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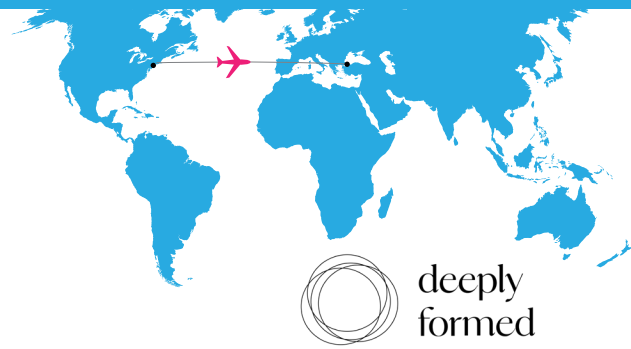
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Andrew Jackson is an American teacher and writer who has traveled through Turkey for around twenty-five years. He earned his Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary, and his specialized

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*.



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Jared is an avid traveler who has spent time on six of the world's seven continents. After beginning his career as a history teacher, he has spent nearly twenty-five years teaching, facilitating retreats, and

leading formational trips—first as a college minister and later as a pastor. He is the founder of *Deeply Formed*, a Christian ministry dedicated to soul care and formational experiences.

Tour Itinerary:

Day 1 (Sat Apr 17) OWN FLIGHTS - FLY TO IZMIR

Day 2 (Sun Apr 18) ARRIVE IZMIR (Airport code ADB).

Our representative will meet you at Izmir Airport. Transfer to the *Korumar Deluxe Hotel* on the *Aegean Sea* near Ephesus.

THE CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Day 3 (Mon Apr 19) EPHEBUS REGION

After breakfast Dr. Jackson will teach at the hotel on the Ephesus ministries of the Apostle Paul, Timothy, and the Apostle John. We will then drive through the Ephesus region where we visit the *Ephesus Archaeological Museum*, the *Basilica Church of Saint John* (where the apostle John was buried), the present-day *Ephesus Prayer House*, and the *Turkish town of Selcuk* where we meet the locals and shop. Selcuk is a great place to purchase your gifts for family and friends. Dinner and overnight at the Korumar Deluxe Hotel.

Day 4 (Tue Apr 20) BIBLICAL EPHEBUS

After breakfast we tour the *archaeological biblical city of Ephesus*, a magnificent reconstructed Greco-Roman city. We will walk through the spectacular first-century *Terrace Houses*, where the early house churches of Ephesus likely met. Those who are interested can visit a local *Anatolian Handmade Carpet and Kilim production center* to learn how world-famous Turkish carpets are made, and buy one if you desire. Those who don't want to visit the Carpet center can return to the hotel for free time, and enjoy the Aegean beach. Dinner and overnight at the Korumar Deluxe Hotel.

Day 5 (Wed Apr 21) MAGNESIA, NYSA, COLOSSAE

After breakfast we drive from Ephesus down the green Meander River Valley to the beautiful Lycus River Valley. On our journey we will visit the first-century *Roman stadium at the ancient city of Magnesia*, and the remote *ancient city of Nysa* that is rarely visited by tourists. We then drive to the archeological site of *Colossae*, where Paul sent his letters of Colossians and Philemon. Dr. Jackson will share on-site. Dinner and overnight at the Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel.

Day 6 (Thu Apr 22) LAODICEA AND HIEROPOLIS

After breakfast we tour the massive archeological sites of *Laodicea* (Revelation 3:14-22, Colossians 4:13) and *Hierapolis* (modern Pamukkale, Colossians 4:13). At *Laodicea* (one of the most reconstructed Greco-Roman cities in Turkey) we visit two large theaters, and several excavated early churches. We then drive to *Hierapolis* and tour the martyrdom site and tomb of the *Apostle Philip*. Dr. Jackson will share on-site in Laodicea and Hierapolis. Dinner and overnight at the Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel.

Day 7 (Fri Apr 23) PHILADELPHIA, SARDIS, SMYRNA

After breakfast we drive to *Philadelphia* (Revelation 3:7-13) and visit the Church of the Apostle John built in the AD 500s. We then drive to tour *Sardis* (Revelation 3:1-6), with the remains of the magnificent temple of Artemis (later converted into a church), a beautifully reconstructed Roman gymnasium, and the largest known synagogue outside Palestine. We then drive to *Smyrna* (Revelation 2:8-11), where we visit Smyrna's *Roman agora*, and see the location where the early apostolic church father *Polycarp* (a disciple of the apostle John) was martyred. Dr. Jackson will share on the letters sent to each city in the book of Revelation. We end our day with a *special dinner on the Aegean Sea with Levent Oral, the owner of Tutku Tours*. Overnight at the Movenpick Hotel Izmir.

CAPPADOCIA

Day 8 (Sat Apr 24) FLY CAPPADOCIA

After breakfast we take a domestic morning flight to the amazing Cappadocia region of central Turkey, with its spectacular moon-like landscape. We then experience a journey inside the *underground city of Kaymakli*. We end our day enjoying the picturesque village of *Ortahisar*, with its rock-cut houses and a 300 foot tall rock-castle. Dinner and overnight at the Barcelo Hotel.



Hot Air Balloon Trip, Cappadocia

Day 9 (Sun Apr 25) CAPPADOCIA

After breakfast (an early balloon option for participants, cost is around \$400 per person) we walk through the outdoor **Göreme Open Air Museum**, with its many fresco-covered cave churches. We then walk through the **Zelve Valley**, where Christian monks lived and carved out cave churches. At the Zelve Valley, Dr. Jackson will share on the early church fathers—Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, and Gregory of Nazianzus—who lived and ministered in Cappadocia in the AD 300s. We then drive to the **Uçhisar Castle**, (highest point in Cappadocia) where we can walk up a trail to the top for a beautiful panoramic view. Dinner and overnight at the Barcelo Hotel.

ISTANBUL: HISTORIC CONSTANTINOPE

Day 10 (Mon Apr 26) FLY ISTANBUL

After breakfast we take a domestic flight to Istanbul and drive into the city. We then climb the stairs to the top of **Galata Tower** for a breath-taking panoramic view of the mega-city of Istanbul that bridges Europe and Asia. If we have time we will walk down the famous and popular **Iskilar Street**, and mingle among the crowds of locals. Dinner and overnight at the Lamartine Hotel.

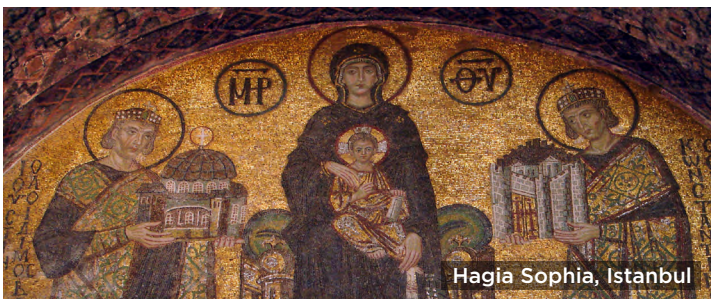
Day 11 (Tue Apr 27) ISTANBUL

After breakfast we start our day at the Old City of Constantinople. We visit the **Hippodrome Square**, **Blue Mosque**, the famous **Hagia Sophia Church**, **Saint Irene Church** (where the Nicene Creed was written), the **Topkapi Palace** of the Ottoman Sultans, and experience the amazing **underground cistern** built by the Roman Emperor Justinian in the AD 500s. We will end our day with a **private boat ride on the 3 famous Bosphorus Strait** that connects the Black and Marmara Seas. Dinner and overnight at the Lamartine Hotel.

Day 12 (Wed Apr 28) ISTANBUL

After breakfast we drive around the **ancient walls of Constantinople**, walk through the historic **Grand Bazaar and Spice Bazaar**, and take a **ferry ride across the Bosphorus Strait** to the town of Kadikoy on the Istanbul's Asian side (where the Chalcedon creed was written). If we have time, we will experience a **tram ride** with the locals through the unmatched city of Istanbul. We return to the Lamartine Hotel for our farewell dinner together.

Day 13 (Thu Apr 29) DEPARTURE. After breakfast we drive to the **Istanbul Airport** where we board our international flights back to the USA.



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

LAND ONLY

\$4,780 Per Person in Double Room

\$1,100 Single Room Supplement

TOUR INCLUDES

- Izmir-Kayseri domestic flight
- Kayseri-Istanbul domestic flight
- 3 Nights at Korumar Deluxe Hotel in Kusadasi or similar
- 2 Night at Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel in Pammukale or similar
- 1 Night at Movenpick Hotel in Izmir or similar
- 2 Nights at Barcelo Hotel in Cappadocia or similar
- 3 Nights at Lamartine Hotel in Istanbul or similar
- Daily breakfasts and dinners
- All Airport-Hotel-Airport transfers in private basis
- All land transportation by private fully A/C VAN with driver throughout the tour
- Tolls, parking fees, fuel, guide's and driver's expenses
- English Speaking Licensed tour guide throughout the tour
- All Entry fees to the mentioned sites & museums
- Service charges, accommodation taxes, & local taxes
- Tips to tour guide (\$60) and to the driver (\$25)

TOUR EXCLUDES

- International flights
- Lunches and drinks
- All personal expenses and any other service which are not mentioned above
- Travel and Health insurance, any kind of insurance (insurance may be given at an extra cost, please ask)
- Hot Air Balloon Trip

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- 1- **\$300 per person Deposit** : August 17, 2026
- 2- **Full (Balance) Payment** : December 17, 2026

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made 120 days or more before departure: Full refund
Cancellations made 90-119 days before departure: 90% refund
Cancellations made 60-89 days before departure: 75% refund
Cancellations made 45-59 days before departure: 50% refund
Cancellations made 30-44 days before departure: 25% refund
Cancellations made 0-29 days before departure: No refund

In addition to the above cancellation policy, we charge a 5% processing fee for all refunds, regardless of the date of cancellation. This fee covers bank charges and administrative costs.

REGISTRATION

you can fill in the secure form at TUTKU website



OPTION 1

REGISTER NOW

<https://tutku.travel/tour/2704JWTR>

OPTION 2



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

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Ten Postures For Meaningful Travel

The point of travel is not going, but in returning enriched.

Travel has a wonderful capacity for renewal and inspiration. There is a kind of awakening that only happens when we leave behind what is familiar for a while. To nurture this kind of experience there are ten postures we prioritize in travels and experiences through Deeply Formed.

1 - Faith

Jesus is the source, substance and sustainer of all things. When he is central in our travels, the experience is deepened and becomes more meaningful and satisfying.

2 - Connection

We will experience history, nature and culture in ways that open us up to connect more deeply with God, ourselves, others and the world we live in. Travel cultivates intimacy while also widening our heart.

3 - Openness

Every age of the Christian movement in every place has its strengths and weaknesses, including our own. As we explore the arc of history we will seek to learn from past and present expressions of Christianity.

4 - Blessing

We go not as consumers but as ones sent to bless, learning from and loving the hosts, guides and fellow travellers we are fortunate to meet along the way.

5 - Honoring Difference

Group members will come from various denominations and be at different places in their faith journeys. Our emphasis is on Jesus—on what unites us—and charity amid any differences. It is not our role to analyze, fix, or save others in the group.

6 - Iconic & Local

We will visit major well known sites and also venture beyond well worn tourists paths for intimate meaningful experiences with local people and culture.

7 - Relaxed

This is not a frenetic skim the surface sight seeing trip. There will be time to pause, notice and savor what is before us. By slowing ourselves down we can see more and enjoy more.

8 - Reflective

We will have space for individual and group reflection to metabolize and internalize what we are experiencing. In this way we take more of the trip home with us.

9 - Flexibility

Travel can be full of surprises and we will work together to deliver meaningful experiences with whatever comes our way, positive or negative. Disruptions are invitations to unexpected graces.

10 - Enjoyment

Fun and play are basic to a healthy life. God has given us good gifts he wants us to enjoy. As we experience historic and cultural treasures we will have fun along the way.

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