

**GREECE & TURKEY**  
**(Seven Churches & Paul's Journeys)**  
**16 OCT – 30 OCT 2007**  
**ITINERARY OVERVIEW**  
*hosted by*  
**ORANGVILLE EVANGELICAL**  
**CHRISTIAN JOURNEYS**  
**EDUCATIONAL TOURS**

**TUE 16 OCT: Canada to Greece.**

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

**WED 17 OCT: Athens.**

Upon arrival at Athens Airport we are met by our Tour Manager, who will assist us with immigration and luggage formalities. Boarding our luxury touring coach we relax and enjoy the short journey to Athens and our overnight hotel, **The President**. Before arriving at our hotel we shall take a panoramic tour of Athens, including the **Acropolis** and **Mars Hill**. Tonight we enjoy our 'Welcome to Greece' dinner. **(B,D)**

**THU 18 OCT: Corinth.**

After breakfast we will embark on the short journey to ancient Corinth. Situated between Athens and Sparta the archeological ruins of this city offer a wonderful in sight into life at the time of Paul's visit during his second and third journeys. Dinner will be back at our hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

**FRI 19 OCT: Kalambaka, Meteora**

Today we take the very scenic drive north to visit Kalambaka, world renowned for the many monasteries situated high upon the cliff tops of the Meteora rocks. Dating back to as early as the 11<sup>th</sup> century this Unesco Heritage site is truly breathtaking.

Dinner and overnight stay will be at The Divani hotel, Kalambaka. **(B,D)**

**SAT 20 OCT: Berea, Thessalonica**

This morning we drive to Berea to see the monument commemorating Paul's preaching before arriving at the ancient city of Thessalonica. Dinner and overnight stay will be at The Grand Palace, Thessalonica. **(B,D)**

**SUN 21 OCT: Phillippi, Kavala, Turkey.**

After breakfast we leave Thessalonica and head for the Greek/Turkey border. En route we will visit Philippi and Kavala.

Once cleared through passport and visa formalities we are met by our Turkish tour manager and driver. Driving through the Maramara region we arrive at the gateway between Europe and Asia, Istanbul (Constantinople.) Here we check-in to **The Germir Palace Hotel** for the next three nights. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. **(B,D)**

**MON 22 OCT: Istanbul.**

Full day Historical Istanbul tour. 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. End of our tour in the afternoon with dinner on own and overnight at your hotel. **(B,D)**

**TUE 23 OCT: Istanbul.**

You will have a short 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. Saviour in Chora church, containing the most beautiful Byzantine mosaics in the Mediterranean. End of our tour in the afternoon with dinner and overnight at your hotel. **(B,D)**

**WED 24 OCT: Istanbul, Iznik, Nicea.**

Today we leave the hotel after breakfast and drive to Iznik (ancient Nicea) via the beautiful Iznik lake road. Two ecumenical councils were held here: the First Ecumenical Council of 325 and the Seventh Ecumenical Council of 787. Visit the ruins of the Hagia Sophia Church where the Seventh Ecumenical Council was held. Then continue to Bursa, the first capital of the Ottoman empire. Visit the Green Mosque, and the green Mausoleum. Dinner and overnight at **The Almira** hotel in Bursa. **(B,D)**

**THU 25 OCT: Bursa, Thyatira, Pergamon, Izmir.**

After breakfast departure for Thyatira, Thyatira Revelation: 2:18-29 Acts 16:14. Continue to Pergamum to see the Asclepion, the ancient hospital whose approach to medicine was remarkably modern, the Acropolis, the church at the site of ancient Serapium, and the Red Court

**THU 25 OCT: Bursa, Thyatira, Pergamon, Izmir continued:**  
dedicated to Apostle John. Drive to Izmir. At arrival, visit the St. Polycarp Church, built in the 17.th century, still in use. This church is the head of the Christian community in Turkey. Dinner and overnight at the **Best Western Konak Hotel**. (B,D)

**FRI 26 OCT: Philadelphia, Sardis, Laodicea, Pamukkale.**  
After breakfast travel to Sardis, the capital city of the ancient kingdom of Lydia, and the church which was built on the foundations of the Temple of Artemis. Then continue to Philadelphia, Philadelphia Revelations: 3:7-13. Continue to Pamukkale. Before the end of the day, visit to Eskihisar, the ancient Laodicea. Dinner and overnight at the **Richmond Thermal Hotel** in Pamukkale. (B,D)

**SAT 27 OCT: Ephesus.**  
Full day visit to the unforgettable remains of Ephesus, the Archaeological Museum and the church of Apostle John. Dinner is back at our hotel, **The Pine Marina Hotel**, Kusadasi. (B,D)

**SUN 28 OCT: Patmos**  
After early breakfast, embark to your private ferry from Kusadasi to beautiful Pastmos, the cave of the Apocalypse and monastery. Dinner and overnight is at our local hotel on Patmos. (B,D)

**MON 29 OCT: Izmir to Istanbul.**  
Today we return to the Turkish mainland, sailing on the Aegean Sea. Our domestic flight from Izmir brings us to Istanbul for our last night and 'farewell dinner. Overnight will be at **The Germir Palace** tonight. (B,D)

**TUE 30 OCT: Homeward bound.**  
After breakfast we drive to Istanbul airport and begin our return journey to Canada. Our morning departure will bring us back to Toronto 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.**

**The tour manager and group leaders have the discretion to change itinerary contents during the journey.**