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A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CHURCHES OF REVELATION

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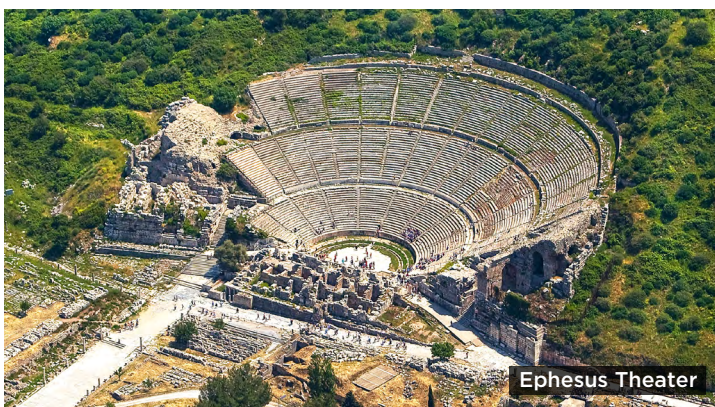
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University where he is currently a New Testament professor. Dr. Davis specializes in New Testament exposition, Koine Greek Grammar, and historical and religious backgrounds related to the New Testament. Dr. Davis also is the editor and major contributor to the Bible Lands Photo guide published by Accordance Bible Software, which describes the history, archeological remains, and biblical connections to numerous sites mentioned in the Bible. James and his wife Trece have served in church and teaching ministries in both Turkey and Jordan. This educational tour will include numerous mini-lectures that connect what is seen on the tour to the message of the New Testament and how specifically it relates to the ministries of the Apostles Paul and John in western Turkey, as well as early church history and the rise of the Byzantine empire. jfdavisfamily@msn.com



Ephesus Theater

Tour Itinerary:

Oct 4 Mon Depart USA – Fly Izmir via Istanbul – OWN FLIGHTS

Oct 5 Tue **ISTANBUL TO EPHEBUS - KUSADASI**

When our international flight arrives in Istanbul, we go through customs and take a domestic flight to the Izmir airport. After getting our luggage and meeting our Turkish guide, we drive to the 5-star Korumar Deluxe Hotel located on the Aegean Sea near Ephesus. (D)

Oct 6 Wed **BIBLICAL EPHEBUS - KUSADASI**

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. We visit the *Ephesus Archaeological Museum*, the *Basilica Church of Saint John*, and the *Turkish town of Selçuk* where we meet the locals. Dinner and overnight at the Korumar Deluxe Hotel. (B,D)



Laodicea Church

Oct 7 Thu **MILETUS, DIDYMA - PAMUKKALE**

After breakfast we visit the magnificent ancient cities of Miletus, and the Temple in Didyma.. At *Miletus*, the apostle Paul spoke to the Ephesian elders at the end of his third missionary journey in Acts 20:17-38. Continue to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight at the Adempira Thermal Spa Hotel. (B,D)

Oct 8 Fri **LAODICEA AND HIEROPOLIS - PAMUKKALE**

After breakfast we tour the massive archeological sites of *Laodicea* (Revelation 3:14-22 and 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 “healing center” at the Plutonion (Pluto’s Gate), and the martyrdom site and tomb of the *Apostle Philip*. Dinner and overnight at the Adempira Thermal Spa Hotel.(B,D)

Oct 9 Sat **PHILADELPHIA, SARDIS, SMYRNA - IZMIR**

After breakfast we visit *Philadelphia* (Revelation 3:7-13) and then drive to tour *Sardis* (Revelation 3:1-6), with the remains of the magnificent Artemis Temple, 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. Matt Harbour will teach at each site. *We end our day with a special dinner on the Aegean Sea with Levent Oral, the owner of Tutku Tours.* Overnight at the Mövenpick Hotel Izmir. (B,D)

Oct 10 Sun **PERGAMUM - THYATIRA - IZMIR**

Today we drive to Pergamum, where according to Revelation, the ‘Throne of Satan’ was located (Rev. 2:12-17). Visit the towering Acropolis- 1000 feet above the town, with the steepest theater of the ancient world. We continue the day by driving to Akhisar, ancient Thyatira (Rev. 2:18-29) and original home of Lydia (Acts 16:11-5). We return to Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 11 Mon **FLY ISTANBUL**

After breakfast, transfer to Izmir airport for late morning flight to Istanbul. Arrive in Istanbul at around noon. Transfer to the Lamartine Hotel for check-in. After a short rest, we will have a walk at the vivid Taksim Square, and Beyoglu Streets. Dinner and overnight at the Lamartine Hotel. (B,D)



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

Oct 12 Tue ISTANBUL

Our first day in the historic city of Istanbul begins with a morning visit to **Galata Tower**. We climb the steps to the top for a breath taking panoramic view of the mega-city of Istanbul that bridges Europe and Asia. We then visit the **Hagia Sophia** (the church of “Holy Wisdom”)—the crowning achievement of the sacred building program of Emperor Justinian, the 6th-century head of the Christian Byzantine Empire. Nearby is located the **Hippodrome** which once stood in the heart of the Byzantine city of Constantinople and originally held up to 100,000 people. Although little is left of this gigantic stadium, there are a number of impressive columns and other structures situated at the site. We then head underground to the **Basilica Cistern**, a vast water cistern located underneath the city. The cistern’s roof is held up by 336 columns of over 26 feet high. Visitors tread walkways to the mixed sounds of classical music and dripping water, making this perhaps the most unusual tourist attraction in Istanbul. We then enjoy a beautiful cruise on the **Bosphorus Sea**. This is a relaxing and excellent vantage point to view Istanbul’s many famous landmarks that dot both its European and Asian shores. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 13 Wed ISTANBUL

Our day begins with the visit the **Archeological Museum** which houses spectacular finds from all over Turkey, including many items that relate to biblical history. Next we proceed to the nearby **Hagia Eirene** (“Church of Holy Peace”), built in 324 AD on the site of Aphrodite’s temple and dedicated by Emperor Constantine as the city’s first church and main cathedral until the completion of Hagia Sophia in 360 AD. The second of the Seven Ecumenical Councils was held here in 381 AD. This was one of the more important councils, making ten additions to the Nicene Creed and affirming the deity of the Holy Spirit. Our final stop is the impressive **Topkapi Palace**. This elaborate complex of buildings and gardens, originating in the 15th century and greatly expanded over the following centuries, now is a museum that houses important artifacts and treasures relating to Turkish life and history during the Ottoman Empire. We end the day visiting the colorful and vibrant **Grand Bazaar**. Dinner and overnight at the Lamartine Hotel. (B,D)

Oct 14 Thu DEPARTURE – OWN FLIGHTS

LAND ONLY

\$3,990 Per Person in Double Room

\$1,090 Single Room Supplement

TOUR INCLUDES

- Izmir-Istanbul domestic flight on October 11
- 3 Nights at **Korumar Hotel in Kusadasi** or similar
- 2 Night at **Adempira Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale** or similar
- 1 Night at **Moevenpick Hotel in Izmir** or similar
- 3 Nights at **Lamartine Hotel in Istanbul** or similar
- Daily open buffet breakfasts
- 9 Dinners
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Arrival shuttle transfer on Oct 5 (Izmir Airport – Kusadasi)
- Departure shuttle transfer on Oct 14 (Lamartine Hotel – Istanbul Airport)
- All transportation by Private AC Deluxe Bus
- All entry fees to the sites and museums
- English Speaking, Bible Oriented, licensed Tour Guide
- Service charges and local taxes
- Tips to tour guide and driver

TOUR EXCLUDES

- Roundtrip International Air Fare between USA-TURKEY, **arriving IZMIR (ADB) Oct 5, departing ISTANBUL (IST) Oct 14.**
- Drinks and Lunches
- Personal Expenses and any other item which is not listed above
- Travel & Health Insurances: insurance may be given as a separate package at an extra cost.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- **DEPOSIT:** \$300 per person on or before **November 2, 2026**
- **FULL PAYMENT:** on or before **July 3, 2027**

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made 120 days or more before departure: Full refund
 Cancellations made 90-119 days before departure: 90% refund
 Cancellations made 60-89 days before departure: 75% refund
 Cancellations made 45-59 days before departure: 50% refund
 Cancellations made 30-44 days before departure: 25% refund
 Cancellations made 0-29 days before departure: 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.

Important Note on Airfare: Please note that the cancellation terms above apply primarily to the “land” portion of your tour. For “Land and Air” packages, flight ticket cancellations are subject to the specific rules and penalty structures of the respective airline. Any non-refundable costs or cancellation fees imposed by the airline that are beyond our control will be deducted from the refund amount, regardless of the cancellation date.

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