

# Greece & Turkey

- Missionary Journeys of Paul -

May 7-23, 2024



Tour Host:

Dr. Darian Lockett

Explore the origins of the church in Greece and Turkey. All three of Paul's missionary journeys were centered in ancient Turkey and two of them ended in Greece. Travel to the ancient cities of Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, Philippi, Ephesus, Miletus, Priene, Hierapolis and Assos. We will also visit the seven churches of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamon, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea. We will cap off the trip with a tour of the island of Patmos, where John wrote the apocalypse.



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Delphi

**May 12 Sun THESSALONIKI**

We continue our journey to Thessaloniki, the city where Paul shared the gospel message and experienced much opposition (Acts 17: 1-9). Here Paul established a church to which he addressed his Thessalonian epistles. Visit St. George's Basilica, which tradition claims is built over the synagogue where Paul preached. View the Old City Ramparts, and the Galerius Arch that rises over the Via Egnatia. Visit the Archaeological Museum and the ancient agora. See two of the most beautiful basilicas in the city, St. Sophia and St. Demetrios, dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyred Christian convert. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki. (B,D)



Parthenon, Athens

## Tour Itinerary:

**May 7 Tue DEPART Los Angeles LAX- FLY ATHENS**

**May 8 Wed ARRIVE ATHENS**

Upon arrival at the Athens Airport, our representatives will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with a sign "BIOLA UNIVERSITY- TUTKU TOURS" on it. Transfer to your hotel in Athens for dinner and overnight. (D)

**May 9 Thu ATHENS**

Follow your guide to the world renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erechtheum. View Mars Hill where the apostle Paul stood spoke to the Athenian people and shared the Gospel (Acts 17:15-34). See the Agora, the ancient market place and center of the Athenian public life, where the apostle Paul preached "Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18) to the skeptical Athenians. Also see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Overnight in Athens. (B,D)

**May 10 Fri CORINTH, CENCHRAEAE and ELEUSIS - ATHENS**

In Corinth, see the ancient city where Paul met Aquila and Priscilla, the tent makers, and where the apostle spent eighteen months sharing the Gospel (Acts 18: 1-18). Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place and Temples. Walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood before Gallio facing charges brought by the Jews. Visit the ancient port of Cenchrea where Paul departed when he returned to Syria (Acts 18:12-18). Later we will visit the site of Eleusis where the sacred rites of the Eleusinian Mysteries were performed. Overnight in Athens. (B,D)

**May 11 Sat DELPHI - METEORA - KALAMBAKA**

Travel to the scenic and historic oracle at Delphi, the religious center of the ancient Greek world. Walk the Sacra Via to the Athenian Treasury, the Theatre, and the Temple of Apollo where the oracle enacted its prophetic rituals. Visit the Museum at Delphi. Drive to Kalambaka to visit the rock forest of Meteora in western Thessaly and ponder the rough terrain through which the apostle Paul walked during his missionary journey. See the famous Byzantine monasteries perched precariously on the summits of soaring sheer cliffs. Visit one of these monasteries. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka. (B,D)



Philippi

**May 13 Mon AMPHIPOLIS - PHILIPPI - KAVALA**

Drive to Amphipolis, a city that Paul visited on his second mission. Continue to Philippi, where Paul met and converted Lydia, a woman from Thyatira who sold purple garments (Acts 16:13-15). Lydia was the first Christian to be baptized on European soil. See the theater, agora, latrines and several early Byzantine basilicas of the city. Also visit a cistern, which was thought to have served as a prison for the apostle Paul. Overnight in the Kavala area. (B,D)

**May 14 Tue TURKEY BORDER - DRIVE ISTANBUL**

Depart Kavala. Walk a portion of the Via Egnatia, the great Roman road traversed by Paul and Silas as they traveled from Neapolis to Philippi, Thessalonica and onward. Drive to the Greece-Turkey border. Transfer to your Turkish bus and guide, and continue to Istanbul (about 5 hours drive after the border) for dinner and overnight. Istanbul is the only city in the world spanning on two continents. Overnight in Istanbul. (B,D)

**May 15 Wed ISTANBUL**

Full day Istanbul tour; visit the Roman Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque with its beautiful blue tiles, the Hagia Sophia, the great basilica built by Constantine the Great and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, one of the world's greatest architectural marvels and a designated World Heritage site. Then visit the Istanbul Archaeological Museum. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. Evening slide show of the major Biblical sites in Turkey. (B,D)

**May 16 Thu ISTANBUL - TROY - ALEXANDER TROAS (Acts 16:8-11; 20:5, 6, II Tim. 4:13, II Cor. 2:12) - ASSOS**

Drive to Canakkale. Cross the Dardanelles Strait by car ferry. Proceed to Troy to see the legendary city of Homer's Iliad. Continue to Alexandrian Troas, the important port founded by Alexander the Great. Paul visited here at least twice (Acts 16:8-11, 20:5-13). Dinner and overnight in Assos. (B,D)



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

**May 17 Fri ASSOS - PERGAMON (Rev. 1:11; 2:12) - BERGAMA**

We will enjoy a morning tour of Assos and then leave for Pergamon where we will visit the Acropolis with the steepest theater of the ancient world and the Temple of Trajan. We will also visit the Red Basilica which was an Egyptian Temple, later converted to a church and the Asclepion, the ancient healing center. Dinner and overnight in Bergama. (B,D)

**May 18 Sat BERGAMA - THYATIRA - SMYRNA (Rev. 1:11; 2:8) - IZMIR**

Drive to Akhisar town to visit the remaining of the Thyatira Church. 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)

**May 19 Sun EPHEBUS - IZMIR**

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, 1 Tim. 1:3 II Tim. 1:18; 4:12, Rev. 1:11, 2:1), with its spectacular Terrace Houses, Basilica of John, the Ephesus Archaeological Museum and the ancient Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Dinner and overnight Izmir. (B,D)

**May 20 Mon SARDIS (Rev. 1:11; 3:1-4) - PHILADELPHIA (Rev. 1:11; 3:7) - PAMUKKALE**

Drive to Sardis, capital of the ancient Lydia where first coin of the world was invented. See the remains of another massive Artemis Temple. Continue to Hierapolis, a World Heritage site and site of the church mentioned in Colossians 4. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Pamukkale. (B,D)

**May 21 Tue HIERAPOLIS - LAODICEA (Col 2:1; 4:13-16, Rev. 1:11; 3:14) - COLOSSAE - PAMUKKALE**

Morning tour of Hierapolis. See the Philip's Tomb. Drive to nearby Laodicea to see the latest excavations. Then, drive to Colossae to see the unexcavated site. Return to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**May 22 Wed APHRODISIAS - PRIENE - MILETUS - KUSADASI**

Drive to Aphrodisias, the city of the Goddess of Love. See the well preserved stadium, the Odeon, the theater and the agora. Continue 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 nearby city of Priene located on a cliff-side. In the late afternoon, we drive back to Kusadasi. (B,D)

**May 23 Thu TRANSFER TO IZMIR AIRPORT - FLY BACK TO LAX (B)**



Ephesus

## LAND & AIR (US\$)

**\$4,690** Per Person in Double Occupancy  
**\$990** Single Room Supplement

## INCLUDING

- International Air Fare between Los Angeles - Athens & Istanbul-Los Angeles
- Izmir-Istanbul domestic flight
- 3 Nights at 4 star Parthenon Hotel in Athens or similar
- 1 Night at 3 star Meteoritis Hotel in Kalambaka or similar
- 1 Night at 4 star Grand Palace Hotel in Thessaloniki or similar
- 1 Night at 3 star Galaxy Hotel in Kavala or similar
- 2 Nights at 4 star Grand Halic Hotel in Istanbul or similar
- 1 Night at 4 star Assos Dove Hotel in Assos or similar
- 1 Night at La Bella Hotel in Bergama or similar
- 2 Nights at 4 star Swissotel in Izmir or similar
- 2 Nights at 4 star Colossae Hotel in Pamukkale or similar
- 1 Nights at 4 star Korumar Hotel in Kusadasi or similar
- Daily breakfast and 15 dinners at the hotels
- All transportation by private A/C Bus
- English Speaking, Government Licensed, Bible Oriented guides in Turkey and Greece
- All Entry fees to the sites and museums
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Attendance to the Ephesus Meeting
- Service charges and local taxes
- Tips to Tour Guide and drivers

## EXCLUDING

- Turkish Visa Fee to be paid online prior to arrival [www.evisa.gov.tr](http://www.evisa.gov.tr)
- Lunches and Drinks (Bottled Water is included)
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, phone calls, all kind of insurances, etc)

## PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- \$200 per person Deposit: December 10, 2023

- Full Payment: February 1, 2024

**Cancellation Penalty:**

120-90 days prior to departure:	No Penalty
89-60 days prior to departure:	10%
59-45 days prior to departure:	25%
44-30 days prior to departure:	50%
29-15 days prior to departure:	75%
14 days & After	No refund

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- 1- Open the Camera app on your device.
- 2- Move the QR code into the frame.

**OPTION 3**

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