



12-DAYS PILGRIMAGE

# GREECE AND TURKEY

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ST. PAUL



**Tour Dates:** October 18 – 29, 2024

**Tour Price:** \$4,999 per person

**Departure:** San Francisco, CA



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## **DAY 1: USA • ISTANBUL**

Your pilgrimage begins today by boarding your flight to Istanbul.

## **DAY 2: ISTANBUL**

Upon our arrival, you will meet your tour guide, board your touring vehicle, and transfer to your hotel. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Istanbul.

## **DAY 3: ISTANBUL CITY TOUR**

After breakfast, you will begin a tour of Istanbul, which will include the Hagia Sophia, the epitome of Byzantine architecture. Next, you will see the Byzantine Hippodrome and the Blue Mosque (famous for its mosaics). You will then see the Patriarchal Cathedral Church, the Subterranean Cisterns, and finally, the Grand Bazaar! After your tour, you will return to your hotel in Istanbul for dinner and overnight accommodations.

## **DAY 4: ISTANBUL • NICAIA • BURSA**

After breakfast, we will travel to Bursa via Nicaea, where the Nicene Creed was formed. We will also visit St. Sofia of Nicaea. The First Council of the Christian Church took place here, as well as the division of Rome and Constantinople and the division of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches. Later, you will continue to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

## **DAY 5: BURSA • PERGAMUM • THYATIRA • IZMIR**

We begin our day with a tour of Pergamum, the most favored of St. Paul's seven churches, where the Romans sacrificed the first Christians. You will also visit the Trojan Temple and the Grand Theater. Finally, you will proceed to Thyatira, another of the seven churches known for the sale of its "purple color" and famous carpets. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 6: IZMIR • SARDIS • PHILADELPHIA • PAMUKKALE**

We begin our day in Izmir, a city with more than 3,000 years of recorded urban history and up to 8,500 years of history as a human settlement. Next, you will visit Sardis, one of the most beautiful of St. Paul's seven churches. Afterward, you will continue to Philadelphia, also known as "The New Jerusalem." You will then continue to Pamukkale for the evening. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 7: PAMUKKALE (HIEROPOLIS) • LAODICEA • COLLOSSAE**

Early this morning, you will travel uphill to the famous thermal pools and enjoy the incredible view. Next, you will continue to Colossae, where Paul's

"Letter to the Colossians" was received. Afterward, you will visit Laodicea, one of the churches in the "Book of Revelations," also the chair of the Christian Church where Paul rebuked the people, calling them "Lukewarm Christians." Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 8: EPHESUS • KUSADASI**

After breakfast, you will visit the ancient city of Ephesus, one of the world's most magnificent excavated cities. Today's sites include the Odeon, the Trojan Fountain, the steam baths and latrines, the Temple of Adrian, the Celsus Library, the Grand Theater of Ephesus, and the house of the Virgin Mary, where she spent her final days. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 9: KUSADASI • PATMOS**

After breakfast, you will embark on a cruise through the Greek Islands, stopping first in Patmos. You will visit the monastery of St. John, see the original Gospel manuscripts, and visit the grotto 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. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be on board the ship.

## **DAY 10: CRETE • SANTORINI**

This morning, we will visit Crete, the largest of the Greek Islands, the cradle of the great Minoan civilization, and the mythological home of Zeus. Next, you will explore the excavations of Knossos, where traces of civilization have existed since 4,000 BC. Afterward, you will return to Heraklion, where you will have free time to explore independently before returning to the ship. Your cruise continues to Santorini, the most beautiful of the islands. Since Santorini is raised from the sea's surface, you will take a chairlift up to explore this incredible island paradise. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be on board the ship.

## **DAY 11: ATHENS • CORINTH**

Your day begins at the port of Athens, as you board your touring vehicle and begin a full-day tour. You will start in Corinth, where St. Paul established his first Church. Next, you will visit the Bema (seat of judgment), where Paul preached to the Corinthians and was judged by Gallo. Our final stops in Athens include the Temple of Apollo, the Old Museum, The Parthenon, the Acropolis, and the Olympic Stadium. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## **DAY 12: RETURN FLIGHT HOME**

You will transfer to the airport this morning to board your return flight home.

## THERMAL POOLS OF PAMUKKALE



## MYKONOS



## SANTORINI



## EPHESUS



## INCLUDED

- Round-trip airfare
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels
- Hotel price based on double occupancy
- Land transportation (as per itinerary)
- Breakfast and dinner
- Sightseeing/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 at an additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs
- Tips for the tour manager, guide, and driver
- Personal items/expenses
- Meals not specified in the program.
- Items not specifically mentioned above.

## REGISTER

- 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 07/10/24 (100 days prior to departure).



# 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 07/10/24 (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



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.