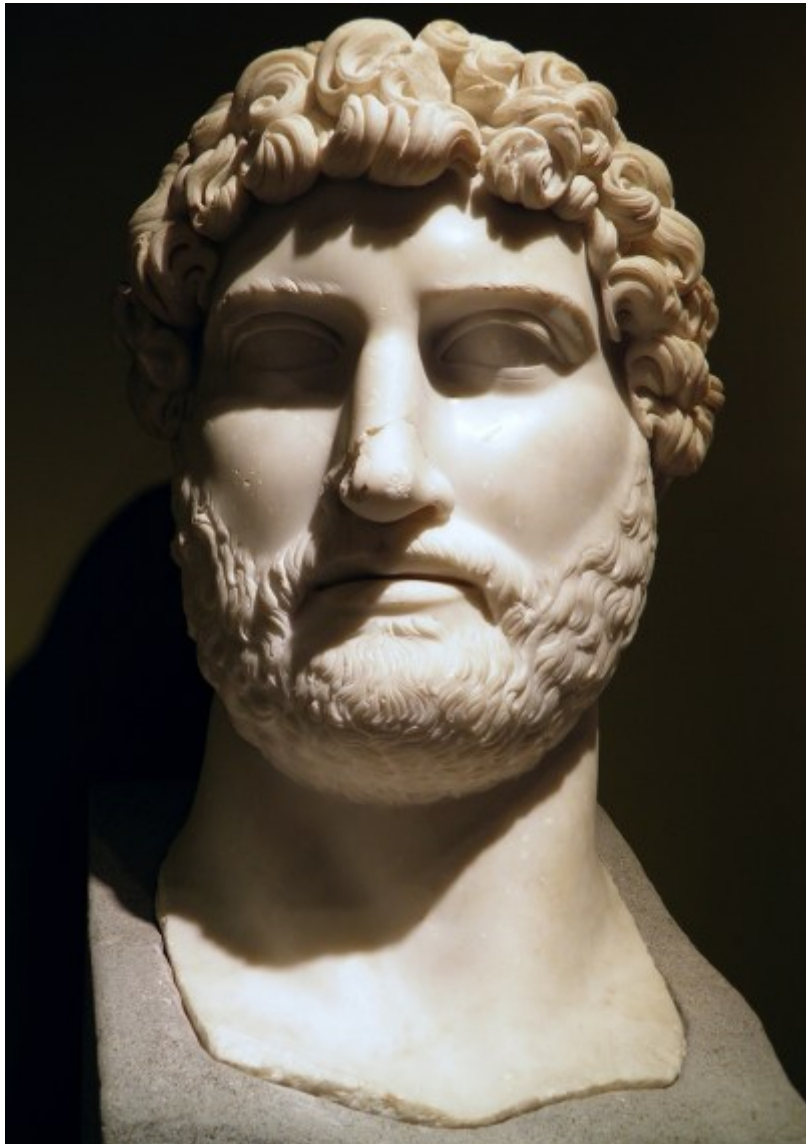


I just got back from a wonderful trip to Turkey (exploring the regions of Lycia, Pisidia and Pamphylia), and to France where I visited Lugdunum (Lyon) and Vienna (Vienne).

I will be posting loads of photos in the coming days from the dozen of sites I visited... Sagalassos, Side, Seleucia, Aspendos, Myra, Xanthos, Letoon, Patara, Phaselis... but for now here is one of the most beautiful portraits of Hadrian I saw! The colossal head was found in the Roman Baths complex of Sagalassos in 2007 and is now exhibited in the Burdur museum nearby.



*Colossal head of Hadrian found at Sagalassos, Turkey*

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The statue is clearly inspired by one of the eight official statue types of Hadrian, in this case the Chiaramonti type (named after a portrait in the Vatican).

Under Hadrian, Sagalassos flourished, like many other cities in Asia Minor, and was officially recognised as the first city of Pisidia and regional centre for the imperial cult.



*The Roman Baths complex, built on a hill east of the Lower Agora early in the second century A.D., where the colossal marble statues of Hadrian, Marcus Aurelius and Faustina the Elder were found*

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The site of Sagalassos was definitely one of the highlights of my Anatolian trip! Further photos from

Sagalassos will be posted separately.

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