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Paphos, Cyprus



St. Peter Cave Church, Antioch

## Tour Itinerary:

### June 7 Sun ARRIVE HATAY AIRPORT – ANTAKYA

Meet with "TUTKU" sign and transfer to the MUSEUM HOTEL in ANTAKYA. Dinner and overnight in Antakya. [D]

### June 8 Mon ANTAKYA

07:00-08:15 Breakfast  
08:15-08:30 Welcome – Levent Oral, Erin Dailey  
08:30-9:00 "Introduction to Antioch on the Orontes"  
09:00-09:40 **Lecture 1**  
09:45-10:25 **Lecture 2**  
10:25-10:55 Coffee Break  
10:55-11:35 **Lecture 3**  
11:40-12:20 **Lecture 4**  
12:30-13:30 Lunch at the hotel  
13:30-14:30 Tour of museum and remains at Museum Hotel  
14:35-15:30 Church of Saint Peter and Charonion  
15:35-17:00 Antakya Museum  
17:05-18:00 Hippodrome and Temple  
18:00-19:00 Free time  
19:00-20:30 Dinner at the hotel

### June 9 Tue ANTAKYA

07:00-08:30 Breakfast  
08:30-09:10 **Lecture 5**  
09:15-09:55 **Lecture 6** Mark Wilson "Peter in Antioch: History and Tradition"  
09:55-10:20 Coffee Break  
10:25-11:05 **Lecture 7** Jason Borges "Ignatius and the Church in Antioch after Paul and Peter"  
11:15-12:45 Drive to Samandağ  
12:45-14:00 Lunch in Samandağ  
14:05-15:30 Seleucia Pieria and Titus Tunnel  
15:35-17:00 Simon Stylites Monastery (if open)  
17:00-17:45 Return to the hotel  
18:00-19:00 **Lecture 8** Douglas Jacoby "The Church at Antioch Polity, Planning and Providence"  
19:00 Dinner at the hotel

### June 10 Wed TARSUS – FLY CYPRUS

07:00-08:00 Breakfast, check out, and load luggage  
08:00-12:00 Drive to Tarsus  
12:00-13:00 Donuktaş and Roman Bridge at Danyel Mosque  
13:00-14:00 Lunch  
14:00-15:00 Tarsus Museum and Roman Street  
15:00-15:30 Drive to Çukurova International Airport  
17:25-18:00 Pegasus flight to Ercan  
18:00-19:30 Passport control and depart airport for hotel  
19:30-21:00 Check in and dinner at hotel in Northern Cyprus

### June 11 Thu SALAMIS & GIRNE - CYPRUS

07:00-08:00 Breakfast  
08:00-09:00 Drive to Salamis  
09:00-11:30 Tour Salamis and Barnabas Church.  
11:30-13:30 Lunch Famagusta  
13:30-15:00 Drive to Girne  
15:00-16:00 Shipwreck Museum and Girne Castle  
16:00-17:30 Free time  
17:30-18:00 Return to Hotel  
19:00 Dinner and overnight Northern Cyprus

### June 12 Fri PAPHOS - CYPRUS

06:00-07:00 Breakfast  
07:00-11:00 Departure and drive to Paphos  
11:00-12:30 Visit ancient city with mosaics  
12:30-14:00 Lunch at Paphos harbor area  
14:00-17:30 Drive back to hotel  
19:00 Dinner and overnight Northern Cyprus

### June 13 Sat FLY ANTALYA

06:00-06:45 Breakfast, check out and load luggage  
06:45-07:30 Drive to Ercan airport  
09:30-10:15 Flight to Antalya  
11:30-13:00 Visit Perga  
13:45-15:00 Lunch at the St. Paul Cultural Center  
15:00-17:00 Walking tour of Attalia, its port, Hadrian's gate, and Necropolis Museum.  
17:00-19:00 Free time  
19:00 Dinner and overnight in Antalya

### June 14 Sun Colossae - Laodicea - Karahayit

We drive through the Lycus Valley. We enjoy a stop at Colossae, which is now beginning excavations. Our next stop is Laodicea, which was a major city in Roman times, as is clear from not only the size of the ancient site but also its two theatres, stadium, aqueduct and major, street lined with shops. Laodicea is not only the last of the seven churches to whom John directed the book of Revelation (Rev. 3:14-22), but it also had a close relationship with the nearby churches of Colossae and Hierapolis (Col. 4:13-15) and was the recipient of one of Paul's now lost letters (Col. 4:16). Stay in Karahayit for dinner and overnight. (B,D)



Temple of Trajan, Acropolis, Pergamum

#### June 15 Mon Hierapolis - Philadelphia - Sardis

Hierapolis, With its hot thermal springs well-known already in the ancient world for its medicinal qualities as well its spectacular white travertine terraces, Hierapolis remains just as popular with travelers today as it was in biblical times. Equally impressive, however, are the remains of the ancient city: the Arch of Domitian, a colonnaded street and marketplace, ancient baths, a 20,000-seat theatre built in 200 BC, the largest ancient graveyard in Anatolia containing over 1,200 tombs, tumuli and sarcophagi, and the Martyrium of St. Philip, a 5<sup>th</sup> century AD structure on the site where Philip—either the apostle or the evangelist (Acts 6:1-7; 21:8-9; *Acts of Philip*)—was believed to have been killed in AD 80. We then visit to Philadelphia where much of this ancient city in an earthquake-prone area has either been destroyed or lies buried under the modern city. John wrote to the church here (Rev. 3:7-13), commending them for their patience endurance in spite of persecution. Our next stop is Sardis (Rev. 3:1-6). Here we see the remains of the magnificent temple of Artemis, the beautifully reconstructed gymnasium and public baths, and the largest known synagogue. Overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

#### June 16 Tue Ephesus - Smyrna - Izmir

Today we visit the most impressive biblical site of our trip: Ephesus. The former glory of this city can still today be easily appreciated from its well-preserved streets, temples, fountains, public baths, terraced houses and theatres. Ephesus was also the site of the Artemis temple—one of seven wonders of the ancient world. There is the same theatre where some 24,000 citizens of Ephesus gathered shouting “Great is Artemis!” in a riot started in response to Paul’s ministry there. The apostle visited this city only briefly during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:18-21) but returned during his third missionary journey for a much longer period of two years and three months (Acts 19:1-20:1). Timothy later served as pastor in this city during which time Paul wrote him two letters (1 & 2 Timothy). Some years later Ephesus served as the home base for the apostle John’s ministry from where he wrote a number of letters (1, 2, 3 John) and to which he sent the Book of Revelation. In addition to the ancient city, we visit the Ephesus Museum, which houses several impressive items from this site, make a quick stop at Isa Bey Mosque and visit the Basilica of St. John. We drive to Izmir and visit the Smyrna Agora. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

#### June 17 Wed Pergamum - Thyratira - Izmir

We travel north to Pergamum which is one of the most impressive archaeological sites in all of Turkey. Its attractions are hard to surpass: a 10,000-seat theatre on the side of the acropolis which is the steepest in the ancient world; the magnificently restored temple of Trajan; a library of 200,000 volumes second in size only to that in Alexandria; the base of the Altar of Zeus; the temple of Dionysus; and the medical center of Asclepius with its own theatre, library, underground tunnel and other buildings. John warned the church here that they were living in a place of “Satan’s throne” (Rev. 2:12-17). We will stop briefly in the ancient city of Thyatira, where, due to the presence of the modern city of Akhisar, few archaeological remains have thus far been uncovered. We return to Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

#### June 18 Thu Departure

Transfer to the Izmir airport. End of services. (B)

## LAND RATES

**\$3,440** Per Person in Double Occupancy

**\$1,040** Single Room Supplement

## INCLUDING

- Adana-Northern Cyprus flight
- Northern Cyprus – Antalya flight
- 3 Nights at The Museum Hotel in Antakya
- 3 Nights at Noah’s Ark Deluxe Hotel in Northern Cyprus or similar
- 1 Night at Ramada Hotel and Holiday Inn in Antalya or similar
- 1 Night at Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale
- 3 Nights at 4 star Kordon Cankaya Hotel in Izmir
- Daily breakfasts 1 Lunch at the hotel on June 8
- 11 Dinners
- All transportation by private vehicles
- All airport transfers
- All entrance fees to the sites and museums
- All guiding by professional licensed tour guides
- All service charges and taxes
- Special Lectures by Dr. Mark Wilson – Author of Biblical Turkey
- TUTKU gifts

## EXCLUDING

- International flight to arrive Adana on June 7 and depart Izmir on June 18
- Lunches and drinks
- Tips to tour guides (\$5 per person per day) and drivers (\$2 per person per day)
- Travel and Health Insurance, any kind of Insurance, and expenses
- Drinks and meals which are not listed above
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary

## PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- **\$100 per person Deposit due at time of booking: Due on or before February 28 , 2026**

- **Full Payment : Due April 15, 2026**

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Cancellations made 45-59 days before departure: 75% refund  
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Cancellations made 15-29 days before departure: 25% refund  
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# TOUR MAP

## TURKEY

ANTALYA  
JUNE 13-14

Perga

Arrival

JUNE 10-11 • ADANA

TARSUS

Cukurova  
Airport (COV)

Seleucia Pieria,  
Samandağ

ANTIOCH  
JUNE 7-9

SYRIA

## CYPRUS

JUNE 11-12

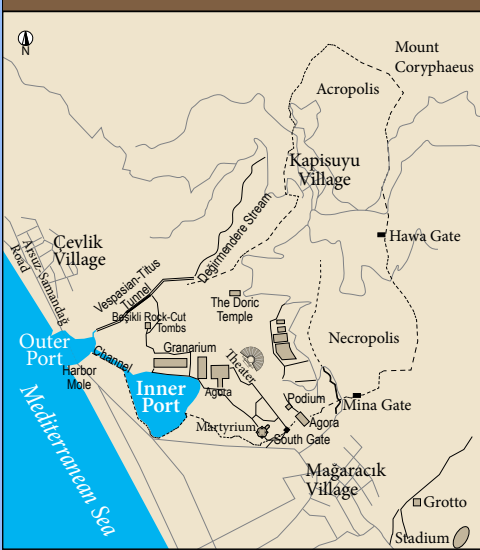
Salamis  
St. Barnabas  
Church

Ercan  
Airport

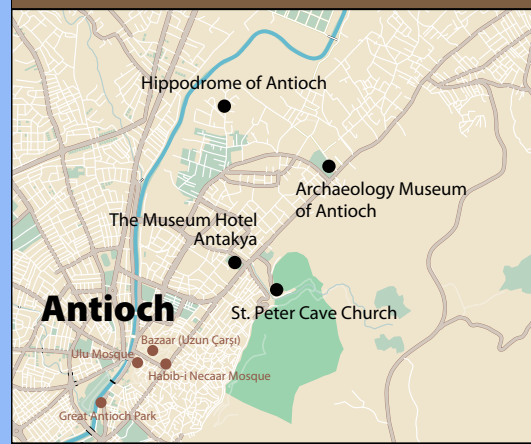
Paphos

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

### Seleucia Pieria Map



### Antioch City Center Map



Perga



Agora, Smyrna



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