

# Global Smyrna Meeting o n P O L Y C A R P

March 20-23, 2026



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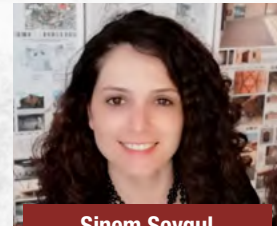
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Ephesus

### MAIN PROGRAM

#### Mar 20 Fri Arrive Izmir Airport

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#### Mar 21 Sat Full Day Lectures (09:00 - 17:00)

- **Martin Kmetec**, President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops in Turkey
- **Dr. Paul Foster**, The University of Edinburgh
- **Revd Prof Steve Walton**, Trinity College (Bristol)  
*Meeting Suffering and Persecution: A Conversation between the Martyrdom of Polycarp and 1 Peter*

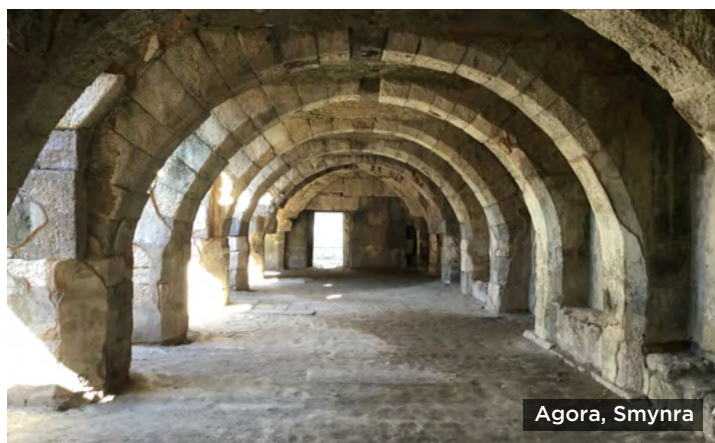
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Breakfast, and Dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

#### Mar 22 Sun Full Day Smyrna Tour (09:00-17:00)

We start our tour with a drive to Mount Pagus, Kadifekale overlooking the Izmir Bay. Visit the new Saint Polycarp Memorial Site, recently opened by the Izmir Municipality. This is the closest location to the Smyrna Stadium where Polycarp was martyred in 156 AD. Then, we visit the Smyrna Agora, and its Graffiti section. Free time at Kemeralti Bazaar for lunch. Afternoon visit to the modern St. Polycarp Church, and the new Izmir Culture and Arts Factory Museum. Farewell Dinner at local Seafood Restaurant at Konak Pier. (B,D)

#### Mar 23 Mon Departure Transfer to Izmir Airport - END



Agora, Smyrna



Acropolis, Pergamum

### PRE-TOUR

#### Mar 18 Wed Arrive Izmir Airport

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#### Mar 19 Thu Pergamon (Rev. 1:11; 2:12) - Thyatira (Rev 1:11; 2:18) - Izmir

Leave for Pergamon. Visit the Acropolis with the steepest theater of the ancient world and the Temple of Trajan. Then proceed to Akhisar to visit the remaining of Thyatira church. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

#### Mar 20 Fri Ephesus - 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), and its Terrace Houses, the Ephesus Archaeological Museum and the Basilica of St. John. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)



St. Polycarp Church, Izmir



St. Polycarp Memorial Site



## LAND ONLY

### PRE TOUR (March 18-20)

**\$490** Per Person in Double Room

**\$150** Single Room Supplement

### MAIN PROGRAM (March 20-23)

**\$690** Per Person in Double Room

**\$225** Single Room Supplement

### FULL PROGRAM (March 18-23)

**\$1,180** Per Person in Double Room

**\$375** Single Room Supplement

## INCLUDING

- 5 nights at Movenpick Hotel in Izmir or similar
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Daily breakfasts and 4 dinners (B:Breakfast, D:Dinner)
- Entrance fees to all sites (listed in the tour program)
- Guiding services
- Transfers & transportation by private A/C motorcoach
- Biblical documents
- Attendance to all Lectures

## EXCLUDING

- International flights
- All Tips to tour guide and driver
- Lunches and drinks
- Personal Expenses, Travel & Health Insurance any other item which is not included above

## PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- **\$200 per person Deposit : At the time of booking**
- **Full Payment : December 22, 2025**

### Land Only Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made before 60 days of departure: Full refund  
Cancellations made within 45 days of departure: 90% refund  
Cancellations made within 30 days of departure: 75% refund  
Cancellations made within 15 days of departure: 50% refund  
Cancellations made within 7 days of departure: 25% refund  
Cancellations made within 6 days of departure: No refund

**In addition** to the above cancellation policy, we charge a 5% processing fee for all refunds, no matter the date of cancellation. This fee is necessary to cover the costs associated with processing refunds, including bank fees and administrative expenses. We understand that sometimes travel plans change, and we appreciate your understanding of this policy.

## REGISTRATION

you can fill in the secure form at TUTKU website



### OPTION 1

**REGISTER NOW**

<https://tutku.travel/tour/26GSMPOL>

### OPTION 2



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



# SMYRNA



Ancient Roman bath, gymnasium from 2nd century

Konak Pier  
Built in mid 17th century

Shore 1850

Mosque of Konak  
Built in 1754

Clock Tower  
Built in 1901

Fort

Ancient port

Agora

Theater

St. Polycarp Memorial Site

Ancient Road

Temple of Zeus Akraios

Ephesus Gate

Stadium

Aqueduct

Acropolis Mount Pagos

Hellenistic Walls

Magnesia Gate

Caravan Bridge

Basmane Railroad Station  
Built in 1876

Saint Polycarp Church  
Built in 1625

Aqueduct of Vezirsuyu  
Built in 1674



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