

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

IN THE STEPS OF ST. PAUL TO TURKEY & GREECE

12 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 12 - 23, 2022

Visiting

ISTANBUL * EPHESUS * PAMUKKALE * IZMIR
THESSALONIKI * KAVALA * CANAKKALE * PERGAMUM
ATHENS * CORINTH * DELPHI * KALAMBAKA

Hosted by

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\$3799 PER PERSON FROM CHICAGO

(Air/land tour price is \$3319 plus \$480 government taxes/airline surcharges)



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TOUR FEATURES:

- ◆ Round trip airfare from Chicago
- ◆ \$480 government taxes & airline surcharges
- ◆ Accommodations at first class/select hotels based on two persons sharing in twin bedded rooms with private bath
- ◆ Services of professional English-speaking guides
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing
- ◆ All admission fees, portage and hotel service charges
- ◆ Transfers to/from airports by private motor coach including meeting/assistance and portage

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

CHICAGO/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Depart today from Chicago on board your transatlantic jet flight, arriving in Istanbul the following day. Your adventure begins!

ARRIVE ISTANBUL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Today you arrive in Istanbul, a world-class city that bridges the continents of Europe and Asia. Ever since its founding in the 7th century B.C., Istanbul has attracted travelers, traders and conquerors from East and West. Transfer to your hotel for overnight. Your exciting pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece begins. (B)

ISTANBUL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Today, your sightseeing of Istanbul today will include a visit to the Topkapi Palace, home of the Ottoman Sultans with visits to the Treasury containing jewel encrusted thrones, the world's largest emerald and the famous Topkapi Dagger. Then, on to St. Sophia, originally a Christian Basilica conceived by Constantine and rebuilt by Justinian, turned into a Mosque in 1453, and in 1920 made into a museum by Ataturk for all to enjoy regardless of creed. You will also see the legendary Blue Mosque with its six minarets and dome of 109 feet. Next, visit the Archaeological Museum which houses the sarcophagus of Alexander the Great and other Biblical artifacts. Finally, stop at the Grand Bazaar, a labyrinth of over 4,000 shops displaying everything from souvenirs in copper and onyx to precious jewelry, antiques and Oriental carpets. Overnight in Istanbul. (B,D)

ISTANBUL/EPHESUS/HIERAPOLIS/PAMUKKALE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Early this morning, transfer to the Istanbul airport for a flight to Izmir. Meet your guide and motor-coach upon arrival for your transfer to Ephesus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the First Church of Revelation. Ephesus was the capital of Roman Asia Minor and Paul preached and taught here for over two years. View the magnificent harbor and the great amphitheatre which seated nearly 25,000 people. See Marble Street, the Library of Celsus, a gymnasium and the Tem-



Library of Celsus ~ Ephesus

ple of Hadrian. You will also see the Temple of Diana, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the site of the scene of religious riots. St. Paul founded the Church here and was also imprisoned in Ephesus. Also visit the Basilica of St. John, whose later life and death are associated with Ephesus and the House of the Virgin Mary. Following this tour, drive through the meandering Büyük Menderes River Valley to Hierapolis where you will tour its famous ruins and natural pools. End in Pamukkale. (B,D)

PAMUKKALE/COLOSSAE/LAODICEA/ PHILADELPHIA/SARDIS/IZMIR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

This morning drive to Colossae and then on to Laodicea, another one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Continue to ancient Philadelphia, also one of the Seven Churches of Revelation and see the remaining walls. Afterwards, travel to Sardis, site of a third Church of Revelation. Visit the Temple of Artemis, the recently constructed gymnasium and the largest Synagogue in Asia Minor. Afterwards, your journey takes you back to the port city of Izmir. (B,D)



Pamukkale

IZMIR/PERGAMUM/CANAKKALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Izmir, known as Smyrna in antiquity, was one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. The remains of ancient Smyrna are hidden under modern Izmir, but you will view the archeological remnants of the Agora. Next drive to Pergamum (modern day Bergama)

and visit another of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Here, view the ancient ruins of the famous temples dedicated to the healing gods of Asklepios and Serapis, along with the Acropolis, the Temple of Athena, and the Trajan Temple. This city was considered diabolical by early Christians because of the many pagan temples located here. Travel to Canakkale for the night. **(B,D)**



Temple of Trajan ~ Pergamum

CANAKKALE/TROY/KAVALA SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

This morning travel to the ancient city of Troy, with its four thousand year old history recalling the epic struggle of the Iliad. Afterwards cross by ferry to the European side of Turkey, also known as Eastern Thrace. Drive through the First World War Battlefields of Gallipoli before crossing the border into Greece. Your final stop of the day is the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where Paul first set foot in Europe accompanied by Silas, Luke, and Timothy. Spend the night in Kavala. **(B,D)**

KAVALA/PHILIPPI/THESSALONIKI MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Today drive to Philippi where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. Here is where Paul baptized Lydia as the first Christian convert in Europe. The Roman forum, completely excavated, is from after Paul's time. Among the ruins, located on the rocky ledge above the town's main road is the prison where Paul and Silas were confined. Next drive to Thessaloniki. Paul preached in Thessaloniki during the winters of 50-49 AD and wrote epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. See the ramparts of the city, the triumphal Arch of Galerius starting the Via Egnatia, once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire, and the seafront promenade with the White Tower. Overnight in Thessaloniki. **(B,D)**

THESSALONIKI/VERIA/KALAMBAKA TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

This morning, continue your tour of Thessaloniki, with a visit to the Roman Market, Theater, and Baths. **Jason's House** is now called the Church of Agios Nikolaos Orfanos. The site where the monastery of Vlatadon was built is believed to be the location where Jason's house once stood and where Paul was accommodated during his visit to Thessaloniki. Depart Thessaloniki, driving through the beautiful countryside of Northern Greece to visit Veria (Ancient Berea). Afterwards, travel to Meteora and view the "Hanging Monasteries". These

impressive ancient monasteries are suspended between earth and sky, atop huge granite rocks. Continue on to Kalambaka for the night. **(B,D)**

KALAMBAKA/DELPHI/ATHENS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Depart Kalambaka this morning and drive to the town of Delphi. Visit the archeological site of Delphi which has the Temple of Apollo, the Tholos, the theater, the stadium, the Treasuries of the Athenians and the Syphnias. Also visit the Castalian Spring and the Delphi Museum to see the famous Bronze Charioteer and other statues. Continue by coach along the national highway through the picturesque village of Arachova, Levadia and Thebes. Arrive in Athens, beacon of the ancient world and a cultural gem; where western philosophy, democracy and theatre were born. **(B,D)**

ATHENS/CORINTH/ATHENS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Early this morning, depart for Corinth, where Paul was centrally located for his ministry. The vigorous Gentile Church that he founded here in 50 AD prompted him to write at least two letters to them. Visit the ancient ruins of the city where Paul worked with Priscilla and Aquila. See the remains of the first century shops, the agora where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, the Fountain of Peirene, the Temple of Apollo, and the Bema.

This afternoon, embark on a tour of Athens where you will see the Royal Palace, the Stadium and Temple of Zeus, the Theatre of Dionysius and the Agora (marketplace) where Paul spoke and Socrates' prison. Visit Mars Hill and the Acropolis with the famous Parthenon. **(B,D)**

ATHENS/CHICAGO FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

This morning, transfer to the airport for our flight home to Chicago. We arrive home today with wonderful memories of a fantastic spiritual journey! **(B)**

(B) ~ Breakfast (D) ~ Dinner



Meteora Monastery

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.

- A \$600 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 110 days prior to departure date

TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

For terms and conditions please visit:
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Taxes/Airline Surcharges: In effect on May 15, 2020.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on May 15, 2020 (excluding hotel tourist taxes).

Airfare: In effect on May 15, 2020.

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2022 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on May 15, 2020 and a minimum of 32 or more participants per coach.

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12 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY & GREECE

◆ RESERVATION FORM ◆

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ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:

- ☐ double room sharing with _____
☐ single room (\$895 extra per person)

**Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ as
 Deposit (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s)**

**Please include a clear photocopy of your Passport with this Reservation Form
 Clearly print your full name (last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport:**

Passenger #1

Name: Title _____

Last _____

First _____

Middle _____

Gender: Please check ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Passport #: _____

 Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____
 (day/month/year) (day/month/year)

 Date of Birth:

MONTH	DAY	YEAR

 Place of Birth: _____ Country of
 Citizenship: _____
Passenger #2

Name: Title _____

Last _____

First _____

Middle _____

Gender: Please check ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Passport #: _____

 Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____
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 Date of Birth:

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 Citizenship: _____

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 Signature Passenger # 1

 Date

 Signature Passenger # 2

 Date