INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from San Francisco and domestic flight(s) within Turkey.

Hotels: First class hotels throughout. Inside cabin on Aegean Cruise.

Meals: Full breakfast and dinner daily. Some hotels charge for tea and coffee at dinner.

Transportation: Air-conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

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

Shore Excursions: Patmos, Rhodes and Santorini

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.

"Whisper" head sets.

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

Turkish Entry visa for USA passport holders

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

Gratuities: $250USD

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport, valid to 29 November 2027. USA passport holders require a visa for Turkey, organized by Christian Journeys. An entry visa may be required to Greece before departure (more information to be advised by early 2027.)

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and final payment: A deposit of $750 is required with the tour booking form. $500 of the deposit is non-refundable for administration costs. Bookings within 90 days of departure require full payment and are 100% non-refundable after 15 Jan. 2027.

Fuel surcharges: These are included in the pricing but are subject to change.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety.

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15 DAY JOURNEY PRICING

LAND JOURNEY COST:	**$ 5699USD**
GROUP AIR COST:	**$ 1799USD**
TOTAL COST:	**$ 7498USD**

(Based on 20 paid passengers.)
(Group air rates are estimated and will be confirmed in September.)**

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $1699USD

Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.



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SAT. 15 MAY: Depart for Istanbul

Today, we depart from San Francisco on our non-stop overnight flight 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**)

SUN. 16 MAY: Arrival Istanbul

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 Germir Palas Hotel** for the next two nights. (**B, D**)

MON. 17 MAY: Istanbul

After breakfast, we enjoy our full day historical Istanbul tour. Visiting the **Hagia Sophia Museum** (built in the 6th century,) the **Blue Mosque**, famous for its blue Iznik tiles and the **Hippodrome Square** where ancient chariot races were held. **Topkapi Palace** – This former Sultan's Palace and museum offers wonderful views of the Bosphorus River.

Egyptian Spice Market – Experience the atmosphere of the authentic marketplace, with sights, sounds and smells stimulated by this unique covered bazaar.

Bosphorus River Cruise – Viewing the picturesque beauty of the European and Asian shorelines on either side.

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

TUE. 18 MAY: Istanbul, Cappadocia

This morning, we leave Istanbul and fly inland to the staggering geological Central Anatolian region of Cappadocia. Truly one of the most unique landscapes in the world! It was here that early inhabitants carved into the soft volcanic rock to create underground dwellings, which eventually grew to become entire cities. Over one thousand elaborate places of worship, early churches were carved out from the landscape. Many of the lavishly decorated frescoes, from as early as 5th century, can be seen today. Sometimes as many as six thousand Christians escaped from persecution by hiding in this region. Our overnight and dinner will be at the **Perissia Hotel** tonight. (**B, D**)

WED. 19 MAY: Cappadocia

This morning, you have the option to take a hot air balloon ride for sunrise over the Cappadocia Valleys. After breakfast, we shall visit Rose Valley, one of the most beautiful trekking valleys in Cappadocia and explore the famous rock-cut churches by hiking through the valley. Rest in Cavusin, an old Greek village known for its Christian houses and churches.

After lunch, visit Ortahısar Castle, similar to Uchisar Castle in style, where storage caves can also be observed. In the afternoon, visit Kaymakli (or Ozkonak) Underground City where early Christians lived in fear and faith. On the way back, visit to panoramic Pigeon Valley where pigeons contributed to the lives of locals with their manure to fertilize the vineyards. Our afternoon sees us travel west towards the Aegean Coast. Our first stop is the ancient mystic City of Konya. Here, we will visit Sille and Aya Elenia Church which was built by Helene, the mother of Constantine the Great. Helene who was the first Christian aristocrat, during her life, had tried to find the holy cross of Jesus, visited Jerusalem many times and built many churches on her way. Aya Elenia Church points us clearly that Sille was over this route.

Novotel Konya Hotel, for dinner and overnight stay. (**B, D**)

THU. 20 MAY: Pisidian Antioch, Pamukkale

Today, our journey follows that of Paul and Barnabas as we stop in Pisidian Antioch. Here, we will visit the site of the synagogue that Paul visited during his journey. The ruins of an early Byzantine church are still visible with a mosaic of Psalm 42:4 found during recent excavations.

From here, we enjoy a scenic journey through the mountains of Galatia until we arrive at the ancient City of Colossae.

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 Colossae Thermal Hotel**. (**B, D**)

FRI. 21 MAY: Laodicea, Herapolis, Free Afternoon

Today, our journey continues with a visit to our first of the Churches of the Book of Revelation.

Laodicea – The "Luke Warm" Church that is neither hot nor cold. (Revelation 3:14-22)

This afternoon, we have made free time at Pamukkale to enjoy the natural hot spring pools of the hotel and maybe take advantage of the Turkish baths and spa facilities!

Dinner and overnight stay will be at the hotel. (**B, D**)

SAT. 22 MAY: Philadelphia, Sardis and Izmir

Today, we leave Pamukkale and head towards the Aegean Coast and overnight in the picturesque port City of Izmir. En-route, we shall visit one of the Seven Churches of the Book of Revelation.

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

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

Dinner will be at **The Karaca Hotel** whilst in the City of Izmir (ancient Smyrna). (**B, D**)

SUN. 23 MAY: Ephesus

Today, we have a full day visit to the unforgettable ruins of **Ephesus** – The 'Desirable Church' that left its first love! (Revelation 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**)

MON. 24 MAY: Smyrna, Thyatira, Pergamon

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. (Revelation 2:8-11)

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

Pergamum – The Worldly Church that mixed doctrines and needed to repent! (Revelation 2:12-17)

A truly memorable day, we arrive back to Izmir for dinner and overnight stay. (**B, D**)

TUE. 25 MAY: Free morning & Patmos

The morning is free until we embark on our Aegean Island cruise, departing at 12:00 noon. Lunch is served on board.

At 4:00 p.m., we arrive at **Patmos**. (Disembarkation either by tender boats or the ship docks, sea and weather permitting). This is a beautiful, peaceful and almost mysterious rocky island of the Dodecanese where the Apostle John was exiled and wrote the Book of Revelation. Here, we tour the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist where we also have a wonderful view of the island. We will visit the Grotto of the Revelation. After some free time for browsing, we return to the ship and set sail for Rhodes at 9:00 p.m.

Dinner & overnight on board. (**B, L, D**)

WED. 26 MAY: Rhodes, Greece

Breakfast on board at 7:00 a.m. Then, we arrive at **Rhodes**. This stronghold was built by a Crusading Order which originated from Palestine and in older days, it boasted another achievement of the then known world - The Colossus of Rhodes!

Our optional morning half-day excursion takes us to visit the Temple of Athena on the majestic rocky Acropolis of Lindos, with the blue Aegean Sea beneath it and the sophisticated whitewashed artists' colony at its foot. Local tradition has it that on his way to Rome, Paul's vessels spent some time here in the small harbor. (Acts 21:1)

The afternoon is free for you to peruse through Rhodes for a most delightful experience. You can stroll around the medieval walled city and enjoy the cosmopolitan atmosphere from one of the elegant cafes in the marina. We shall set sail for Heraklion, Crete at 6:00 p.m. Dinner & overnight on board. (**B, L, D**)

THU. 27 MAY: Santorini

Breakfast on board. This morning, we have the day to enjoy in Santorini. (Disembarkation by tender-boats, sea & weather permitting).

The town of Fira is perched high on the rim of the ancient volcano. In the town of Fira, white-washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes and glittering boutiques cling to steep cliffs. The eruption of the volcano in 1,600 BC literally buried a flourishing Bronze Age town which has now been excavated at Akrotiri.

Free time for taking photos, browsing, shopping and enjoying the unique view. Set sail for Piraeus at 9:00 p.m.

Dinner & overnight on-board. (**B, L, D**)

FRI. 28 MAY: Corinth and Athens

This morning, our excursion takes us by the Saronic Gulf. It was here in 480 BC that the small Grecian fleet managed to defeat the enormously powerful armada of the Persians. From here, via the historic Corinthian Canal, we arrive at ancient Corinth (Acts 18:1-18).

It was to this megalopolis where the apostle Paul came and worked, established a thriving church, subsequently sending two of his epistles now part of the New Testament. Here, we see all of the sites associated with his ministry: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Odeon, the Bema and Gallio's Seat. In Romans 16:23, Paul mentions his friend Erastus and we will see an inscription to him at the site.

This afternoon, we will enjoy our visit to ancient Athens. We shall visit the **Acropolis Site**, the sacred rock of Athens, the Citadel and the Sanctuary of the City in antiquity. We visit the famous Parthenon and the Erechtheion with its porch of maidens.

We will then walk to nearby **Mars Hill** and stand on the very spot, where Paul gave his famous speech to the Athenian philosophers (Acts 17:18-34) and spoke about the inscription: "to an unknown god".

This evening, we will enjoy our "farewell" dinner together. A wonderful time to share and reflect on what this journey has meant to you! (**B, D**)

SAT. 29 MAY: Departure for home

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

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner







