

7 CHURCHES @ ISTANBUL

March 28 - April 8, 2022

— TOUR ITINERARY —
(Subject to Change)

Hosted by Biblical Archaeologist and Bible Professor Dr. Dale W. Manor



Day 1 — Monday, March 28
Depart for Istanbul

Day 2 — Tuesday, March 29
Arrive Istanbul, a city on two continents

Our tour guide will meet us after the baggage claim with a "Dr. Dale Manor" sign. We meet and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight in Istanbul (D)

Day 3 — Wednesday, March 30
Archaeological Museum • Topkapi Palace • Hagia Sophia Church

We visit many historical and cultural sites in Istanbul today: Hippodrome Square; Istanbul Archaeological Museum; St Irene Church; Topkapi Palace; Grand Bazaar; and the Hagia Sophia

Church which was dedicated in 537 AD and which uses many columns from the Temple of Artemis in Ephesus.

We enjoy a Bosphorus (Strait of Istanbul) cruise in the late afternoon.

Overnight in Istanbul (B, D)

Day 4 — Thursday, March 31
Yedikule Fortress • Chora Church • Fly to Izmir/Smyrna

We continue our tour of Istanbul visiting the Yedikule Fortress, Chora Church, and Patriarchate in Istanbul. We drive to Bosphorus Strait to visit the Rumeli Fortress.

We take a late afternoon flight to Izmir.

Overnight in Kusadasi (B, D)



Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul

Day 5 — Friday, April 1
Ephesus • Miletus • Kusadasi

We visit Ephesus, the first of the Seven Churches. We will see the amazing ruins of this great city: the theater, the library, the Temple of Hadrian, and the newly excavated Roman Terrace Houses. We will also visit the Cave Church of Paul and Thecla which is closed to the public.

Ephesus was also the scene of the third religious council (431 AD) which debated the nature of Jesus as divine and human.

We drive south to Miletus to visit the site of the theater where Paul spoke to Ephesian elders. We stop at a leather works factory on the way.

Overnight in Kusadasi (B, D)



Theater in Ephesus

Day 6 — Saturday, April 2
Museum of Ephesus • Temple of Artemis • Aphrodisias

Today, we visit the Museum of Ephesus; see the remains of the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

We then drive to Aphrodisias, which is excavated by the New York University. See the Agora, Theater, Stadium, and Hadrian Baths. We also visit the Aphrodisias Museum.

Overnight in Pamukkale (B, D)



Day 7 — Sunday, April 3
Colossae • Laodicea • Hierapolis • Pamukkale

After breakfast we will drive to unexcavated Colossae on the foothills of Mount Honaz. Then, we will continue to Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation.

At Hierapolis we will see the monuments, thermal baths, the theater with its well-preserved stage, and Philip's Tomb.

Overnight in Pamukkale (B, D)



Street in Laodicea

Day 8 — Monday, Apr 4
Philadelphia • Sardis • Izmir

After breakfast, we will travel to Philadelphia (Alasehir). We'll see remains of a Byzantine basilica as well as some eleventh century frescoes. Philadelphia and Smyrna were the only two churches among the Seven about which John said nothing bad.

From there we'll travel to Sardis, one of the most picturesque areas of any of the Seven Churches and also the western terminus of the ancient Persian Royal Road that extended all the way to Susa in Persia. We'll see the remains of the Temple of Artemis as well as a small Byzantine church.

Finally, we will proceed to Smyrna (Izmir), one of the Seven Churches and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities of the world. We will see the Smyrna Agora.

Overnight in Izmir (B, D)

Day 9 — Tuesday, April 5
Thyatira • Pergamum • Canakkale

We begin the day by driving to Thyatira (Akhisar), the hometown of Lydia, where we see the remains of the Thyatira church.



Ruins in Sardis

We continue to Pergamum (Bergama), one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. We will visit the Acropolis (take cable car to the top), see the impressive theater, the Temple of Athena, and then visit the Asklepon at Pergamum.

We go to Canakkale for overnight. (B, D)

Day 10 — Wednesday, April 6
Smintheon • Alexandria-Troas • Troy • Bursa

We visit Smintheon at Gulpinar. We then go to Odun Iskelesi to visit the site and the port of Alexandria-Troas where Paul raised the boy, Eutychus. Paul visited this area at least twice.

We head to the legendary city of Troy and see the replica of the wooden horse, the recent discoveries, and the new Troy Museum.

Overnight in Bursa (B, D)



Temple of Trajan at Pergamum

Day 11 — Thursday, April 7
Nicaea • Istanbul

We drive to Iznik (ancient Nicaea). Of the seven ecumenical councils held, two were held in Nicaea: the First Ecumenical Council in 325 and

the Seventh Ecumenical Council in 787. We visit the ruins of St. Sophia Church where the seventh council was held. We then proceed to Istanbul.

Overnight in Istanbul (B, D)

Day 12 — Friday, April 8
We fly home from the Istanbul Airport.



Replica of wooden horse at Canakkale

Hotels Scheduled
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March 29, 30 — Istanbul
Moeventpick Golden Horn Hotel

March 31, April 1 — Kusadasi
Korumar Hotel

April 2, 3 — Pamukkale
Doga Thermal Hotel

April 4 — Izmir
Moeventpick Izmir

April 5 — Canakkale
Kolin Hotel

April 6 — Bursa
Almira Hotel

April 7 — Istanbul
Moeventpick Golden Horn Hotel

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