



TURKEY

Revelation: Seven Letters of Love

May 9th - 19th, 2027
11 days (9 nights)

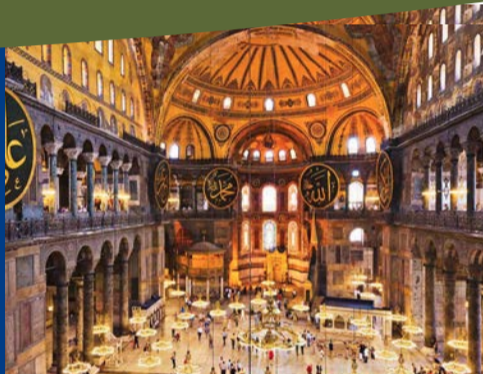
PLACES TO VISIT

Istanbul

The region of
Galatia and
Colossae

Seven Churches

Cappadocia



\$3499 PER PERSON
(PLUS AIRFARE)



Optional PRE Extension Patmos, Greece

4 days / 3 nights (May 7th-10th)

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Optional POST Extension Noah's Ark

5 days / 4 nights (May 19th-23th)

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Itinerary Main Tour

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Day 1 | Sunday, May 9th

Travel to Istanbul

Tour members are welcomed to our departing flight to Istanbul via wide-body aircraft arriving the next day. Meals served on board.



Day 2 | Monday, May 10th

Istanbul

Upon arrival to the Istanbul Ataturk Airport, we will meet our guide in the arrivals hall and head to our hotel for Dinner and Overnight in Istanbul.



Day 3 | Tuesday, May 11th

Istanbul / Walls of Constantinople / Hagia Sophia / Grand Bazaar

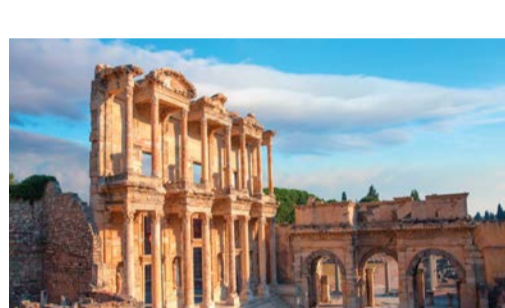
After enjoying our Turkish breakfast, we will depart from our hotel and begin our tour of the historical highlights of Istanbul. First, we walk to the ancient wall of the famed city of Constantinople. Afterwards, we head to the hill where ancient Byzantium was founded and enjoy a stroll through Hippodrome Square, the former sporting and social center of Constantinople that hosted chariot races during the Roman period. Next, we are off to the domed masterpiece of Hagia Sophia, the Orthodox patriarchal basilica-turned Ottoman imperial mosque-turned secular museum commissioned by Byzantine Emperor Justinian in the 6th century. We will then end our day with an evening of shopping at the Grand Bazaar, the massive covered market that houses a labyrinth of streets lined with shops selling jewelry, leather products and many other handcrafted souvenirs. Dinner and Overnight in Istanbul.



Day 4 | Wednesday, May 12th

Istanbul / Thyatira / Smyrna

Today, we will eat breakfast early before departing at 07:00 am and head to the town of Akhisar to visit ancient Thyatira, one of the Seven Churches praised for its increasing faith but admonished for its tolerance of Jezebel (Rev. 2:18-28). In the afternoon we will drive to the thriving modern city of Izmir and visit the ruins of ancient Smyrna, one of the Seven Churches that the Apostle John relays the promise from God: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev 2:10). Here, we will see what remains of the Agora, the ancient market place that was built in the 4th century BC, before continuing on to our hotel. Overnight Izmir.



Day 5 | Thursday, May 13th

Ephesus

Today, we are off to explore Ephesus. Located in the modern town of Selcuk, ancient Ephesus is one of the most well-preserved archaeological sites in Turkey. Originally an ancient Greek Ionic city built in the 10th century B.C., Ephesus grew to become the largest metropolis and capital of the Roman province of Asia Minor. Ephesus played a vital role in the spread of Christianity. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is thought to have spent her last years in Ephesus with John, who was entrusted with her care. Today, we will walk on the Marble Road passing numerous historically rich sites including the Temple of Artemis (Diana), the fountain of Trajan, and the Temple of Hadrian. We will also see the Library of Celsus, which adorns the site's most impressive square, and sit in the theater (the largest surviving from the Roman period). This massive theatre (capable of entertaining up to 25,000 spectators) was the scene of an uprising provoked by a merchant named Demetrius against St. Paul and his teachings (Acts 19:23). Before returning to our Izmir hotel, we will stop at the ruins of St. John's Basilica. Constructed by Justinian in the 6th century, this basilica stands over the believed burial site of John the Apostle. Overnight in Izmir.



Day 6 | Friday, May 14th

Pergamum / Sardis / Philadelphia

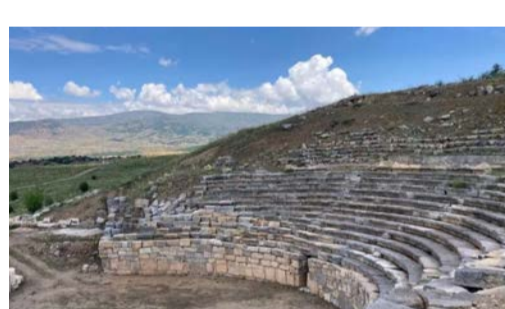
Today we head to Pergamum, one of the most powerful cities in the ancient world. Although the city benefited from immense wealth, in the Book of Revelations, the risen Christ instructs John to convey the message that the people of Pergamum, the site of "Satan's throne", needed to repent (Rev 2:13-16). Today, we will tour the Acropolis, which sits atop a 1000-foot windswept mountain, offering a view of the neighboring modern towns, the azure waters of the Aegean, and the ruins of Pergamum that cascade down from the ancient city center. We then head to Sardis, a once powerful city located along an important ancient highway and among the fertile plain of Hermus (Gediz River). Here, we will explore the white marble royal way, the massive Temple of Artemis, the large gymnasium, and the famous synagogue. Afterwards, we will head to the modern town of Alasehir and visit the site of ancient Philadelphia, the church that received God's highest commendation (Rev. 3:7-13). Here, we will see the remains of a brick-built Byzantine basilica adorned with 11th century frescoes. Overnight in Denizli.



Day 7 | Saturday, May 15th

Denizli / Pamukkale / Laodicea

This morning, we are off to visit Pamukkale, "Cotton Castle", and dip our feet in the thermal waters that flow down the hilltop's unique white travertine terraces. At the summit, we explore the archeological remains of Hierapolis, a significant site of early Christianity thanks to Paul's missionary efforts here (Colossians 4:13). Because the city sits atop the travertine cascades of Pamukkale (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Hierapolis became a healing center wherein the site's thermal pools were used to treat various ailments. Today, we will stroll among a number of important ruins including well-preserved Roman structures like the town theatre and Temple of Apollo before continuing on to Laodicea. This city was one of the Seven Churches that the Apostle John chastised the inhabitants for being lukewarm (Rev. 3:14-22). Here, we will see the site's well-preserved stadium, gymnasium, and theatres, giving us insight into this city's former prominence. Overnight Denizli.



Day 8 | Sunday, May 16th

Antioch / Pisidia

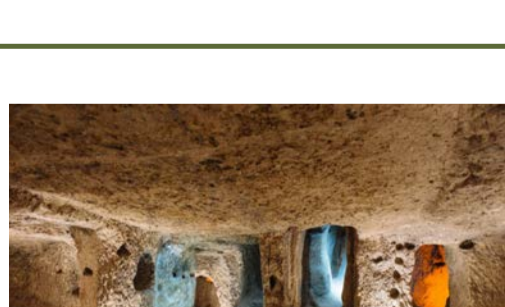
Today, we depart Denizli and head to the modern town of Yalvac to see the ruins of Antioch in Pisidia. Sitting on the southern foothills of the Sultan Mountains, this city was once a major Roman colony that Paul the Apostle visited on his First Missionary Journey with Barnabas. Here we will tour the archeological site and visit the Yalvac Archaeological Museum to see a display of many of the site's discovered artifacts. Sleep and overnight in Konya.



Day 9 | Monday, May 17th

Goreme / Cappadocia

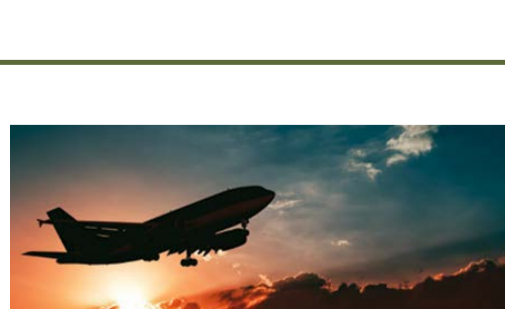
Today, we depart Konya and head east to Cappadocia, where we will stop at Pigeon Valley to enjoy a panoramic view of this region's unique rock formations, popularly known as fairy chimneys. Formed over many centuries by wind and water erosion on soft volcanic rock, these rock formations rise high from the valley floor like chimneys. Early inhabitants of this region carved these chimney tops with birdhouses to collect pigeon droppings long used by local farmers as fertilizer. Overnight in Cappadocia.



Day 10 | Tuesday, May 18th

Cappadocia

This morning, we will visit the Kaymakli Underground City, the most impressive of the subterranean settlements due to its ventilation system. Afterwards, we are off to explore the Monastic Center of Goreme. This open-air museum is dotted with quaint carved-from-rock churches and chapels embellished with colorful frescoes. Then, we will visit Ortahisar to see its gorgeous valleys and stop at the Three Beauties, the most famous of the region's many conic rock formations. Today, we will also hike through the valley of Zelve and see its hundreds of carved-from-rock houses and chapels and we will visit Pasabag Valley, also known as Monk's Valley, to explore its tower-shaped hermitages. We will then end our day at the potter's studio in Avanos, a town established by the Hittites on the banks of the Halys River. This town has carried on the Hittites' tradition of pottery that uses the river's famous red clay to make ceramics. Overnight in Cappadocia.



Day 11 | Wednesday, May 19th

Departure USA.

Today, head to the NAV Airport to board your flight back home via Istanbul.

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Day 1 | Friday, May 7th

Start the Pre-Extension to the beautiful isle of Patmos. Travel from Athens to Piraeus to take the Ferry to Patmos. Ferry leave at nearly 6 pm.



Day 2 | Saturday, May 8th

Departing from Skala harbor, our tour will start by visiting the Grotto of St. John taking the form of a 17th century Monastery built around the cave where St. John spent two years living the life of an ascetic (95-97 AD). Under the influence of visions, St John wrote the Apocalypse, dictating it to his disciple Prochoros. We then drive up to the most impressive village of Chora, the capital of the island. On top of the hill, lies the Monastery of St. John, a Byzantine building, built in 1088 by the Blessed Christodoulos, servant of Christ. Dinner and worship*. Overnight in Patmos.



Day 3 | Sunday, May 9th

This day our tour, covering the south side of the island, not only giving you the opportunity of discovering hidden places but also an opportunity to photograph the most amazing land and seascapes. Our tour commences from the Port of Skala where we will be taken by bus to the old village of Chora, the island's capital and a photographer's paradise! We continue with a drive to the top of the mountain of Profit Illias, the highest point of the island - 269 meters above sea level where the panoramic sea and landscape views leave one speechless! Next we make our descending drive to Diakofti stopping off to photograph the view of the mystical rock of Petra and then on to a boatyard. An unforgettable experience - you will have a memory of Patmos and its life, recorded through your own personal experience.. Return to the Port of Skala. Overnight in ship (option to upgrade to cabins with shower and bathroom for \$150 per person) on Blue Star Ferry.



Day 4 | Monday, May 10th

Arriving at Piraeus Port at nearly 8:25 am. Transfer to Athens. Departure afternoon flight from Athens airport.

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Day 1 | Wednesday, May 19th

Iğdır/Agri, Dogubayazit & Noah's Ark

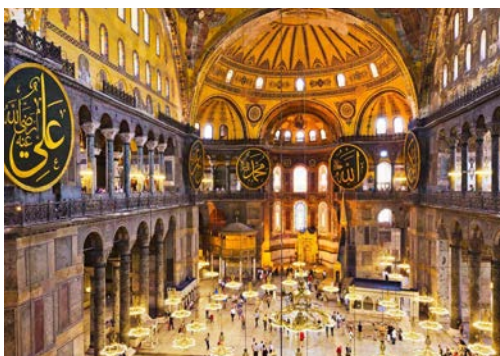
You will fly from Istanbul to our eastern Turkey gateway city of Van, lödlr or Aörl. You will be met at the airport and depending on arrival time you will be driven by the foot of the tallest mountain in Turkey, Mount Ararat or as the Turks call it Aörl Daöl. Finally, you will be driven to the hotel in Doöubayazlt to check into your room. Dinner will be at a local restaurant in Doöubayazlt. We will end the day with a short meeting at the hotel to meet all the tour participants and answer any questions about the rest of the itinerary.



Day 2 | Thursday, May 20th

Kargakonmaz Fossil Site & Noah's Ark (Full Day)

We will leave the hotel mid-morning for our first stop near the Noah's ark site. Near the village of Kargakonmaz up in the hills we will visit a spectacular fossil bed site where you will be able to document seashells and sand dollars embedded in the rock layers. If you're lucky you might even find one laying on the ground as a free souvenir. From Kargakonmaz we will drive to the Noah's ark site for a full day of exploration and lectures. You will hear first hand what the geophysical surveys found below the dirt at the ark site from those who were on the expeditions including discussion of data not publicly released. We will visit the original landing site above the ark site before heading back to the hotel. We will eat lunch at the site as well. Dinner will be at a local restaurant back near the hotel.



Day 3 | Friday, May 21st

Saglıksuyu/Arzap, aka "The Village of 8", and Shak Pasha Palace (Full Day)

An exciting day. We will stop for a photo opportunity in a local village near the base of the mountain. Next, we will continue to a nearby village and see up close what many believe are ancient drogue stones used by Noah. We will be visiting a newly discovered drogue stone without any carvings on it. An exclusive for this tour! Finally, see ancient nearby ruins and hear how they could be related to Noah and his family. We will do some traditional sightseeing to end the day with a visit to the Ottoman era Ishak Pasha Palace and a nearby museum. We will eat lunch and dinner at a local restaurant back near the hotel.



Day 4 | Saturday, May 22nd

Van was the ancient capital of Urartu where we get the name Ararat today. First we will visit the regional archaeological museum of Van which houses important artifacts for different time periods especially during the Urartu period. Next we will visit the ancient capital for the Kingdom of Urartu that was a fortress on a rock outcrop near the present day Museum. You will be able to explore the fortress and experience some amazing views of Lake Van and the area. Finally if we have time we will stop by a Van Cat House where you can pet and feed the famous Van cats a special breed from this area with white fur and blue and green eyes. Overnight in Van



Day 5 | Sunday, May 23rd

Tour Over - Istanbul

End of tour. Fly back to Istanbul to connect with your overseas flight. If your overseas flight is the next day we can help you arrange a hotel in Istanbul. Any hotels on the return to Istanbul are extra and not included in the tour price. Feel free to spend another day or two exploring this magnificent city's ancient mosques, churches and ruins. Visit their impressive archaeological museum and see some of the amazing Ottoman Palaces. We can arrange a local tour for the group for Istanbul if enough people are interested.

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