



JOURNEY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL IV

Duration: 12 Days/ 11 Nights

Day to Day Itinerary

01 -ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL

Arrival in Istanbul;Estambul. Transport to planned hotel for lodging.

02 - ISTANBUL

Breakfast. Full day excursion of the city. In the morning we visit Hagia Sophia, the monument most identified with Istanbul; one of the most beautiful and marvelous works of architecture besides being one of the grandest church buildings in the world. We will visit the Topkapi Palace where the sultans lived between 1478 and 1856. Topkapi is not a lone structure, but a complex organic

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monumental formed for diverse kiosks, gardens and zones distributed in the historical slums of the helmet of Istanbul at the entrance of the Golden Horn. We continue to the Blue Mosque admired for its six tall minarets and cupolas with terraces that rise in the center of the building; you will see how the architect achieves his objective with the perfection of this impressive work. In the afternoon we visit the Roman Hippodrome (time of Septimus Severus), the place where chariot races and circuses served as amusement for the population of Constantinople for more than a thousand years. We end the day in the covered market of The Grand Bazaar where you will enjoy free time. Transport to the hotel for lodging.

Meals: Breakfast

03- ISTANBUL – ADANA – IARSO - CAPPADOCIA (143 Mi) Domestic Flight

Breakfast. AFTER BREAKFAST WE FLY TO ADANA. We arrive then leave for Tarsus, the city where the Apostle Paul was born. We will visit the Church of St. Paul and the Well of St. Paul. We continue toward Cappadocia; land of the fairy chimneys. Arrival in Cappadocia and transported to the hotel for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

04- CAPPADOCIA

After breakfast we have a full day excursion. We go to the Open Air Museum of Göreme where we will see churches cut from rock that offer views of interior frescos. We continue with a visit to the troglodyte city of Uchisar. We continue to the Valley of the Doves/Pigeons and pass by Pasabag (Valley of the Monks) that is also known for the fairy chimneys in the form of mushrooms. We continue to the potters of Avanos. In the afternoon we will visit a subterranean city: Sherhatli (or Ozkonak), impressive for its many levels of depth, of which were used by early Christians as refuge from enemies in the 6th and 7th centuries. Our day ends with a visit to a rug workshop to appreciate how Turkish rugs, (known worldwide) are woven. Included is a workshop of onyx and jewelry. We return to the hotel for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

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05 – CAPPADOCIA – KONYA – YALVAC – ANTALYA (373 Miles)

Breakfast: We leave for Konya (Iconium), Capital of the Grand Seleucid Empire. The city had a considerable population and was considered an important Jewish community; visited by Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey. We continue toward Antioch of Pisidia (Yalvac) where Paul gave his first known sermon in the synagogue of Antioch on the Sabbath. Dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

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

Leave for Perge; one of the most important Roman cities on the Mediterranean coast of Asia Minor. It was the first place where Paul set foot, with Barnabas and Mark (gospel author) upon arriving in Asia Minor. We will visit Aspendos, the Greco-Roman theater, one of the better preserved theaters of the ancient Roman world. Continuing, we go to the Architectural Museum of Antalya, then dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

07- ANTALYA – PAMUKKALE (186 Miles)

Breakfast: Pamukkale, see the mountain covered with white deposits of calcium that form semicircular pools on what is called the Castle of Cotton. The ancient city of Hierapolis with its necropolis; the largest in Anatolia; visit the Martyrium of St. Philip where he was martyred during the persecutions ordered by Domitian that accompany the steps of this visit.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

08 - PAMUKKALE – LAODECIA – MILETUS – KUSADASI (118 Miles)

Breakfast and journey toward the ancient city of Laodicea, one of the seven churches of Revelation was located here; we visit the Roman Ruins, the lunch. After lunch we continue toward Miletus, renowned for its ancient school of philosophy and where the grand philosopher Thales lived. We also visit the place where the Apostle Paul gave his farewell speech to the elders of the church at Ephesus. Arrive at Kusadasi for dinner and lodging.

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Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

09 – KUSADASI – EPHESUS – SMYRNA (50 Miles)

Breakfast. We travel to Ephesus, the best preserved ancient city of Asia Minor. During the first and second centuries, Ephesus had a population of 250,000 and monopolized the riches of the Mid East. We will visit the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Marvels of the ancient world; the Temple of Hadrian, the Roman Baths, the facade of the Celso Library on foot and the Odeon, an impressive theater with a seating capacity of 24,500. In Ephesus we will also visit the Church of the Virgin Mary where the Third Ecumenical Council took place in the year 431. After lunch we visit the House of the Virgin Mary where supposedly, the last dwelling place of the mother of Jesus. Transport to Smyrna for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

10 – SMYRNA – PERGAMUM – ASOS (O EDREMIT) (211 Miles)

Breakfast. We leave for Pergamum, one of the richest cities of the ancient Roman province of Asia, the place where medical surgery was first performed and was the location of one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. We will encounter the ruins of the Acropolis that are at the highest point in the center of the city now called 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. After lunch we continue the journey toward the Red Basilica, a temple for the Egyptian gods later converted to a basilica by the Byzantines. Galeno, the most celebrated physician of antiquity was born in Pergamum. We visit the ruins of the Asclepion Hospital and continue toward Assos (or Edremit). Arrive at hotel for dinner and lodging.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

11 – ASOS (O EDREMIT) – ALEXANDRA TROAS -TROY - ISTANBUL

Breakfast;. We journey toward Alexandria Troas (Alejandra de Tróade) where the Apostle Paul stayed several months during his second missionary journey. It was here he had the dream that called him to Macedonia where he preached the first Christian sermon on European soil. After the visit to Alexandrai Troas we continue toward Troy; the ancient city best known "The Iliad" by Homer "The Trojan War." We will visit the Trojan Horse and learn of its history. We continue toward Istanbul. Arrival in the city and transport to our hotel for dinner and lodging.

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Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

12 ISTANBUL

Breakfast and transport the the airport for your returning flight.

Meals: Breakfast

INCLUDED

- 3 nights in Istanbul with a schedule of breakfast and bed
- 2 nights in Cappadocia + 1 night in Pamukkale + 2 nights in Antalya, 1 night in Kusadasi, 1 Izmir + 1 Asos with breakfast and dinner
- Meals as described: 11 breakfasts and 8 dinners
- Professional English speaking guide
- Luxury bus with A/C
- Entrance to museums
- Tips for hotels and restaurants
- 1 domestic flight 44 pounds + 15 pounds carry-on

NOT INCLUDED

- Drinks
- Lunches not specified
- International flights
- Personal expenses/purchases
- Tips for the guide and bus driver
- Optional tours
- Hot air balloon ride(s)

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PLANNED HOTELS DURING THE TRIP

ISTANBUL : AMARTINE 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

PRICE PER PERSON CATEGORY 4 ****	
CATEGORY TAKSIM WINTER / DOUBLE OR TRIPLE	1.663USD
CATEGORY RETAJ ROYAL WINTER / DOUBLE OR TRIPLE	1.538USD
CATEGORY TAKSIM SUMMER / DOUBLE OR TRIPLE	1.863 USD
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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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