

The Apostle and the Apocalypse:

A Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey

June 8–22, 2010

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Mon., June 8 Departure

Depart from the East Coast on a transatlantic flight to Greece.

Tues., June 9 Athens

See the famous Acropolis, visit the Parthenon, Propylaea, and Mars Hill where the Apostle Paul preached. Enjoy a panoramic tour to the rest of the sites of Athens. Enjoy a visit to the National Museum of Athens. Dinner and overnight in Athens at the Divani Palace.

Wed., June 10 Corinth

Drive to ancient Corinth, where Paul lived and preached. See the Corinth Canal, the temples and the archeological museum. Visit the Theatre of Corinth to see the inscription mentioning Erastus and the ancient road across the isthmus. Visit two famous ancient ports—Lechaion and Cenchréan. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

Thurs., June 11 Athens – Delphi

Enjoy the beautiful scenery of Greece as you travel to Delphi. Visit the temple of Apollo, the Athenian Treasury, the Theater, the Archeological Museum, and the first ancient world monument built to “One God.” Dinner and overnight in Delphi at Nafsika Palace Hotel.

Fri., June 12 Delphi – Kalambaka

Depart for Kalambaka, stopping at the Byzantine Monasteries of Meteora. Visit a Byzantine iconography workshop near Kalambaka. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka at Divani Meteora Hotel.

Sat., June 13 Kalambaka / Vergina / Thessaloniki

Depart for Vergina and visit the Royal Tombs, including that of Phillip II, father of Alexander the Great. Continue to Thessaloniki, second largest city in Greece. See the white tower, the Arch of Galerius, the churches of Aghios Demetrius and Agia Sophia, and visit the Roman Forum. Dinner and overnight at the Macedonia Palace Hotel.

Sun., June 14 Thessaloniki / Philippi / Kavala / Alexandroupoulos

Visit the Archeological Museum of Thessaloniki to see the special exhibit of Macedonian gold and a rich collection of jewelry. Follow the ancient highway of Via Ignatia to Philippi.

Philippi was witness to Paul's first Christian converts on European soil. See the Via Ignatia, St. Paul's prison, and the archeological museum. Continue to where Lydia, the first Christian woman in Europe, was baptized. Drive to Kavala, ancient site of Neapolis. Dinner and overnight in Alexandroupoulos at Thraki Palace Hotel.

Mon. June 15 Alexandroupoulos – Turkish Border

Say good-bye to Greece and travel to Canakkale, Turkey. Check into the Tusan Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Tues., June 16 Canakkale / Izmir / Kusadasi

Drive to the legendary city of Troy, and Bergama for a visit to the Acropolis and the Asclepion of the Hellenistic city of Pergamon. Visit Mt. Pagos to see the remains of the Hellenistic castle of Lysimachos (Kadifekale), providing a full view over Izmir and the Roman Agora of the ancient city of Smyrna. Drive to Pine Marina Hotel in Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.

Wed., June 17 Ephesus

Drive to Selcuk to visit the ancient city of Ephesus, the House of the Virgin Mary, the Basilica of St. John and the Ephesus Museum. Visit the Slope Houses located behind the shops on the south side of Curetes Street. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

Thurs., June 18 Kusadasi – Pamukkale

Drive to Balat to visit Miletus. Continue to the village of Geyre to visit Aphrodisias, a city dedicated to Aphrodite. Visit its museum to see relief panels and sculptures recovered from the ancient structure of Sebasteion. Continue to Pamukkale to see the remains of ancient Laodicea. Drive to the ancient city of Hierapolis and the unique limestone formations of Pamukkale. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale at the Richmond Thermal Hotel.

Fri., June 19 Pamukkale / Sardis / Bursa

Drive to the ancient city of Sardis to visit the remains of the Gymnasium, the Synagogue, and

the Temple of Artemis. Continue to Bursa to visit the Green Mosque, the Green Tomb, the Grand Mosque and the Koza Han. Remain in Bursa for dinner and overnight at the Holiday Inn.

Sat., June 20 Bursa / Istanbul

Depart Bursa and drive to Nicaea, famous for two ecumenical councils in the Byzantine period and later, during the Ottoman Empire, for its tiles. Continue to Istanbul to visit the Chora Church. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul at the Yasmak Sultan Hotel.

Sun., June 21 Istanbul

See the highlights of Istanbul; the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, Topkapi Palace, the Hagia Sophia, the Grand Bazaar, and the Archeological Museum. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Mon., June 22 Depart for USA

Transfer to the Istanbul Airport this morning for the return flight to the U.S.



Estimated Tour Price from the East Coast: \$3,895, based on double occupancy

Single Room Supplement: \$695

NOTE: This tour price is based on current information and is subject to change. There is also the possibility that a slight adjustment in dates may be necessary, depending on airline availability. Dates and pricing will be confirmed in August, 2009. Your \$50 holding fee is fully refundable until three weeks after you have received a full brochure with confirmed tour price.

**Connecting flights from various U.S. cities can be arranged.*

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Yes! I'm interested in holding space on the Apostle and the Apocalypse, Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey with Pastor Paul Elbert and Dr. Brian Peterson. I have enclosed my check for \$50** per person to hold space on the tour. Please send me the completed brochure with confirmed tour price when available. GRE060810LCLW

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