

Turkey: In the Footsteps of St. Paul

Travel Dates: September 20 - October 3, 2026

Logos
BIBLE STUDY

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**DAY 1 - SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20: LOS
ANGELES/ISTANBUL**

We depart Los Angeles International Airport on our flight to Istanbul, Turkey.

**DAY 2 - MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21:
ISTANBUL**

This afternoon, we arrive in Istanbul and transfer to our hotel where we relax after our long flight. Tonight, we have dinner at a lovely restaurant, our first experience of delicious Turkish food! Overnight at our hotel. (D)

**DAY 3 - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: ISTANBUL/
DARDANELLE STRAITS/CANAKKALE**

This morning we depart Istanbul for the ancient city of Troy, driving along the north shore of the Sea of Marmara and sailing across the Dardanelle straits. Here “on the windy plains of Troy,” we visit the archaeological remains for an in-depth tour of the city immortalized by Homer in the Iliad. As a special treat, Dr. C. will teach Book 6 of the Iliad, onsite! Countless others have visited the archaeological site of Troy, including Alexander the Great and Lord Byron. Late this afternoon, we arrive in Canakkale at our hotel for dinner and an overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: CANAKKALE/
PERGAMUM/IZMIR**

Today, we head for Izmir, along the way visiting Alexandria Troas, St. Luke’s home (or “Dr. Luke,” as we like to call him!), and then Pergamum, the third of seven churches that the risen and glorified Christ commands John to write to in the Book of Revelation. Here, the Lord says, “I know where you live—where Satan has his throne” (2:13). Oooo! Spooky, huh? We visit the archaeological remains of this once-great city, including the Great Altar of Zeus, probably the target of the “Satan” reference in Revelation. During our explorations, we will also visit the Aesclepiion, the great medical and healing center of the ancient world. After a self-hosted lunch in Pergamum we continue on to Izmir, where we check into our hotel for dinner and an overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 5 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: IZMIR—SARDIS,
PHILADELPHIA and THYATIRA**

Today, we make a daytrip to Sardis, Philadelphia and Thyatira—three more of the seven churches in Revelation. The Lord says of Sardis, “You have a reputation of being alive; but you are dead” (3:1); of Philadelphia, “I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan ... acknowledge that I have loved you” (3:9); and of Thyatira, “I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess” (2:20). Few people have seen the archaeological remains of these communities, and today we join their ranks! We return to our hotel, where we will have dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)



**DAY 6 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: IZMIR/KUSADASI
(EPHESUS)**

Izmir is a modern city built on the remains of ancient Smyrna, the second among the seven churches mentioned in Revelation. We begin our day with a visit to the Izmir Agora Open Air Museum. We then depart for Kusadasi, arriving at the traditional “House of the Virgin Mary,” where we will celebrate a public Mass with the Franciscans (pending confirmation). Next, we move on to the stunning archaeological remains of Ephesus. The largest and most complete archaeological site in Turkey—and one of the most spectacular archaeological sites in the world—Paul spent nearly three years here, having “discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus” (Acts 19: 9), at the end of which he said, “all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord” (Acts 19: 10). We will visit the great theater of Ephesus, where a riot breaks out and Paul is nearly killed, and later in the afternoon we will visit the site of Mary’s House, where tradition holds that Jesus’ mother spent her last days. The Apostle John served as leader of the church in Ephesus, and it is the first of the seven churches that the Lord addresses in Revelation. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B, D)



**DAY 7 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: KUSADASI/
COLOSSAE/LAODICEA/PAMUKKALE**

This morning we depart Kusadasi for Pamukkale, driving through the valley of the Meander River. The word “meander” is used to describe a winding pattern, after the river. Along the way we visit Colossae, where Paul founded a church by “remote control” and where a man named Philemon lived, along with his slave, Onesimus. Although Paul never visited Colossae, he wrote an epistle to the church there and a personal letter to Philemon. Next, we make our way to Laodicea, the last of the seven churches in Revelation and the church about which Jesus says, “You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked” (3:17). Arriving in Pamukkale, we visit the site of ancient Hierapolis, and then we check into our thermal spa hotel. We can swim in the warm thermal pools before sleeping soundly for the night! Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 8 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: PAMUKKALE/ANTALYA

We begin this morning with a visit to the tomb of St. Philip the Apostle. From there we make the long drive to Pisidian Antioch. In the afternoon, we tour the archaeological site where Paul preached his first recorded sermon, and we study this sermon in the remains of the synagogue where Paul preached it! After our study, we head south to Antalya, with a late arrival at our hotel. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: ANTALYA—PERGE

This morning we take a short drive north to Perge where Mark deserted Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey. After touring this beautiful site, we return to Antalya for lunch (on our own) and an afternoon at leisure. We have dinner tonight at our hotel. (B,D)

DAY 10 - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: ANTALYA/KONYA/ CAPPADOCIA

This morning we begin a daylong scenic drive through the Taurus Mountains to Cappadocia. It is a day “in transit,” driving through beautiful mountains and stunning scenery. On our way, we stop for lunch (on our own), followed by a visit to the Mausoleum of Mevlana, located in Konya. It is the burial place of Rumi, the Persian Sufi mystic, poet and founder of the Whirling Dervishes. By day’s end we arrive in the fantasyland of Cappadocia, with its curious rock formations and “faerie chimneys.” Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 11 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: CAPPADOCIA—GOREME, WEAVING CENTER, and WHIRLING DERVISHES

If the weather conditions permit, we will begin our day at “0 -dark-30” with an optional hot air balloon ride over the stunning landscape of Cappadocia (at an additional cost and payable by credit card). This hot air balloon ride is often described as a FABULOUS experience! After breakfast, we tour Cappadocia and visit the Monastic Center of Goreme, famous for its churches hewn into the rocks and the underground city of Kaymakli. This afternoon, we visit a weaving center and have an opportunity to buy some of the most beautiful hand-woven carpets in the world. Here, we will learn the process of “woven poetry,” from the tiny silkworm to the final product. Later in the evening, we will attend a religious ceremony of the Whirling Dervishes. This is not an entertainment as we might see elsewhere, but a beautiful and deeply moving spiritual experience. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)



DAY 12 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 01: CAPPADOCIA/ ISTANBUL—BLUE MOSQUE/HAGIA SOPHIA

After breakfast, we depart this morning for our flight to Istanbul. After arriving, we will explore the Old City, visiting the famed Blue Mosque and the legendary Hagia Sophia. In the afternoon we check into our hotel to relax before dining out at a local restaurant. Overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 13 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 02: ISTANBUL—TOKAPI PALACE, MUSEUM OF THE ANCIENT ORIENT, GRAND BAZAAR, and BOSPHORUS CRUISE

On our last day in Turkey, we begin with a visit to the famous Topkapi Palace, the seat of the Ottoman Empire for 500 years and home of the Sultans. Our next visit is to the Museum of the Ancient Orient famed for relics unearthed from the Holy Land and Old Testament sites. After lunch (on our own), we enjoy a tour of the Grand Bazaar to hunt for bargains. Dr. C.’s wife, Ana, loves this place that has 61 covered streets and over 4,000 shops . . . and Ana knows all of the best vendors! We return to our hotel for some rest before a private cruise on the Bosphorus, featuring a beautiful panoramic view of exotic Istanbul, seeing the minarets of the Blue Mosque and the stunning dome of Hagia Sophia. Tonight, we conclude with an amazing farewell dinner at the famed Angel Blue Seafood restaurant. This will be a time to share our many joys and memories and to bid farewell to our Turkish hosts and friends. Overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 14 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 03: ISTANBUL/LOS ANGELES

After breakfast, we depart for the airport and board our flight home, cherishing our memories of a beautiful country, the sites we have seen that make Scripture come alive, and our wonderful Turkish friends and colleagues. (B)

Note:

- This is a moderately strenuous tour, walking on archaeological sites, cobblestone streets and hills. For your safety and enjoyment, you should be able to walk a mile briskly and climb 100 stairs. Most sites are not handicapped accessible.
- While we do our very best to make sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your group leader and tour guide.

Trip Price —\$8,999.00

Trip price includes: round trip group coach air from Los Angeles; US and Intl. departure taxes; local group air fare— Cappadocia to Istanbul; group transfers from group flights to group lodgings; accommodation and sightseeing per itinerary; certain meals per itinerary (listed as “B”, “L” or “D” in the daily itinerary); entrance fees to sights visited as noted in the itinerary; destination group ground transportation; local guide(s); and all standard taxes and gratuities. Prices based on a **minimum group size of 30**.

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy. A deposit of \$1,500.00 per traveler based on double occupancy is due at registration. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. Full payment must be received by May 8, 2026. All offers are subject to availability, are capacity controlled and may be withdrawn at any time without prior notice. Trip price does not include airline baggage charges, travel insurance cost, individual transfers, optional items or personal expenses, or other items not listed as included in the itinerary. Lunches, meals/dinners not listed on the itinerary as included, and beverages at all meals are not included.

Devotion Travel reserves the right to add a surcharge if the dollar declines by more than 2% against the Euro on foreign exchange rates.

Post-booking changes in fees, fuel surcharges, and taxes may result in surcharges to each traveler. By taking this Trip, each traveler agrees that Devotion Travel (a division of Executours Travel Service "Executours") may pass along such increases to the Trip member to offset increased taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges and agrees to pay the additional charges to offset them.

Devotion Travel and/or Dr. Bill Creasy reserve the right to cancel this trip for any reason in their sole judgment, including insufficient minimum number of participants. Dr. Creasy and Devotion Travel may reschedule Trip dates; adjust, omit or limit itineraries or scheduled stops or activities; and/or substitute hotels or flight arrangements as circumstances warrant in their sole judgment.

Information and pricing are subject to change without notice. Additional restrictions, terms and conditions apply. We cannot be responsible for incomplete or inaccurate representations, which may not be under our control. In the event of a pricing error, misrepresentation, or omission, we reserve the right to adjust pricing or make other corrections.

Payment Schedule & Refund and Cancellation Fees Per Person

Fees are based on the date written notice of cancellation is received by Devotion Travel.

From registration until February 14, 2026, fee is \$900.00.

From February 15 - May 7, 2026, fee is 100% of deposit.

Final payment due: May 8, 2026

From May 8 - June 16, 2026 – cancellation fee is 50% of Trip price.

From June 17 - July 9, 2026 – cancellation fee is 75% of Trip price.

On/after: July 10, 2026-- 100% cancellation fee (no refund).

If final payment is not received by May 8, 2026, a late payment fee of \$150 will be assessed or we may cancel your registration and refund your payment, less applicable cancellation fee.

Health/Mobility

This trip requires walking (including on rough and uneven surfaces), climbing stairs and inclines, and at times significant exertion in order to see and experience all aspects of the itinerary.

The itinerary is not suitable for and cannot be fully accessed by persons with limited mobility, including persons who use a wheelchair or walker. Trip members should consult their personal physician for individual assessments and recommendations. Any needed assistance must be provided by the traveler at his/her expense and cannot be provided by Devotion Travel or Logos Bible Study.

Optional Travel Insurance

For your convenience we offer a travel protection plan provided by Allianz Global Assistance (DBA Allianz Travel Insurance).

The full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, are contained in the [Description of Coverage](#) or call Allianz at (866) 884-3556 for any specific travel insurance questions you may have, reference **Plan Code: ACCAM F204731**.

This trip, while in Cappadocia includes an optional hot air balloon ride (weather permitting and at an additional cost). **Please note activities such as hot air ballooning may be excluded from coverage on the offered travel insurance plan.** To learn more or should you have any questions, please contact Allianz at (866) 884-3556 and reference **Plan Code: ACCAM F204731**.

Travel insurance is offered through Devotion Travel. Devotion Travel is not an insurance agent or broker and cannot answer questions or provide advice concerning coverage or technical questions about the travel insurance.

Terms, exclusions, and limits are governed by the coverage documents (available on request). **Travel insurance payment is non-refundable.** Estimated Trip insurance cost is \$746.00 insures up to \$9,000.00 Trip cost.

Registration Form

A signed registration form (Seller of Travel disclosures available online) is required from each traveler agreeing to the terms and conditions for the Trip.

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