

TURKEY

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Tour Itinerary:

Day 1 (Sat Oct 30) FLIGHTS TO ISTANBUL

Tour participants depart on Turkish Airlines from the United States to Istanbul (non-stop) from one of the following airports: Seattle, LAX, Houston, Chicago, New York JFK, Washington DC.

Day 2 (Sun Oct 31) ISTANBUL TO EPHEBUS

When our flight arrives in Istanbul, we go through customs and take a domestic flight to the Izmir Airport. We then drive to the 5-star Korumar Deluxe Hotel on the Aegean Sea near Ephesus.

THE CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Day 3 (Mon Nov 1) EPHEBUS REGION

After breakfast Dr. Jackson will teach at the hotel on the Ephesus ministries of the Apostle Paul, Timothy, and the Apostle John. We will then drive through the Ephesus region where we visit the **Ephesus Archaeological Museum**, the **Basilica Church of Saint John** (where the apostle John was buried), the present-day **Ephesus Prayer House**, and the **Turkish town of Selcuk** where we meet the locals and shop. Selcuk is a great place to purchase your gifts for family and friends. Dinner and overnight at the Korumar Deluxe Hotel.

Day 4 (Tue Nov 2) BIBLICAL EPHEBUS

After breakfast we tour the **archaeological biblical city of Ephesus**, a magnificent reconstructed Greco-Roman city. We will walk through the spectacular first-century **Terrace Houses**, where the early house churches of Ephesus likely met. Those who are interested can visit a local **Anatolian Handmade Carpet and Kilim**



production 1 center to learn how world-famous Turkish carpets are made, and buy one if you desire. Those who don't want to visit the Carpet center can return to the hotel for free time, and enjoy the Aegean beach. Dinner and overnight at the Korumar Deluxe Hotel.

Day 5 (Wed Nov 3) MAGNESIA, NYSA, COLOSSAE

After breakfast we drive from Ephesus down the green Meander River Valley to the beautiful Lycus River Valley. On our journey we will visit the first-century **Roman stadium at the ancient city of Magnesia**, and the remote **ancient city of Nysa** that is rarely visited by tourists. We then drive to the archeological site of **Colossae**, where Paul sent his letters of Colossians and Philemon. Dr. Jackson will share on-site. Dinner and overnight at the Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel.

Day 6 (Thu Nov 4) LAODICEA AND HIEROPOLIS

After breakfast we tour the massive archeological sites of **Laodicea** (Revelation 3:14-22, Colossians 4:13) and **Hierapolis** (modern Pamukkale, Colossians 4:13). At **Laodicea** (one of the most reconstructed Greco-Roman cities in Turkey) we visit two large theaters, and several excavated early churches. We then drive to **Hierapolis** and tour the martyrdom site and tomb of the **Apostle Philip**. Dr. Jackson will share on-site in Laodicea and Hierapolis. Dinner and overnight at the Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel.

Day 7 (Fri Nov 5) PHILADELPHIA, SARDIS, SMYRNA

After breakfast we drive to **Philadelphia** (Revelation 3:7-13) and visit the Church of the Apostle John built in the AD 500s. We then drive to tour **Sardis** (Revelation 3:1-6), with the remains of the magnificent temple of Artemis (later converted into a church), a beautifully reconstructed Roman gymnasium, and the largest known synagogue outside Palestine. We then drive to **Smyrna** (Revelation 2:8-11), where we visit Smyrna's **Roman agora**, and see the location where the early apostolic church father **Polycarp** (a disciple of the apostle John) was martyred. Dr. Jackson will share on the letters sent to each city in the book of Revelation. We end our day with a **special dinner on the Aegean Sea with Levent Oral, the owner of Tutku Tours**. Overnight at the Movenpick Hotel Izmir.

CAPPADOCIA

Day 8 (Sat Nov 6) FLY CAPPADOCIA

After breakfast we take a domestic morning flight to the amazing Cappadocia region of central Turkey, with its spectacular moon-like landscape. We then experience a journey inside the **underground city of Kaymakli**. We end our day enjoying the picturesque village of **Ortahisar**, with its rock-cut houses and a 300 foot tall rock-castle. Dinner and overnight at the Barcelo Hotel.



Hot Air Balloon Trip, Cappadocia

Day 9 (Sun Nov 7) CAPPADOCIA

After breakfast (an early balloon option for participants, cost is around \$400 per person) we walk through the outdoor **Göreme Open Air Museum**, with its many fresco-covered cave churches. We then walk through the **Zelve Valley**, where Christian monks lived and carved out cave churches. At the Zelve Valley, Dr. Jackson will share on the early church fathers—Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, and Gregory of Nazianzus—who lived and ministered in Cappadocia in the AD 300s. We then drive to the **Uçhisar Castle**, (highest point in Cappadocia) where we can walk up a trail to the top for a beautiful panoramic view. Dinner and overnight at the Barcelo Hotel.

ISTANBUL: HISTORIC CONSTANTINOPLE

Day 10 (Mon Nov 8) FLY ISTANBUL

After breakfast we take a domestic flight to Istanbul and drive into the city. We then climb the stairs to the top of **Galata Tower** for a breath-taking panoramic view of the mega-city of Istanbul that bridges Europe and Asia. If we have time we will walk down the famous and popular **Iskilar Street**, and mingle among the crowds of locals. Dinner and overnight at the Lamartine Hotel.

Day 11 (Tue Nov 9) ISTANBUL

After breakfast we start our day at the Old City of Constantinople. We visit the **Hippodrome Square**, **Blue Mosque**, the famous **Hagia Sophia Church**, **Saint Irene Church** (where the Nicene Creed was written), the **Topkapi Palace** of the Ottoman Sultans, and experience the amazing **underground cistern** built by the Roman Emperor Justinian in the AD 500s. We will end our day with a **private boat ride on the 3 famous Bosphorus Straights** that connects the Black and Marmara Seas. Dinner and overnight at the Lamartine Hotel.

Day 12 (Wed Nov 10) ISTANBUL

After breakfast we drive around the **ancient walls of Constantinople**, walk through the historic **Grand Bazaar and Spice Bazaar**, and take a **ferry ride across the Bosphorus Strait** to the town of Kadikoy on the Istanbul's Asian side (where the Chalcedon creed was written). If we have time, we will experience a **tram ride** with the locals through the unmatched city of Istanbul. We return to the Lamartine Hotel for our farewell dinner together.

Day 13 (Thu Nov 11) DEPARTURE. After breakfast we drive to the **Istanbul Airport** where we board our international flights back to the USA.

LAND & AIR

\$5,980 Per Person in Double Room

\$1,100 Single Room Supplement

TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip international fare on Turkish Airlines from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Houston, or Atlanta.
- Izmir-Kayseri domestic flight
- Kayseri-Istanbul domestic flight
- 3 Nights at Korumar Deluxe Hotel in Kusadasi or similar
- 2 Night at Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel in Pammukale or similar
- 1 Night at Movenpick Hotel in Izmir or similar
- 2 Nights at Barcelo Hotel in Cappadocia or similar
- 3 Nights at Lamartine Hotel in Istanbul or similar
- Daily breakfasts and dinners
- All Airport-Hotel-Airport transfers in private basis
- All land transportation by private fully A/C VAN with driver throughout the tour
- Tolls, parking fees, fuel, guide's and driver's expenses
- English Speaking Licensed tour guide throughout the tour
- All Entry fees to the mentioned sites & museums
- Service charges, accommodation taxes, & local taxes
- Tips to tour guide (\$60) and to the driver (\$25)

TOUR EXCLUDES

- Lunches and drinks
- All personal expenses and any other service which are not mentioned above
- Travel and Health insurance, any kind of insurance (insurance may be given at an extra cost, please ask)
- Hot Air Balloon Trip

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- 1- **\$300 per person Deposit** : **March 23, 2026**
- 2- **Full (Balance) Payment** : **July 27, 2026**

Land and Air Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made before August 30, 2026	: Full refund
Cancellations made before September 15, 2026	: 75% refund
Cancellations made before September 30, 2026	: 50% refund
Cancellations made before October 15, 2026	: No refund

In addition to the above cancellation policy, we charge a 5% processing fee for all refunds, regardless of the date of cancellation. This fee covers bank charges and administrative costs.

REGISTRATION

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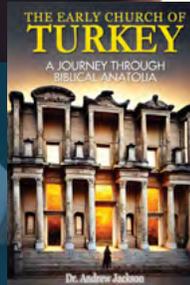
Dr. Andrew Jackson

“ Andrew Jackson is an American teacher and writer who has traveled through Turkey for around twenty-five years. He earned his Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary, and his specialized Doctor of Ministry in the history of Church renewal movements from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Dr. Jackson is the founder of Biblical Turkey Tours and hosts several tours each year. He was the co-host on the travel documentary Exploring Ephesus: The City of the Apostles.



THE EARLY CHURCH OF TURKEY

A Journey Through Biblical Anatolia
by Dr. Andrew Jackson



Step into the forgotten world of biblical Anatolia, the very cradle of the early church where the Apostles Paul, John, and Peter established the first Christian communities. This comprehensive journey guides you through all seven regions of ancient Turkey, uncovering the rich history of the Churches of Revelation, the missionary journeys of Paul, the wisdom of the Cappadocian Fathers, and the Syriac, Armenian, and Georgian roots of the faith. You'll explore the fierce challenges of Roman emperor worship, witness the crucial theological debates that defined the Trinity and the nature of Christ at the Seven Ecumenical Councils, and understand the vital role that Christian emperors—and empresses—played in shaping doctrine. By illuminating the historical, political, and theological landscape of these foundational churches, this book provides a vital context for the New Testament and offers a profound new perspective on the global story of Christianity today.



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul



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