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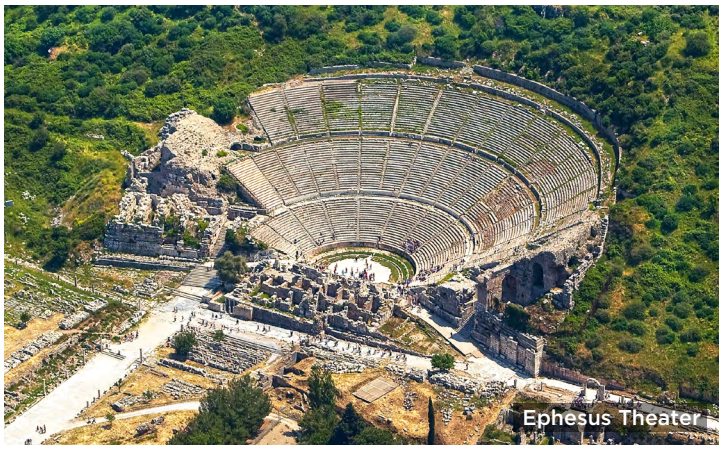

Ephesus Theater

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) EPHESUS 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 EPHESUS
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*** 1 ***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.

Laodicea Church

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) Pamukkale - Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium (Konya)
We travel next to an even more important city in Paul's first missionary journey: Antioch of Pisidia (not to be confused with Antioch on the Orontes). Archaeological excavations have uncovered the remains of a thriving city, complete with theater, imperial temple, stadium, baths, water fountains, paved streets and aqueduct. This Antioch included Christians to whom Paul wrote in his letter to the Galatians. We visit both the ruins of the ancient city as well as its small museum in Yalvac, which contains the important Sergius Paulus inscription and the famous funerary inscription of Caesar Augustus. We then drive to Konya, known in the ancient world as Iconiun, was a key place where Paul ministered not only on his first missionary journey (Acts 14:1-7) but almost certainly on his second and third missionary journeys as well (Acts 16:6; 18:23). Dinner and overnight at the new Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Konya.

CAPPADOCIA

Day 8 (Sat Apr 24) FLY CAPPADOCIA
After breakfast, we drive to 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 CONSTANTINOPLE

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 ***Iskilal 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 Straight*** 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 Staight*** 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.

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 Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Konya 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
- Istanbul-Izmir domestic flight on April 18 ($110 if requested from TUTKU)
- 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 : November 1, 2026**
2- **Full (Balance) Payment : January 15, 2027**

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

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VISA mastercard

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OPTION 2

1- Open the Camera app on your device.
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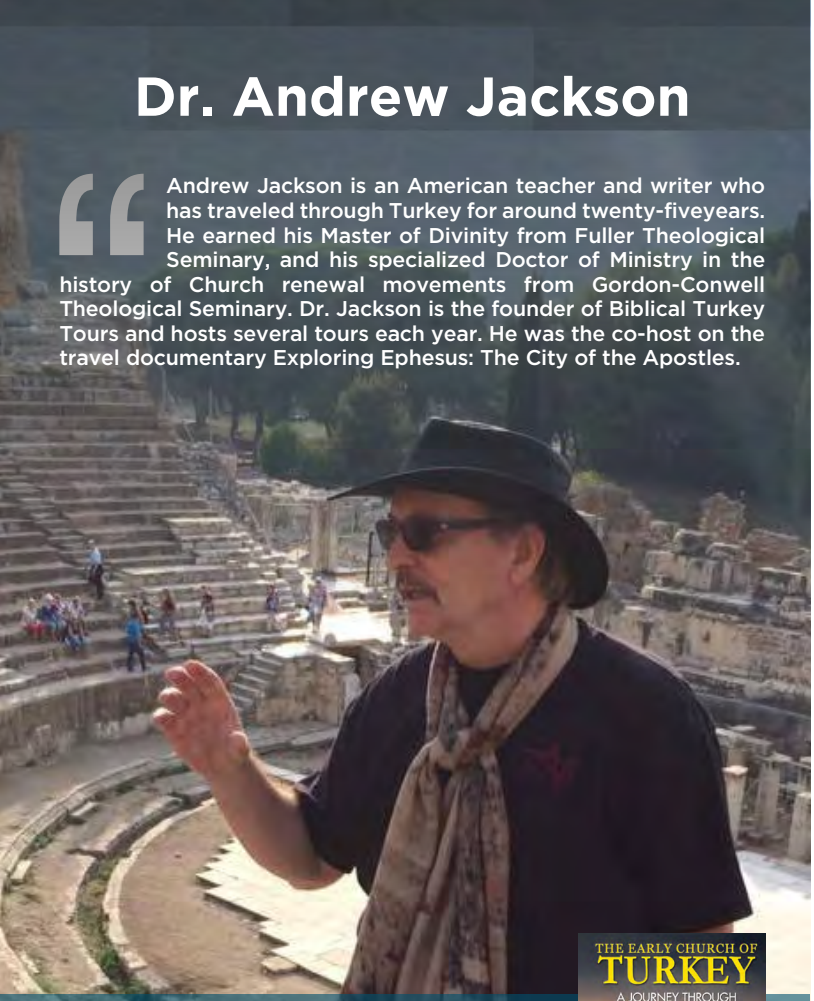
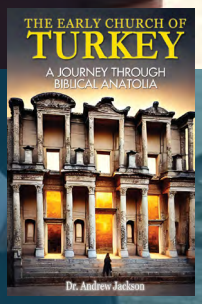
Dr. Andrew Jackson

Andrew Jackson is an American teacher and writer who has traveled through Turkey for around twenty-fiveyears. 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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A Journey Through Biblical Anatolia

by Dr. Andrew Jackson

Step into the forgotten world of biblical Anatolia, the very cradle of the early church where the Apostles Paul, John, and Peter established the first Christian communities. This comprehensive journey guides you through all seven regions of ancient Turkey, uncovering the rich history of the Churches of Revelation, the missionary journeys of Paul, the wisdom of the Cappadocian Fathers, and the Syriac, Armenian, and Georgian roots of the faith. You'll explore the fierce challenges of Roman emperor worship, witness the crucial theological debates that defined the Trinity and the nature of Christ at the Seven Ecumenical Councils, and understand the vital role that Christian emperors—and empresses—played in shaping doctrine. By illuminating the historical, political, and theological landscape of these foundational churches, this book provides a vital context for the New Testament and offers a profound new perspective on the global story of Christianity today.

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