TURKEY
Land of the New Testament and Early Church
June 8-22, 2020
Extension: June 22-29
Tour Host: Dr. Greg A. Camp

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EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL
# Tour Itinerary:

**Jun 8 Mon**  
Depart San Francisco (SFO) at 18:10 by TK 80 - Non-stop direct flight to Istanbul.

**Jun 9 Tue**  
Arrive Istanbul at 18:10  
Upon arrival to Istanbul Airport, our representative will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with an “FPU - TUTKU” sign. Transfer you to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

**Jun 10 Wed**  
Istanbul: Roman Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia Church, Basilica Cistern, Istanbul Archaeological Museum. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**Jun 11 Thu**  
Istanbul: Chora Church, Spice Bazaar. Boat Tour along the Bosphorus, Beyoglu streets, Galata Tower. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (B,D)

**Jun 12 Fri**  
Istanbul – Troy – Alexander Troas – Assos  
Drive to Çanakkale. Cross the Dardanelles Strait by car ferry. Proceed to Troy to see the legendary city and the replica of the Wooden Horse. Continue to Alexandrian Troas, founded by Alexander the Great. Paul visited here at least twice. Dinner and overnight in Assos. (B,D)

**Jun 13 Sat**  
Assos – Pergamon (Bergama)  
Morning tour of Assos, Leave for Pergamon. Visit the Acropolis with the steepest theater of the ancient world and the replica of the Wooden Horse.Continue to Pergamon, which was an Egyptian Temple, later converted to a church. Final visit to the Asklepion, the ancient Healing Center. Dinner and overnight in Bergama. (B,D)

**Jun 14 Sun**  
Pergamon (Bergama) – Thyatira – Sardis – Smyrna/Izmir  
Drive to Akhisar to visit the remains of the Thyatira Church. Drive to Sardis, capital of the ancient Lydia where first coin of the world was invented. See the remains of the massive Artemis Temple. Then, continue to Izmir to see the Smyrna Agora and its latest excavations. We will also visit the graffiti section which is closed to public. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

**Jun 15 Mon**  
Izmir – Selçuk – Kusadasi  
Drive to Selçuk town near Ephesus to visit the Basilica of St. John. Visit pottery and rug shops. (B,D)

**Jun 16 Tue**  
Kusadasi – Samos – Kusadasi  
Take the ferry to Samos, home of Pythagoras. Visit Tunnel of Eupalinos, Heraion Sanctuary, Monastery of Panagia Spiliani.

**Jun 17 Wed**  
Kusadasi – Ephesus – Kusadasi  

**Jun 18 Thu**  
Kusadasi – Priene – Miletus – Didyma – Bodrum  
The first visit is to the city of Priene located on a cliff-side. 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. Paul stopped in Miletus on the return leg of his third missionary journey where he summoned the elders from Ephesus to meet with him and hear his poignant farewell speech (Acts 20:17-35). After Miletus, we will visit the Temple of Apollo in Didyma which served as the oracle center of Asia Minor. In the late afternoon, we drive to Bodrum. (B,D)

**Jun 19 Fri**  
Bodrum – Kos – Bodrum  
Morning ferry to the Greek island of Kos. We will visit the famous Asklepieion, where the Hippocratic oath is first written and then next stop is the lovely little mountain village of Zia. Zia is fast becoming a center for local artists & craftspersons, as well as a great place to introduce yourself to the diverse local dried herbs used in traditional Greek cooking. We will also visit the Museum at the International Hippocratic Foundation on Kos. As we head back towards the Port of Kos, we make one last stop to the Plane (Platanos) tree of Hippocrates near the ancient Castle Fortress on the harbour. It is said that 2500yrs ago Hippocrates, the father of medicine taught his students under that tree. Return to Bodrum with afternoon ferry. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Bodrum. (B,D)

**Jun 20 Sat**  
Bodrum – Aphrodisias – Pamukkale. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Pamukkale. (B,D)

**Jun 21 Sun**  
Aphrodisias – Colossae – Hierapolis  
Visit Laodicea: two theatres, stadium, aqueduct and major street lined with shops. After seeing the unexcavated site of Colossae, visit Hierapolis (hot thermal springs, travertine terraces, Arch of Domitian, a colonnaded street and marketplace, ancient baths, a 20,000-seat theatre built in 200 BC, the largest ancient graveyard in Anatolia containing over 1,200 tombs, tumuli and sarcophagi, and the Martyrium of St. Philip). Return to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**Jun 22 Mon**  
Depart Denizli on TK2577 09:10 /10:30 flight. Connect to Non-stop flight TK 79 to SanFrancisco (SFO) 13:05 arrive at 16:25
EXTENSION TOUR

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Jun 22 Mon Pamukkale – Antalya
Scenic drive north over the Taurus Mountains to Antalya. Early afternoon visit to:
St. Paul Cultural Center, a “coffee shop” run by Christians that more importantly
also serves as home to two churches: one Turkish and the other international.
Enjoy a tasty lunch (a modest donation for the lunch will help support the ministry
here) and then listen to a Turkish pastor about what it is like to live as a Christian
in a country where 99.9% of its citizens are Muslim. Afterwards, we will have free
time to walk and shop in the quaint restored area of the old harbor. Return to
hotel. (B,D)

Jun 23 Tue Antalya – Aspendos – Perge
Visit Perge, (15,000-seat theatre, 12,000-seat stadium, Hellenistic gate with its
“Twin Towers,” baths with under-floor heating, colonnaded marketplace, water
fountains, and impressive colonnaded street with a flowing water channel in the
middle) and Aspendos: aqueduct, 20,000-seat theatre. Return to hotel. (B,D)

Jun 24 Wed Antioch of Pisidia – Iconium (Konya)
Visit Antioch of Pisidia: theater, imperial temple, stadium, baths, water fountains,
paved streets and aqueduct, ruins of the ancient city as well as its small museum
in Yalvac, Sergius Paulus inscription and the famous funerary inscription of Caesar
Augustus. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Konya. (B,D)

Jun 25 Thu Konya (Iconium) – Çatalhöyük – Cappadocia
Visit Alaadin Tepesi—the current location of one of the oldest mosques in the
city but more importantly the acropolis of ancient Iconium. Drive to Çatalhöyük,
a Neolithic and Chalcolithic settlement from 7500 BC to 5700 BC. Drive
Cappadocia to visit the Ilhara Valley: rock cut painted churches. Dinner and
overnight at the hotel in Cappadocia. (B,D)

Jun 26 Fri Cappadocia
*Optional Hot Air Balloon Trip (at additional cost) in early morning (05:00am-
07:00am). Visit Goreme Open Air Museum with rock Churches. Then visit
the traditional village of Uchisar, which is surrounded by rock pinnacles, and
Underground city of Derinkuyu.
Late afternoon Whirling Derwish Show (optional). Dinner and overnight at the hotel.
(B,D)

Jun 27 Sat Cappadocia
Visit the monastic Zelve Valley, from the Byzantine era. Drive to Ankara. (B,D)

Jun 28 Sun Ankara
Visit the Anatolian Civilizations Museum. Afternoon walk in Ankara’s main streets
to experience the local life including local food bazaars, etc. Visit Ataturk’s
Mausoleum. Dinner and overnight in Ankara. (B,D)

Jun 29 Mon Depart Ankara
Fly Istanbul on [TK2123 09:15 /10:35]. Connect to Non-stop flight TK 79 to San
Francisco (SFO) 13.05 arrive at 16:25

LAND & AIR:

MAIN TOUR (June 8-22, 2020)
$3,390 Per Person in Double Occupancy
$675 Single Supplement

MAIN TOUR+EXTENSION (June 8-29)
$4,990 Per Person in Double Occupancy
$980 Single Supplement

INCLUDING

• International Air Fare between San Francisco – Istanbul – San Francisco
• Ankara-Istanbul domestic flight
• Roundtrip ferry tickets to Samos Island
• Roundtrip ferry tickets to Kos Island
• 3 Nights at 4 star Arcadia Blue Hotel in Istanbul
• 1 Night at 4 star Kervansaray Hotel in Assos
• 1 Night at 3 star La Bella Hotel in Bergama
• 1 Night at 4 star Moevenpick Hotel Izmir
• 3 Nights at 5 star Charisma Hotel in Kusadasi
• 2 Nights at 4 star Karia Princess Hotel in Bodrum
• 2 Nights at 4 star Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale
• 2 Nights at 4 star Best Western Khan Hotel in Antalya
• 1 Nights at 4 star Anemon Hotel in Konya
• 3 Nights at 4 star Dilek Kaya Hotel in Cappadocia
• 1 Night at 4 star Radisson Blu Hotel in Ankara
• Daily breakfasts and 20 dinners at the hotels
• All transportation by private AC Bus
• English Speaking, Government Licensed, Bible Oriented guide
• All Entry fees to the sites and museums
• Sightseeing as per the itinerary
• Service charges and local taxes
• Tips to Tour Guide and drivers

EXCLUDING

• Turkish Visa Fee to be paid online prior to arrival www.evisa.gov.tr
• Lunches and Drinks (Water is included at dinners)
• Personal Expenses (Laundry, phone calls, all kind of insurances, etc)
PAYMENT PROCEDURE:

1- $200 per person Deposit for the airline  :  December 1, 2019
2- Full Payment     :  March 1, 2020

TURKISH VISA: US and Canadian citizens can get the Turkish Visa online before arrival
www.evisa.gov.tr  *Citizens of ALL other countries are responsible for checking their own
countries' visa regulations for travel.

Cancellation penalty:
- 120-90 days prior to departure:  No Penalty
- 89-60 days prior to departure:  10%
- 59-45 days prior to departure:  25%
- 44-30 days prior to departure:  50%
- 29-15 days prior to departure:  75%
- 14 days & After No refund

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