# Nativity Pilgrimage

Where Faith Meets Adventure

Greece & Turkey 7 CHURCHES OF ST. PAUL WITH GREEK ISLAND CRUISE

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## FOR INFO

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Complimentary medical insurance is included & active for the duration of your trip!



Soature from Houston

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes/fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels
- Ground transportation
- Bus transportation to/from Houston IAH
- Daily breakfast & dinner
- Sightseeing/admission fees
- Professional tour guides
- Daily Masses
- Medical insurance



- Trip-cancellation insurance (available 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.

#### **DAY 1: JOURNEY TO ISTANBUL**

Today marks the exciting beginning of your pilgrimage as you board your flight to the enchanting city of Istanbul! We have thoughtfully arranged every detail of your journey, so sit back, relax, and allow yourself to be enveloped by the anticipation of the spiritual adventures that await.

#### **DAY 2: WELCOME TO ISTANBUL**

Upon our arrival, you'll be warmly greeted by our friendly tour guide and driver who will ensure your comfort as we transfer to our hotel. Unwind and settle in, as we prepare for a delightful dinner together and a restful night's stay.

#### **DAY 3: EXPLORE ISTANBUL**

After breakfast, we'll explore Istanbul's rich history, starting with the magnificent Hagia Sophia, a key example of Byzantine architecture from 360 AD. Next, we'll visit the historic Hippodrome and the stunning Blue Mosque, famous for its intricate mosaics. We'll also tour the spiritual Patriarchal Cathedral Church and the captivating Subterranean Cisterns. Finally, we'll experience local culture at the Grand Bazaar before enjoying dinner and a restful night at the hotel.

#### DAY 4: NICAEA | BURSA

Following breakfast, we will embark on our journey to Bursa. We will make a fascinating stop in Nicaea, where we will explore the significant historical site of St. Sofia. This is where the Nicene Creed was formed and pivotal events that shaped Christianity took place. After our inspiring day, we will dine and relax at our hotel in Bursa.

#### DAY 5: PERGAMUM | THYATIRA | IZMIR

Athens, Greece

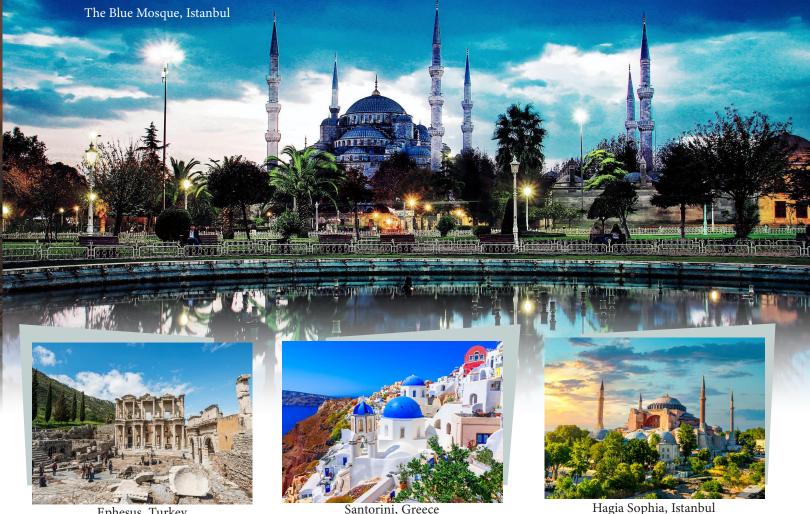
Our adventure begins in Pergamum, one of St. Paul's beloved churches, where early Christians bravely faced persecution. We will marvel at the ancient Trojan temple and the impressive Grand Theater. Our exploration continues to Thyatira, another of the seven churches celebrated for its beautiful "purple color" and exquisite carpets. After a rich day of discovery, we'll enjoy dinner and cozy up for the night at our hotel.

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

Welcome to another exciting day of adventure! We kick off in vibrant Izmir, a historical gem rich in Jewish and Christian heritage. Next, get ready for a breathtaking visit to Sardis, one of the most charming of the seven churches—it's sure to captivate your heart! We'll then journey to Philadelphia, lovingly known as "The New Jerusalem," before making our way toward the stunning Pamukkale. In the evening, enjoy a delightful dinner at your hotel, where you can unwind and reflect on your day.

#### DAY 7: PAMUKKALE | LAODICEA | COLOSSAE

Rise and shine for a breathtaking morning! We'll take an uphill trek to the famous thermal pools of Pamukkale, where you'll be awestruck by the spectacular views. Next, we'll explore the historical site of Colossae, the recipient of Paul's impactful "Letter to the Colossians." From there, we will whisk you away to Laodicea, which features in the "Book of Revelations" and is known for Paul's famous call to action to the "Lukewarm Christians." As the day closes, you'll enjoy dinner and comfort at your hotel.



Ephesus, Turkey

#### DAY 8: EPIC EPHESUS | KUSADASI

After breakfast, prepare to be inspired by the splendid ancient city of Ephesus, one of the most breathtaking archaeological sites in the world! During our tour, we'll see the majestic Odeon, the Trojan Fountain, and the steam baths and latrines. We will also see the exquisite Temple of Adrian, the illustrious Celsus Library, and the Grand Theater of Ephesus. Our final stop will be the serene house of the Virgin Mary, where she spent her final days after the Crucifixion. Tonight, enjoy dinner and overnight stay at your hotel.

### **DAY 9: CRUISE TO PATMOS**

Get ready for an adventure on the high seas! After breakfast, we'll sail to the enchanting Greek Islands, starting with the mystical Island of Patmos. Explore the beautiful monastery of San Juan and see original Gospel manuscripts, then visit the grotto of the Apocalypse, where St. John wrote the "Book of Revelations." Don't miss the remarkable crack formed by the voice of God. In the evening, enjoy a delicious dinner on board as you share stories with fellow travelers.

#### **DAY 10: CRETE AND SANTORINI**

Embark on an unforgettable journey to Crete, the largest Greek Island and the legendary birthplace of Zeus! We'll explore the archaeological site of Knossos in Heraklion, dating back to 4000 BC, followed by free time to enjoy the village. Then, we'll sail to the stunning island of Santorini, where you can take a scenic chairlift for breathtaking views. Dinner and an overnight stay will be on board, surrounded by the beautiful Aegean Sea.

#### DAY 11: ATHENS | CORINTH

Today, we begin our adventure in Athens! Our motor coach will take you on a full-day exploration, starting with historic Corinth, where St. Paul established his very first Church. You'll visit the Bema-the seat of judgment-where Paul preached to the Corinthians. We will also see the magnificent Temple of Apollo, the Old Museum, the iconic Acropolis and Parthenon, and the celebrated Olympic Stadium. After a day filled with awe and discovery, you'll return for dinner and a restful night at your hotel.

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

As our journey comes to a close, we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight home.



- Submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit along with a copy of your registration form and passport, or use the QR code on this brochure to register online.
- 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 07/30/25 (100 days before departure).

#### 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. Once issued, airfares 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:** Accommodations are 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: 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, porterage, fuel surcharges and security fees.

Medical Insurance: Your medical protection coverage is valid for the duration of the trip.

#### Your Package Does Not Include

Cancellation Insurance: We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance. We can assist you with purchasing coverage, or you may use your own insurance.

Passport Expenses: Includes passports & 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 or other services that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

Extra food/beverage: 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 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 must 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 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 transportation from the airport.

#### Important Nativity Pilgrimage Policies

The airline selects seat assignments for group air, not Nativity Pilgrimage. 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:** The tour price is based on double-occupancy. If you wish to stay in a single room, there is an additional single room supplement as stated on your registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve 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 07/30/25 (100 Days before departure). 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.

Payment Methods: We accept all major credit cards, checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction.

#### 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	2
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 this link or scan the QR code for info.

#### **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.



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