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# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL TURKEY & GREECE

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Old Harbour, Antalya

### Tour Itinerary:

**June 8 Mon Non-stop Direct Flight from BOSTON (BOS) to ISTANBUL (IST)**

Depart Boston at 23:45 by Turkish Airlines TK 82 flight (arrive Istanbul 16:25 next day)

**June 9 Tue Arrive Istanbul at 16:25**

Your tour guide will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with a “Dr. David Palmer – TUTKU” sign. Private bus transfer to the hotel. We will have a private **Boat Tour** along the Bosphorus seeing the Asian and European shores of Istanbul. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

**June 10 Wed Istanbul – Fly Antalya**

Full day Istanbul tour; morning visit to the **Hagia Sophia Church**, built by Constantine the Great and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, one of the world’s greatest architectural marvels and a designated World Heritage site. Afternoon visit to the **Istanbul Archaeological Museum, Museum of the Ancient Orient**, containing important biblical artefacts, and **Hagia Irene Church**, site of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ecumenical Council (AD 381), which confirmed the Nicene Creed. Transfer to Istanbul Airport for late afternoon flight to Antalya. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**June 11 Thu Perga – Museum – Antalya**

Visit Perga, where Paul landed after sailing from the island of Cyprus during his first missionary journey (Acts 13:13–14). Enter the site through the Hellenistic gates through which Paul would have walked. Tour the impressive remains which include a 15,000-seat theatre, 12,000-seat stadium, and colonnaded street with a flowing water channel in the middle. Afternoon visit to the award-winning **Antalya Archaeological Museum**. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Antalya. (B,D)

**June 12 Fri Antalya – Colossae, Laodicea, Hierapolis – Pammukale**

Drive through the Lycus River Valley where three important biblical cities are to be found. We begin with the unexcavated mound of Colossae, where Epaphras first brought the gospel he had heard from Paul. We continue to the well excavated city of Laodicea, which had a close relationship with the nearby



Laodicea

churches of Colossae and Hierapolis (Col4:13–16). Laodicea was also one of the seven churches to whom John sent the book of Revelation (Rev3:14–22). Our final stop explores the vast remains of Hierapolis, where we will see the recently discovered tomb of Philip, one of the twelve, who was martyred here in AD 80. We will explore the remarkable mineral springs of Pammukale and rest overnight in one of the nearby hotels built upon the ancient thermal baths. (B,D)

**June 13 Sat Aphrodisias – visit Sebasteion and Museum – Kusadasi**

Drive to Geyre to visit the ancient city of Aphrodisias, excavated by New York University. We will visit the **Sebasteion**, (or *Augusteum*), a unique temple complex dedicated to Aphrodite and the Julio-Claudian emperors that depicts the subject peoples of the empire in marble relief. We will also see the largest and best-preserved stadium in antiquity. After visiting the **Aphrodisias Museum**, with a number of important inscriptions that illuminate Paul’s ministry context, we continue to Kusadasi on the shores of the Aegean Sea. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kusadasi. (B,D)

**June 14 Sun Miletus – Didyma – Priene – Kusadasi**

A short drive brings us to Miletus which, due to its four harbors and strategic location on the Aegean coast of Asia Minor, became one of the great cities of commerce in the ancient world. Of the surviving buildings, the finest is the 15,000-seat theatre originally built in the Hellenistic period and expanded in Roman times. Paul stopped here on the return of his third missionary journey where he summoned the elders from Ephesus to meet with him and hear his poignant farewell address (Acts 20:17–35). We will visit the recently renovated **Archaeological Museum** and explore Didyma with the well-preserved **Temple of Apollo**, the second most influential oracle in antiquity. We conclude our day in Greco-Roman city of Priene located on a cliff-side. Return to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**June 15 Mon Ephesus – Kusadasi**

Today we visit the famous ancient city of Ephesus, the site of the Artemis temple—one of seven wonders of the ancient world. Paul visited this city briefly during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:18–21) but returned during his third missionary journey for an extended period of more than two years (Acts 19:1–20:1). We will enter the theatre where 25,000 citizens once gathered shouting “Great is Artemis!” in a riot over Paul’s ministry. Timothy later served as pastor in this city, receiving two letters from Paul to guide him (1–2 Tim). The apostle John ministered from Ephesus where he wrote 1–3 John and sent the book of Revelation. We will visit the **Terrace Houses**, the impressive **Ephesus Museum**, and the **Basilica of St. John**. Return to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**June 16 Tue Embark Celestial Cruises – Patmos**

Significant New Testament events took place at sea. We will transfer to Kusadasi Port at 10:30 am and embark on the **Celestial Cruise Ship** for the Greek island of Patmos, where the apostle John was exiled (Rev 1:9). We will visit the cave where he received the “Revelation of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:1) and the **Monastery of John** with our Greek guide. (B,L,D)

**June 17 Wed Celestial Cruises – Rhodes – Free time or Optional Shore Excursions (B,L,D)**

Paul visited the island of Rhodes near the end of his third missionary journey (Acts 21:1). Here the Colossus of Rhodes, a towering 107 ft bronze statue, once guarded the harbor. Herod the Great met Augustus here and was confirmed as Friend of the Romans and King of the Jews. The emperor Tiberius waited here in self-imposed exile from 6 BC to AD 2.



Patmos

**June 18 Thu Celestyal Cruises – Crete:** including Excursion to **Knossos** and **Santorini** (Free time)

We will stop at the great island of Crete, where Paul left Titus “to appoint elders in every town” (Titus 1:5). Paul harbored on the southern coast of Crete during his journey to Rome (Acts 27). After stopping at the port of Heraklion, we will have a guided tour of the remarkable Minoan palace of Knossos, the oldest city in Europe. We will sail in the afternoon to Santorini, where you will have free time to explore one of the most beautiful islands in Greece. (B,L,D)



Athens

**June 19 Fri Athens**

Disembark at the port of Piraeus at 8:00 am, where Paul himself arrived. Our tour of Athens begins with the **Acropolis Museum**, recently named one of the best museums in the world. The museum show cases the statuary art, relief panels, vases and votive offering associated with the Acropolis in a brilliant architectural setting. In the late afternoon we will visit the **Acropolis**, including the **Propylaea**, the **Parthenon**, and the **Erectheum**. We will climb **Mars’ Hill** where Paul stood before the city council to proclaim Christ (Acts 17). From here we can view the **Agora**, the market place of Athens. A sunset walk through Filoppapou park will bring us to the Dora Stratou ethnic dance theatre for the 9:30 pm performance. Dinner and overnight in Athens. (B,D)

**June 20 Sat Corinth Canal – Cenchreae – Corinth – Mycenae – Athens**

We begin our day crossing the Corinth canal and then a brief visit to the harbor at Cenchreae, where Paul departed at the end of his second missionary journey (Acts 18:18). We will then explore the city of Corinth, where Paul lived and preached for a year and a half. We will see the Temple of Apollo, the Agora, and the Bema, or judgment seat, where Paul was brought before the Roman proconsul Gallio. We will stop at the **Archaeological Museum** and then continue to Mycenae, the city of Agamemnon passing through the Lion Gate, the oldest sculpture in Europe. We will share a special dinner at the picturesque city of Nauplion before returning to Athens for overnight.

**June 21 Sun Transfer to Athens Airport for flight back to BOSTON. End. (B)**



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**\$4,990** Per Person in Double Room  
**\$960** Single Room Supplement

**INCLUDING**

- Roundtrip international air fare between Boston-Istanbul & Athens-Boston
- Istanbul-Antalya domestic flight
- 1 Night at 4 star Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel in Istanbul or similar
- 2 Nights at 4 star Best Western Khan Hotel in Antalya or similar
- 1 Night at 4 star Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale or similar
- 3 Nights at 4 star Korumar Hotel in Kusadasi or similar
- 3 Nights at Celestyal Cruises “Iconic Aegean” – Standard IB Cabin
- 2 Nights at 4 star Parthenon Hotel in Athens or similar
- Daily breakfast and 12 dinners at the hotels
- Lunches during the Aegean Cruise
- Bottled water included at all meals (*drinks are extra*)
- Shore Excursion to Patmos during the cruise
- Shore Excursion to Knossos Palace in Crete (*other shore excursions are optional/excluded*)
- All transportation by private AC Buses
- English Speaking, Government Licensed, Bible Oriented guides in Turkey, Greece
- All Entry fees to the sites and museums
- Tutku Tours Travel Bag, T-shirt, Maps
- All Service charges and local taxes
- All Tips to the hotels
- All Tips to Tour Guides and bus drivers

**EXCLUDING**

- Turkish Visa Fee to be paid online prior to arrival [www.evisa.gov.tr](http://www.evisa.gov.tr)
- US citizens do not need a visa for Greece. Non-US citizens must check their own visa regulations.
- Lunches (*except during cruise*) and Drinks
- Travel & Health Insurances, all kind of insurances (*insurance can be given at extra cost upon request*)
- Personal Expenses (*Laundry, phone calls, all kind of insurances, etc*)



Istanbul, Turkey

### **PAYMENT PROCEDURE:**

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT** : \$200 per person September 15, 2019  
(refundable until February 18, 2020)

**FULL PAYMENT** : March 7, 2020

**PAYMENT** can be made by credit card (Visa or Mastercard)  
You can fill in the secure form at our website  
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| - 59-45 days prior to departure   | 25%        |
| - 44-30 days prior to departure   | 50%        |
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