



Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey in the Footsteps of St. Paul

DAY 1 - AUGUST 3, 2023

Departure from USA (Boston, Raleigh, Orlando) or Mexico (Monterrey).

DAY 2 - AUGUST 4, 2023

20.30 - Arrival in Athens, check in. Accommodation in hotel. Dinner.

DAY 3 - AUGUST 5, 2023

After breakfast, sightseeing **ATHENS** with a guide.

City tour - Constitution Square, Parliament, Temple of Zeus, Olympic Stadium. Then, visiting the Agora, Aeropag Hill - where St. Paul of Tarsus after delivering the sermon gained his first convert, Dionysius, the Areopagite, later Bishop and Patron of Athens. Free time. Transfer to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

OPTIONAL: Visiting the ancient buildings on the Acropolis - Propylaea, Nike Temple, Parthenon.

DAY 4 - AUGUST 5, 2023

Breakfast and sightseeing in **ARGOLIDA**. Drive to **EPIDAVROS** (the best-preserved ancient Greek theater with remarkable acoustics). Stopover in **ANCIENT CORINTH** - the place of stay and teaching of St. Paul. Accommodation at the hotel by the sea.

DAY 5 - AUGUST 6, 2023

Breakfast, time for relax. **FREE DAY TO RELAX ON THE PELOPONNESE BEACH.**

DAY 6 - AUGUST 7, 2023

After breakfast, drive to **DELPHI (3.5h)** - the heart of Ancient Greece, where there are wonderful ancient monuments located in the Parnassus Mountains. Transfer to the North. (About 5h)

A short stop at **TERMOPILE** at the monument of King Leonidas, the site of the great battle between the Greeks and Persians in 480 BC. Hot gates - thermal spring. Overnight stay and dinner in Kalambaka.

DAY 7 - AUGUST 8, 2023

After breakfast, visiting the famous **METEORA** - "hanging monasteries", contact with the life of monks. Transfer to Kavala (6H). Overnight stay. Dinner.

DAY 8 - AUGUST 9, 2023

Breakfast, transfer to **KAVALA**, where St. Paul set foot in Europe for the first time. Transfer to **PHILIPPI** - a Roman colony where St. Paul taught. Sightseeing - Roman theater, Via Egnatia, Agora and the place of Lydia's baptism. Rest and overnight stay. Dinner in the city.

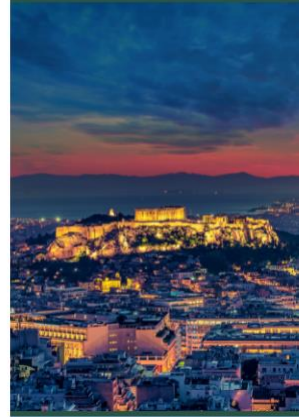
DAY 9 - AUGUST 11, 2023

Breakfast, drive to **ISTAMBUL** (about 7h). Border crossing. Arrival to the city. Check in. Free time to rest. Dinner at the hotel and overnight

For those who wish, a cruise on the Bosphorus (35 EUR) .

DAY 10 - AUGUST 12, 2023

Breakfast. After breakfast we experience **ISTAMBUL'S** rich quilt of cultures, Eastern Orthodoxy and Islam. We begin at **HAGIA SOFIA**, at one time the premier church in Christendom, later a mosque and now a museum. Later the Topkapi Palace, The Blue Mosque - the Ahmet Mosque, St. Savior Pantocrator, Mosque of Suleiman I the Magnificent. After half day of sightseeing free time. Dinner is served at our hotel. Overnight.



DAY 11 - AUGUST 13, 2023

After breakfast, depart south.

Drive to **IZMIR** - (2h) - ancient Smyrna. Transfer to the hotel and overnight

DAY 12 - AUGUST 14, 2023

Breakfast, drive to **EFEZ**, visiting the city founded by the Greeks, known for the Temple of Artemis, one of the 7 wonders of the world. It's an amazing city with ancient history with numerous temples, the Celsus Library, the Theater and the Holy Way. St. Paul have been there twice, on his second missionary journey he founded there a Christian community. Transfer to **EPHESUS**, we will visit the **HOUSE OF VIRGIN MARY**, where she lived with John, on the hill behind the city. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 13 - AUGUST 15, 2023

Breakfast. **ALL DAY REST BY THE SEA.** Dinner and overnight.

DAY 14 - AUGUST 16, 2023

After breakfast, drive to **MILET** - a walk around the city, where St. Paul the Apostle stopped and had a famous speech to the elders of the Church. Transfer to **PAMUKKALE** - visiting the ancient spa in Hierapolis located by hot limestone waterfalls. Exploration of Pamukkale, a trully unique place in the world, beautiful for its white cascades and natural pools. Dinner, overnight stay.

DAY 15 - AUGUST 17, 2023

Breakfast and departure to **KONYA** (known as Iconium during the ancient time), which is the capital of the Seljuk sultans in the 11th century and which was visited by the Saint Paul on his missionary journeys (Acts 14.1-5). Dinner and overnight in **KONYA**.

DAY 16 - AUGUST 18, 2023

Breakfast, drive to **CAPPADOCIA** (4,5h). Today we will enjoy touring through perhaps the most surreal and strange landscape on earth. Thousands of years of erosion of the earth have formed the so-called Fairy chimneys. You may know **CAPPADOCIA** as a fantastic, lunar landscape, famous worldwide for its fairy chimneys.

We visit **UCHISAR AND DERINKUYU** - rock towns with 10 floors in some places. Transfer to the night.

DAY 17 - AUGUST 19, 2023

Breakfast, transfer to **ANKARA** (about 4-5H)

On the way, a stop at the **SALT LAKE TUZ**, which is one of the largest water reservoirs in Turkey. In Ankara - the capital of Turkey - a panoramic tour of the city. Afternoon rest. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 18 - AUGUST 20, 2023

7.00 a.m. - TRANSFER TO ESB AIRPORT (ANKARA), 8.40 - CHECK-IN - 10.30 - Departure to Boston.

Price: \$ 5,350 per person

Registration until January 31, 2023

Price: \$ 5,850 per person

Registration after February 1, 2023

Price includes everything



PRICE INCLUDES :

- travel by coach with air conditioning, 35/48 persons (Greece, Turkey)
- accommodation in *** / **** hotels
- meals according to the program - breakfasts, dinners
- tour-guide care over the entire pilgrimage route
- local guides
- 2 dinners at restaurant
- entrances, guides and others
- Insurance: KL 30 000 euro , NNW 10 000 pln, OC 10 000 euro, against chronic diseases, COVID - 19
- TFG, TFP insurance
- tour guide system
- flight by plane BOS (USA) – ATH (Greece) main luggage 2 x 23 kg (50 lb)
+ carry-on 8 kg (17 lb)
- flight by plane ESB (Turkey) – BOS (USA) main luggage 2 x 23 kg (50 lb)
+ carry-on 8 kg (17 lb)
- tips for local staff, licensed tour guide, local guides, entrances, and local taxes

PRICE DOESN'T INCLUDE:

- Supplement for a single room (\$500.00)
- the program and the order of visited places may be slightly changed
- the travel document is a valid passport no less than 6 months old (and visas)
- all necessary tests during the trip

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