

TURKEY

MAY 11-24, 2025



Tour Host:
Pastor Bernard Bell

INCLUDING

SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

- Ephesus
- Smyrna
- Pergamum
- Thyatira
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Laodicea

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FLIGHTS

TK80	10MAY	SFOIST	1845	1745*
TK2012	14MAY	ISTASR	0820	0955
TK2311	24MAY	ADBIST	0855	1020
TK79	24MAY	ISTSFO	1315	1640

Tour Itinerary

May 11, Sun - ARRIVE ISTANBUL

Arrive in Istanbul at **TK80 17:45**. After clearing customs and collecting your luggage, meet your guide. Private transfer to your hotel for check-in. Enjoy dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (D)

May 12, Mon - ISTANBUL: Old City Tour

After breakfast, embark on a full-day tour of Istanbul's historical sites. Visit the Hippodrome, the iconic Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, and experience a boat ride on the Bosphorus. Conclude the day with a visit to the bustling Spice Bazaar. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (B, D)

May 13, Tue - ISTANBUL: Cultural and Historical Exploration

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today, explore the Chora Church (now a mosque), followed by visits to the Archaeological Museum and the Hagia Irene Church. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (B, D)

May 14, Wed - FLY TO CAPPADOCIA **TK2012 08:20 /09:55**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Kayseri. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in Cappadocia. In the afternoon, explore the stunning Zelve Valley. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. (B, D)

May 15, Thu - CAPPADOCIA: Full-Day Tour

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel. Today, visit the Underground City, the Göreme Open Air Museum, and the traditional village of Avanos. Conclude the tour with a visit to Uchisar Castle. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. (B, D)

May 16, Fri - DRIVE TO ANTALYA VIA KONYA

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Konya. Visit the Mevlana Museum, dedicated to the famous mystic Rumi. Continue your journey to Antalya. Dinner and overnight in Antalya. (B, D)

May 17, Sat - ANTALYA: Historical Sites

After breakfast, visit the ancient city of Perge and the well-preserved Aspendos Theater. In the afternoon, visit the Roman Road, (with Mark Wilson if he is available). Return to Antalya for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

May 18, Sun - ANTALYA: Church Service and Cultural Tour

Begin the day with breakfast, followed by a church service at SPCC. After lunch, visit the Antalya Archaeological Museum. Dinner and overnight in Antalya. (B, D)

May 19, Mon - VISIT COLOSSE, LAODICEA & HIERAPOLIS

After breakfast, drive to Denizli, visiting the ancient cities of Colosse and Laodicea along the way. Explore the thermal terraces of Hierapolis before checking in at your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B, D)

May 20, Tue - PHILADELPHIA & SARDIS

Enjoy breakfast, then depart for the ancient cities of Philadelphia and Sardis. Continue to Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

May 21, Wed - PERGAMUM & THYATIRA

After breakfast, visit the ancient cities of Pergamum and Thyatira. Return to your hotel in Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

May 22, Thu - IZMIR: Smyrna and Surroundings

After breakfast, visit the Agora of Smyrna, the new museum, Mount Pagus, and the St. Polycarp Church. Spend the evening exploring the new city center of Izmir. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B, D)

May 23, Fri - EPHEBUS: Full-Day Tour

After breakfast, embark on a full-day tour of Ephesus. Visit the Terrace Houses, the Cave of Paul, St. John's Basilica, and the Temple of Artemis. Return to Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

May 24, Sat - DEPART FOR SAN FRANCISCO

After breakfast, check out from your hotel. Transfer to Izmir Airport for your flight to Istanbul (**TK 2311, 08:55/10:20**), then connect to your international flight back to San Francisco (**TK 79, 13:15/16:40**). (B)

INCLUDING

- Roundtrip Air Fare between SFO-IST based on Turkish Airlines non-stop direct flight
- Istanbul-Kayseri domestic flight
- 3 Nights at 5 star Sheraton Hotel in Istanbul
- 2 Nights at 4 star Barcelo Hotel in Cappadocia
- 3 Nights at 4 star Best Western Khan Hotel in Antalya
- 1 Night at 4 star Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale
- 4 Nights at 4 star Moevenpick Hotel in Izmir
- Daily breakfast and 13 dinners at the hotels
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All entry fees
- All transfers and transportation by private AC Bus
- English Speaking Tour guide throughout the tour
- Service charges and local taxes
- TUTKU Gifts (t-shirt, archaeology map, round ended electric plug)

EXCLUDING

- Lunches and drinks
- Tips to tour guide and driver (\$65 per person for the guide and \$35 for the driver, total \$100 per person)
- Travel and Health Insurances, all kind of insurance

HOTEL LIST

May 11-14 Sheraton Istanbul Ataköy Hotel
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May 20-24 Mövenpick Hotel İzmir
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May 16-19 Best Western Khan Hotel
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3. Stanley & Amy FONG	DOUBLE	12. Teng-Sheng & Melody MOH	TWIN
4. Scott & Regina GRINIS	DOUBLE	13. Eric FORSTER & Kurt GEIGER	TWIN
5. Masahiro HONDA & Yeung HA	DOUBLE	14. Li Suan LIM & Linda LIM	TWIN
6. Tod & Rhonda IRWIN	DOUBLE	15. Michelle LEMASTER & Sonya STRICKLER	TWIN
7. Michael & Stacy LANDGRAF	DOUBLE	16. Cleveland MCCRAY & Yung Fong TANG	TWIN
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ISTANBUL AIRPORT MEETING POINT

Valued **TUTKU Educational Travel** Guest,
We are delighted that you have chosen us to organize your travel arrangements during your time in Turkey.
We'd like to inform you on the details of your arrival transfer at the brand New **Istanbul Airport**.



Upon arrival, after you go through Turkish Immigration, claim your luggage and pass the Turkish Customs, you will go through sliding doors into the **International Arrivals Hall** where you will see coffee shops, banks etc..

To avoid the large crowds and any confusion, we would like for you to **turn left** immediately after the sliding doors and proceed to the **Cups & Clouds** (photo above) just in front of you. Your tour guide/driver can no longer hold signs to meet our groups, therefore your guide will be waiting for you, right at this point at Cups & Clouds, wearing a blue and white **TUTKU** baseball cap. Please look for them. In the event that you have a problem meeting our representative, please call our office at +90-232-441-8676 during business hours or Miss Sema at +90- 532-296-93-96 after hours. We will be happy to be of assistance. We do hope that you will enjoy your time in our beautiful country and please don't hesitate to call us with any questions or for assistance in an emergency.

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Turkey Useful Information

Time zone: (EST+08:00) All areas in Turkey observe the same time zone. It is 3 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)/Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Turkey observes the same time all year. There are no Daylight Saving Time clock changes.

Electricity: Electricity in Turkey is 220-240 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. Outlets in Turkey generally accept 1 type of plug: the two-round-pins plug used across Europe. If your appliance plug has a different shape, you may need a plug adapter.

Currency: 1 \$ (US Dollar) = 36,4 TL (Turkish Lira) / March 3, 2025. Please be advised that exchange rates are intended to be guidelines and cannot be considered official.

CREDIT CARDS: VISA, MasterCard, American Express credit cards honored by the well-known restaurants and the stores. Please check before purchase.

TAP WATER: It has been chlorinated and may have a strong taste. Bottled Spring water is suggested.

PHONE CALLS: To make a phone call to USA, you need to dial 00-1 (or +1), and then your-city code-phone number.

V.A.T: The value added tax of 8-18 % is applied to all services & purchases.

MEASURES: Turkey uses the metric system. For ease of conversion, remember that 1 km. ~ .6 miles, and 1 mile ~ 1.6 km. Also, 1 kg. ~ 2.2 lb., and 1 lb. ~ .45 kg.

GENERAL TIPPING: It is customary to tip an extra of 10% to 15% for all services delivered.



EPHESUS

Revelation 2:1-7 First of the Seven Churches

1 Write to the angel of the church in Ephesus: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand and who walks among the seven gold lampstands says: **2** I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil. You have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you have found them to be liars. **3** You also possess endurance and have tolerated many things because of My name and have not grown weary. **4** But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love you had at first. **5** Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. **6** Yet you do have this: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. I will give the victor the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in God's paradise.



SMYRNA

Revelation 2:8-11 Second of the Seven Churches

8 To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. **9** I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. **10** Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. **11** Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.



PERGAMUM

Revelation 2:12-17 Third of the Seven Churches

12 Write to the angel of the church in Pergamum: The One who has the sharp, double-edged sword says: **13** I know where you live—where Satan’s throne is! And you are holding on to My name and did not deny your faith in Me, even in the days of Antipas, My faithful witness who was killed among you, where Satan lives. **14** But I have a few things against you. You have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to place a stumbling block in front of the Israelites: to eat meat sacrificed to idols and to commit sexual immorality.

15 In the same way, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. **16** Therefore repent! Otherwise, I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

17 “Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

I will give the victor some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name is inscribed that no one knows except the one who receives it.



SARDIS

Revelation 3:1-6 Fifth of the Seven Churches

1 To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

2 Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. **3** Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. **4** Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me,

dressed in white, for they are worthy. **5** The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.

6 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.



LAODICEA

Revelation 3:14-22 Seventh of the Seven Churches

14 To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. **15** I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! **16** So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. **17** You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. **18** I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can

cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. **19** Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. **20** Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. **22** Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.



THYATIRA

Revelation 2:18-29 Fourth of the Seven Churches

18 To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. **19** I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. **20** Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. **21** I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.

22 So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. **23** I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

24 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, **25** except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority

over the nations— **27** that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father. **28** I will also give that one the morning star. **29** Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.



PHILADELPHIA

Revelation 3:7-13 Sixth of the Seven Churches

7 To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. **8** I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. **9** I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and

fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. **10** Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. **11** I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is

coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. **13** Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.





BLACK SEA

THRACE

BITHYNIA

MYSIA

PHRYGIA

ASIA

LYDIA

PISIDIAN Antioch

Iconium

PISIDIA

Derbe

Lystra

Perge

LYCIA

Attalia

Tarsus

Antioch →

Seleucia →

AEGEAN SEA

Thera Anafi

Rhodes

Linos Dikaia Maroneia Stryme Doriskos Ainos

Samothrace

Yenibademli Höyük Zeytinlik Höyük GÖKCEADA

Hephaestia Limnos Myrina

BOZCAADA Sigeion Kenchreai

Lesbos Antissa Eresos Pyrrha

Chios Cardamyle Karaburun

Samos Heraion

Patmos Place of John's Revelation

Leros Mykonos

Paros Naxos

Amorgos Kalimnos

Cos Cnidus Symi Loryma Tilos Kameiros

Sinanköy EDİRNE Selimiye Mosque Yeni Saray KIRKLARELİ Fatih Iron Foundry Kırklareli Höyük

Karaevlialti Menekşe Çatagi TEKİRDAĞ Perinthos Basilica

THE SEA OF MARMARA

Parion Zeytinli Ada Cyzicus

ÇANAKKALE Arisbe Kremaste

BOZCAADA Sigeion Kenchreai

Assos Neandra Antandros Adramyttium

Lesbos Antissa Eresos Pyrrha

Assos Mithymna Aterneus Pergamum

Thyateira Sidas

MANİSA (Magnesia) Bintepe

Smyrna Bayraklı Ulucak Höyük

IZMİR Agora Yeşilova Höyük

Philadelphia Hierapolis

AYDIN (Tralleis) K. Tepe Höyük

Samos Heraion

Miletus Karine Heraklia Myus

Patmos Didyma Euromos Bargylla

Leros Mykonos Karyanda Myndos Pedasa Uzunyuva

Cos Cnidus Symi Loryma Tilos Kameiros

İSTANBUL (Byzantium) (Constantinople)

Bathonea Küçükyağlı Archaeology park

TEKİRDAĞ

YALOVA Ceramic Furnaces

BURSA (Prusa) Barçın Höyük

Apameia Hisardere

Apollonia Aktopraklık Höyük

Paşalar Derecik Basilica

Uludag

Alaçam Mts.

USAK Acmonia

Denizli Colossae

Colossae Eksam Höyük

Laodikeia

Antiochia Neapolis

Aphrodisias

Kale-i Tavas

MUGLA Özlüce Fossil Veins

Becin Castle

Araxa Oinoanda

Patara Antiphellos Appollonia Simeia Aperia Tyberissos

KOCAELİ (İZMİT) Nicomedia

YALOVA

Nicea Roman theater

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Herakleia Prusias Ad hypium

DÜZCE

SAKARYA (ADAPAZARI)

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GLOBAL SMYRNA MEETING

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SEVEN CITIES OF REVELATION

JUNE 7-13, 2025



EPHESUS

*The letter to the church in Ephesus
Rev 1:11; 2:1-7*

SMYRNA

*The letter to the church in Smyrna
Rev 2:8-11*

PERGAMUM

*The letter to the church in Pergamum
Rev 2:12-17*

THYATIRA

*The letter to the church in Thyatira
Rev 2:18-29*

SARDIS

*The letter to the church in Sardis
Rev 3:1-6*

PHILADELPHIA

*The letter to the church in Philadelphia
Rev 3:7-13*

LAODICEA

*The letter to the church in Laodicea
Rev 3:14-22*

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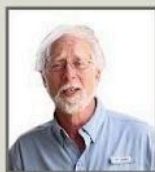
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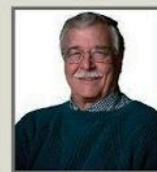
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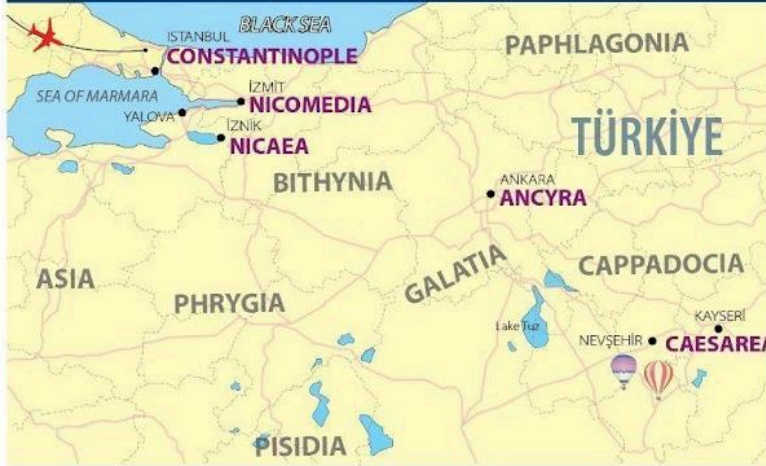
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June 12-21, 2025

Istanbul • Nicaea (Iznik) • Nicomedia (Izmit) • Cappadocia



Nicaea 1700 PROGRAM MAP June 12-21, 2025



1700 years ago history was made in the Bithynian city of Nicaea, modern Iznik. There the emperor Constantine gathered hundreds of bishops and their assistants from the Eastern and Western parts of the empire. Why? To resolve a controversy raging in the church. Arius, a presbyter in Alexandria, was teaching that Jesus was created and not equal in essence with the Father. Constantine realized that this matter needed resolution to bring unity to his empire. In 325 the council decided that the teaching of Arius was incompatible with the teaching of Scripture, hence heretical. The bishops then issued a confession of faith today known as the Nicene Creed. Christians are gathering in Nicaea in 2025 to remember this historic moment and its ongoing spiritual significance for the global church. The other six ecumenical councils also took place in Turkey so our visit will include not only Nicaea, where the 7th council took place as well, but also Constantinople and Chalcedon (Istanbul) where four other councils were held. Lectures by historians and theologians will explain the background of each council and its importance in church history. Join us for this event which happens only once every century.

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STUDY TOUR WITH LECTURES



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Professor Extraordinary of New Testament, Stellenbosch University & Director, Asia Minor Research Center



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