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Tour Itinerary:

Oct 17 Fri Departure from Houston - Fly to Istanbul.

Oct 18 Sat Arrive to Istanbul Airport
Your tour guide will meet you at Istanbul Airport after the customs and baggage claim, holding a sing 'House/TUTKU' sign. Meet and greet, transfer to your hotel in Istanbul. Dinner and overnight. (D)

Oct 19 Sun Istanbul (Constantinople)
Morning drive to Istanbul old city. Visit the famous Hagia Sophia (then Hagia Irene) where Second Ecumenical Council took place in 381. Proceed to Istanbul Archaeological Museum afternoon. Visit St. Chora Church. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 20 Mon Istanbul - Troy - Alexander Troas - Assos
Morning Drive to Gallipoli. Drive across the bridge and visit Troy. Visit Alexander Troas, the important port founded by Alexander the great, Paul visited here at least twice (Acts 16:8-11, 20 5:13). After the legendary city of Homer's Iliad, continue to Assos for dinner and overnight in Assos. (B,D)

Oct 21 Tue Assos - Pergamum - Thyatira - Izmir
Morning visit to Assos Acropolis and drive to Pergamum (Rev. 1:11; 2:12-17), modern Bergama, ancient capital of its own kingdom and capital of the province of Asia in the Roman era. Built on a cone-shaped hill rising 350 mt above the surrounding valley. Visit the Acropolis and explore the remains of the Temple of Trajan and the famous Altar of Zeus and more. Visit the Asclepion and then drive to Thyatira, modern Akhisar, recipient of the longest letter in Revelation (Rev. 2:18-29) and home to Lydia (Acts 16:14), noted for its many trade guilds. Discover the remains of a Roman road and a Byzantine basilica. Drive to Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B,D)



Oct 22 Wed Sardis - Philadelphia - Hierapolis
Morning drive to Sardis (Rev. 1:11; 3:16), capital of the ancient kingdom of Lydia and city of great wealth and fame. Visit largest ancient Synagogue of the Jewish Diaspora, the Gymnasium, the Temple of Artemis, and the remains of a Byzantine Church. Then drive to Philadelphia (Rev. 1:11; 3:7-13), modern Alasehir, a city of commercial importance conveniently located at the gateway to the high central plateau of Roman province of Asia. Enjoy a short visit of the remains of a 6th century Byzantine Church. Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage site, Hierapolis, an ancient town located at the top of the hot spring water cascades where a church was established by Paul's associate Epaphras (Col. 4:13) and where the Apostle Philip was martyred. Visit the remains of the Temple of Apollo, the Theater, and the Martyrium of Philip. Then enjoy the white cascades and hot water sources of Pamukkale. Dinner and overnight at Spa hotel near Hieropolis (B,D)

Oct 23 Thu Colossae - Laodicea - Aphrodisias - Kuşadası
Morning drive to the unexcavated site of Colossae, situated on the southern bank in the upper Lycus River Valley about 110 miles east of Ephesus. Established by Paul's associate Epaphras (Col. 1:7; 4:12), this church was addressed in a letter by Paul (Col. 1:2). Then visit near-by Laodicea, also addressed in a letter by Paul (Col. 4:16, apparently lost) as well as in the Book of Revelation (1:11; 3:14-22). Wealthiest city of Phrygia during Roman times, Laodicea was widely known for its textile industry and medical school. Explore recently excavated Roman streets, temples, theaters, fountains and churches from different eras. Drive to to Aphrodisias to visit the 30,000-capacity ancient stadium and continue to Kuşadası for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 24 Fri Patmos Island
Early morning ferry cruise to Patmos, where John received the Revelation (Rev. 1:9). Arrive at the port city, Skala. Meet your local Greek guide. Then start a visit of the island starting from Church of the Apocalypse then drive to Monastery of the island. Free time for lunch before cruising back to Kuşadası. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kuşadası. (B,D)
OR Visit Smyrna, modern Izmir (Rev. 1:11; 2:8-11), home to the second-century bishop Polycarp, a disciple of the Apostle John, and place of Polycarp's martyrdom. Visit ancient Agora (marketplace) and discover the remains of a two storied structure with amazing arches. Then visit St. Polycarp Church, largest Catholic church of the city, and a visit to the St. Polycarp Memorial Site. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,D)

Oct 25 Sat MILETOS-DIDYMA- PRIENE-KUŞADSI
Drive to Miletos, visit the famous theater and the remains of the site. Continue to Didyma to visit the well preserved Temple of Apollo. Afternoon proceed to Priene, a Greco-Roman city visited by Alexander the Great and is located near the Mykale mountains. Back to Kuşadası for Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 26 Sun Ephesus - Kuşadası
Morning drive to Ephesus, one of Revelation's seven churches (Rev. 1:11; 2:1-7) where Paul spent three years preaching and teaching (Acts 18:19-21; 19:1-20; 20:31) and to which Paul addressed a letter (Eph. 1:1), possibly circular. Apollos also had an effective ministry there (Acts 18:24-26). One of the most impressive archaeological sites of the world. Discover amazing structures of the city, including the temple of Domitian, Fountain of Trajan, Temple of Hadrian, facade of the Library of Celsus, and the Great Theater, the scene of a great riot recounted in Acts 19:23-41. Visit the Cave of Paul and Thecla with special permission. Finish the day at St. John's Basilica, burial site of John the Apostle. Back to Kuşadası for dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B,D)

Oct 27 Mon Transfer to Izmir airport for departure **END OF TOUR: OR OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO CAPPADOCIA**



CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION

Oct 27 Mon Fly Kayseri

Early morning flight to Kayseri. Drive to Ihlara canyon, walking through the canyon via the Steps of Anatolia to Belisirma village, the ancient Peristrema. Set by the Melendiz River this is known as the "Valley of the Sky". Churches carved from the rocks form a gallery of early paintings that are remarkable for their accuracy. Check into to your hotel for overnight. (B,D)

Oct 28 Tue Cappadocia

****OPTIONAL 05:30 Hot Air Balloon Ride.** Drive back to your hotel and have breakfast. Your guide and driver will pick you up for a full day program; visit the Goreme Open-Air-Museum with its fairy chimneys and dozens of cave churches decorated with unique frescoes depicting various scenes from the Bible, the Pashabag Valley, the natural Citadel of Uchisar, and Avanos pottery village. Visit the underground city of Kaymaklı (built by the early Christians to evade Roman Armies), visit Zelve Valley. Return to hotel for overnight. (B,D)

Oct 29 Wed Cappadocia

Pick up from hotel transfer to Kayseri airport for **TK2011 08:50 /10:30** flight to Istanbul.

Pick up and transfer to Istanbul hotel. Free afternoon for exploration. (B,D)

Oct 30 Thu Departure

Hotel pick up for transfer to airport for departure flight from Istanbul to USA. (B)

TURKEY TOUR OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Oct 28 Tue Kayseri - FLY IZMIR

After the Cappadocia tour program and dinner at hotel. Transfer to Kayseri airport for flight PC3191at 19:20 pm/20:50. Transfer to Izmir hotel for overnight. (B,D)

Oct 29 Wed Izmir - Chios - Izmir

Early morning departure for Cesme marina, where the ferryboat to Chios Island will depart at 9:00 am. After passport control meet you guide and enjoy a tour of the island including the Stone of Homer (Daskaloptra). Lunch on your own. Depart Chios at 6:00 pm ferry boat return to Cesme. Transfer back to Izmir Hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 30 Thu FLY Gaziantep

Early morning flight to Gaziantep XQ 9128 at 6:00am/7:20am. Meet your guide and enjoy a full day tour. Visit the new Zeugma mosaic museum in Gaziantep and drive to visit the Zeugma site on the Euphrates River. Drive to Şanlıurfa for dinner and overnight. (D)

Oct 31 Fri Gobekli-tepe - Şanlıurfa - FLY Istanbul

After breakfast drive to visit Gobekli-tepe, ancient Neolithic site 9500 BC. Return to Şanlıurfa for lunch and visit the Archaeology Museum. Walk through Balıklı (fish lake) park, which is known in legends as the place where Nimrod threw Abraham into a fire. Free time for dinner outside and transfer to Şanlıurfa for departure to Istanbul TK 2247 8:25 pm/10:35 pm. Overnight at the Istanbul airport Yotel hotel. (B)

Nov 1 Sat Departure

Depart on your own times in IST airport for departure home.(B)

LAND ONLY

\$3,840 Per Person in Double Room
\$810 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- Domestic flights from Istanbul to Izmir and
- Domestic flights from Izmir to Kayseri
- Domestic flight from Kayseri to Istanbul
- 2 nights at Sheraton Atakoy in Istanbul or similar
- 1 night at Kervansaray Hotel in Assos or similar
- 1 night at Movenpick Izmir or similar
- 1 night at Doga Thermal hotel Pamukkale or similar
- 4 nights Korumar Hotel Kusadasi or similar
- Daily breakfast and 9 dinners
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing as per itinerary
- English-speaking licensed tour guide throughout the itinerary
- Transfers & transportation by private A/C motor-coach
- Service charges and local taxes
- Private ferry boat to Patmos and guided daily tour on Patmos (not guaranteed based on conditions)

EXCLUDING

- Roundtrip International airfare
- All lunches and Drinks (other than bottled water)
- All personal expenses, Travel and Health Insurances, any other item not mentioned above
- Tips to tour guides and drivers

CAPPADOCIA EXTENSION

\$550 Per Person in Double Room
\$390 Single Room Supplement

EXTENSION INCLUDING

- Domestic flights from Izmir to Kayseri
- Domestic flight from Kayseri to Istanbul
- 3 nights Barcelo hotel Cappadocia or similar
- Daily breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing as per itinerary
- English-speaking licensed tour guide throughout the itinerary
- Transfers & transportation by private A/C motor-coach
- Service charges and local taxes

EXTENSION EXCLUDING

- Roundtrip International airfare arriving IST Oct 18 and departing Istanbul Oct 30
- All lunches and Drinks (other than bottled water)
- All personal expenses, Travel and Health Insurances, any other item not mentioned above
- Tips to tour guides and drivers

TURKEY TOUR OPTIONAL EXTENSION

\$1,600 Per Person in Double Room
\$420 Single Room Supplement

EXTENSION INCLUDING

- One way Domestic flight from Kayseri to Izmir
- One way Domestic flight from Izmir to Gaziantep
- One way Domestic flight from Şanlıurfa to Istanbul
- Roundtrip Ferryboat tickets from Cesme to Chios
- 2 nights at Ramada Balçova Izmir or similar
- 1 night Nevali Hotel Şanlıurfa or similar
- 1 night Yotel IST airport in Istanbul or similar
- Meals as stated in program. (b= breakfast, d= dinner)
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing as per itinerary
- English-speaking licensed tour guide throughout the itinerary
- Transfers & transportation by private A/C van
- Service charges and local taxes

EXTENSION EXCLUDING

- Roundtrip International airfare
- All lunches and Drinks (other than bottled water), meals not included in program
- All personal expenses, Travel and Health Insurances, any other item not mentioned above
- Tips to tour guides and drivers



PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- \$200 per person Deposit due at time of booking: Due on or before June 25, 2025
- Full Payment : Due August 1, 2025

Land Only Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made before 60 days of departure: Full refund
 Cancellations made within 45 days of departure: 90% refund
 Cancellations made within 30 days of departure: 75% refund
 Cancellations made within 15 days of departure: 50% refund
 Cancellations made within 7 days of departure: 25% refund
 Cancellations made within 6 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

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OPTION 2



- 1- Open the Camera app on your device.
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