



The Missionary Journey of Paul Spring 2020

This unique tour focuses on the missionary journeys of Paul in Acts 13-19. After a tour of Istanbul we will visit Perge (Acts 13:13), the city Paul passed through on his way to Psidian Antioch (Acts 13:14-52). We will follow Paul's trek into the mountains heading to Psidian Antioch, but will turn west toward the Lycus Valley to visit the unexcavated site of Colossae and the nearby town of Laodicea (Colossians 2:1; 4:16; Revelation 3:14) and Hierapolis (Colossians 4:13). We will have the opportunity to visit several of the cities associated with the book of Revelation including Sardis, Smyrna, Philadelphia and Pergamon.

The acropolis of Pergamon is known for its spectacular theater and Temple dedicated to the Roman emperor Trajan. We will also visit Miletus where Paul said farewell to the Ephesian elders (Acts 20), the spectacular ruins of the temple of Apollo at Didyma and the Hellenistic city of Priene. The tour ends in Ephesus, the site of Paul's three year preaching and teaching ministry. We will visit terrace houses, examples of how the wealthy of Ephesus lived, the Library of Celsus, the agora where Paul rented a room to teach each day (Acts 19:9-10), and the theater where Demetrius led a riot to protest Paul's missionary success in Ephesus (Acts 19:23-40).

Tours of this part of Turkey often focus on the Seven Churches of Revelation. We will visit some of these locations, but our focus will be on the missionary activity of Paul. Plan to join us in March of 2020 for this exciting tour of important Greco-Roman sites which are important background for understanding the book of Acts and the letters of Paul.

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March 3 - 12, 2020

Depart Chicago - Fly Northern Cyprus via Istanbul

Arrive Istanbul Airport - Connecting flight TK962 18:25/20:10 to Cyprus Ercan - Overnight Girne

Visit Paphos - Overnight Girne

Visit Salamis - Transfer to Ercan Airport for flight to Antalya - Overnight Antalya

Perga, Attalia (lunch at St. Paul Center), Museum, 2-hour boat trip to Magydus - Overnight Antalya

Pisidian Antioch/Colossae - Overnight Pamukkale

Hierapolis/Laodicea/Ephesus Museum, St. John's Basilica, Temple of Artemis - Overnight Kusadasi

Miletus/ Didyma/Priene - Overnight Kusadasi

AM visit Ephesus; PM visit Smyrna agora; flight to Istanbul - Overnight Istanbul

Hagia Sophia, Hagia Eirene, Archaeology Museum, Istanbul tour; Istanbul - Fly back to Chicago.

Including:

- ♦ Roundtrip international air fair between Chicago and Istanbul
- ♦ In-country (Turkey) flights
- ♦ 2 nights at a 4-star Salamis Bay Conti Hotel in Northern Cyprus (Salamis)
www.salamisbayconti.com/index.php/en
- ♦ 2 nights at 4-star Best Western Khan Hotel in Antalya (or similar)
- ♦ 1 night at 4-star Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale
www.dogathermalhotel.com/eng/doga_thermal.html (or similar)
- ♦ 2 nights at 4-star Ramada Hotel in Kusadasi
www.ramadaresortkusadasi.com (or similar)
- ♦ 2 nights at Arcadia Blue Hotel in Old City Istanbul (or similar)
www.hotelarcardiablue.com
- ♦ Daily breakfast and 9 dinners
- ♦ One lunch at St. Paul Cultural Center
- ♦ All transportation by private bus (air conditioned)
- ♦ English speaking, government licensed, Bible-oriented guides in Turkey and Cyprus
- ♦ All entry fees to the sites and museums
- ♦ Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- ♦ Service charges and local taxes
- ♦ Tips to tour guide and drivers

Excluding:

- Turkish Visa fee to be paid online prior to arrival www.evisa.gov.tr
- Lunches and Drinks (bottled water IS included)
- Personal expenses (laundry, phone calls, all kind of insurance, etc)

