

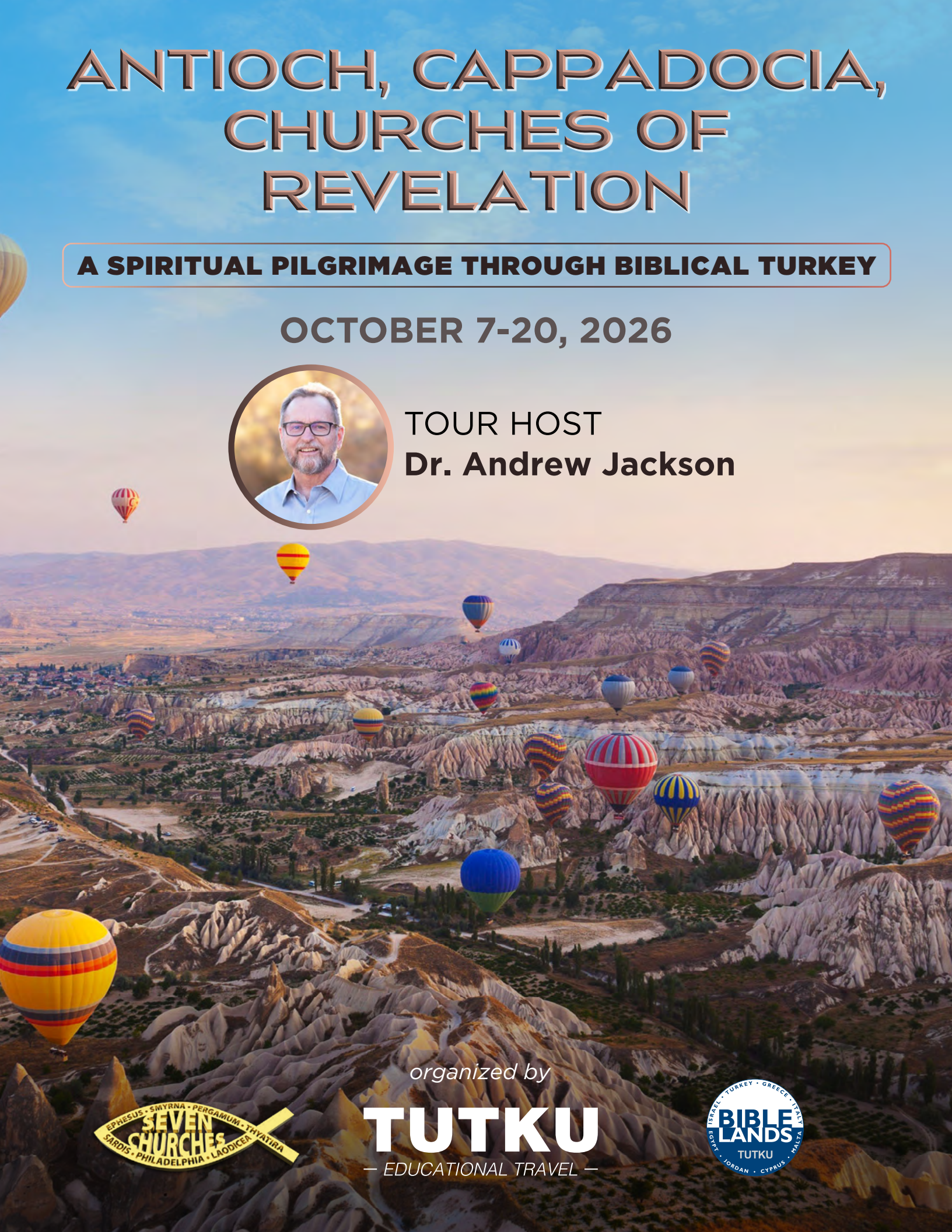
# ANTIOCH, CAPPADOCIA, CHURCHES OF REVELATION

**A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE THROUGH BIBLICAL TURKEY**

**OCTOBER 7-20, 2026**



**TOUR HOST**  
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St. Peter Cave Church, Antioch

## Tour Itinerary:

**Day 1 (Wednesday Oct 7) Depart USA for Istanbul.** Tour participants depart on **Turkish Airlines** from the **United States to Istanbul** (non-stop) from one of the following airports: Seattle, LAX, Houston, New York JFK, Washington DC. **\*\*\*Be sure to check your luggage in the U.S. all the way to the Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport (not to Istanbul).**

**Day 2 (Thursday Oct 8) - Istanbul to Ephesus.** When our overseas flight arrives in **Istanbul**, we go through customs and take a domestic flight to the **Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport** (one hour). We then drive (one hour) to our fantastic 5 star **Ephesus hotel** (Korumar: Ephesus Beach and Spa Resort, <http://www.korumarephesus.com.tr>)

**Day 3 (Friday Oct 9) Ephesus Area.** After breakfast we visit the **Ephesus Archaeological Museum**, the archeological remains of the **Basilica of Saint John**, where the apostle John was buried (take communion together), and the **modern Turkish towns of Selcuk and Sirince**, where we meet the locals and shop. For those interested, you can visit a local Anatolian Handmade Carpet and Kilim production center, learn how world-famous Turkish carpets are made, and buy one if you want. We then drive to our hotel on the Aegean Sea (20 minutes) for dinner and overnight at our hotel (Korumar: Ephesus Beach and Spa Resort).

**Day 4 (Saturday Oct 10) Smyrna (modern Izmir).** After breakfast we drive (1.5 hours) from Ephesus to **Smyrna (modern Izmir)**. Arriving we drive up the **fortress hill called Kadifekale** (the Velvet Castle), where will have a panoramic view of the city of Izmir. We visit the **biblical site of Smyrna** (Revelation 2:8-10) and the **Polycarp Memorial Park**. We have free time to walk along the Aegean Sea. We then drive back to **Ephesus** and our hotel for dinner and overnight (Korumar: Ephesus Beach and Spa Resort).



Ephesus

**Day 5 (Sunday Oct 11) Ephesus to Colossae.** After breakfast we tour the **archaeological biblical city of Ephesus**, a magnificent reconstructed Greco-Roman city, and the spectacular **Terrace Houses**. The apostle Paul lived and ministered here for three years from where he wrote **1 Corinthians**. Later, he wrote **Ephesus and 1-2 Timothy** to the Ephesus church. After touring Ephesus, we drive (3.5 hours) to the beautiful Lycus River Valley, where we visit **Colossae**. Paul wrote **Colossians and Philemon** to the Colossae church. We then drive to our 5 star spa hotel for dinner and overnight (Lycus River Hotel [www.lycusriver.com](http://www.lycusriver.com))

**Day 6 (Monday Oct 12) Laodicea and Hierapolis.** After breakfast we visit the massive archeological and reconstructed biblical sites of **Laodicea** (Revelation 3:14-22, Colossians 4:13) and **Hierapolis** (modern Pamukkale, Colossians 4:13). In **Hierapolis** we visit the tomb of the **apostle Philip**. After a long day, we drive to our hotel for dinner and overnight (Lycus River Hotel).

**Day 7 (Tuesday Oct 13) Flight to Antioch.** After breakfast we fly from **Denizli to Antioch** (modern Antakya, a population of 400,000) that is located on the Orontes River. We get our luggage at the **Antakya airport** and drive (45 minutes) to our one-of-a-kind 5 star hotel (The Museum Hotel, [www.themuseumhotelantakya.com](http://www.themuseumhotelantakya.com)). **Our hotel is built over ancient Antioch mosaics** for you to see. Antioch became the major church center after Jerusalem. It was here that the followers of Jesus were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). It was from Antioch that Paul began his missionary journeys.

**Day 8 (Wednesday Oct 14) Antioch** After breakfast we take an **overview bus tour** of the city of Antioch. On Feb. 6, 2023, an earthquake devastated Antioch, when about 80% of the buildings were destroyed. We visit **The Hatay Archaeology and Mosaic Museum and the Cave Church of Peter** (built in the late 300s or early 400s). We drive to **Samandağ (historic Seleucia Pieria)**, from where the **apostle Paul and Barnabas sailed to Cyprus on their first missionary journey and returned back to Antioch** (Acts 13:4). We then return to our amazing hotel for dinner and overnight (The Museum Hotel).

**Day 9 (Thursday Oct 15) Antioch** After breakfast we will meet with **Turkish believers** at their church camp, and spend the day with them. We will hear about their experiences after the earthquake, and their mercy ministry of outreach in providing meals and water to the people. We will also visit others in the city. After dinner at our hotel, we will join the Turkish believers again for worship and activities. (The Museum Hotel).



St. John Basilica, Ephesus



Laodicea Church

**Day 10 (Friday Oct 16) Tarsus and Cappadocia.** After breakfast we drive to **Tarsus** (3 hours), *the hometown of the apostle Paul*. We walk around Tarsus and have lunch. After Tarsus we drive up (3 hours) through the historic mountain pass called the **Cilician Gates** into the spectacular landscape of the **Cappadocia** region of central Turkey. Cappadocia's volcanic landscape is sculpted by erosion to form a majestic landscape of pinnacles known as "fairy chimneys." You will feel like you're back in the Flintstone days. We arrive at the picturesque town of **Ortahisar**, which has rock-cut buildings, and is dominated by a 300 foot tall rock-castle in the center of the town. We then drive to our 4 star hotel for dinner and overnight (Dilek Kaya Hotel-Cappadocia, [www.dilekkayaotel.com](http://www.dilekkayaotel.com)).

**Day 11 (Saturday Oct 17) Cappadocia.** After breakfast (early balloon option, participants pay \$300) we visit the **Göreme Open Air Museum**, with its many cave churches established from the 900s to the 1100s. We drive through the **Zelve Valley** on our way to **Kaymakli, an underground city which was an early Christian center** that extended down at least eight floors and housed several thousand people between the AD 600s and 900s. We continue to **Uçhisar Castle**, another of these unique early Christian communities. We then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight (Dilek Kaya Hotel-Cappadocia).

**Day 12 (Sunday Oct 18) Flight Kayseri to Istanbul** ( After breakfast we fly from Kayseri to **Istanbul** (1.5 hours). We drive to our hotel in the old city of Istanbul (one hour). We drop off our luggage at our 4 star hotel (Lamartine Hotel, [www.lamartinehotel.com](http://www.lamartinehotel.com)). If we have time, we will take a **tram ride through the busy city of Istanbul**.

**Day 13 (Monday Oct 19) Istanbul.** After breakfast we take a walking tour inside the walls of the old city of Istanbul. We visit the **Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque**, the famous **Hagia Sophia Church, Saint Irene Church** where the Nicene Creed was written, and the beautiful **underground cistern** built by the emperor Justinian in the AD 500s. We walk through the historic **Grand Bazaar**, and then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight (Lamartine Hotel).

**Day 14 (Tuesday Oct 20) Departure to USA** After breakfast we drive (one hour) to the **Istanbul Airport** where we board our international flights back to the USA. The tour and services end.



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

## LAND & AIR

**\$5,980** Per Person in Double Room  
**\$1,100** Single Room Supplement

## TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip international fare on Turkish Airlines from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Houston, or Atlanta.
- Istanbul-Izmir domestic flight
- Denizli-Antioch domestic flight
- Cappadocia-Istanbul domestic flight
- 3 Nights at Korumar Hotel in Kusadasi
- 2 Night at Lycus River Hotel in Pammukale
- 3 Nights at The Museum Hotel in Antakya
- 2 Nights at Dilek Kaya Hotel in Cappadocia
- 2 Nights at Lamartine Hotel, Taksim in Istanbul
- 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 tour Professional Tour Guide
- 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** : January 6, 2025
- 2- **Full (Balance) Payment** : July 7, 2025

### Land and Air Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made before 60 days of departure: Full refund  
 Cancellations made within 45 days of departure: 75% refund  
 Cancellations made within 30 days of departure: 50% refund  
 Cancellations made within 15 days of departure: 25% refund  
 Cancellations made within 14 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.

We understand that sometimes travel plans change, and we appreciate your understanding of this policy.

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# Dr. Andrew Jackson

“ Andrew Jackson is an American teacher and writer who has traveled through Turkey for around twenty-five years. 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.



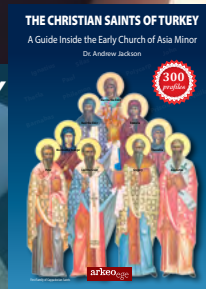
## THE CHRISTIAN SAINTS OF TURKEY by Dr. Andrew Jackson

\*available only in Turkey

Amazon name:

### TURKEY: A GUIDE INSIDE THE EARLY CHURCH OF ASIA MINOR: 300 PROFILES

The Christian Saints of Turkey is an introductory guide to people, places, events, and texts of the early church of Asia Minor (*modern Turkey*). The time frame of the book is more functional than academic, it begins with the New Testament and ends in 1453. The book's layout is unique and user-friendly. It contains 300 short descriptive "profiles" that are listed numerically (1 to 300), with no chapters. The numbering system allows for cross-referencing within the individual "profiles." The book also includes two table of contents, one chronological and the other geographical. The goal of the book is help people worldwide not only discover that Turkey is the land of the Bible, but it is also the primary and central land of the early church. There is no other book of its kind available today.



## MAP OF ANTIOCH-TARSUS AREA



Agora, Smyrna (Izmir)

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