



COLONIAL WOODS
MISSIONARY CHURCH

BIBLICAL GREECE & TURKEY

IN THE PATHWAY OF THE APOSTLES

October 15 - November 1, 2022

Tour Host: **Pastor Brian Ake & Pastor Ann Harrington**



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Biblical Greece & Turkey: In the Pathway of the Apostles **October 15 - November 1, 2022**

Explore the origins of the church in Greece and Turkey. All three of Paul's missionary journeys were centered in ancient Turkey and two of them ended in Greece. Moreover, the apostle John's ministry was located in Ephesus where he wrote his gospel, three letters and the book of Revelation. Travel by deluxe motorcoach to the ancient cities of Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, Philippi, Ephesus, Miletus, Priene, Hierapolis and Assos. At these sites we will discuss the birth, growth, trials and development of the earliest Christian congregations as they struggled not only to understand their new faith in Christ, but also as they dealt with false teachers and hostile forces opposed to the church. At the end of the first century, John wrote letters to the seven churches of Revelation which were coping with similar problems of false teaching and persecution. Thus, we will also visit the seven churches of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamon, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea. We will cap off the trip with a tour of the island of Patmos, where John wrote the apocalypse and we will include a tour of time-honored Istanbul, where you can enjoy its rich culture, historical sites and impressive archaeological museum.



Tour Itinerary:

Oct 15 Sat DEPART DETROIT (DTW) - FLY ATHENS (ATH)

Oct 16 Sun ARRIVE ATHENS

Upon arrival at the Athens Airport, our representatives will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with a sign "**COLONIAL WOODS MISSIONARY CHURCH - TUTKU**" on it. Transfer to your hotel in Athens for dinner and overnight. (D)

Oct 17 Mon ATHENS

Follow your guide to the world renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erechtheum. View Mars Hill where the apostle Paul stood spoke to the Athenian people and shared the Gospel (Acts 17:15-34). See the Agora, the ancient market place and center of the Athenian public life, where the apostle Paul preached "Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18) to the skeptical Athenians. Also see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace & the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Overnight Athens. (B=Breakfast, D=Dinner)



Oct 18 Tue CORINTH, CENCHRAEAE - DELPHI

In Corinth, see the ancient city where Paul met Aquila and Priscilla, the tent makers, and where the apostle spent eighteen months sharing the Gospel (Acts 18: 1-18). Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place, the Acrocorinth and Temples. Walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood before Gallio facing charges brought by the Jews. Visit the ancient port of Cenchrea where Paul departed when he returned to Syria (Acts 18:12-18). Drive to Delphi with approximate arrival 6:00 pm. Overnight in Delphi. (B,D)

Oct 19 Wed DELPHI - BEREAE - THESSALONIKI

Morning visit (08:00-10:30) to Delphi, the religious center of the ancient Greek world. Walk the Sacra Via to the Athenian Treasury, the Theatre, and the Temple of Apollo where the oracle enacted its prophetic rituals. Also, visit the Museum at Delphi. Long drive to Berea (modern Veria) for a brief stop. In Berea, Paul shared the gospel in a synagogue and the audience 'diligently searched the Scriptures' (Acts 17:11) in order to determine the truth. Proceed to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight. Arrive Thessaloniki in late afternoon. (B,D)

Oct 20 Thu THESSALONIKI

We start touring Thessaloniki, the city where Paul shared the gospel message and experienced much opposition (Acts 17: 1-9). Here Paul established a church to which he addressed his Thessalonian epistles. Visit St. George's Basilica, which tradition claims is built over the synagogue where Paul preached. View the Old City Ramparts, and the Galerius Arch that rises over the Via Egnatia. Visit the Archaeological Museum and the ancient agora. See two of the most beautiful basilicas in the city, St. Sophia and St. Demetrios, dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyred Christian convert. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki. (B,D)

Oct 21 Fri AMPHIPOLIS - PHILIPPI - KAVALA

Drive to Amphipolis, a city that Paul visited on his second mission. Continue to Philippi, where Paul met and converted Lydia, a woman from Thyatira who sold purple garments (Acts 16:13-15). Lydia was the first Christian to be baptized on European soil. See the theater, agora, latrines and several early Byzantine basilicas of the city. Also visit a cistern, which was thought to have served as a prison for the apostle Paul. Overnight in the Kavala area. (B,D)

Oct 22 Sat TURKEY BORDER - DRIVE ISTANBUL

Depart Kavala. Walk a portion of the Via Egnatia, the great Roman road traversed by Paul and Silas as they traveled from Neapolis to Philippi, Thessalonica and onward. Drive to the Greece-Turkey border. Transfer to your Turkish bus and guide, and continue to Istanbul (about 5 hours drive after the border) for dinner and overnight. Istanbul is the only city in the world spanning on two continents. Overnight in Istanbul. (B,D)

Oct 23 Sun ISTANBUL

Full day Istanbul tour; visit the Roman Hippodrome, Basilica Cistern, the Hagia Sophia, the great basilica built by Constantine the Great and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, one of the world's greatest architectural marvels and a designated World Heritage site. Then visit the Istanbul Archaeological Museum, and Hagia Irene Church, the site of the second ecumenical council. Take bus to Suleymaniye Mosque, the largest mosque in Istanbul, and discuss the important history of Islam and the enduring legacy of the Ottoman empire. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 24 Mon ISTANBUL - TROY - ALEXANDER TROAS (Acts 16:8- 11; 20:5, 6, II Tim. 4:13, II Cor. 2:12) - ASSO

Drive to Çanakkale. Cross the Dardanelles Strait by car ferry. Proceed to Troy to see the legendary city of Homer's Iliad. Continue to Alexandrian Troas, the important port founded by Alexander the Great. Paul visited here at least twice (Acts 16:8-11, 20:5-13). Dinner and overnight in Assos. (B,D)



Pergamon

Oct 25 Tue ASSOS - PERGAMON (Rev. 1:11; 2:12) - BERGAMA

We will enjoy a morning tour of Assos and then leave for Pergamon where we will visit the Acropolis with the steepest theater of the ancient world and the Temple of Trajan. We will also visit the Red Basilica which was an Egyptian Temple, later converted to a church and the Asclepion, the ancient healing center. Dinner and overnight in Bergama. (B,D)

Oct 26 Wed BERGAMA - THYATIRA - SMYRNA (Rev. 1:11; 2:8) - IZMIR

Drive to Akhisar town to visit the remaining of the Thyatira Church. Then, continue to Izmir to see the Smyrna Agora and its latest excavations. We will also visit the graffiti section which is closed to public. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

Oct 27 Thu EPHESUS - IZMIR

Visit the famous ancient city of Ephesus (Acts 18:19-24; 19:1-35; 20:16-17; 21:29, 1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8, 1 Tim. 1:3 II Tim. 1:18; 4:12, Rev. 1:11, 2:1), with its spectacular Terrace Houses, Basilica of John, the Ephesus Archaeological Museum and the ancient Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Dinner and overnight Izmir. (B,D)



Sardis

Oct 28 Fri SARDIS (Rev. 1:11; 3:1-4) - PHILADELPHIA (Rev. 1:11; 3:7) - PAMUKKALE

Drive to Sardis, capital of the ancient Lydia where first coin of the world was invented. See the remains of another massive Artemis Temple. We'll visit St. Jean's Church on the site of the ancient city of 'Brotherly love' - Philadelphia. Continue to Hierapolis, a World Heritage site and site of the church mentioned in Colossians 4. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Pamukkale. (B,D)

Oct 29 Sat HIERAPOLIS - LAODICEA (Col 2:1; 4:13-16, Rev. 1:11; 3:14) - COLOSSAE - PAMUKKALE

Morning tour of Hierapolis. See St. Philip's Tomb. Drive to nearby Laodicea to see the latest excavations. Then, drive to Colossae to see the unexcavated site. Return to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 30 Sun DIDYMA - PRIENE - MILETUS - KUSADASI

Drive to Didyma, famous for its temple to Apollo, one of the most important religious shrines of ancient Ionia. Continue to Miletus which, due to its four harbors and strategic location on the Aegean coast of Asia Minor, became one of the great cities of commerce in the ancient world. 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). After Miletus, we will visit the nearby city of Priene located on a cliff-side. In the late afternoon, we drive back to Kusadasi. (B,D)

Oct 31 Mon PATMOS - KUSADASI

We will take the 06:30 am ferry to Patmos. Arrive Patmos at 11:00 am. Visit the Cave of Revelation and the Basilica of John. Return to Kusadasi at 7:00 pm. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kusadasi. (B,D)

Nov 1 Tue TRANSFER TO IZMIR AIRPORT - FLY BACK TO DETROIT

TOUR MAP



LAND & AIR

\$4,540 Per Person in Double/Triple Occupancy
\$990 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- International Air Fare between Detroit-Athens & Izmir-Detroit
- Izmir-Istanbul domestic flight
- 2 Nights at 5 star Divani Acropolis Palace in Athens
- 1 Night at 4 star Kastalia Boutique Hotel in Delphi
- 2 Night at 4 star Capsis Hotel in Thessaloniki
- 1 Night at 4 star Galaxy Hotel in Kavala
- 2 Nights at 4 star Grand Halic Hotel in Istanbul
- 1 Night at 4 star Assos Eden Garden Hotel in Assos
- 1 Night at 3 star La Bella Hotel in Bergama
- 2 Nights at 5 star Mövenpick Hotel in Izmir
- 2 Nights at 5 star Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale
- 2 Nights at 4 star Marina Hotel in Kusadasi
- Daily breakfast and 16 dinners at the hotels
- All transportation by private AC Bus
- English Speaking, Government Licensed, Bible Oriented guides in Turkey and Greece
- All Entry fees to the sites and museums
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Service charges and local taxes
- All Tips to Tour Guide and drivers
- Headsets (Whispers)

EXCLUDING

- Turkish Visa Fee to be paid online prior to arrival www.evisa.gov.tr
- Lunches and Drinks (Bottled Water is included at dinners)
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, phone calls, all kind of insurances, etc)

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

TO BE ANNOUNCED



Ephesus

PAYMENT PROCEDURE:

Space is limited, so register early!!

- \$200 per person Deposit : December 1, 2021
- \$800 due by March 15, 2022
- Full Payment: July 15, 2022

Cancellation Penalty:

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| - 90-60 days prior to departure: | No Penalty |
| - 59-45 days prior to departure: | 25% |
| - 44-30 days prior to departure: | 50% |
| - 29-15 days prior to departure: | 75% |
| - 14 days & After | No refund |

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