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Temple of Trajan, Acropolis, Pergamum

Tour Itinerary:

PRE-TOUR 4th GLOBAL SMYRNA MEETING

Jun 6 Sun Arrive Izmir Airport (airport code ADB)

*Please give us your arrival flight information. Our representative will meet you at Izmir Airport with a "TUTKU" sign. Transfer to Hotel in Izmir.
17:30-18:30 Worship Service; Introduction to the Seven Sermons and Ephesus among the Seven Churches Jeff Weima
18:30-18:35 Opening Ceremony: Welcome: Levent Oral, President of Tutku
18:35-18:40 Welcome: Erin Dailey, Director of Operations, Tutku
18:40-18:45 Welcome: Mark Wilson, Program Director
18:45-18:50 Welcome from a local pastor
18:50-19:00 Introduction of the groups, churches, and countries
19:00-20:00 Dinner at hotel in Izmir

Jun 7 Mon Izmir - Smyrna

07:00-08:15 Breakfast
09:00-09:45 Patmos among the Seven Churches
09:45-10:30 Smyrna among the Seven Churches
10:30-11:00 Coffee/tea break
11:00-11:45 Sardis among the Seven Churches
11:45-12:30 Philadelphia among the Seven Churches
12:30-14:00 Lunch
14:00-14:45 Laodicea among the Seven Churches
15:00-17:30 Smyrna visit to agora and Polycarp Memorial
19:00-20:00 Dinner at hotel in Izmir

Jun 8 Tues Ephesus - Pamukkale

07:00-08:00 Breakfast
06:00-07:15 Breakfast
07:30-09:15 Departure and travel to Ephesus
09:30-12:30 Ephesus tour
12:30-14:00 Lunch at carpet coop
14:00-15:00 Church of St. John
15:00-17:30 Drive to Pamukkale
19:00-20:00 Dinner at the hotel in Pamukkale
20:00-21:00 Presentation by Barış Yener, head of Colossae excavation

Jun 9 Weds Colossae, Laodicea, Hierapolis

06:00-07:30 Breakfast
07:45-10:00 Drive to Colossae for site visit
10:00-13:00 Drive to Laodicea for site visit
13:30-14:30 Lunch
14:45-17:30 Hierapolis site visit
19:00-20:00 Dinner at the hotel in Pamukkale

Jun 10 Thurs Philadelphia, Sardis, and Smyrna

06:00-07:30 Breakfast
07:45-09:15 Drive to Alaşehir
09:15-10:00 Philadelphia site visit
10:00-10:45 Drive to Sardis
10:45-13:00 Sardis site visit with presentation by American archaeologists
13:00-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:30 Drive to Izmir
16:00-16:45 Pergamum among the Seven Churches
16:45-17:30 Thyatira among the Seven Churches
19:00-20:00 Dinner at hotel in Izmir

Jun 11 Fri Pergamum - Thyatira

06:15-07:15 Breakfast
07:30-09:15 Drive to Bergama
09:15-11:15 Visit Pergamum acropolis
11:15-12:00 Visit Red Basilica
12:00-13:00 Lunch
13:00-14:00 Drive to Akhisar
14:00-15:00 Visit Thyatira and museum
15:15-16:45 Drive to Izmir
17:00-18:00 Closing ceremony: Levent Oral, sharing of memories by participants
19:00-20:00 Dinner at hotel in Izmir

MAIN TOUR

Jun 11 Fri Arrive Izmir Airport

Our representative will meet you at Izmir Airport with a "DON WESTBLADE - TUTKU" sign. Transfer to Hotel in Izmir. Dinner and overnight. (D)

Jun 12 Sat Izmir - Cappadocia

Transfer to Izmir Airport for PC3190 06:35 /07:55 flight to Kayseri. Drive to Cappadocia. Visit Avanos Pottery making village, Onyx Factory, the monastic Zelve Valley and the local wine factory. Overnight. (B,D)



Lion Gate, Hattusas

Jun 13 Sun Cappadocia

Optional Hot Air Balloon Trip in early morning. Goreme Open Air Museum with painted Rock Churches, Underground City of Kaymaklı, the Citadel of Uchisar. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Cappadocia. (B,D)

Jun 14 Mon Cappadocia

Visit Soganli Village and mosteries, and Ihlara Valley with painted rock churches. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Cappadocia. (B,D)

Jun 15 Tue Cappadocia – Hattusas

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart from Cappadocia and drive toward Hattusa, the ancient capital of the Hittite Empire. On the way, we will enjoy the changing landscapes of central Anatolia. Upon arrival in Hattusa (Boğazkale), we begin our exploration of this UNESCO World Heritage archaeological site. Our visits include: Lion Gate, King's Gate, The Great Temple, The Royal Citadel (Büyükkale) – offering panoramic views of the ancient city. After our guided tour, we continue to Yazılıkaya Open-Air Sanctuary, the sacred rock sanctuary with reliefs of Hittite gods and goddesses. We then check into our hotel in the Hattusa area. Dinner and overnight in Hattusa. (B,D)

June 16 Wed Hattusas

After breakfast, we continue our in-depth exploration of the Hittite civilization. Today's visits include: Yazılıkaya Sanctuary, Lower City remains and city walls of Hattusa, Boğazkale Museum, displaying important Hittite artifacts and cuneiform tablets. We will have time to walk through the archaeological landscape, allowing guests to fully appreciate the scale and significance of the Hittite capital. After lunch at a local restaurant, the afternoon is free for rest, photography, or a short walk in the village of Boğazkale. Dinner and overnight in Hattusa. (B,D)

June 17 Thu Hattusas – Ankara

After breakfast, we depart from Hattusa and drive to Ankara, the capital city of Turkey. Upon arrival, we check into our hotel. In the afternoon, we enjoy a brief orientation tour of Ankara, passing by important government buildings and modern districts, offering an introduction to Turkey's contemporary capital. The remainder of the day is free for rest or individual exploration. Dinner and overnight in Ankara. (B,D)

June 18 Fri Ankara

After breakfast, we begin our full-day cultural tour of Ankara. Our first visit is to the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, one of Turkey's most important museums, displaying remarkable collections from the Paleolithic period through the Hittite, Phrygian, Urartian, and Roman civilizations. We then continue to Anıtkabir, the Mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, founder of the Republic of Turkey. Here we visit the ceremonial plaza, the mausoleum hall, and the museum dedicated to Atatürk's life and legacy. After lunch at a local restaurant, the afternoon is free for personal time, shopping, or relaxation. Dinner and overnight in Ankara. (B,D)

June 19 Sat Transfer to Ankara Airport – Fly back to Chicago (B)

LAND ONLY

MAIN TOUR

\$2,290 Per Person in Double Occupancy
\$650 Single Room Supplement

PRE-TOUR + MAIN TOUR

\$3,990 Per Person in Double Occupancy
\$1,150 Single Room Supplement

PRE-TOUR+MAIN TOUR INCLUDING

- Domestic flight from Izmir to Kayseri
- 2 Nights at Kordon Cankaya Hotel in Izmir
- 2 Nights at Adempira Hotel in Pamukkale
- 2 Nights at Kordon Cankaya Hotel in Izmir
- 3 Nights at Barcelo Hotel in Cappadocia
- 2 Nights at Grand Ser Hotel near Hattusas
- 2 Nights at Raddison Blu Hotel in Ankara
- Daily breakfast at the hotels
- 13 Dinners
- 5 Lunches (*pre-tour*)
- English speaking Licensed Tour Guide
- All Entry fees to the sites and museums
- Service charges and local taxes
- TUTKU travel bag, maps, t-shirt
- Tips to Tour Guides – Bus Drivers

EXCLUDING

- Turkish Visa fee to be obtained online before arrival www.evisa.gov.tr (No visa needed for US and EU Citizens)
- Travel and health insurance, all kind of insurances
- All meals not specified in the program.

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

- **\$200 PER PERSON DEPOSIT: on or before September 1, 2026**
- **FULL PAYMENT: March 8, 2027**

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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
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