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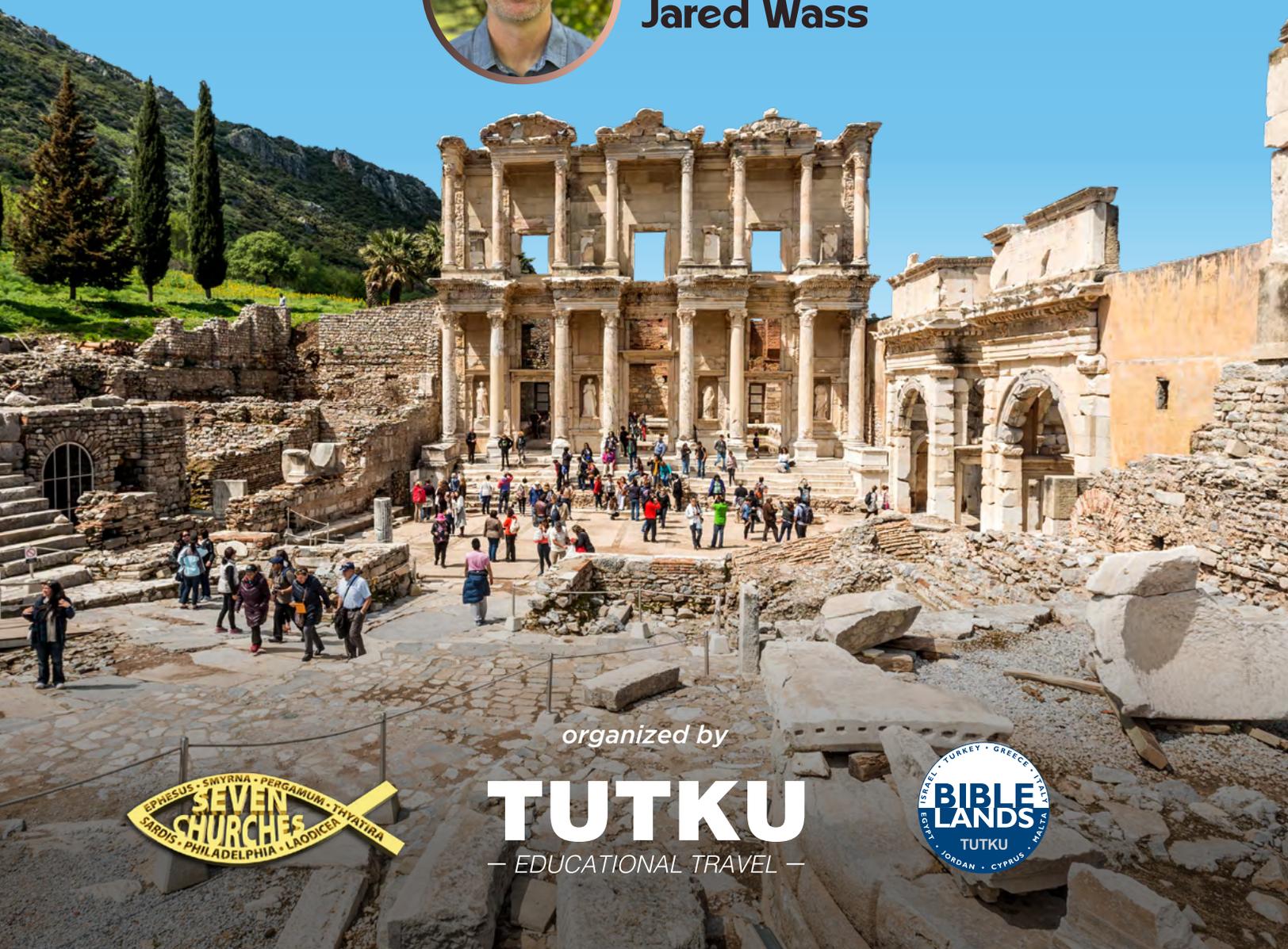
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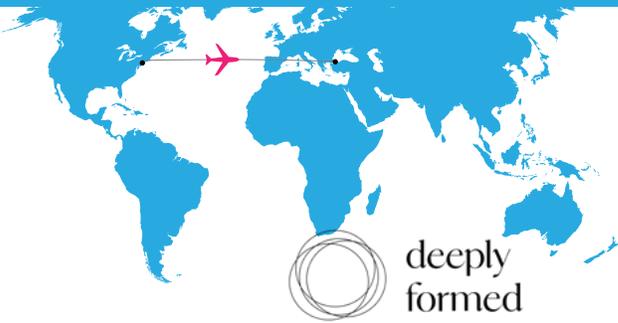


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Jared is an avid traveler who has spent time on six of the world's seven continents. After beginning his career as a history teacher, he has spent nearly twenty-five years teaching, facilitating retreats, and leading formational trips—first as a college minister and later as a pastor. He is the founder of [Deeply Formed](#), a Christian ministry dedicated to soul care and formational experiences.

Tour Itinerary:

Day 1 (Sat April 17) FLIGHTS TO ISTANBUL

Tour participants depart on **Turkish Airlines** from the **United States to Istanbul** (non-stop) from one of the following airports: Seattle, LAX, Houston, Chicago, New York JFK, Washington DC.

Day 2 (Sun April 18) ISTANBUL TO EPHEBUS.

When our flight arrives in Istanbul, we go through customs and take a domestic flight to the Izmir Airport. We then drive to the **Korumar Deluxe Hotel** on the **Aegean Sea** near Ephesus.

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Day 3 (Mon April 19) EPHEBUS REGION.

After breakfast we will reflect together 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** (the traditional burial site of the apostle John), 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 (Tues April 20) BIBLICAL EPHEBUS.

After breakfast we tour the **archaeological biblical city of Ephesus**, a magnificently preserved ancient 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 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.



Agora, Smyrna (Izmir)

DAY 5 (Wed April 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. Dinner and overnight at the **Adempira Thermal & Spa Hotel**. (Yes, there will be time to enjoy the spa!)

Day 6 (Thurs April 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 excavated Greco-Roman cities in Turkey) we visit two large theaters, and several early churches. We then drive to Hierapolis and tour the traditional martyrdom site and tomb of the **Apostle Philip**. Dinner and overnight at the Adempira Thermal & Spa Hotel.

DAY 7 (Fri April 23) PHILADELPHIA, SARDIS, SMYRNA

After breakfast we drive to **Philadelphia** (Revelation 3:7-13) and visit the Church of the Apostle John, built in the AD 500s. We then drive to tour **Sardis** (Revelation 3:1-6), with the remains of the magnificent temple of Artemis (later converted into a church), a beautifully reconstructed Roman gymnasium, and the largest known synagogue outside Palestine. We then drive to **Smyrna** (Revelation 2:8-11), where we visit Smyrna's **Roman agora**, and see the location where the early apostolic church father **Polycarp** (a disciple of the apostle John) was martyred. We end our day with a **special dinner on the Aegean Sea with Levent Oral, the owner of Tutku Tours**. Overnight at the **Movenpick Hotel Izmir**.



Sardis



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

ISTANBUL: HISTORIC CONSTANTINOPE

Day 8 (Sat April 24) ISTANBUL

After breakfast we take a domestic flight to Istanbul and drive into the city. We will get oriented to our new surroundings by climbing 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 **Iskial Street**, and mingle among the crowds of locals. Dinner and overnight at the **Lamartine Hotel**.

Day 9 (Sun April 25) 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 famous Bosphorus Strait** that connects the Black and Marmara Seas. Dinner and overnight at the Lamartine Hotel.

Day 10 (Mon April 26) 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 Strait** 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 11 (Tues April 27) DEPARTURE.

After breakfast we drive to the Istanbul Airport where we board our international flights back to the USA.



Grand Bazaar, Istanbul

LAND & AIR

\$5,490 Per Person in Double Room

\$900 Single Room Supplement

TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip international fare on Turkish Airlines from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Houston, or Atlanta.
- 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 Movenpick Hotel in Izmir 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

- 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** : August 17, 2026
- 2- **Full (Balance) Payment** : December 17, 2026

Land and Air Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made 60 days or more before departure: Full refund
 Cancellations made 45-59 days before departure: 75% refund
 Cancellations made 30-44 days before departure: 50% refund
 Cancellations made 15-29 days before departure: 25% refund
 Cancellations made 0-14 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

you can fill in the secure form at TUTKU website



OPTION 1

REGISTER NOW

<https://tutku.travel/tour/2704JWTR>

OPTION 2



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

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Ten Postures For Meaningful Travel

The point of travel is not going, but in returning enriched.

Travel has a wonderful capacity for renewal and inspiration. There is a kind of awakening that only happens when we leave behind what is familiar for a while. To nurture this kind of experience there are ten postures we prioritize in travels and experiences through Deeply Formed.

1 - Faith

Jesus is the source, substance and sustainer of all things. When he is central in our travels, the experience is deepened and becomes more meaningful and satisfying.

2 - Connection

We will experience history, nature and culture in ways that open us up to connect more deeply with God, ourselves, others and the world we live in. Travel cultivates intimacy while also widening our heart.

3 - Openness

Every age of the Christian movement in every place has its strengths and weaknesses, including our own. As we explore the arc of history we will seek to learn from past and present expressions of Christianity.

4 - Blessing

We go not as consumers but as ones sent to bless, learning from and loving the hosts, guides and fellow travellers we are fortunate to meet along the way.

5 - Honoring Difference

Group members will come from various denominations and be at different places in their faith journeys. Our emphasis is on Jesus—on what unites us—and charity amid any differences. It is not our role to analyze, fix, or save others in the group.

6 - Iconic & Local

We will visit major well known sites and also venture beyond well worn tourists paths for intimate meaningful experiences with local people and culture.

7 - Relaxed

This is not a frenetic skim the surface sight seeing trip. There will be time to pause, notice and savor what is before us. By slowing ourselves down we can see more and enjoy more.

8 - Reflective

We will have space for individual and group reflection to metabolize and internalize what we are experiencing. In this way we take more of the trip home with us.

9 - Flexibility

Travel can be full of surprises and we will work together to deliver meaningful experiences with whatever comes our way, positive or negative. Disruptions are invitations to unexpected graces.

10 - Enjoyment

Fun and play are basic to a healthy life. God has given us good gifts he wants us to enjoy. As we experience historic and cultural treasures we will have fun along the way.

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