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Tour Itinerary:

Nov 17, Sun - Depart USA to Istanbul

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

Nov 18, Mon - Istanbul to Ephesus (Israel Group to Ephesus)

Our overseas flights arrive in **Istanbul** where we go through customs and take an in-country flight (one hour) to the Izmir Airport on the Aegean coast. The Tutku guide or representative will meet us after the baggage claim with a sign that reads "DR. ANDREW JACKSON TOUR, TUTKU." We drive (one hour) to our hotel on the Aegean Sea for dinner and overnight (KoruMar Hotel, www.korumar.com.tr) (D).

Nov 19, Tue - Ephesus Area Tour

After breakfast we visit the archaeological museum of Ephesus displaying ancient coins, statues, and mosaics from the Roman period, the archaeological remains of the spectacular Basilica of Saint John where the apostle John was buried, and the modern Turkish towns of Sirince and Selcuk where you will meet the locals and shop. For those who are interested, you can visit a local Anatolian Handmade Carpet and Kilim production center and learn how world-famous Turkish rugs are made. We drive (20 minutes) to our hotel on the Aegean Sea for dinner and overnight (KoruMar Hotel). (B, D)

Nov 20, Wed - Biblical Ephesus Tour

After breakfast we tour the archaeological biblical city of Ephesus. This magnificent reconstructed Greco-Roman port city has the great theater, marble-paved roads, Roman baths, the Celsus Library, and much more. Today, Ephesus is one of the UN-ESCO World Heritage Sites. The apostle Paul lived and ministered here for three years from where he wrote 1 Corinthians. Later on Paul wrote the letters of Ephesus and 1-2 Timothy that were sent to Ephesus. We return to our hotel on the Aegean Sea for dinner and overnight (KoruMar Hotel) (B,D)

Nov 21, Thu - Colossae (Colossians)

After breakfast we drive (three hours) to the Lycus River Valley and visit the archaeological site of **Colossae**, Paul wrote the letters of Colossians and Philemon to the Colossae church. We then drive to our spa hotel for a relaxing afternoon, dinner, and overnight (Doga Thermal Hotel www.dogathermalhotel.com) (B, D)

Nov 22, Fri - Hierapolis and Laodicea

After breakfast we visit the archaeological biblical sites of Hierapolis (Pamukkale) and Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22) located in the Lycus River Valley. In the massive archaeological remains of **Hierapolis** we visit the tomb and martyrdom of the apostle Philip, and one of the best reconstructed Roman theaters in Turkey (see Colossians 4:13-15). In the huge reconstructed biblical city of **Laodicea** we see two large theaters, a stadium, and excavated churches dating to the Byzantine period. We then drive to our spa hotel for dinner and overnight (Doga Thermal Hotel) (B, D)

Nov 23, Sat - Philadelphia, Sardis and Smyrna

After breakfast we drive to tour the biblical archaeological sites of Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13) and to Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6). Our first visit is **Philadelphia**, where most of the ancient remains are buried under the modern city. Our visit will focus on the Basilica of the Apostle John built in the AD 500s. Then we drive (one hour) to the large archaeological site of **Sardis** where we see the remains of the magnificent temple of Artemis (later converted into a church), the beautifully reconstructed gymnasium and public baths, and the largest known synagogue outside Palestine. We then drive (three hours) to our hotel in Izmir on the Aegean Sea for dinner and overnight (Movenpick Hotel, www.Movenpick.com) (B,D) Izmir, historically Smyrna, is the third largest city in Turkey located on the Aegean Sea. After breakfast we visit Smyrna's acropolis Kadifekale for an overview of the city, and then we visit the archaeological site of biblical Smyrna (**Revelation 2:8-9**) with its Roman Agora and where the early church father Polycarp was martyred. The rest of the day will be free to walk along the Aegean waterfront, interact with the locals, and shop. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight (Movenpick Hotel). (B,D)

Nov 24, Sun - Pergamum

After breakfast we drive (one hour) north to visit **Pergamum** (Revelation 2:12-17), one of the most impressive acropolis and archaeological sites in Turkey, which is called the Seat of Satan in the book of Revelation. Here we see a 10,000-seat theatre on the side of the acropolis that is the steepest in the ancient world, the temple of Trajan, the remains of a library of 200,000 volumes second in size only to that in Alexandria, and the remains of the huge altar of Zeus and the temple of Dionysus. We then drive back (two hours) to our hotel in Izmir for dinner and overnight (Movenpick Hotel). (B,D)



Cappadocia Hot Air Balloon Trip

Nov 25, Mon - Cappadocia Tour

After breakfast, we fly to Cappadocia...

Nov 26, Tue - Cappadocia Tour

Nov 27, Wed - Cappadocia Tour

Nov 28, Thu - Istanbul Tour

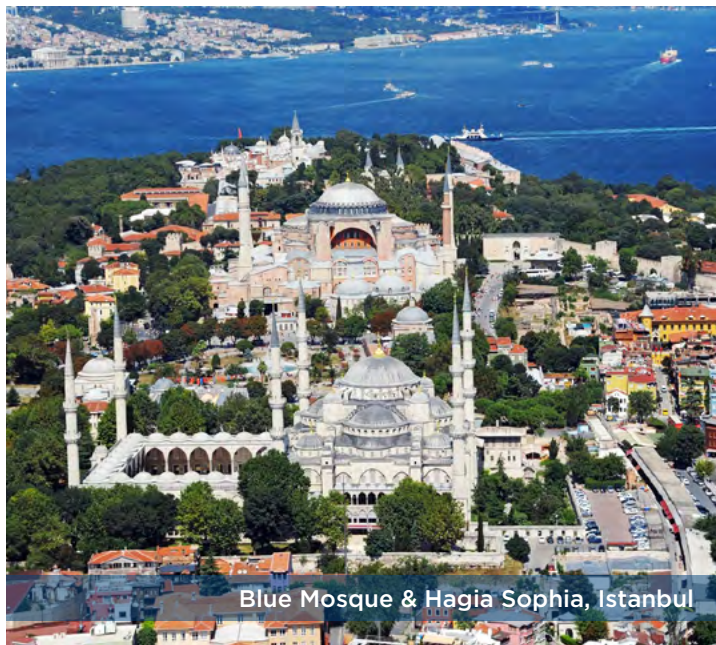
After breakfast will take a morning flight from Cappadocia (about one hour) to Istanbul, and then we will drive (one hour) to our hotel in the old city of Istanbul. After unloading our luggage we take a walking tour of the Hippodrome Square (Blue Mosque), the famous Hagia Sophia Church, We then walk back to our hotel for dinner and overnight (Arcadia Blue Hotel, www.hotelarcadiablue.com) (B, D)

Nov 29, Fri - Istanbul Tour

After breakfast we visit the Saint Irene Church where the Nicene Creed was written, Istanbul Archaeology Museum, underground cistern built by emperor Justinian in the AD 500s, and then take a leisurely boat tour on the Bosphorus Strait. We then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight (Arcadia Blue Hotel) (B, D)

Nov 30, Sat - Departure to USA

We depart early and drive (one hour) to Istanbul Airport where we take our international flight back to the USA. End of our services.



Blue Mosque & Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

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\$4,790 Per Person in Double Room

\$1,060 Single Room Supplement

TOUR INCLUDES

- International flights between US - TURKEY
- Izmir-Kayseri domestic flight
- Kayseri -Istanbul domestic flight
- 3 Nights at Korumar Hotel in Kusadasi
- 2 Nights at Doga Thermal in Pamukkale
- 2 Nights at Mövenpick Hotel in Izmir
- 3 Nights at Dilek Kaya Hotel in Cappadocia
- 2 Nights at Arcadia Blue Hotel in Istanbul
- Daily breakfast and dinners at the hotels
- Entry fees
- All transfers and transportation
- Bosphorus Boat Tour
- English Speaking Professional Tour Guide
- Tips for the Turkish Guide and bus driver
- Service charges and local taxes

TOUR EXCLUDES

- Lunches and all drinks
- Turkish Visa Fee to be obtained online before arrival www.evisa.gov.tr
- Personal Expenses, All Travel & Health Insurances

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

DEPOSIT \$200 per person: March 6, 2024

Full payment - August 6, 2024

Cancellation Penalty:

- 90-60 days prior to departure: No Penalty
- 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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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.



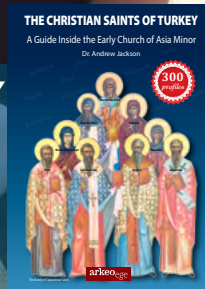
THE CHRISTIAN SAINTS OF TURKEY by Dr. Andrew Jackson

*available only in Turkey

Amazon name:

**TURKEY: A GUIDE INSIDE THE EARLY
CHURCH OF ASIA MINOR: 300 PROFILES**

The Christian Saints of Turkey is an introductory guide to people, places, events, and texts of the early church of Asia Minor (*modern Turkey*). The time frame of the book is more functional than academic, it begins with the New Testament and ends in 1453. The book's layout is unique and user-friendly. It contains 300 short descriptive "profiles" that are listed numerically (1 to 300), with no chapters. The numbering system allows for cross-referencing within the individual "profiles." The book also includes two table of contents, one chronological and the other geographical. The goal of the book is help people worldwide not only discover that Turkey is the land of the Bible, but it is also the primary and central land of the early church. There is no other book of its kind available today.



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