

Discounted Tour for Professors & Pastors

BIBLICAL TURKEY



Tour Host
Dr. Mark Wilson

March 13-21, 2026



POLYCARP EXTENSION

March 21-23



Dr. Paul Foster
*The University of
Edinburgh*



TUTKU
— EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL —



Biblical Turkey

March 13-21, 2026

Mark Wilson, D.Litt. et Phil., Director, Asia Minor Research Center, Antalya, Turkey; Associate Professor, Extraordinary of New Testament, Stellenbosch University
markwilson@sevenchurches.org



Old Harbour, Antalya



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

Tour Itinerary:

Mar 13, Fri Depart from New York

Mar 14, Sat Arrive Istanbul Airport

Our representative will meet you after you exit the customs and baggage claim areas, at New Istanbul Airport Meeting Point with a “**FAM TRIP-TUTKU**” sign. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (D) (Istanbul-1 night)

Mar 15, Sun Istanbul Tour - Fly Antalya

Full day Istanbul tour; visit the Roman Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque with its beautiful blue tiles, Hagia Sophia Church, 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. Transfer to the airport for TK2420 18:30 /19:45 flight to Antalya. Dinner and overnight in Antalya. (B,D) (Antalya-2 nights)

Mar 16, Mon Antalya

Visit the Greco-Roman city of Perge (Acts 13:13-14;14:25). Stop at St. Paul Cultural Center & Church for some brief free time and lunch. Afternoon visit to the award-winning Antalya Archaeology Museum. Dinner and overnight in Antalya. (B,D)

Mar 17, Tue Laodicea (Col 2:1; 4:13-16, Rev. 1:11; 3:14) - Hierapolis (Col 4:13) - Pamukkale

Drive to Lycus River Valley. First, tour Laodicea to see the latest excavations. Then, drive to nearby Hierapolis to see the newly found Tomb of Philip. Also, see the UNESCO world-heritage site of Pamukkale. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B,D) (Pamukkale-1 night)

Mar 18, Wed Philadelphia (Rev. 1:11; 3:7) - Sardis (Rev.1:11; 3:1-4) - Smyrna (Rev 1:11; 2:8-11)

Drive to Alasehir to see the remains of the Philadelphia Church. Continue to Sardis, capital of ancient Lydia where the first coin of the world was minted. See the remains of the massive Artemis Temple. Proceed to Smyrna, modern Izmir to see the Smyrna Agora. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D) (Izmir-3 nights)



Sardis



Acropolis, Pergamum

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)

Mar 21, Sat Departure back

Early transfer to the Izmir Airport for TK2311 09:00/10:05 flight to Istanbul and connect to your international flight back to New York. End of our services. (B)



POLYCARP EXTENSION

March 21-23, 2026

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

► **Dr. Jason Borges**, Asia Minor Research Center

► **Dr. Mark Wilson**, Asia Minor Research Center

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

LAND & AIR

\$3,290 Per Person in Double Room (for professors)

\$3,490 Per Person in Double Room (for spouses)

\$650 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- International flights from New York to Istanbul based on Turkish Airlines Economy Class.
FAM trip group flights depart from NEWYORK.
For all other departure city requests, please ask for the specific flight rate at an extra cost.
- 2 Domestic Flights in Turkey (Istanbul-Antalya & Izmir-Istanbul)
- 1 night at **Movenpick Hotel Golden Horn** in Istanbul or similar
- 2 nights at **Best Western Khan Hotel** in Antalya or similar
- 1 night at **Doğa Thermal Health & Spa** in Pamukkale or similar
- 3 nights at **Movenpick Hotel** in Izmir or similar
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Daily breakfasts and 7 dinners
- Entrance fees to all sites (listed in the tour program above)
- Guiding services
- Transfers & transportation by private A/C motorcoach
- Biblical documents, Tips to hotel and restaurant staff, Portage for one piece of luggage at the hotels

EXCLUDING

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

POLYCARP EXTENSION

\$490 Per Person in Double Room

\$180 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- 5 night 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

- 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

: August 11, 2025

- Full Payment

: December 15, 2025

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

REGISTRATION

you can fill in the secure form at TUTKU website



OPTION 1

REGISTER NOW

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

OPTION 2



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

BIBLICAL TURKEY TOUR MAP

March 13-21, 2026

To USA

From USA

ISTANBUL

THE SEA OF MARMARA

TURKEY

PERGAMUM

THYATIRA

SARDIS

PHILADELPHIA

HIERAPOLIS

PAMUKALE

LAODICEA

EPHESUS

İZMİR
SMYRNA

ANTALYA

AEGEAN
SEA

TUTKU

— EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL —

Gaziosmanpaşa Bulvarı 3/303 İzmir 35210 TURKEY

Phone: +90-232 441-8635 / 441-8676 / 441-8677

Visit for other tours: www.tutkutours.com

Email for customized group & individual tour requests: info@tutkutours.com

