

# The Holy Land Turkey & Greece

## 2025 YEAR

- \*The trip will take place in case of a group of 16 people
- 12 days / 10 nights
- Price is per person for double occupancy
- Extra charge for single room accommodation - Single-room supplement totals are Israel, Turkey & Greece \$784.
- \* Accommodation at 4-5\* hotels, or hotels of the appropriate level.
- \*\*\* Rate is valid with a deposit of \$500 at the moment of registration. Please, note, \$200 is non-refundable administrative fee in any dates in any case even due to war, conflicts etc.
- We do understand planes may change – please, see carefully all cancellation terms and conditions.



DEPARTURE DATE

FEB 04 - FEB 15, 2025



PRICE / PERSON

\$5,099.00



DEPARTURE DATE

MAR 04 - MAR 15, 2025



PRICE / PERSON

\$5,199.00



DEPARTURE DATE

JUL 08 - JUL 19, 2025



PRICE / PERSON

\$5,799.00



DEPARTURE DATE

NOV 04 - NOV 15, 2025



PRICE / PERSON

\$5,299.00

## **DAY 1 - Tuesday**

### **NEW YORK / ISTANBUL**

Tour members are welcomed to New York for our departing flight to Istanbul via wide-body aircraft arriving the next day. Meals served on board.

## **DAY 2 - Wednesday**

### **ISTANBUL / TEL AVIV / TIBERIAS**

This morning we will arrive in Istanbul and transfer to our flight to Israel. Upon arrival in Tel Aviv we are met by our guide who will be with us for the time we are in the Holy Land. Continue past Tel Aviv, the largest city in Israel, to the famous Sea of Galilee where we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

## **DAY 3 - Thursday**

### **SEA OF GALILEE / CAPERNAUM / BEIT SHEAN**

This morning we enjoy a relaxing boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, landing at Nof Ginosar where we will see the New Testament Boat found below the sea. Continue our morning tour with a visit to Capernaum, Tabgha and the Mount of Beatitudes.

In the afternoon we follow the Rift Valley the Rift Valley running parallel to the Jordan, along the route Jesus most frequently traveled to Jerusalem. We visit Bet Shean at the foot of Mt. Gilboa, where King Saul was slain, see the evidences of Egyptian, Roman, and Byzantine occupations, and view the ancient tel, Roman Theater and church mosaics. Our last stop today will be at the Jordan River where we may have the opportunity to be baptized (provided a pastor is traveling on the tour), then return to the hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

## **DAY 4 - Friday**

### **TIBERIAS / NAZARETH / CAESAREA / JERUSALEM**

"We are going up to Jerusalem." (Matt. 20:18). We drive west to Nazareth. Traveling through Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed his first Miracle, turning water into wine (John 2). We proceed to Nazareth and ascend the Mount of the Precipice at the brow of Nazareth overlooking the Valley of Jezreel, synonymous with Armageddon. We then drive through the valley to the mound of Megiddo, Har Megiddo in Hebrew, which gave its name to Armageddon. We then ascend Mt. Carmel, site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal.

From there we drive towards the Mediterranean coast traveling south along the coastal highway to Caesarea by the Sea. We enter Caesarea Maritima to explore this Roman bridgehead to the east, which became the Christian springboard to the west. After the visit to this ancient harbor, we board our bus and we head up the historic Beth Horon road (Joshua 10:10) to the Benjamin Plateau, passing ancient Gibeon and continuing on to Jerusalem. Finally, atop Mt. Scopus, we behold majestic Jerusalem. Check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

## **DAY 5 - Saturday**

### **MASADA / QUMRAN / DEAD SEA / JERICHO**

Today we drive to Masada and ascend by cable car to the magnificent ruins of the fortress where, from 70 to 73 AD, Jewish defenders made their last stand in the Judean revolt against Rome. We see the remains of storehouses, cisterns and a sixth-century Byzantine church. Continuing alongside the Dead Sea, 1,300 ft. below sea level – the lowest spot on earth – we proceed to Ein Gedi where time permitting we will walk the path to see the waterfall in the desert.

This afternoon we continue to Qumran and the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We will have a stop for lunch and time for those that want to swim in the Dead Sea. We travel to Jericho, the world's oldest city. From the excavated tel atop the ruins of ancient Jericho we view the lush green Jordan Valley, Elisha's spring and Qarantal, the Mount of Temptation. We will head up to Jerusalem and return to the hotel for dinner.

## **DAY 6 - Sunday**

### **MT. OF OLIVES / GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE / SHEPHERD'S FIELDS / BETHLEHEM**

"If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace." (Luke 19:42) Our drive this morning takes us past the Chapel of Ascension and Patemoster to the Mt. of Olives for an orientation view of Jerusalem and the opportunity of a group photograph overlooking Jerusalem. We then walk the traditional Passion walk. We descend to the church known as Dominus Flevit ("Our Lord weeps"). After viewing the Golden Gate, we walk downhill to Gethsemane, where we take time to meditate on the Gospel text and view the Church of All Nations. Enter the Old City and make our way to the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, before before we proceed to the Jerusalem Archeological Park where we see the Steps that entered the temple and the Southern Wall. It was here that Jesus would have taught the disciples. See a video that shows the temple as it was at Herod's (or Jesus') time.

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord". (Luke 2:10-11). This afternoon we drive south to one of the possible sites for Shepherds' Fields. We continue into Bethlehem itself, walking through the restored old town to the Church of the Nativity and visiting the manger and see the cave of St. Jerome. We drive back to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

## **DAY 7 - Monday**

### **OLD CITY / VIA DOLOROSA / GARDEN TOMB**

"He has risen!" (Mark 16:6) After breakfast we transfer to the Dung Gate, where we ascend to the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque, considered the third holiest site of Islam, located on the site of the ancient Temple Mount. Here the first and second Temples once stood. Just to the north we find the Pools of Bethesda (John 5) and St. Anne's Church. The church is perfectly preserved from the Crusader period – with remarkable acoustics. Continuing on we see Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and the Arch of Ecce Homo (Behold the Man). We then follow the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) through the bazaars as far as the Holy Sepulcher. From there we walk from the Christian Quarter along the Arab Souks through the Cardo Maximo and past the Armenian Quarter. Continuing on to Mount Zion we visit the Upper Room and the Tomb of King David, and then to the grounds of a church called Peter in Gallicantu, which affords the best view of early Jerusalem from the west. (Here, the Assumptions Fathers suggest, was the house where the High Priest Caiaphas interrogated Jesus). We board our bus to the Garden Tomb where we will end our day with a special visit and the possibility of having a private communion on the grounds outside the city walls. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

## **DAY 8 - Tuesday**

### **JERUSALEM / ISTANBUL / BLUE MOSQUE / ST. SOPHIA**

This morning we will be taken to the airport for our flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival we will be met by our guide and board our bus. We begin our day with a tour to the unique Blue Mosque built in 1609 by Sultan Ahmet. The interior walls are covered with twenty thousand blue Iznik tiles. Our sightseeing continues with Hippodrome and Basilica of St. Sophia, which has inspired architects and religious leaders for over fifteen hundred years. Constructed in 326 by Constantine the Great, it has been a cathedral, a mosque, and now a museum. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

## **DAY 9 - Wednesday**

### **ISTANBUL / SPICE BAZAAR / BOSPHERUS CRUISE**

We will begin our day with a morning of shopping at Eminönü's Spice Bazaar. Al Bazaar, this large covered market has remained the city's center for spice trade century. Next, we will embark on a cruise of the Bosphorus, the winding straight that separates Europe and Asia and connects the Black Sea with the inland Sea of Marmara. This is our time to relish the views of the old wooden mansions, Ottoman palaces, and ancient fortresses that dot the river's coast before the ship drops us off in Asia! Here, we will visit Beylerbeyi Palace, which was constructed between 1861 and 1865 during the reign of Sultan Abdülaziz as a summer residence for the Ottoman sultans. Next, we will enjoy impressive views from Camlica Hill. At 268 meters above

sea level, it is the highest point in Istanbul, offering panoramic views of the surrounding area. From the top, we can see the Bosphorus Bridge, the Eminonu Peninsula, the Sea of Marmara, and the Princes' Island. And if the skies are clear this day, we may also see as far as Mount Uludag near Bursa! Then, we will drive across the bridge back to Europe and return to our hotel. The afternoon will be free to explore on your own. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

## **DAY 10 - Thursday**

### **ISTANBUL / ATHENS**

This afternoon we board our flight to Athens. Arriving in Athens we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

## **DAY 11 - Friday**

### **ATHENS / CORINTH**

This morning we start our tour of Athens by visiting the important modern and archaeological sites in the city of Athens, the Acropolis and neighboring monuments. While driving through the main streets of Athens, we have an opportunity to see other places of interest such as the University, the Academy, the National Library, the

Temple of Zeus, the Panathenian Stadium, Omonia Square, Constitution Square and the Royal Palace.

This afternoon we drive along the coastal road to Corinth. Continue along the wonderful beach of Kinetta, make a brief stop at the Corinth Canal, then on to ancient Corinth to visit the Museum, the Bema of St. Paul, the Doric Temple of Apollo, the Askeleion, Agora, Lechaion Road, and the Peirene Fountain. Return to our hotel for dinner overnight.

## **DAY 12 - Saturday**

### **ATHENS / NEW YORK**

This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight back home. We arrive back in New York and transfer to our flights home with unforgettable memories to cherish always. Knowing we have walked in the footsteps of Jesus and the early Christians on such a memorable tour will bring new meaning to our Bible reading.

\* \* The route, as well as the order of visiting places, may be changed due to quarantine restrictions, as well as for safety reasons or due to the weather, road repair work etc.

**All-inclusive PACKAGE PRICE**  
**INCLUDES:**

- International Airfare from NY
  - Transfers;
- Guide;
- Deluxe A/C Motor Coaches
- Accommodation at 4,5-star hotel;
- Breakfasts and dinners (buffet) at the hotels;
- All entrance fees to museums, archeological parks on the program;
- Live Audio Headsets;
- Tips and gratitude for guide and bus driver

**THE PACKAGE PRICE EXCLUDES.**

- Insurance (from 60 usd per person – price depends on the age and state of residence and chosen coverage)
  - Lunches
  - Personal expences

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Single-room supplement totals are Israel, Turkey & Greece \$784.

**MEALS:** Unlimited buffet, Israel, Turkey & Greece **BREAKFASTS 10** and **DINNERS 10** are included. No meals are provided in USA. Extra charge for coffee, tea or other beverage not included in the menu of the day. If a passenger chooses not to have a meal, there will be no refund for unused meals.

**AIRLINE ROUTES & TICKETS:** In order to keep prices low, Favor travel tours \$tickets LLC - FTTT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once "printed" or "issued", airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. Full payment is due 45 days prior to commencement of travel. If the passenger cancels within 45 days of departure or after air tickets are written (whichever comes sooner), then 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice. AIR--cost and schedules could change. Please Note: An overnight may be necessary for groups misconnecting on the outbound or return. Airline tickets are issued 45 days prior to departure, seat assignments can be requested but are not guaranteed as most group seat assignments can only be finalized at the airport upon check in.

**ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:** You may incur additional airline baggage and optional fees (food, Excess Baggage, Items of a Personal Nature etc...) and will be charged by the airline at check in.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Tips to guides & drivers, gratuities to porters, restaurant and hotel servers, fuel surcharges, foreign departure taxes and visas (for US passport holders) are included in the tour cost. (Increases in government taxes, fuel surcharges, gratuities and visas fees are subject to change). The taxes as of print are: Israel, Turkey & Greece \$737, the tips as of print are: Israel, Turkey & Greece \$173 per person. Turkey visas are \$20 and are included.

**SIGHTSEEING:** By modern motor coach including services of English speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Where available all groups will be provided with portable listening devices. Passengers are responsible for loss or damage of the device.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport, laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters and after-dinner coffee or tea, meals not included in the itinerary, room service, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned. Baggage fees and surcharges are different for every airline therefore please contact the airline for specific baggage allowance and fees. FTTT and partners are not responsible for these related fees as this is solely the responsibility of the passenger.

**PASSPORTS, VISAS:** A valid passport is required for all passengers. If you do not have a passport please contact your local passport office. Passports must be valid for 6 months after return date. For all non-US citizens please consult the consulate for each country you will be entering as a VISA may also be required and will be the responsibility of each passenger to obtain.

**TOUR PRICE:** Price is based on international tariffs and rates in effect on Date of proposal and is subject to change should there be a revision in AIR or LAND rates prior to payment in full of the tour price. Price is based on a minimum of passengers using double occupancy. In the event that a minimum of passengers does not book the tour within 91 days of departure the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. You will be notified immediately upon any increase and will have the option of paying the difference or cancelling with full refund. Late booking or changes may result in an additional fee. FTTT reserves the right to correct invoices, itineraries, and/or brochures without notice.

**PRICE INCREASES:** All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change if not paid in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. You will be notified immediately upon discovery of an increase and will have the option of paying the difference or canceling with full refund.

**LAND ONLY:** From time to time a tour may be canceled due to not materializing. If you choose to purchase a land only package and arrange your own domestic and international flight independently, FTTT is not responsible for any International flight schedule changes. If domestic tickets are purchased by an individual, all penalties and fare differences will be paid by the client.

**RESERVATIONS:** Reservations received within 90 days or less from departure may incur an additional late fee plus any additional fees based on air availability at that time of registration. For reservations received 90 – 61 days prior to departure a \$100 late reservation fee) will be applied (plus additional airline & land fees).. For Reservations received 60 – 31 days before departure the late fee will be \$200; for reservations received 30 – 1 days prior to departures the late fee will be \$300 per person. Additional fees will be advised upon registration

**TOUR PROTECTION PLAN (optional):** FTTT recommends you purchase a Tour Protection Plan for Trip Cancellation/Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay, and more.

**DEPOSIT, PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATION:** A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which will be applied to the price of the tour. An additional 25% of the remaining balance will be due at 200 days prior, 120 days prior, and 60 days prior to the departure. The remaining balance to be paid in full not later than 45 day prior to departure of the tour. If payment is not received 45 days prior to departure, a \$100 late payment fee will be assessed. All cancellations must be in writing by letter, fax or e-mail to FTTT and partners and will be in effect on the date of receipt by Partners of FTTT. There is no exception to cancellation fee. Any exceptions must be in writing from FTTT. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy at the time of ticket issue. Returned checks incur a \$30 NSF fee.



**Cancellation Fees:**

- **121 + Days Prior:** \$200.00 per person administration fee
- **120-91 Days Prior:** \$200 for international tour, \$500 for international tour and cruise
- **90-61 Days Prior:** \$500 for international tour, \$700 for International tour and cruise
- **60-46 Days Prior:** 50% of tour cost
- **45 Days Prior or less:** 100% of tour cost

**RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:** Land arrangements including surface transportation: FTTT, and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others which provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or non-performance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. International air carriers and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage. The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary, delete or substitute sites when tour operator feels it to be in the best interest of the tour. FTTT does not provide additional assistance to any passengers that have physical or mobility limitations as tour itineraries require full mobility. Please advise FTTT if you have any limitations that may impact your tour. All changes not received in writing by FTTT at least 45 days prior to departure will incur a \$75 change fee per person for each revision (that is in addition to any other charges per revision once the basic or pre/post tour package has been confirmed).

**FIT TO TRAVEL:** By registering, passengers accept responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Many sites are not accessible to physically challenged and may limit the overall tour experience. FTTT does not provide additional assistance to passengers with physical or mobility limitations as tour itineraries require full mobility. Please advise FTTT if you have any limitations that may impact your tour.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:** The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to emergencies. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged the cost of the additional hotel accommodations, meals and single rooms supplements required. Should sights be missed due to necessary changes, no refund for missed touring will be given.

**CHANGES & DEVIATIONS:** All changes and deviations will incur a \$125 fee, plus any other additional costs associated with services included in the basic or pre/post tour and change requests must be received at least 90 days prior to departure of the tour. Transfers are included in our group round-trip programs, passengers who deviate or purchase land only packages will be responsible for arriving and leaving independently and must transfer at their own expense.

**CREDIT CARDS:** All prices already include a 5% discount for payment by cash, check or money order.

**EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS:** Foreign currency exchange rates fluctuate daily. For example, in 2012, Euro rates versus the US Dollar fluctuated from a low below 1.10 to almost 1.70 (meaning that one Euro cost \$1.10 to \$1.70 US). It is very difficult to set the price of a tour when we cannot predict what exchange rates will do. We price our tours at \$1.10 = € 1 and adjust for fluctuations at final billing. If the rate drops below the original rate, we pass the savings on. If rates increase, we must pass those costs on.