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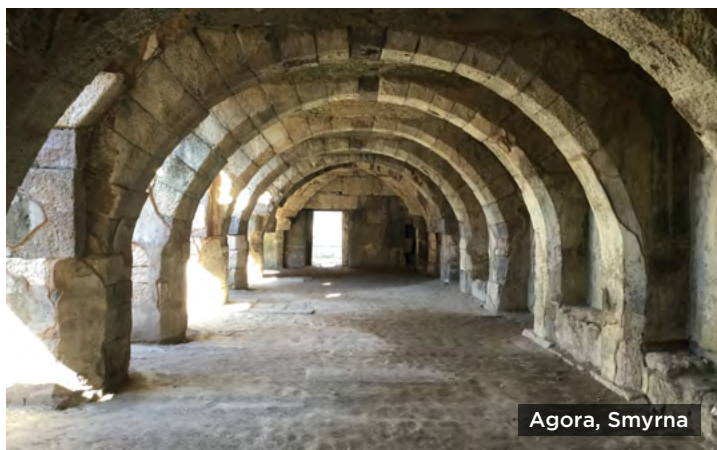
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St John Basilica, Ephesus



Agora, Smyrna

Tour Itinerary:

Jun 6 Fri Depart Chicago Airport - Fly Izmir via Istanbul

Jun 7 Sat Arrive Izmir Airport (airport code ADB)
Our representative will meet you at Izmir Airport with a **"DON WESTBLADE - TUTKU"** sign. Transfer to Hotel in Izmir.
17:30-18:30Worship Service
18:30-18:35Opening Ceremony: Levent Oral, President of Tutku Educational Travel
18:35-18:40Erin Dailey, Director of Operations, Tutku Educational Travel
18:40-18:45Welcome: Mark Wilson, Program Director
18:45-18:50Welcome from a local pastor
18:50-19:00Introduction of the groups, churches, and countries
19:00-20:00Dinner at hotel
20:15-21:00Lecture: Polycarp of Smyrna: The Bridge between the Apostles and the Apostolic Fathers

Jun 8 Sun Half Day Presentations & Afternoon Smyrna
Agora visit

07:00-08:15Breakfast - 08:30-08:45Worship
08:45-09:30Patmos among the Seven Churches
09:35-10:20Ephesus among the Seven Churches
10:25-10:50Coffee break
10:50-11:35Smyrna among the Seven Churches
11:40-12:25Pergamum among the Seven Churches
12:30-13:30Lunch
13:30-14:45Drive to Izmir for Smyrna visit
14:45-16:15Smyrna Agora visit; Mark Wilson will point out the Christian graffiti
16:30-17:45Return to hotel
19:00-20:00Dinner at hotel
20:15-21:00Lecture: Jezebel and the Other Women in Revelation

Jun 9 Mon Ephesus Tour

07:00-08:00Breakfast - 08:00-08:30Departure from hotel and drive to Ephesus
08:30-11:30Ephesus
11:45-12:45St. John's Basilica or Ephesus Museum
13:00-14:30Lunch & shopping opportunity at the Handmade Carpet Center
14:45-16:00Ephesus Museum or St. John's Basilica
16:00-16:30Return to hotel
19:00-20:00Dinner at hotel
20:15-21:00Lecture: Possible Egyptian Influences on Asia Minor and the Book of Revelation

Jun 10 Tue All Day Presentations

07:00-08:15Breakfast - 08:30-08:45Worship
08:45-09:30Thyatira among the Seven Churches
09:45-10:20Sardis among the Seven Churches
10:25-10:50Coffee/Tea Break
10:40-11:25Philadelphia among the Seven Churches
11:40-12:25Laodicea among the Seven Churches
12:30-13:30Lunch at hotel
14:00-16:30Optional tour
16:30-19:00Free time
19:00-20:00Dinner at hotel

Jun 11 Wed Pergamum & Thyatira Tour

06:45-07:45Breakfast - 07:45-09:45Drive to Bergama
09:45-12:15Pergamum tour of Acropolis and Red Basilica
12:15-13:45Lunch in Bergama or Akhisar
13:45-14:45Drive to Akhisar
14:45-15:45Thyatira tour
16:00-17:30Main Tour participants return to hotel dinner.
19:00-20:00Dinner at hotel
20:15-21:00Closing ceremony: Mark Wilson and Levent Oral, sharing of memories by participants



Pergamum



Sardis

Jun 12 Thu Sardis - Philadelphia - Laodicea- Izmir or Pamukkale

06:00-06:50 Breakfast - 07:00-08:00 Departure from hotel
 08:15-10:15 Sardis tour
 10:15-11:00 Drive to Alaşehir
 11:00-11:30 Philadelphia tour: Church of St. John
 13:00-14:00 Lunch
 14:00-15:30 Laodicea tour
 18:30 Arrive Izmir Airport. NICAEA participants: Fly Istanbul.
 Meet with "NICAEA 1700 - TUTKU" sign. Transfer to hotel in Istanbul for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Jun 13 Fri Istanbul Tour of Constantinople (modern Istanbul)

Hagia Sophia, Hippodrome, Hagia Eirene, archaeology museum, Basilica Cistern, Fener Orthodox Patriarchate (by appointment). Dinner and overnight at the Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel. (B,D)

Jun 14 Sat Drive to Nicaea (modern İznik)

Visit Hagia Sophia Church; Constantine's palace, Roman theater, city walls and gates, archaeology museum, original city street, funerary obelisk (Beştaş). Dinner and overnight at Wellborn Hotel. (B,D)

Jun 15 Sun Nicaea - Lectures by professors on 1st and 7th councils.

Afternoon visit to the Underwater Basilica area with local archaeologists. Dinner and overnight at Wellborn Hotel. (B,D)

Jun 16 Mon Nicomedia - Istanbul

Drive to Nicomedia (modern İzmit): visit the archaeology museum, Diocletian's palace, Roman theater, city walls PM drive to Chalcedon (modern Kadıköy) to see the excavations at Haydarpaşa, and St. Euphemia Church (by appointment) Dinner and overnight at the Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel. (B,D)

Jun 17 Tue Transfer to Istanbul airport for flight back to Chicago - END



Lefke Gate, Nicaea

LAND ONLY

\$2,990 Per Person in Double Occupancy

\$950 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- Izmir-Istanbul domestic flight
- 5 Nights at Kordon Cankaya Hotel in Izmir
- 2 Nights at Movenpick Golden Horn Hotel in Istanbul
- 2 Nights at Wellborn Hotel in Kocaeli
- 1 Night at Movenpick Golden Horn Hotel in Istanbul
- Daily breakfast at the hotels (all open buffet)
- 10 Dinners at the hotels
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Bible Oriented, Government-Licensed English speaking professional tour guide throughout the tour
- All Airport-Hotel-Airport transfers
- All land transportation by private vehicle with driver throughout the tour
- Tolls, parking fees, fuel, guide's and driver's expenses
- All Entry fees to the mentioned sites & museums
- Service charges & local taxes

EXCLUDING

- Roundtrip Flight Chicago ORD-IST & IST-ORD (can be booked thru TUTKU upon request)
- Istanbul-Izmir domestic flight (can be booked thru TUTKU upon request)
- Lunches and drinks
- All personal expenses and any other service which are not mentioned above
- Travel & Health insurance, any kind of insurance (insurance may be given at an extra cost, please ask)
- Tips to tour guide (\$50 per person) and to the driver (\$20 per person)

REGISTRATION

you can fill in the secure form at TUTKU website



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OPTION 2



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

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- DEPOSIT : \$200 per person on January 6, 2025
- FULL BALANCE PAYMENT : March 7, 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
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 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.

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