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Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

Tour Itinerary:

Jul 27 Sun Departure from Houston- Fly to Istanbul.

Jul 28 Mon Arrive to Istanbul Airport

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

Jul 29 Tue 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 see the Blue Mosque from the outside. Enjoy the Grand Bazaar. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Jul 30 Wed Fly Izmir - Smyrna/Izmir

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. Afternoon free. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)



Sardis

Jul 31 Thu Pergamum-Thyatira-Izmir

Morning 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)

Aug 1 Fri 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 Hierapolis (B,D)

Aug 2 Sat 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 Aphrodisias to visit the 30,000-capacity ancient stadium and continue to Kuşadası for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Aug 3 Sun 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)



Aug 4 Mon 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)

Aug 5 Tue 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)

Aug 6 Wed Transfer to Izmir airport for departure to Kayseri Arrive to Kasyeri.

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)

Aug 7 Thu 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)

Aug 8 Fri 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)

Aug 9 Sat Departure

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

LAND ONLY

\$4,390 Per Person in Double Room
\$1,200 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- Domestic flights from Istanbul to Izmir and Izmir to Kayseri and Kayseri to Istanbul
- 2 night at Sheraton Atakoy in Istanbul or similar
- 2 nights at Movenpick Izmir or similar
- 1 night Doğa Thermal hotel Pamukkale or similar
- 4 nights Korumar Hotel Kusadası or similar
- 2 nights Barcelo hotel Cappadocia or similar
- 1 night Sheraton Atakoy in Istanbul or similar
- Daily breakfast and 12 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
- Special permission (if granted) to Cave of Paul and Thecla

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

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- \$200 per person Deposit due at time of booking: Due on or before April15 , 2025**
- Full Payment : Due May 15, 2025**

Land and Air Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made before 60 days of departure: Full refund
 Cancellations made within 45 days of departure: 75% refund
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