



11-DAY EXPERIENCE

GREECE & TURKEY



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\$4,299 FROM PHOENIX

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DAY 1: FLIGHT TO ISTANBUL

We will set off today on our international overnight flight to Istanbul, Turkey.

DAY 2: ISTANBUL

Upon arrival in Istanbul, we will transfer to your 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. Next, we will visit the Byzantine Hippodrome, the Subterranean Cisterns, and St George Church, dedicated to the Christian martyr Saint George. It is the site of numerous important services and is where the patriarch will consecrate the chrism (Myron) on Holy and Great Thursday when needed. Next, we proceed with a walking tour through the streets of the Balat & Fener, two historically rich neighborhoods in Istanbul located along the Golden Horn. We'll end our day at the world-famous Grand Bazaar! Stroll around and browse countless streets filled with vendors selling goods. Afterward, we will return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 4: ISTANBUL / NICAEA / AYVALIK

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

DAY 5: AYVALIK / 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. Next, we will visit Thyatira, another of the seven churches known for selling its "purple color" and famous carpets. We will then continue to Izmir for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

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. After exploring, we will visit Sardis, one of the most beautiful of the seven churches. Afterward, we will go to Philadelphia, referred to as "The New Jerusalem" in the Book of Revelation. Finally, we will continue to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

DAY 7: PAMUKKALE (HIERAPOLIS) / LAODICEA / COLOSSAE / KUSADASI

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 in Kusadasi for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 8: KUSADASI / EPHEBUS / FLY TO ATHENS

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 and the Grand Theater of Ephesus. Finally, we will visit the ruins of the Basilica of St. John. Afterward, we will transfer to the Izmir airport for our flight to Athens. Upon arrival in Athens, we will transfer you to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations. (Depending on your arrival, dinner may be a cold plate or lunch box.)

DAY 9: ATHENS / CORINTH

Today, we will drive the historic coastal road to Corinth. Along the way, we will stop by the Corinth Canal, which has turned the Peloponnese Peninsula into an island for the last 120 years. We will arrive in ancient Corinth, where Paul ministered for nearly two years and wrote the earliest New Testament writings, The Letters to Thessalonians. You can see the columns of Apollo's Temple dominating the Agora. See the tribunal before which Paul was dragged, but where Gallio refused to pass judgment on him (Acts 18:1-17). Afterward, we will proceed to the ancient port of Kenchreai, from which Paul sailed to Ephesus (Acts 18:18). We will return to Athens along the new scenic road with magnificent views of the Saronic Gulf. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 10: ATHENS

You will be picked up from the hotel this morning to begin the experience of a lifetime. Your tour of Athens begins by ascending to the Acropolis and the full splendor of 5th century B.C. Athens. See the Propylaia (Gateway), the Temple of Athena Nike (Victory), the Parthenon, and the Erechtheion. As we descend, we'll pass Mars Hill, where the text of Paul's famous sermon is inscribed on the rock at its foot. The expansive Agora of Athens, where the ancient philosophers counseled and taught, lies below. Next, we will see the Parliament, with its famous guards, the Plaka area, and other sites of this incredible city. Enjoy a leisurely evening and later your farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 11: ATHENS- DEPARTURE

At the designated time, we will transfer to the Athens Airport for your return flight home.





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What's Included

- Round-trip airfare
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Transfers from the church to the airport and return.
- First-class hotels (price based on double occupancy)
- Land transportation (as per itinerary)
- Breakfast and dinner
- Sightseeing/admissions fees (as per itinerary)
- Professional local guides
- Medical protection plan

Not Included

- Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended)
- Nativity Pilgrimage offers a comprehensive policy at an additional cost
- Passport & visa costs, if any
- Tips for the tour manager, guides, and driver
- Personal items/expenses
- Meals not specified in the program
- Items not specifically mentioned above

Register / Payments

- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300.00 is due at registration, along with a completed registration form and passport copy.
- The names on the registration form and passport must match exactly, and passports must be current 6 months after the return date.
- We are not responsible for Visa procurement
- Full payment is due 100 days before departure on 07/22/24.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Your Package Includes

Air Transportation: Economy class and round-trip airfares 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 (3) meals per day: Breakfast, lunch, & 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, portage, 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.

Extra Food/Beverages: You are responsible for any food/beverages 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 07/22/24 (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

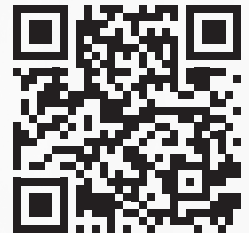
Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

Protect Your Trip



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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.