

# Nativity Pilgrimage

## Greece & Turkey

The Seven Churches of St. Paul

**Oct. 24 – Nov. 04, 2025**

Travel Dates



**FOR INFO**

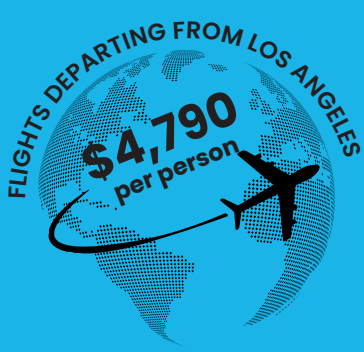
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## Highlights Include

Istanbul, Nicaea, Bursa, Pergamum, Izmir, Sardis, Philadelphia, Pamukkale, Ephesus, Patmos, Mykonos, Crete, Santorini, Athens, Corinth, & more!

### ✓ INCLUDED

- \* Round-trip airfare
- \* All airport taxes/fuel surcharges
- \* First-class hotels
- \* Land transportation as per itinerary
- \* Bus transportation from church to airport & back
- \* Daily breakfast and dinner
- \* Sightseeing/admission fees as per itinerary
- \* Daily Masses
- \* Medical protection plan

### ✗ NOT INCLUDED

- \* Trip-cancellation insurance
- \* Nativity Pilgrimage offers a comprehensive policy at an additional cost.
- \* Passport/Visa costs
- \* Tips for your tour guide and driver
- \* Personal items/expenses
- \* Meals not specified in the itinerary
- \* Items not specifically mentioned above.

### 📄 REGISTER

- \* Submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit along with a copy of your registration form and passport.
- \* Names on the registration form and passport must match exactly.
- \* U.S. passports must be current up to six months after the return date.
- \* We are not responsible for Visa procurement.
- \* Full payment is due 100 days before departure on 07/16/25.



#### DAY 1: FLIGHT TO ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Today, you will board your international flight to Istanbul, Turkey. Rest assured, all the necessary preparations for your journey have been made. So sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight to Istanbul. Your spiritual journey awaits!

#### DAY 2: ISTANBUL

Upon our arrival, we will be greeted by our tour guide and driver, who will escort us to our hotel. Dinner and overnight in the hotel.

#### DAY 3: ISTANBUL

After breakfast, we will begin our tour of Istanbul! First, we will visit the magnificent Hagia Sophia, the former Greek Orthodox Christian patriarchal cathedral epitomizing Byzantine architecture. Next, we will explore the Byzantine Hippodrome and the Blue Mosque, famous for their incredible mosaics. We will then visit the Chora Church & museum and the Subterranean Cisterns. We'll end our day at the world-famous Grand Bazaar, one of the world's largest and oldest covered markets, with 61 covered streets and over 4,000 shops! Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

#### DAY 4: ISTANBUL / NICAEA / 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. The First Council of the Christian Church took place here, as did the division of Rome and Constantinople and the division of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

#### DAY 5: BURSA / PERGAMUM / THYATIRA / IZMIR

We begin our day in Pergamum, the most favored of St. Paul's seven churches, where the Romans sacrificed the first Christians. We will also visit the Trojan temple and the Grand Theater. Finally, we will see Thyatira, another of the seven churches known for selling its "purple color" and famous carpets. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

#### DAY 6: IZMIR / SARDIS / PHILADELPHIA / PAMUKKALE

We start our day in Izmir, a crucial Turkish city of Jews and Christians. Next, we will visit Sardis, one of the most picturesque of the seven churches. Afterward, we will go to Philadelphia, referred to as "The New Jerusalem," before continuing toward Pamukkale. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.





Santorini



Hagia Sophia — Istanbul



Thermal Pools of Pamukkale



The Grand Bazaar



The Great Theatre of Ephesus

## DAY 7: PAMUKKALE / HIERAPOLIS / LAODICEA / COLOSSAE

Early this morning, we will travel uphill to the famous thermal pools and enjoy the incredible view. Next, we will continue to Colossae, where the “Letter to the Colossians” was received. Afterward, we 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, we will visit the ancient city of Ephesus, one of the world’s most magnificent excavated cities. We will see the Odeon, the Trojan Fountain, the Temple of Adrian, the Celsus Library, and the Grand Theater of Ephesus! We will also visit 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, we will embark on a cruise of the Greek Islands that will first take us to 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. Dinner and overnight will be on board the ship.

## 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 to do as you wish. At the indicated time, we will return 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. Dinner and overnight will be on board the ship.

## DAY 11: ATHENS / CORINTH

We begin our day at the port of Athens as we board our motor coach, taking us on a full-day tour starting with Corinth, where St. Paul established the first Church. Next, we will visit Bema (the 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 Acropolis, the Parthenon, and the Olympic Stadium! Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

## DAY 12: RETURN FLIGHT HOME

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

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# 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.

**Meal Plan:** The meal plan offers breakfast & dinner daily, unless otherwise stated.

**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** 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 after 6 months of 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, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

**Extra food/beverage:** You are responsible for any 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 air rate, ticketing method, or on a different 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, not the tour operator. 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.

**Single Room Supplement:** Tour price based on double-occupancy. If you wish to stay in a single room, there is an additional single room supplement of \$900. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

**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 100 Days before departure on 07/16/25. Late 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% late 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 cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

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

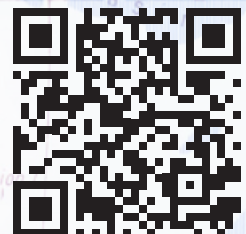
Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

## 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 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 and 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.