

10 Days 7 Nights Biblical Turkey - Footsteps of St. Paul



# 7 Churches in Turkey



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#### Itinerary:

#### DAY 01 (FRI): KUALA LUMPUR - ISTANBUL

08.00pm : Assemble at KLIA.Pre Departure briefing by Tour Manager 08.30pm : Check in for your flight to Istanbul on Turkish Airlines TK 061

11.05pm: TK 061 departs for Istanbul

#### DAY 02: ISTANBUL - CANAKKALE (300kms)

(L/D)



Istanbul City Walls

Blue Mosque-Sultan Ahmet Mosque

**Hippodrome Square** 

04.55am : Arrive at Istanbul Airport. Freshen up at Airport . Meet your Tour Director and proceed your sightseeing around Istanbul. Highlights of today's visits

- ➤ Istanbul City Walls built by Emperor Theodosius II over 1500yrs ago
- ➤ Blue Mosque built in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century
- ➤ Hippodrome Square where Gladiators used to fight
- > St Sophia Muesum a unique combination of Christianity & Islam in the same place
- Topkapi Palace a Palace Museum

We continue our journey and head to Canakkale via Gallipoli Peninsula – the place the  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  World War took place. We will make a photo stop to view the replica of Troy's Wooden Horse ( Hollywood Movie ).

Lunch & Dinner is included.

Overnight: Hotel Iris or similar, Canakkale



St. Sophia Museum

Topkapi Palace

Gallipoli Peninsula

#### DAY 03 (SUN): CANAKKALE –PERGAMON (258KMS)-IZMIR (106KMS)

(B/L/D)

After Breakfast, check out and we shall continue our Sightseeing – visiting Troy Ancient City & Troy Wooden Horse. See the remaining structures of the famous City of Troy. Next enjoy the scenery of the Aegean Sea & it's Islands. Photo Stops at Lezbos Island (Midilli Island) – Greece's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Island

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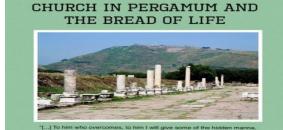
Replica Troy Wooden Horse

**Troy Ancient City** 

Lezbos Island

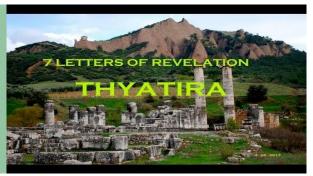
Next we will visit **PERGAMUM** (Rev 2:12-17) described as having the throne of Satan. We will continue to visit another of the 7 Churches – **THYATIRA** (Rev 2:18-29) – praised for its increasing faith & service, but critized for its tolerance of Jezebel – an immoral woman who calls herself a Prophtess. Lunch & Dinner included.

Overnight: Hotel Blanca or similar, Izmir



Revelation 2:17

Pergamum (Rev 2:12-17)



Thyatira (Rev 2:18-29)

DAY 04 (MON): IZMIR-KUSADASI (80KMS)-IZMIR

(B/L/D)



Smyrna (Rev 2:8-11)

Ephesus (Rev 2: 1-7)

Hotel Breakfast. This morning we shall visit another one of the 7 Churches – **SMYRNA** ( **Rev 2:8-11**) Here the message speaks of False Jews and impending persecution but encourages perserverance which will be rewarded. Other highlights – visit St. Polycarp Church; Leather Outlet Center. We then visit another of the 7 Churches – **EPHESUS** ( **Rev 2:1-7**). Ephesus receives praise for its

perserverance but criticism for forsaking its "First Love". Other highlights – visit Basilica of St. John; a Mosque part constructed with stone from the Temple of Artemis; House of Virgin Mary; The Temple of Artemis- also know as one of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World. Lunch & Dinner included.

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St Polycarp Church

Basilica St. John, Selcuk



House of Virgin Mary

Temple of Artemis

DAY 05 (TUE): IZMIR-SARDIS-PHILADELPHIA (89KMS)-LAODICEA-PAMUKKALE(170KMS) (B/L/D)





Sardis Synagogue

**Byzantine Church** 

Cotton Castle

After Breakfast, check out and we leave the City of Izmir and head towards Sardis, Philadelphia. Laodicea & Pammukkale. We vist SARDIS (Rev 3:1-6) — this church is described as dead and it must wake up. However there are some who have not "soiled their clothes". Other highlights — Sardis Synagogue; Byzantine Church. The next of the 7 Churches will be PHILADELPHIA (Rev 3:7-13). Philadelhia is praised for having little strength but still perseverving. Those who falsely clim to be Jews, but are actually of the "synagogue of Satan" will be judged. Other Highlights — Byzantine Church. Next we shall visit LAODICEA (Rev 3:14-20) the church of Laodicea is sharply criticized for being lukewarm. Its wealth hides its spiritual poverty. Related sights — Satdium, Sarcophagi. We continue our journey to Pamukkale (Cotton Castle); visit the extensive ruins of Hierapolis & Necropolis — known for itsthermal baths and health centre. We continue and see "Cotton Castle" or Pamukkale's magical and unique terraces & castles created by deposits of white limestone from Thermal Springs. Next we visit the Textile Factory Outlet — for some shopping. Lunch & Dinner included

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Necropolis

Hierapolis

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DAY 06 (WED): PAMUKKALE-KONYA(400KMS) – CAPPADOCIA (236KMS)

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Ancient Caravanserai

After Breakfast, check out and we towards Konya and Cappadocia.

Enroute we will have a photo stop – a 700 year old "ancient caravanserai" (a "hotel" for ancient traders & travellers on the Silk Road).

Continue our journey to Pisidian Antioch (also know as Antioch of Pisidia) – was a major Roman colony that was visited by St. Paul on his first missionary journey. Pisidian Antioch marked an important turning point in St. Paul's Ministry, as the city became the 1<sup>st</sup> to have a fully Gentile Christian Community. Lunch & Dinner included

Overnight: Hotel Avrasya or similar, Cappadocia



Ruins of Pisidian Antioch



Hot Air Ballooning at Cappadocia

Hotel Breakfast. This morning you can opt for the Sun Rise Hot Air Ballooning – this is OPTIONAL Today we visit the Goreme Open Air Museum which resembles a vast monastic complex composed of scores of refectory monasteries place side by side, each with its own fantastic Church. Goreme Open Air Museum has been a member of UNESCO World Heritage since 1984.

Next we will visit Pigeon Valley. A photo stop will be at Uchisar "Castle" Village – a fantasy land of strange & wonderful works of man & Nature. If time permits – visit one of the local cave house.

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Goreme Open Air Museum

Uchisar Castle Village

Pigeon Valley

We continue our journey – visit Avanos Pottery Village, set on the banks of the Kizilirmak (Red River ) Finally a chance to view Turkish semi precious Turkish Turquoise ( the name given by Marco Polo which means color of Turks.

We will also visit the Underground City – once a place of refuge for 15,000 Christians. View the ancient bedrooms, Church, meeting hall & food storage rooms in this eight storey city connected by 30km of corridors & passageways. Lunch & Dinner included.

Overnight: Hotel Avrasya or similar, Cappadocia



Avanos Pottery Village

**Underground City** 

Inside Underground City

DAY 08 (FRI): CAPPADOCIA-ANKARA (270KMS)-ISTANBUL (390KMS)





After Breakfast, check out and we shall head to Ankara-Capital City of Turkey. Enroute drive pass the picturesque Salt Lake.

Our Ankara sightseeing highlights will be visiting the magnificent Ataturk Mausoleum and Museum. This is the resting place of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk – regarded as the Father of Modern Turkey. The Mausoleum features a mix of different architectural styles from various Anatolian civilizations. Lunch & Dinner included.

Overnight: Hotel Raddisson or similar, Istanbul



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After breakfast, check out and proceed for the famous Bosphorous Cruise – where Europe meets Asia. Witness the magnificent architecture of the buildings along the river and interesting activities of the local community. We will get the chance of taking photos of Rumeli & Anatolia Castles built by the conquerer of Istanbul in 1453.

We continue our tour and visit the 500 year old Grand Bazaar, a maze of over 4,000 stalls & shops – selling all sorts of items from leather goods, handicrafts, ceramics, famous Turkish Desserts and lots more.

Lunch is included today.

Drop off at Istanbul International Airport for your flight home.

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### **Proposed Flight on Turkish Airlines**

Fri KUL / IST TK 061 2305 / 0455+1

Sat IST / KUL TK 062 1810 / 1000+1



Group Departure: Minimum 20 persons

Cost Per Person On Twin Share : MYR 5,565.00 Single Supplement : MYR 950.00

Inclusions:-

ightharpoonup Return airfare on Turkish Airlines ( all inclusive )

> 7 nights Hotel accommodation with Hotel daily buffet breakfasts

► 4 Star Hotels

Fullboard: 08 Lunches + 07 Dinners

Travel Insurance

Tipping for Local Guides & Drivers

Hotel Porterages

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