



TOUR HOST

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ITALY & THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

MAY 23 – JUNE 6, 2025



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Tour Itinerary:

May 23 Fri DEPART NEW YORK

May 24 Sat ARRIVE ROME

Arrival of the group to Rome International Airport. Meeting and assistance at airport by English-speaking assistant. Transfer to hotel for Check-in. Dinner & Overnight at hotel in Rome.

May 25 Sun POMPEII - HERCULANEUM - NAPLES- ROME

08:00am Meet your English-speaking guide at your hotel and start a full day tour. Visit Pompeii (4 hours). 12:30am Drive to Herculaneum for visiting the archeological area. Drive back to Rome for dinner and overnight.

May 26 Mon ROME

08:30am Meet your English speaking guide and driver at your hotel. Transfer to the ancient part of the city centre and start a full day walking tour. Visit: Trajan's Column, Tullianum/Mamertine Prison, Arch of Constantine, Palatine Hill, Arch of Titus, Roman Forum, Flavian Amphitheater/Colosseum, Basilica San Pietro in Vincoli, Domus Aurea. 4:30pm End of the guided tour. Free time for individual exploration. 7:30pm Dinner and overnight in Rome.

May 27 Tue ROME

09:00am Meet your English speaking guide and driver at your hotel and start a full day tour. Visit the Mausoleum of Cecilia Metella, Circus and Villa of Maxentius, Catacombs of St. Sebastian in the morning. Then visit St. Paul's Gate, Church of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Tre Fontane church and Mithraeum of Basilica San Clemente in the afternoon. 5:00pm. End of the guided tour. Transfer back to your hotel. 7:30pm Dinner and overnight in Rome.



May 28 Wed ROME - ORVIETO - ROME

08:30 am Meet your Guide. Bus or train to Orvieto for full day tour. Return to Rome for dinner and overnight.

May 29 Thu ROME

09:00am Meet your English speaking guide and start a half day walking tour. Visit Vatican Museum and Pio Christian Museum, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica in the morning. Visit Vatican Necropolis. Remainder of Day Free. 7:30 pm Dinner and overnight in Rome.

May 30 Fri ROME - OSTIA - FLY IZMIR Sunexpress XQ 869 22:00/*01:20

08:30 am meet your English speaking guide and walk to Metro. Move to Ostia to visit the archaeological area of ancient Ostia. End the guided tour at 1:00 pm. Take the Metro back to Rome. Free time. Early dinner at 5:00 pm. Take the private bus to Rome Airport for 10:00 pm direct flight to Izmir. Arrive Izmir airport at 01:20 am. Meet your Turkish guide after the baggage claim. Overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

May 31 Sat IZMIR - SMYRNA

Breakfast at the hotel. Free morning. Your tour guide will meet you at 12:00 noon. Afternoon visit to the Smyrna Agora with Christian Graffiti, the new Polycarp Memorial Park, and the new archaeology and history museum in Izmir. Tonight, we will have seafood dinner at Adabeyi Restaurant Konak Pier on the water. (B,D)





Temple of Trajan, Acropolis, Pergamum

June 1 Sun MILETUS - IZMIR

Breakfast at the hotel. Your tour guide will meet you at 08:30am. Drive to Miletus. Paul stopped in Miletus on the return leg of his third missionary journey where he summoned the elders from Ephesus to meet with him and hear his poignant farewell speech (Acts 20:17-35). Before departing Miletus, we will visit briefly its small but informative archaeological museum. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

Jun 2 Mon Ephesus Tour - Izmir

Visit Ephesus archaeological site, Terrace Houses, Basilica of John. Archaeology Museum. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Izmir.

Jun 3 Tue Pergamum & Thyatira Tour

Visit Pergamum Acropolis, Red Basilica, and Thyatira Church. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Izmir.

Jun 4 Wed Sardis - Philadelphia - Hierapolis - Pamukkale

Sardis tour; Gymnasium, Synagogue and the Temple of Artemis. Drive to Alaşehir, Philadelphia tour: Church of St. John. Continue to Hierapolis and tour. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Pamukkale.

Jun 5 Thu Pamukkale - Laodicea - Izmir

Visit Laodicea and its new restored church. Drive to Izmir for Farewell Dinner.

Jun 6 Fri Transfer to Izmir airport for departure - Fly back to New York - END



Sardis

LAND & AIR

\$6,490 Per Person in Double Occupancy
\$1,350 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- Roundtrip international air fare between New York-Rome, and Izmir-New York
- Rome - Izmir flight (separate ticket)
- 6 nights stay in Rome, **Mama Shelter Hotel** or similar;
- 5 nights stay in Izmir, **Kordon Cankaya Hotel** or similar;
- 1 night stay in Izmir, **Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale** or similar;
- 1 night stay in Izmir, **Kordon Cankaya Hotel** or similar;
- Daily open buffet breakfasts
- 13 dinners including water;
- Transportation by private bus according to the program
- English-speaking guide during all tours
- Entrance fees to the sites and museums according program;
- Whisper Headsets in Italy and Turkey
- City taxes in Italy and Turkey
- Service charges and local taxes

EXCLUDING

- Lunches and drinks.
- Tips to drivers and guides;
- Travel and Health Insurances, any other services not included above.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Deposit : \$200 per person on December 2, 2024.
Refundable until March 1, 2025.

Full Payment : March 1, 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.

REGISTRATION

you can fill in the secure form at TUTKU website



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OPTION 2



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