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SEATTLE DEPARTURE / VANCOUVER RETURN FLIGHT SCHEDULE

TK 204	30SEP	SEA-IST	705P	*500P	*arrive next day
TK 1845	01OCT	IST-ATH	655P	830P	
TK2313	14OCT	ADB-IST	1050A	1220P	
TK 75	14OCT	IST-YVR	245P	505P	

Flight Schedule can be changed



Delphi

Oct 3 Fri CORINTH, CENCHRAEAE and EPIDAUROS - 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 Epidaurus, the birthplace of Asclepius. Overnight in Athens. (B,D)

Oct 4 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)

Oct 5 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)

Oct 6 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)

Oct 7 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)



Erechtheum, Athens

Tour Itinerary:

Sep 30 Tue DEPART SEATTLE - FLY ATHENS VIA ISTANBUL

Meet at the Church (9095 Glover Road, Fort Langley) at 12:30 PM and depart at 1:00 pm. Private bus transfer to the Seattle Airport. Arrive Seattle Airport at around 3:30 pm. Flight departs at 7:05 pm. Non-stop direct flight to Istanbul.

Oct 1 Wed ARRIVE ATHENS

Upon arrival to Istanbul Airport, we will take the connection flight to Athens. You will collect your luggage at Athens Airport. TUTKU representative will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with "RIKK WATTS -TUTKU" sign. Transfer to your hotel in Athens for dinner and overnight. (D)

Oct 2 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)



Oct 8 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)

Oct 9 Thu ISTANBUL - TROY - ALEXANDER TROAS - ASSOS

Drive to Çanakkale. Cross the Dardanelles Strait via new bridge. 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)

Oct 10 Fri ASSOS - PERGAMON (Rev. 1:11; 2:12) - SOMA

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 Soma. (B,D)

Oct 11 Sat THYATIRA - SARDIS (Rev. 1:11; 3:1-4) - PHILADELPHIA (Rev. 1:11; 3:7) - PAMUKKALE

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

Oct 12 Sun HIERAPOLIS - LAODICEA (Col 2:1; 4:13-16, Rev. 1:11; 3:14) - COLOSSAE - IZMIR

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. Tutku is one of the sponsors of the Colossae excavations. You may meet Dr. Baris Yener, head of Colossae excavations. Drive to Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 13 Mon 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)

**Oct 14 Tue TRANSFER TO IZMIR AIRPORT - FLY BACK TO VANCOUVER VIA ISTANBUL
Arrive Vancouver YVR at 5:05 pm - End of our services.**



LAND & AIR

\$5,290 Per Person in Double Occupancy

\$1,190 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- Roundtrip International Air from Seattle - Athens & Izmir - Vancouver
- Private BUS from your church to Seattle Airport on Sept 30 (pick up 1 pm)
- 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 Esperia Hotel in Kavala or similar
- 2 Nights at 5 star Movenpick Golden Horn Hotel in Istanbul or similar
- 1 Night at Assos Kervansaray Boutique Hotel in Assos or similar
- 1 Night at 4 star Ramada Hotel in Soma or similar
- 1 Night at 5 star Doğa Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale or similar
- 2 Nights at 5 star Mövenpick Hotel in Izmir or similar
- Daily breakfast and 13 dinners at the hotels
- All transportation by private AC Bus
- Easy border crossing
- English Speaking, Government Licensed, Bible Oriented guides in Turkey and Greece
- All Entry fees to the sites and museums
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Service charges and local taxes
- Tutku Gifts, Archaeology Map of Turkey

EXCLUDING

- Lunches and Drinks
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, phone calls, all kind of insurances, etc)
- Tips to Tour Guide and drivers

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

**DEPOSIT : \$300 per person on March 15, 2025
FULL BALANCE PAYMENT : 90 days prior to arrival**

Land and Air Cancellation Policy:
Cancellations made before 60 days of departure: Full refund
Cancellations made within 45 days of departure: 75% refund
Cancellations made within 30 days of departure: 50% refund
Cancellations made within 15 days of departure: 25% refund
Cancellations made within 14 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.



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