

Biblical Sites in Turkey (13 Nights/14 Days)

Key Information Tour Duration: 13 nights / 14 days Days of Operation: Private Tour Destination(s): Turkey Hotel's Class: 5, 4, 3 Stars Hotel or Tourist Class Season: All Year Airfare Included: No Tour Customizable: No
*Overnight Place:

3 nights Istanbul, 1 night Bursa, 1 night Ayvalik, 2 nights Izmir, 2 nights Kusadasi
1 night Pamukkale, 2 nights Cappadocia, 1 night Antakya

Tour Itinerary:

Day 1: Istanbul. Arrive Istanbul. Meet and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon orientation tour in Istanbul, if times permits (according to the arrival time). Overnight in Istanbul. Day 2: Istanbul. St. Sophia, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, St. Irene and St. Chora Museum. Overnight in Istanbul. Day 3: Istanbul - Bursa. Drive to Iznik (Nicaea), the site of the First and Seventh Ecumenical Councils. Drive to Bursa, visit the Green Mosque and the Green Mausoleum. Overnight in Bursa. Day 4: Bursa - Troy - Ayvalik. Continue to Canakkale, visit Gallipoli, Troy, Alexandria Troas where St. Paul met Luke. Overnight in Ayvalik. Day 5: Pergamum-Thyatira-Izmir. Depart to Pergamum, visit to Asclepion, the ancient hospital, the Acropolis, the Church at the site of Serapium (7C) and the Red Court dedicated to St. John. Then visit Akhisar, the site of ancient Thyatira (7C). Overnight in Izmir. Day 6: Sardes-Philadelphia-Izmir. Visit Sardes, the capital city of the ancient Kingdom of Lydia, visit the Church built on the foundations of the Temple of Artemis (7C). Continue to Alasehir, ancient Philadelphia (7C). Return to Izmir, visit St. Polycarp Church (7C). Overnight in Izmir. Day 7: Ephesus-Kusadasi. Drive to Ephesus where St. Paul stayed a while, visit ancient city, House of the Virgin Mary, the Basilica of St. John (7C), continue to Miletos where St. Paul gave a speech to spread Christianity. Overnight in Kusadasi. Day 8: Pamukkale-Hierapolis-Laodicea. Complete the tour of Hierapolis, see the wonderful formation of stalactites in Pamukkale (Cotton Castle), the Roman Bath which later became a church, then visit Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches of the Revelation, continue to Kusadasi for overnight. Day 9: Kusadasi-Patmos (Greek Island)-Kusadasi. Daily tour to the Greek Island of Patmos by private boat. Visit the cave of Revelation and St. John's Monastery. Return to Kusadasi for overnight. Day 10: Aphrodisias-Laodicea Pamukkale. Visit Aphrodisias, Laodicea (7C) and Hierapolis, overnight in Pamukkale. Day 11: Pisidian Antioch-Iconium-Cappadocia. Visit Pisidian Antioch, Konya (Iconium), the Mevlana Mosque and Mausoleum, proceed to Cappadocia for overnight. Day 12: Cappadocia. Visit Goreme, Zelve Valley, Underground City. Overnight in Cappadocia. Day 13: Cappadocia-Tarsus-Antioch. Depart to Tarsus, the birthplace of St. Paul, continue to Antakya (Biblical city of Antioch) where St. Paul and St. Barnabas stayed. Overnight in Antakya. Day 13: Istanbul. Transfer to Istanbul airport for departure.

Notes: Airfare is not included.

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