

ASIA MINOR & GREECE JOURNEY

AUGUST 08 – 20, 2018

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL and
THE SEVEN CHURCHES of the book of REVELATION



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Ladner Christian Fellowship (Ladner and Steveston campuses)

*“The word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region...
and the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 13:49, 52)*



Istanbul (Constantinople)



Ephesus



Patmos (Aegean Island Cruise)



Athens

CHRISTIAN JOURNEYS

WED. 08 AUG.: Canada to Istanbul

Today, we depart from Canada on our overnight flight(s) to Istanbul. Group seating will be pre-assigned by the airline for our flight. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided this evening. (D)

THU. 09 AUG.

Upon arrival at Istanbul, we will be met by our guide and driver. Once in Istanbul, we shall drive through the Marmara region where we arrive at the gateway between Europe and Asia, Istanbul (Constantinople.) Here, we check-in to **The President Hotel** for the next two nights. (B, D)

FRI. 10 AUG.: Istanbul

After breakfast, we enjoy our full day visiting historic Istanbul. Visit the **Hagia Sophia Museum** (built in the 6th century), the **Blue Mosque** famous for its blue Iznik tiles, the **Hippodrome Square** where ancient chariot races were held and the aromas of the **Egyptian Spice Market**, followed by a boat tour on the **Bosphorus** viewing the picturesque beauty of European and Asian shorelines on either side. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B, D)

SAT. 11 AUG.: Sardis, Philadelphia, Pamukkale

Today, our journey continues with a short flight from Istanbul to Izmir. Upon arrival at Izmir, we shall journey along ancient trade routes as we visit the following Churches of the Book of Revelation.

Sardis – The Church that had fallen asleep. (Rev. 3:1-6)

Philadelphia – The Church that had endured patiently. (Rev. 3:7-13)

Our day ends with a visit to the natural salt flats of **Pamukkale**, a truly spectacular sight indeed!

Dinner and overnight stay will be at **The Lycus River Hotel**. (B, D)

SUN. 12 AUG.: Free morning and spa day

Today, we enjoy a free morning at Pamukkale to enjoy the natural hot spring pools of the hotel and maybe take advantage of the Turkish baths and spa facilities!

After a thoroughly enjoyable day, we depart towards the Aegean coast and overnight in the picturesque port City of Kusadasi. En-route, we shall visit one of the Seven Churches of the Book of Revelation.

Laodicea – The “luke warm” Church that is neither hot nor cold. (Rev. 3:14-22)

Dinner will be at our hotel in the City of Izmir (ancient Smyrna.) (B, D)

MON. 13 AUG.: Ephesus

Today, we have a full day visit to the unforgettable ruins of **Ephesus**: – The ‘desirable Church’ that left its first love! (Rev. 2:1-7)

In the ancient world, Ephesus was a center of travel and commerce. Situated on the Aegean Sea at the mouth of the Cayster River, the city was one of the greatest seaports of the ancient world. It was here that Paul visited, whilst on his return to Israel but was forced to leave the city vowing to return.

He never returned to Ephesus but, instead held council from Melitus during his Third journey. Our day also includes a visit to the Church of Apostle John.

Dinner is back at our hotel in Izmir. (B, D)



TUE. 14 AUG.: Smyrna, Pergamon and Troy

After breakfast, we depart for a day visiting some more sites of the Seven Churches of Revelation.

Smyrna – The persecuted Church that suffered poverty and martyrdom! (Rev. 2:8-11.)

Thyatira – The false Church that followed a seductive prophetess. (Rev. 2:18-29.)

Pergamum – The worldly Church that mixed doctrines and needed to repent! (Rev. 2:12-17)

Towards the end of the day, we shall arrive at the site of the ancient city of Troy.

A truly memorable day, we arrive at the City of Canakkale for dinner and overnight stay. **(B, D)**

WED. 15 AUG.: Canakkale to Kavala

This morning, we cross the Dardanelle Straits (location of one of the bloodiest battles during WWI) and drive to the border crossing with Greece. Once at the border, we shall say “goodbye” to our Turkish guide and “hello” to our Greek guide. Our resting point this evening is Kavala (ancient Neapolis) where we will have dinner and overnight stay. **(B, D)**

THU. 16 AUG.: Philippi, Thessalonika

After breakfast, we depart for **Philippi** where Paul established a large church. This church was very near and dear to Paul’s heart. (Acts 16:9-33)

Here, we also visit the river where Lydia was baptized and the prison where Paul and Syllas were kept captive.

From Philippi, we head towards Thessalonika where we learn about Paul’s teachings at the old synagogue. (Acts 17:1-4)

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

FRI. 17 AUG.: Berea and Athens

After breakfast, we leave Macedonia and head south to Berea where we see the beautiful mosaics depicting Paul’s teachings to the Jews. (Acts 17:10-11)

Our final stop will be Athens where we shall visit the **Acropolis** and **Mars Hill** (Acts 17:16-30), before checking into our hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B, D)**

SAT. 18 AUG.: Saronic Island day cruise

This morning, we transfer to the local port and embark on the 1-day cruise to the Saronic Gulf Islands.

Hydra, Poros and Aegina are our three island ports of call today. Lunch is included onboard our boat.

Dinner will be back at our hotel this evening. **(B, L, D)**

SUN. 19 AUG.: Corinth and Athens

After breakfast, we will embark on the short journey to ancient Corinth (Acts 18:1-17). Situated between Athens and Sparta, the archeological ruins of this city offer a wonderful insight into life at the time of Paul’s visit during his second and third journeys. Dinner will be at a local restaurant this evening. **(B, D)**

MON. 20 AUG.: Departure for home

This morning, we depart from Athens airport on our flights to Canada. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided. **(B, L)**

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Vancouver. Fares from other cities available upon request.

Hotels:

4* hotels throughout the journey.

Meals: Full breakfast and dinner daily.

Transportation: Air conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program as per itinerary, including all entrance fees.

Tour Guide: Government licensed Tour guides will accompany the group and work with the Leadership Teams to maximize the educational/spiritual benefits and enjoyment of the group.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Embarkation package: An informative package will be mailed one month prior to departure.

Air Transportation Taxes: Currently \$720.

Bottled Water: Two per person daily

“Whisper” Headsets

Turkish Entry Visa: (Currently USD\$60)

Gratuities: Throughout the journey.

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must hold a valid passport that does not expire before 20 Feb 2019. Canadian and USA passport holders do not currently require a visa for Greece. Christian Journeys will process the Turkish group visa.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken but a completed booking form needs.

Deposit and final payment: A deposit of \$400 plus insurance is required with the tour booking form. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment and are 100% non-refundable.

Fuel surcharges: The air transportation costs include a ‘fuel surcharge’ component of \$555. This amount is subject to change and will be reviewed at time of final billing, 90 days prior to departure.

Currency surcharge: Christian Journeys reserves the right to introduce a currency surcharge. If applicable, this would be assessed 90 days prior to departure. If the total cost of the journey increases by more than 7% the customer has the option to cancel without penalty.

Travel Insurance: Your Comprehensive Travel Policy includes ‘trip cancellation’ coverage to protect you against the cancellation penalties.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety. Christian Journeys reserves the right to refuse participation in certain instances.

13 DAY JOURNEY PRICING

VANCOUVER: \$4999CAD

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1399CAD

(based upon 20 paid passengers)

Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.



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