



JOURNEY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL 4 WITH THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Duration: 14 Days/ 13 Nights

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Daily Itinerary

01 - Arrive in Istanbul

Arrival in Istanbul. Transfer to hotel for lodging.

02 - ISTANBUL

Breakfast: Full day excursion of the city. In the morning, we visit Hagia Sofia, which is the most identified monument associated with Istanbul, one of the world's most marvelous and beautiful architectural works. It also served as one of the world's largest churches. We continue to the Blue Mosque admired for six levels of minarets and cupolas with terraces that rise in the center of the building; you will see the architecture meet its objective with perfection in this awesome work. The mosque is now converted into the Kariye Museum. Then visit the Mosque of Suleiman, one of the magnificent works of the famous architect Sinan. Visit the Venerable Patriarchal Church of Saint George. In the afternoon, we will visit the Egyptian Bazaar (aka The Spice Market). We continue walking on Future Street with the possibility of attending mass at the Church of Saint Antonio. Return to the hotel. Meals: Breakfast

03- ISTANBUL– ADANA (118 Miles) Domestic Flight Included

Breakfast: We leave the hotel and travel to the airport where we take a flight to Adana. Upon arrival we will take in the panoramic view of the city with a visit to the Church of the Dolls. Arrive at the hotel in Adana for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

04- ADANA – TARSUS – CAPPADOCIA (143 Miles)

Following breakfast, we depart for Tarsus, the city where the Apostle Paul was born. We visit the Church of Saint Paul and the Well of Saint Paul. We continue toward Cappadocia, the land of the Fairy Chimneys. We are taken to the hotel for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

05 – CAPPADOCIA

After breakfast we have a full day excursion. We visit the Fresh Air Museum of Göreme where we will see churches cut into rocks that offer interior views of ancient frescos. We continue with a visit to a troglodyte community at Uchisar. Our journey continues to the Valley of the Doves/Pigeons. We pass by Pasabag (Valley of the Monks) that is also known for its Fairy Chimneys in the form of toadstools. We continue to the village of the Avanos potters. In the afternoon we will visit an underground city: Serhatli (or Ozkonak), impressive for its

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various levels of depth which were used by early Christians as a refuge against persecution during the 6th and 7th centuries. Our last stop of the day will be to a rug workshop to appreciate the weaving of Turkish rugs that are known worldwide and a workshop of onyx and jewelry. Return to the hotel for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

06- CAPPADOCIA – KONYA (ICONIUM) – YALVAC – ANTALYA (323 Miles)

After breakfast we depart toward Konya (Iconium), once Capital of the Grand Selucid Empire where Paul and Barnabas visited on their first missionary journey. We continue toward Antioch of Pisidia (Yalvac) where the Apostle Paul gave his sermon on the Sabbath in the Hebrew synagogue. This city had a considerable population and was considered an important Jewish community.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

07- ANTALYA – PERGE - ASPENDOS – ANTALYA (50 Miles)

This day we visit Perge, one of the more important Roman cities of Asia Minor (now Turkiye), Perge is located on the Mediterranean coast and is the place where Paul, Barnabas and John Mark (gospel author) began their ministry among the people of that region. We visit Aspendos, the Greco-Roman theater, one of the best-preserved theaters of the ancient Roman world. We continue to the architectural city of Antalya for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

08 - ANTALYA – LAODICEA – PAMUKKALE (186 Miles)

Breakfast: We leave for the ancient city of Laodicea; the city where one of the seven churches of Revelation was located; there we will visit Roman ruins. Later we go to Pamukkale and the mountain covered with chalky white deposits of calcium that form semicircular pools that offer a landscape called "The Cotton Castle." We visit the ancient city of Hierapolis with its necropolis which was the largest in Anatolia and see the Martyrium of Saint Phillip where he was martyred during the persecution ordered by Domitian.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

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09 – PAMUKKALE – PHILADELPHIA -SARDIS – SMYRNA:

Breakfast. We leave for Philadelphia. Our planned visit is to the church that is named for the Apostle John. This church was a rectangular building with six pillars made of recycled stone with a structure superior to brick. Lunch follows the visit to Philadelphia. We go directly to Sardis; the current city is called Salihli. Salihli was the opulent capital city of Lydia and the first place where gold was used as coin money. The myth of King Midas has the location as Sardis and its origin was goldmines of the River Pactolo that flows through the ruins of the city. We take notice of the Temple of Artemis, the gymnasium, and the synagogue. We continue to Smyrna where Polycarp was martyred and visit the church of Saint Polycarp. Izmir is a province with few inhabitants. Little is left of the ancient Roman city (option to attend mass). We then arrive at the hotel in Izmir for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

10 – SMYRNA– THYATIRA – MILETUS - KUSADASI

Breakfast and depart for Thyatira which is the current city of Akhisar. The city is well known for its purple-colored dyes; we will visit the remains of a basilica from the Byzantine period. After lunch we continue to the ancient Greek city of Miletus in the western part of Anatolia. Here we find the Baths of Faustina and the theatre. Many of the monuments in Miletus are in ruins. We also go to the place where the Apostle Paul gave his farewell speech to the elders from the church in Ephesus. Then arrive at the Hotel in Kusadasi for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

11 – KUSADASI – EPHESUS – SMYRNA

Breakfast: Then departure for the ancient city of Ephesus which is the best-preserved city in Asia Minor. During the first and second centuries, Ephesus had a population of 250,000 and monopolized the riches of the Middle East. We will visit the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. On foot we will see the Temple of Hadrian, the Roman Baths, the facade of the Celso Library and the Odeon; a theater with a seating capacity of 24,500. In Ephesus we will also visit the Church of the Virgin Mary where in the year 431, the Third Ecumenical Council took place. Additionally, we visit the house of the Virgin Mary, which is supposedly the last dwelling place of the Mother of Jesus. Transported to the hotel in Smyrna for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

12 SMYRNA – PERGAMUM – ASOS (OR EDREMIT) (220 Miles)

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Breakfast; Depart toward Pergamum one of the richest cities in the ancient Roman province of Asia and the place where surgical procedures were first performed. Pergamum is also the city of one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. At the ruins of the Acropolis we encounter the highest point that is in the center of the city currently known as Bergama. At the Acropolis we visit the steepest theater in the world, the Temple of Trajan, the Temple of Athena and the Altar of Zeus. We continue toward the Red Basilica, temple of the Egyptian gods that later was converted into a basilica by the Byzantines. Galen, the most celebrated doctor of antiquity was born in Pergamum; we will visit Asclepion hospital, then travel to Asos (aka Edremit) for arrival at the hotel for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

13 ASSOS (AKA EDREMIT) ALEXANDRIA TROAS – TROY – ISTANBUL (218 Miles):

Breakfast: We leave for Alexandria Troas (Alejandría de Tróade) where the Apostle Paul passed several months during his second journey; it was here he had the vision of a man who called him to go to Macedonia and initiate the first Christian sermon on European soil. After the visit to Alexander Troas we continue toward Troy, the ancient city known for The Iliad by Homer and the Trojan War. Here we visit the Trojan Horse and learn its history. We continue toward Istanbul to the planned hotel for lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

14 ISTANBUL:

Breakfast and transport to the airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

INCLUDED

- Transport to and from according to the itinerary and personal assistance
- 3 Nights in Istanbul with regime of breakfast and bed
- 2 Nights in Cappadocia + 1 Night in Pamukkale + 1 Adana, 2 Nights Antalya, 1 night in Kusadasi, 2 Izmir + 1 Asos with half-board (breakfast and dinner)
- Meals as described: 13 Breakfasts and 10 Dinners
- Professional English-speaking guide

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- Luxury bus with A/C
- Entrance to museums
- Tips at hotels and restaurants
- 1 domestic flight 44 pounds + 15 pounds carry-on

NOT INCLUDED

- Drinks
- Lunches unless otherwise specified
- International flights
- Personal expenses/purchases
- Tips for tour guide and bus driver
- Optional tours

HOTELS PLANNED DURING THE CIRCUIT

ISTANBUL : LAMARTINE 4 OR SIMILAR
ADANA: SETHAN 4* OR SIMILAR
CAPPADOCIA: MUSTAFA 5*/ DINLER 5* OR SIMILAR
ANTALYA: BW KHAN 4* OR SIMILAR
PAMUKKALE : ADEMPIARA 5*/ COLOSSEA 5* OR SIMILAR
KUSADASI: GRAND BELISH RESORT 5* OR SIMILAR
SMYRNA: HILTON GARDEN BAYRAKLIK INN 4* OR SIMILAR
ASOS /EDREMIT: GRAND TEMIZEL 5* OR SIMILAR

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Electronic passport or mechanically readable with a minimum validity of six months from the date of entry

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