

# TURKEY AND GREEK ISLANDS

JUNE 4-18, 2022 Main Trip (15 Days) JUNE 18-25 Trip Extension (22 Days)

Tour Hosts: Dr. Greg A. Camp & Dr. Melanie Howard

organized by



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 June 4 SAT
 Depart San Francisco (SFO) at 18:10 by TK 80 - Non 

stop direct flight to Istanbul.

#### June 5 SUN Arrive Istanbul at 18:10

Upon arrival to Istanbul Airport, our representative will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with an "**FPU**" sign. Transfer you to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

June 6 MONIstanbul: Roman Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque,Hagia Sophia Church, Basilica Cistern, Istanbul Archaeological Museum.Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

June 7 TUE Istanbul: Chora Church, Spice Bazaar. Boat Tour along the Bosphorus, Beyoglu streets, Galata Tower. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Istanbul. (B,D)

#### June 8 WED 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)

#### June 9 THU Assos – Pergamon (Bergama)

Morning tour of Assos, Leave for Pergamon. Visit the Acropolis with the steepest theater of the ancient world and the Temple of Trajan. Then visit the Red Basilica 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)

#### June 10 FRI 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)

#### June 11 SAT Izmir-Selçuk-Kusadasi

Drive to Selcuk town near Ephesus to visit the Basilica of St. John. Visit pottery and rug shops. (B,D)

#### June 12 SUN Kusadasi - Samos - Kusadasi

Take the ferry to Samos, home of Pythagoras. Visit Tunnel of Eupalinos, Heraion Sanctuary, Monastery of Panagia Spiliani.

#### June 13 MON Kusadasi-Ephesus-Kusadasi

Visit the famous ancient city of Ephesus (Acts 18:19-24; 19:1-35; 20:16-17; 21:29, 1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8, I Tim. 1:3 II Tim. 1:18; 4:12, Rev. 1:11, 2:1), and its Terrace Houses, and the Ephesus Archaeological Museum. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,D)

#### June 14 TUE 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)

#### June 15 WED Bodrum - Kos - Bodrum

Morning ferry to the Greek island of Kos. We will visit the famous **Asklepion**, 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 & craftspeople, 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)

#### June 16 THU Bodrum - Aphrodisias - Pamukkale

Drive to Geyre to visit Aphrodisias and its museum. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Pamukkale.  $({\rm B}{\rm ,}{\rm D})$ 

#### June 17 FRI Laodicea – 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)

June 18 SATDepart Denizli on TK257709:10 /10:30 flight.Connect to Non-stop flight TK 79 to SanFrancisco (SFO) 13:05 arrive at 16:25









# Trip Extension Option: Cappadocia

June 18-25

#### June 18 SAT 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)

#### June 19 SUN 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)

#### June 20 MON 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)

#### June 21 TUES 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 lconium. Drive to Çatalhöyük, a Neolithic and Chalcolithic settlement from 7500 BC to 5700 BC. Drive Cappadocia to visit the Ihlara Valley: rock cut painted churches. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Cappadocia. (B,D)

#### June 22 WED 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)  $% \left( \left( B,D\right) \right) =\left( B,D\right) \right) =\left( B,D\right) =\left( B,D\right) +\left( B,D\right) +\left($ 

#### June 23 THU Cappadocia

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

#### June 24 FRI 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)

#### June 25 SAT 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 4-18, 2022)

\$3,490Per Person in Double Occupancy\$695Single Room Supplement

# MAIN TOUR+EXTENSION (June 4-25)

\$4,995Per Person in Double Occupancy\$995Single Room Supplement

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# 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 or similar
- 1 Night at 4 star Kervansaray Hotel in Assos or similar
- 1 Night at 3 star La Bella Hotel in Bergama or similar
- 1 Night at 4 star Moevenpick Hotel Izmir or similar
- 3 Nights at 5 star Charisma Hotel in Kusadasi or similar
- 2 Nights at 4 star Karia Princess Hotel in Bodrum or similar
- 2 Nights at 4 star Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale or similar
- 2 Nights at 4 star Best Western Khan Hotel in Antalya or similar
- 1 Nights at 4 star Anemon Hotel in Konya or similar
- 3 Nights at 4 star Dilek Kaya Hotel in Cappadocia or similar
- 1 Night at 4 star Radisson Blu Hotel in Ankara or similar
- 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 Icoal 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 7, 2021

#### 2- Full Payment

: March 1, 2022

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

#### Cancellation penalty:

- 90-60 days prior to departure
- 59-45 days prior to departure
- 44-30 days prior to departure
- 29-15 days prior to departure
- 14 days & After

- : No Penalty : 10% (previousely 25%)
- : 25% (previousely 50%)
- 25% (previousely 50%)
- : 50% (previousely 75%)
- : No refund



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