



GREECE & TURKEY

— THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ST. PAUL —



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\$4,299

PER PERSON
FROM DFW





DAY 1: USA / ISTANBUL

Your pilgrimage begins today when you board your flight to Istanbul.

DAY 2: ISTANBUL

Upon arrival, we will meet our local guide, board our touring vehicle, and drive to our hotel. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 3: ISTANBUL: CITY TOUR

After breakfast, we will begin our tour of Istanbul at the Hagia Sophia! Constructed in 360 AD, this former Greek Orthodox Christian patriarchal cathedral epitomizes Byzantine architecture. Some say it changed the history of architecture. Next, we will visit the Byzantine Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque, the Chora Church & museum, and the Subterranean Cisterns. We'll end our day at the world-famous Grand Bazaar! Stroll around and browse countless streets filled with vendors selling goods. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 4: ISTANBUL / NICAEEA / BURSA

After breakfast, we will leave Istanbul and travel to Bursa via Nicaea, where the Nicene Creed was formed. We will also visit St. Sofia of Nicaea, where the Christian Church's first council occurred, the division of Rome and Constantinople, and the division of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 5: BURSA / PERGAMUM / THYATIRA / IZMIR

We begin our day in Pergamum, where the Romans sacrificed the first Christians. We will also visit the Trojan temple and the Grand Theater. Finally, we will visit Thyatira, another of the seven churches known for selling its "purple color" and famous carpets. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 6: IZMIR / SARDIS / PHILADELPHIA / PAMUKKALE

We start our day in Izmir, which has more than 3,000 years of recorded urban history and up to 8,500 years of history as a human settlement. Next, we will visit Sardis, one of the most beautiful of the seven churches. Afterward, we will go to Philadelphia, referred to in the Book of Revelation as "The New Jerusalem." We will continue to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

DAY 7: PAMUKKALE (HIERAPOLIS) / LAODICEA / COLOSSAE

Early this morning, we will travel uphill to the famous thermal pools and enjoy this incredible feat of nature and the astonishing view. Next, we will continue to Colossae, where the "Letter to the Colossians" was

received. Afterward, we will visit Laodicea, one of the seven churches and the chair of the Christian Church, where Paul scolded the people, calling them "Lukewarm Christians." Afterward, we will continue to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 8: EPHESUS / KUSADASI

After breakfast, we will visit the ancient city of Ephesus, one of the world's most magnificently excavated cities. During our tour, we will see the Odeon, the Trojan Fountain, the steam baths, latrines, and the Temple of Adrian. We will also see the Celsus Library, the Grand Theater of Ephesus, and the house of the Virgin Mary, where she spent her final days. We will return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 9: KUSADASI / GREEK ISLANDS / PATMOS

After breakfast, we will embark on a cruise through the Greek Islands, beginning on the island of Patmos. First, we will visit the monastery of San Juan and see the original Gospel manuscripts. Next, we will visit the Cave of the Apocalypse, where St. John wrote the "Book of Revelations." Inside, you can see the crack caused by the voice of God, who emphasized honoring the Trinity. Return to the ship for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 10: CRETE / SANTORINI

Our first stop today is Crete, the largest of the Greek Islands, the cradle of the great Minoan civilization, and the mythological home of Zeus. Next, we will pass through the village of Heraklion to the excavations of Knossos, where there have been traces of civilization since 4000 BC. Afterward, we will return to Heraklion, where you will have free time before returning to the ship to continue our cruise to Santorini, the most beautiful of the islands. Since Santorini is raised from the sea's surface, we will take a chairlift to explore this incredible island paradise. Return to the ship for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 11: ATHENS / CORINTH

We begin our day at the port of Athens as we board our touring vehicle, which will take us to Corinth, where St. Paul established the first Church. Next, we will visit the Bema (the seat of judgment), where Paul preached to the Corinthians and was judged by Gallo. Our final stops in Athens will include the Temple of Apollo, the Old Museum, the Parthenon, the Acropolis, and the Olympic Stadium. We will return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 12: RETURN FLIGHT HOME

We will transfer to the airport this morning to board our return flight home.



HAGIA SOPHIA ISTANBUL

THERMAL POOLS OF PAMUKKALE



SANTORINI

EPHESUS



Included

- Round-trip airfare
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels (price based on double occupancy)
- Land transportation as per itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Daily Masses
- Professional local guides
- Medical Protection Plan

Not Included

- Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended). Nativity Pilgrimage offers a comprehensive policy through Trawick International at an additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs
- Gratuities to the tour manager, guides, and driver
- Personal items (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.)
- Meals not specified in the program.
- Items not specifically mentioned above.

Registration

- A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 is due at registration.
- Names on the registration form and passport must match exactly, and passports must be current 6 months after the return date.
- The registration form must include a copy of your passport.
- We are not responsible for Visa procurement.
- Full payment is due 02/05/25 (100 days prior to departure).



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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Your Package Includes

Air Transportation: Economy class and round-trip fares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

Land Transportation: All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

Hotels: Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

Single Room: There is an additional cost per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meal Plan: The meal plan offers two (2) meals per day: Breakfast & Dinner.

Baggage: Nativity Pilgrimage limits all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

Airport Fees: Airport Taxes, portorage, fuel surcharges and security fees.

Medical Protection Plan is provided during the trip.

Your Package Does Not Include

Cancellation Protection Plan: We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

Passport Expenses: Passports or any additional documents that may be required. Passports must be valid 6 months after your return date.

Personal Items: Laundry, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.

Non-itinerary fees: Any sightseeing fees, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in your itinerary.

Lunch: You are responsible for lunch or any other meals not specified in your itinerary.

Tips for your tour guide & driver: The recommended amounts of tips per person are \$7.00 – \$9.00 per day for guides, \$5.00 – \$7.00 per day for drivers, \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for hotels, and \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for restaurants.

General Travel Information

Group Air: Group air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different rate, ticketing method, or airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

Departure Cities: If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

Land-Only Option: If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the "Land Only" option. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

Important Nativity Pilgrimage Policies

The airline selects seat assignments for group air. We do not. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

Seat Upgrades: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request, as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

Seat Location Requests: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request, as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

Other Special Requests: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

Booking Conditions

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

Payment Deadline: Full payment is due 02/05/25 (100 days before departure). Registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

You may use any major credit card to pay your deposit online. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction. We also accept checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions.

Late Payment Policy

Customers will receive late fees if they are not paid in full:

100 days - 61 days prior to departure.....\$150

60 days - 30 days prior to departure.....\$300

30 days - day before departure.....Subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

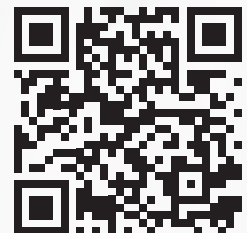
Cancellation/Refund Policy

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage. However, should you need to cancel your trip, your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

<u>Days Prior to Departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
100 + Days	Lose Deposit
99-50 Days	50% of trip cost
49 Days	100% of trip cost

Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

Protect Your Trip



Follow the link or scan the QR code to view our Travel Protection Plan details.

<https://nativity.trawickinternational.com>

Responsibility

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regards to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not be limited to, default or omission by any third party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof. The IATA carriers, steamship firms, and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies, the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers, and Nativity Pilgrimage Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.