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Tour Leaders: Drs. Alan S. Bandy & Rex Butler

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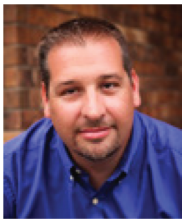
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Oct 2 Sun Istanbul - Nicaea

Drive to Iznik (ancient Nicaea). Two ecumenical councils were held here: the First Ecumenical Council of 325 and the Seventh Ecumenical Council of 787. Visit the ruins of the St. Sophia Church where the Seventh Ecumenical Council was held. Dinner and overnight at your hotel. (B,D)

Oct 3 Mon Pergamum - Red Basilica - Thyatira

Morning drive to Pergamum which is the site of ancient Pergamum, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. You will visit the Acropolis there and see the impressive theater, the Temple of Athena, and the ruins of Asklepiion, the ancient healing center. We will also visit the Red Basilica which was an Egyptian Temple. Proceed to Akhisar to visit the remains of the Thyatira church. Continue to Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 4 Tue Smyrna - Sardis - Philadelphia - Pamukkale

After breakfast you will visit Smyrna Agora and its latest excavations. We will also visit the graffiti section which is closed to public. Continue to Sardis, one of the most picturesque areas of any of the Seven Churches. You'll see the remains of the Temple of Artemis as well as a small Byzantine church. From there travel to Philadelphia, now called Alasehir. We'll see remains of a Byzantine basilica as well as some eleventh century frescoes. Philadelphia and Smyrna were the only two churches among the Seven about which nothing bad was said by John. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B,D)

Tour Itinerary:

Sep 29 Thu Depart New Orleans - Fly Istanbul

Sep 30 Fri Arrive Istanbul Airport

Meet and transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight. (D) *If time permits, Bosphorus Boat Tour.

Oct 1 Sat Istanbul Tour

Full day Istanbul tour; visit the **Roman Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque** with its beautiful blue tiles, **Hagia Sophia (limited access)**, 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 the **Grand Bazaar**. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. Evening, slide show & presentation of the major Biblical sites in Turkey. (B,D)





Hierapolis

Oct 5 Wed Colossae – Laodicea – Hierapolis – Kuşadası

After breakfast you will drive to unexcavated Colosse (Paul's letter to the Colossians) on the foothills of Mount Honaz. Then, you will continue to Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Finally, you will visit Hierapolis where you will visit the monuments, thermal baths and the theater with its well preserved stage and Philip's Tomb. Dinner and overnight will be in Kuşadası. (B,D)

Oct 6 Thu Patmos – Kuşadası

7:00 a.m. ferry to Patmos. Arrive Patmos at the Port of Skala at 11:30 am. Visit the Cave of the Apocalypse and the Monastery of St. John the Theologian. If time permits, walk down the path to Skala and visit the baptismal font where John baptized the first Christian converts on the island. Return to Kusadasi at 19:30. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,D)

Oct 7 Fri Ephesus

Full day tour of Ephesus. View the Library, the huge Agora, and the Temple of Artemis which was declared one of the Seven Wonders of the World. You will make a slight detour to see the exquisite terrace houses where the rich and famous citizens of Ephesus lived. Also visit the Cave Church of Paul and Thecla which is closed to the public. We'll visit the Basilica of St. John, traditional site of his grave. Visit the Museum of Ephesus for an up-close look at artifacts from the ancient city. We will have time to explore this powerful city on your own and recreate some of the footsteps of Paul. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,D)

Oct 8 Sat Early transfer to Izmir Airport. Fly back via Istanbul.



Patmos

TOUR MAP	
LAND & AIR	
\$3,190	Per Person in Double Occupancy
\$540	Single Room Supplement
INCLUDING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International flights between New Orleans-Istanbul, and Izmir-New Orleans • 2 Nights at Grand Halic Hotel in Istanbul or similar • 1 Night at Limnades Hotel in Iznik or similar • 1 Night at Kordon Cankaya Hotel in Izmir or similar • 1 Night at Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale or similar • 3 Nights at Marina Hotel in Kuşadası or similar • Daily breakfast at the hotels • 8 Dinners at the hotels • English speaking Licensed Tour Guides in Turkey & Patmos • All transportation and airport-hotel-port transfers with private AC Bus • All Parking fees • All Entry fees to the sites and museums • Service charges and local taxes • TUTKU GIFTS (travel bag, map, t-shirt) 	
EXCLUDING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkish Visa fee to be obtained online before arrival www.evisa.gov.tr • US citizens do not need a visa to enter Greece (<i>Patmos island</i>) – Other citizens must check on their own. • Tips to Tour Guides – Bus Drivers • Travel and health insurance, all kind of insurances 	



PAYMENT PROCEDURE:

Deposit Payment on or before : February 1, 2022
Full Payment : July 1, 2022

Cancellation Penalty:

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| - 120-90 days prior to departure: | No Penalty |
| - 89-60 days prior to departure: | No Penalty |
| - 59-45 days prior to departure: | 20% |
| - 44-30 days prior to departure: | 50% |
| - 29-15 days prior to departure: | 75% |
| - 14 days & After | No refund |

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