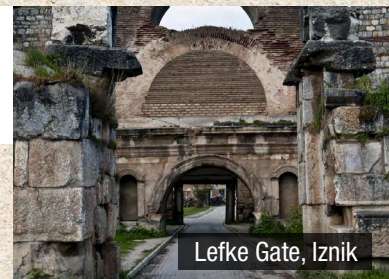
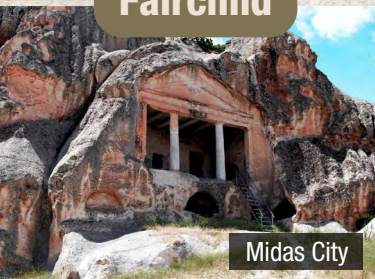


# THE NICAEA PILGRIMAGE TOUR

October 3-15, 2025

ISTANBUL - NICAEA - PHRYGIA PSIDIAN ANTIOCH - CAPPADOCIA



Welcome to an unforgettable spiritual journey: The Nicaea Pilgrimage Tour!

Embark on a remarkable seven-day adventure that will take you on a profound exploration of Christian history and faith. Join us as we delve into the heart of Nicaea, a city deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, where significant events shaped the course of Christianity as we know it today. Here the early Christians assembled to compose the Nicene Creed, a foundational document for the Christian faith.

Our carefully crafted itinerary ensures an immersive experience, combining historical landmarks, insightful lectures, and meaningful interactions. Led by seasoned theologians and knowledgeable guides, this tour is designed to inspire, enlighten, and deepen your connection to our faith.

Highlights of the Nicaea Pilgrimage Tour:

1. Visit Ancient Churches: Walk in the footsteps of early Christians as we explore the magnificent ancient churches of Istanbul, Nicaea, Phrygia and Cappadocia. From the iconic Hagia Sophia to the awe-inspiring Church of the Holy Apostles, each site holds centuries of devotion and spiritual significance.
2. Attend Lectures by Biblical and Theological Scholars: Engage in thought-provoking discussions and gain profound insights from professors and scholars. Expand your knowledge and understanding of Christian doctrine as you engage in intellectual conversations.
3. Discover Ecumenical Council Sites: Explore the locations where the historic Ecumenical Councils took place, shaping the early Christian Church. Stand in the very spots where crucial decisions were made, paving the way for the development of Christian theology.
4. Explore Iconic Landmarks: Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Istanbul, Nicaea and Cappadocia as we venture beyond the religious sites. From the grandeur of ancient city walls to the vibrant local markets, experience the captivating blend of history and everyday life.
5. Forge Lasting Connections: Connect with fellow pilgrims from around the world who share a common passion for their faith. Engage in meaningful conversations, exchange spiritual insights, and create friendships that may last a lifetime.

Join us on this extraordinary journey as we retrace the footsteps of early Christians, unravel the mysteries of Christian history, and deepen our spiritual connection. The Nicaea Pilgrimage Tour promises to be a life-transforming experience that will leave you with a renewed sense of faith and a deeper understanding of Christianity.

Spaces are limited, so reserve your spot today and embark on this remarkable spiritual odyssey.





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Hagia Irene, Istanbul



Spice Bazaar, Istanbul



Underwater Basilica, Nicaea



Psidian Antioch

## TOUR ITINERARY

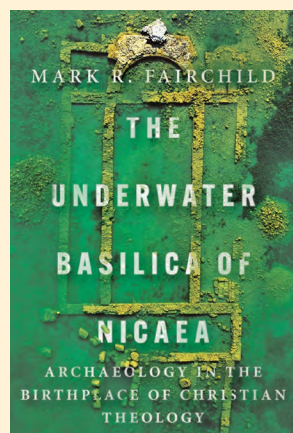
- Oct 3 Fri** Depart USA (own flights or, ask for the air fares)
- Oct 4 Sat** Arrive Istanbul Airport – Meet and transfer to the hotel.
- Oct 5 Sun** Istanbul; Hippodrome, Hagia Sophia, Archaeology Museum, St Irene Church
- Oct 6 Mon** Istanbul; Chora Church, Spice Bazaar, Bosphorus Boat – Drive Nicaea - Iznik
- Oct 7 Tue** Nicaea; Istanbul Gate, Lefke Gate, New City Gate, Ayasofya Church/Mosque – Iznik
- Oct 8 Wed** Nicaea; Underwater Basilica, meet the local archaeologist Mustafa Bey, City Walls, New Archaeological Museum – Iznik
- Oct 9 Thu** Phrygia Valley, Arezastis, Midas City, Alantaş, Aslankaya – Kutahya
- Oct 10 Fri** Phrygia – Kumbet Salon Tomb, Ayazin - Afyon Museum - Afyon
- Oct 11 Sat** Psidian Antioch – Konya (Iconium)
- Oct 12 Sun** Konya – Guzelyurt – monastic Zelve Valley Cappadocia
- Oct 13 Mon** Cappadocia; Goreme Open Air Museum, Citadel of Uchisar, Underground City
- Oct 14 Tue** Cappadocia; optional Hot Air Balloon Trip in early morning, Ihlara Valley and Soganli Village
- Oct 15 Wed** Transfer to Kayseri Airport - End of our services



## TOUR MAP



Dark Church, Cappadocia



### The Underwater Basilica of Nicaea

*Archaeology in the Birthplace of Christian Theology*

by Dr. Mark Fairchild

**A Firsthand Look at a Groundbreaking Archaeological Discovery**

In 2014, aerial photography revealed a submerged structure beneath the waters

of Lake Iznik, near the ancient city of Nicaea. The structure appeared to be in the shape of an ancient basilica church, with a nave, aisles, and an apse pointing to the east. The discovery was named one of the top ten archaeological discoveries in 2014 by the Archaeological Institute of America. Earlier excavations in ancient Nicaea have revealed fourteen Byzantine churches in the city, but none of them can be dated as early as the fourth century.

Biblical scholar and archaeologist Mark Fairchild's work on the archaeological excavations in Turkey reveals what he argues is the likely location of the First Council of Nicaea. The Underwater Basilica of Nicaea includes:

- Beautiful images from the excavation
- Helpful maps from the dig site
- Fascinating insights for a location that could be the birthplace of Christian theology.

## LAND ONLY

**\$3,290** Per Person in Double Room

**\$990** Single Room Supplement

## INCLUDING

- 2 Nights at Kent Hotel in Istanbul *or similar*
- 3 Nights at Limnades Hotel in Iznik *or similar*
- 1 Night at Hilton Garden Inn in Kutahya *or similar*
- 1 Night at Doubletree by Hilton in Afyon *or similar*
- 1 Night at Anemon Hotel in Konya *or similar*
- 3 Nights at Dilek Kaya Hotel in Cappadocia *or similar*
- Daily breakfasts
- 11 Dinners
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- All entry fees to the sites and museums
- Lectures by Dr Mark Fairchild
- English speaking licensed tour guide
- All entry fees to the sites and museums
- Bosphorus Boat Tour
- Transportation by private Midibus or Bus
- Service charges and local taxes
- Tips to the tour guide and driver

## EXCLUDING

- All flights (you have to arrive Istanbul Airport on Oct 4 and depart Kayseri airport on Oct 15)
- Lunches and drinks
- Turkish Visa fee to be obtained online before arrival [www.evisa.gov.tr](http://www.evisa.gov.tr)
- All personal expenses

## PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- **\$200 Per Person DEPOSIT** : FEBRUARY 3, 2025
- **FULL (BALANCE) PAYMENT** : JULY 3, 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/NICAEA1025>

### OPTION 2



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

**OPTION 3** \*Please email to [info@tutkutours.com](mailto:info@tutkutours.com) and ask for TUTKU' bank account details if you wish to pay with bank wire transfer.

# MAP OF NICAEA (IZNIK)

