

# *A Pilgrimage from* **ANTALYA to CAPPADOCIA**

Where Biblical, Classical, Byzantine and Islamic worlds meet



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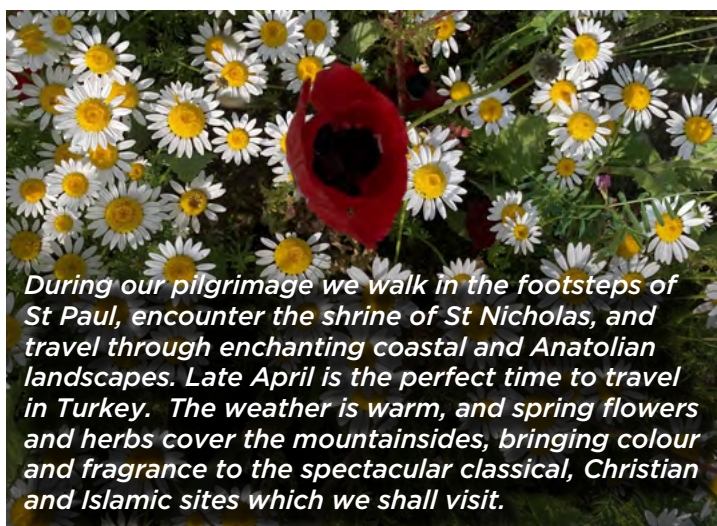
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## ANTALYA to CAPPADOCIA

April 20-27, 2024



Led by  
**The Revd James Buxton**  
Chaplain in Izmir



*During our pilgrimage we walk in the footsteps of St Paul, encounter the shrine of St Nicholas, and travel through enchanting coastal and Anatolian landscapes. Late April is the perfect time to travel in Turkey. The weather is warm, and spring flowers and herbs cover the mountainsides, bringing colour and fragrance to the spectacular classical, Christian and Islamic sites which we shall visit.*

### Tour Itinerary:

**April 20 Sat** Arrive at Antalya International Airport at 2pm – One group transfer to the hotel. The transfer coincides with the arrival of EasyJet flight (EZY 6519) departing Gatwick airport at 7.40 AM. After settling into our hotel, we take a stroll in **Kaleici** (Antalya's beautifully restored old town), and visit the recently restored Sehzade Korkut Mosque (former Byzantine church of St Nicholas), and the Greek Orthodox Chapel (D)

**April 21 Sun** Following breakfast and the Eucharist we visit the Hellenistic city of **Perge**, founded in 300 BC as a colony of Pergamum. Paul and Barnabas passed through Perge on their way to Antioch in Pisidia (Acts 13.13) and later came back to preach there. In the afternoon we visit mysterious **Termessos**, with its matchless theatre, high in the mountains above Antalya. Overnight Antalya (B,D)

**April 22 Mon** We make an early start and head southeast to the city of **Myra** (Modern-day **Demre**) where we visit the well preserved Byzantine basilica of St Nicholas, a place of pilgrimage to this day. After a boat trip and lunch, we visit the nearby Lycian cliff-tombs and Roman theatre, and the ancient port of **Andriake**. If time permits, one hour private **boat tour**. Overnight Antalya (B,D)



Mevlana Mosque, Konya

**April 23 Tue** We drive north to the Pisidian city of **Sagalassos**, with its fabulous monuments dated from the Hellenistic period onwards. The city, which due to its remote location was only 'discovered' in 1985, is perched on a plateau with a backdrop of rugged mountains. We continue to **Pisidian Antioch**, on an impressive site above the Anthius River. The city was visited by Paul and Barnabas in 46 AD. Paul's longest recorded sermon (Acts 13:16-41) was preached in the synagogue here! Overnight Konya (B,D)

**April 24 Wed** We spend the morning in the handsome city of **Konya** (Roman/Biblical Iconium), one of the oldest occupied cities in the world. A Christian congregation was founded here during Paul's first journey (Acts 14:1), and he made at least one more visit (Acts 16: 2). We visit the splendid shrine-tomb of Mevlana (also known as Rumi) the great 13c Islamic scholar and mystic and see other examples of prestigious Selcuk architecture. After lunch we continue through classic Anatolian steppe, visiting the renowned **Sulthanhan Caravanserai** (c.1100). We reach Cappadocia and unwind at our hotel. (B,D)

**April 25 Thu** We spend the morning visiting the extraordinary cave churches with their breathtaking frescoes (9-11c) in the open-air museum at **Goreme**. After lunch we explore fairytale landscapes, villages and troglodyte monasteries nearby. We visit the Tursan Winery, Avanos Village. In the evening we experience a display of devotional whirling (in the tradition of Mevlana). (B,D)

**April 26 Fri** On our second day in Cappadocia: we visit magical **Zelve Valley**, and the villages of **Uçhisar** and **Paşabağ**. We will find a hallowed place to worship as we conclude our pilgrimage. (B,D)

**April 27 Sat** Transfer to **Kayseri** Airport and proceed to onward destinations.





Myra



St. Nicholas Church

## LAND RATES

**GBP 925** Per Person in Double Occupancy  
**GBP 290** Single Room Supplement

## INCLUDING

- 3 Nights at Best Western Khan Hotel in Antalya or similar
- 1 Night at Anemon Hotel in Konya or similar
- 3 Nights at Dilek Kaya Hotel in Cappadocia or similar
- Daily breakfasts
- 6 Dinners at the hotels
- Entrance fees
- Whirling Dervish Show in Cappadocia
- Licensed tour guide (Sonat)
- Tips to hotel staff
- Service charges and local taxes
- TUTKU gifts

## EXCLUDING

- Lunches and drinks
- Tips to tour guide and driver
- All flights
- All kind of insurance and all personal expenses

## PAYMENT PROCEDURE

**DEPOSIT** : GBP 50 per person

**FULL BALANCE PAYMENT : MARCH 1, 2024**

### Cancellation:

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| • 89-60 days prior to departure: | No Penalty |
| • 59-45 days prior to departure: | No Penalty |
| • 44-30 days prior to departure: | 20%        |
| • 29-15 days prior to departure: | 50%        |
| • 14 days & After:               | No refund  |

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