

**TURKEY & GREECE
JOURNEY
OCTOBER 06 – 20, 2010
ITINERARY OVERVIEW**

hosted by
Pastor Gord Reeve

WED. 06 OCT: Canada to London

Today we depart from Vancouver on our overnight flight to London. Group seating will be pre-assigned by the airline for our flight. Dinner and complimentary in-flight service will be provided this evening. (D)

THU. 07 OCT: London to Turkey

Upon arrival at London Airport we take our onward flight to Istanbul, Turkey. Once through passport and visa formalities we meet by our Turkish tour manager and driver. Driving through the Marmara region we arrive at the gateway between Europe and Asia, Istanbul (Constantinople.) Here we check-in to **The President Hotel**, for the next two nights. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. (B,D)

FRI. 08 OCT: Istanbul

After breakfast we enjoy our full day visiting historic Istanbul. Visit the **Hagia Sophia Museum** (built in the 6th century), the **Topkapi Palace** with priceless collections of jewelry and rare porcelain, the **Blue Mosque**, famous for its blue Iznik tiles, the **Hippodrome Square** where ancient chariot races were held, and the **Grand Covered Bazaar** in search of treasures. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B,D)

SAT. 09 OCT: Istanbul, Adana

This morning we begin with a visit to take in the aromas of the **Egyptian Spice Market**, followed by a boat tour on the **Bosphorus**, viewing the picturesque beauty of the European and Asian shorelines on either side. In the afternoon visit of the **St. Sauveur in Chora** church, containing the most beautiful Byzantine mosaics in the Mediterranean! At the end of our afternoon we depart for the airport and board our flight to the region of central Anatolia and the airport of **Kayseri**. From here we drive to Cappadocia where we check-in for dinner and overnight stay at the hotel **Peri Tower hotel**. (B,D)

SUN. 10 OCT: Cappadocia

This morning we drive through the staggering geological Central Anatolian region of **Cappadocia**. Truly one of the most unique landscapes in the world, it was here that early inhabitants carved into the soft volcanic rock to create underground dwellings, which eventually grew to become entire cities. Over one thousand elaborate places of worship, Early Churches, were carved out from the landscape. Many of the lavishly decorated frescoes, from as early as 5th century, can be seen today. Sometimes as many as six thousand Christians escaped from persecution by hiding in this region.

Our overnight and dinner will be back at **The Peri Tower Hotel**. (B,D)

MON. 11 OCT: Cappadocia

Today we remain in the Cappadocia region and spend the full day exploring such sights as **the Goreme open air museum, the underground city of Kaymakli, the pottery town of Avanos, the natural Citadel of Uchisar, the monastic Zelve valley and the carpet factory**.

Our afternoon sees us travel west towards the Aegean coast. Our first stop is the ancient mystic city of **Konya**. Here we will visit the **Mevlana Museum** and the **Whirling Dervish Monastery**, before arriving at our hotel, **The Ozkaymak**, for dinner and overnight stay. (B,D)

TUE. 12 OCT: Pisidian Antioch, Laodicea.

Today our journey follows that of Paul and Barnabas as we stop in **Pisidian Antioch**. Here we will visit the site of the synagogue that Paul visited during his journey. The ruins of an early Byzantine church are still visible with a mosaic of Psalm 42:4 found during recent excavations.

From here we enjoy a scenic journey through the mountains of Galatia until we arrive at ancient cities of **Colossae** and **Laodicea**.

Laodicea- The "luke warm" church that is neither hot nor cold. (Rev. 3:14-22)

Our day ends with a visit to the natural salt flats of **Pamukkale**, a truly spectacular sight indeed!

Dinner and overnight stay will be at **The Lycus River Hotel**. (B,D)

WED. 13 OCT: Ephesus

Today we have a full day visit to the unforgettable ruins of **Ephesus**:- The ‘desirable church’ that left its first love! (Rev. 2:1-7.)

In the ancient world, Ephesus was a center of travel and commerce. Situated on the Aegean Sea at the mouth of the Cayster River, the city was one of the greatest seaports of the ancient world. It was here that Paul visited, whilst on his return to Israel, but was forced to leave the city, vowing to return.

He never returned to Ephesus but, instead, held council from Melitus during his Third journey. Our day also includes a visit to the church of Apostle John.

Dinner is back at our hotel, **The Marina Hotel**, Kusadasi **(B,D)**

THU. 14 OCT: Patmos

Today we take a private ferry ride from the port of Kusadasi to the Greek Dodecanese island of **Patmos**. It is here that John received his visions and wrote the book of Revelation!

Our visit today includes the **Cave of the Apocalypse** and **monastery**.

Lunch will be on the island in the lovely port harbor at Skala.

Later this afternoon we take the ferry back to Kusadasi and our hotel. **(B,L,D)**

FRI 15 OCT: Smyrna, Pergamon, Thyatira and Sardis

After breakfast we depart for a day visiting some more sights of the Seven Churches of Revelation.

Smyrna- The persecuted church that suffered poverty and martyrdom! (Rev. 2:8-11.)

Pergamum- The worldly church that mixed doctrines and needed to repent! (Rev. 2:12-17.)

Thyatira- The false church that followed a seductive prophetess (Rev. 2:18-29.)

A truly memorable day ends with a return to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.**(B,D)**

SAT. 16 OCT: Izmir to Istanbul

This morning we take our domestic flight from Izmir to Istanbul. Upon arrival at Istanbul we shall drive to the border with Greece and say “goodbye” to our Turkish guide and “hello” to our Greek guide. Our resting point this evening is Kavala (ancient Neapolis) where we will have dinner and overnight stay. **(B,D)**

SUN. 17 OCT: Philippi, Thessalonika

After our breakfast we depart for **Philippi**, where Paul established a large church. This church was very near and dear to Paul’s heart. (Acts 16:9-33)

Here we also visit the river where Lydia was baptized and the prison where Paul and Syllas were kept captive.

From Philippi we head towards Thessalonika where we learn about Paul’s teachings at the old synagogue. (Acts 17:1-4)

Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

MON 18 OCT: Berea and Athens

After breakfast we leave Macedonia and head south to Berea where we see the beautiful mosaics depicting Paul’s teachings to the Jews. (Acts 17:10-11) journeys.

Our final stop will be Athens where we shall visit the **Acropolis** and **Mars Hill** (Acts 17:16-30), before checking into our hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B,D)**

TUE 19 OCT: Corinth and Athens

After breakfast we will embark on the short journey to ancient Corinth (Acts 18:1-17). Situated between Athens and Sparta the archeological ruins of this city offer a wonderful insight into life at the time of Paul’s visit during his second and third journeys. Dinner will be at a local restaurant this evening.**(B,D)**

WED. 20 OCT: Homeward bound.

After breakfast we board our morning flight and depart, via London, for home. Our flights bring us back to Vancouver in the late afternoon. Complimentary in flight service is provided on our flights, including breakfast and lunch. **(B,L)**

B = Breakfast. L = Lunch. D = Dinner.

Please read the following page for journey pricing and inclusions.

TURKEY & GREECE JOURNEY 06 – 20 October, 2010 INFORMATION

INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Vancouver. Fares from other cities available upon request.

Hotels: First class hotels.

Meals: Full breakfast and dinner daily with tea and coffee.

Transportation: Air conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program as per itinerary, including all entrance fees.

Tour Guide: Government licensed Tour guide, will accompany the group and work with the Leadership Teams to maximize the educational/spiritual benefits and enjoyment of the group.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

Embarkation package: An informative package will be mailed one month prior to departure.

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches. (Unless mentioned in the itinerary.)

Airline Taxes/fuel surcharges: Currently \$351.

Comprehensive Travel Insurance:

Age, up to and including 59: \$255
60 – 64: \$313
65 – 69: \$356
70 + rates available on request.

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD130.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport, valid to 20 April 2011. Canadian and USA passport holders purchase their Turkish entry visa upon arrival into Turkey.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour booking form will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and final payment: A deposit of \$400 plus insurance is required with the tour booking form. \$125 of the deposit is non-refundable for administration costs. Bookings within 60 days of departure require full payment and are 100% non-refundable after 20 Sept. 2010.

Fuel surcharges: These are included in the pricing but are subject to change.

Currency surcharge: If, in the event that the Canadian dollar devalues by over 7% between the time of printing and 90 days before departure, Christian Journeys may levy a currency surcharge.

Travel Insurance: Your Comprehensive Travel Policy includes 'trip cancellation' coverage to protect you against any cancellation penalties.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour in its entirety.

15 DAY TOUR PROGRAM

VANCOUVER PRICE:	CAD\$4295
AIR TAXES/FUEL SCHGE:	CAD\$ 351
GRATUITIES:	CAD\$ 150
TURKISH ENTRY VISA:	CAD\$ 70
TOTAL:	CAD\$ 4866
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	CAD\$ 595

Please add 3% surcharge for payment by credit card.

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