

Turkey

«THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA»

ISTANBUL - EPHESUS (SELJUK CITY) - SMYRNA (IZMIR CITY) - PERGAM (PERGAM CITY) - PHILADELPHIA (ALASHEHIR CITY) - SARDIS (SALIHILI CITY) - FIATIRU (AKHISARCITY) - PAMUKKALE - LAODIKIA (ESKIHISAR CITY) - TROY - ISTANBUL

- The trip will take place in case of a group of 20 people
- If you want to have this trip with your family or friends less than 20 people – contact us for quote!
- 9 days / 7 nights
- Price starting \$ 1,699 + airticket
- Price is per person for double occupancy
- Extra charge for single room accommodation - \$600.
- 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, \$100 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.



DAY 1. Departure from the USA

DAY 2.

Arrival in Istanbul. In case of daytime arrival-sightseeing tour around European part of Istanbul with photo stops. Check-in to the hotel. Dinner.

DAY 3

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out from the hotel.

Excursion around Istanbul. Ai Sophia. Blue Mosque. Chora Monastery. Grand Bazaar (1 hour). Boat trip on the Bosphorus. Check-in to the hotel. Dinner.

DAY 4

Early breakfast. Check-out from the hotel.

Visit to the ancient city of Troy.

Continue our journey to Pergamon. Explore the Acropolis of Bergama (ancient Pergamon) and take the cable car. Admire the Basilica from the outside! "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things said he which has the sharp sword with two edges; I know your works, and where you dwell, even where Satan's seat is: and you hold fast my name, and have not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwells" (Revelation 2:12-13). Pergamon, an ancient Greek city and one of the seven churches (referring to Christian communities in each city, not just buildings for worship). Explore the Archaeological Park (the Great Altar of Pergamon is in the Pergamon Museum). The altar's base remains on the Acropolis. It was dedicated to Zeus, referred to as the "Throne of Satan" by John of Patmos in the mentioned scripture. Visit the Red Church (the great temple of the Egyptian gods Isis, now known as the "Red Basilica," consisting of the main building and two round towers on a vast sacred site, in the first century AD – a Christian church in Pergamon, Acropolis (composed of upper and lower Acropolis and numerous buildings), and the sanctuary of Asclepius (where people with health problems could bathe in the waters of the sacred spring; many gifts and dedications were found on the site, such as small terracotta body parts, undoubtedly representing what was healed). Move to Ayvalik. Check-in at the hotel in the city of Ayvalik. Dinner.

DAY 5

Early breakfast. Check-out from the hotel.

Today, we will begin with the ancient ruins in Izmir (Smyrna), rich in history and home to one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Rev. 3:20). Transfer to Seljuk. Ancient Ephesus. This morning, we will explore the ancient city of Ephesus, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev. 1:11), which, for many years, was the second-largest city in the Roman Empire, second only to Rome. In Ephesus, we will visit its numerous historically rich landmarks, including the Temple of Artemis (Diana), the Trajan Fountain, the Baths of Scholastica, the Temple of Hadrian, the Celsus Library, and the Grand Theater - which could accommodate 25,000 spectators (initially used for drama but later in Roman times for gladiator contests), where Paul preached and where the silversmiths' riot took place. We will stroll along the Arcadian Way, once traveled by Mark Antony and Cleopatra in procession. We'll then visit the Temple of the Apostle John the Theologian and the traditional burial site of the apostle. Transfer to Kusadasi and check-in at the Kusadasi hotel. Dinner.

DAY 6

Breakfast. Check-out from the hotel.

Free time in Kusadasi. Transfer to Pamukale. Check-in to spa hotel. Dinner. Rest.

DAY 7

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. ... As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." (Rev. 3:15-16, 19). Today we will visit Laodicea one of the Seven Churches which was rebuked for being lukewarm. Archaeological excavations near Laodicea still testify to its past grandeur: relatively well-preserved stadium, gymnasium, and theaters.

We will also stop at the ruins of Hierapolis (another famous site with hot springs), where Paul delivered the good news (Col. 4:13). We'll admire the travertine terraces of Pamukkale and visit Cleopatra's Pool – a remarkable place where, even in Roman times, the pools were frequented by wealthy and noble Romans who believed in the healing properties of the Pamukkale hot springs. Much later, it was confirmed that the water from the springs indeed has therapeutic benefits, treating circulatory diseases, arthritis, and skin conditions. And, of course, there's talk about the instant rejuvenation it offers. Dinner. Rest.

DAY 8

Early breakfast. Check-out from the hotel.

“and, What you see, write in a book, and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia; to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.” (Rev. 1:11). Today, we will start by visiting the church in Philadelphia (Alasehir), another of the Seven Churches of Revelation, to see the ancient Christian church - remnants of a Byzantine basilica built with brick and 11th-century frescoes. Next is Sardis, an ancient city of triple significance: firstly, its military might; secondly, its location on a crucial highway leading from the interior to the Aegean coast; and thirdly, its possession of the wide and fertile Hermus Valley. Despite its importance, Sardis was rebuked by John (Rev. 3:1-6). In Sardis, we'll explore the massive Temple of Artemis, the white marble royal road, an impressive gymnasium, and a synagogue sponsored by Harvard and Cornell Universities in annual archaeological expeditions since 1958. These excavations revealed perhaps the most impressive synagogue in the Western Diaspora from ancient times, with over eighty Greek and seven Hebrew inscriptions, along with numerous mosaic floors. We'll then visit Thyatira and head to the city of Akhisar. Akhisar is mentioned in the Bible as Thyatira (Greek: Θυάτειρα) – one of the Churches in the Apocalypse. Accommodation in a hotel in Istanbul. Late dinner.

DAY 9.

Breakfast. Check out from the hotel. Transfer to the airport. Departure from Istanbul.

«Watch you, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity» (1 Cor. 16:13-14)

*The route, as well as the sequence of visiting places, may be changed due to quarantine restrictions, for safety reasons, or in connection with road repairs.

- Cost per person for double/twin room accommodation: \$1699 USD + airfare
- Solo travelers may be accommodated in triple rooms.
- Single supplement fee: \$ 600
- Deposit of \$500 – \$100 of which are non-refundable administrative fees, not refundable under any circumstances except for group non-formation.
- Full payment – 60 days before the trip.

Included in the cost:

- Transportation services throughout the route.
- Group transfer from Istanbul airport, group transfer to Istanbul airport.
- 7 nights of accommodation in 4-5* hotels according to the excursion program.
- Meals per program – breakfasts and dinners (dinner on the first day, breakfast on the last day).
- Services of a English-speaking licensed guide throughout the route.
- Excursions as per the program.
- Entrance tickets according to the program.
- Boat trip on the Bosphorus.

Not included in the cost:

- Airfare.
 - Insurance.
 - Visa processing.
 - Personal expenses.
 - Lunches, drinks during dinners.
 - Tips for the guide, driver, hotel staff.
- One group Transfer is included in the cost. IT will be scheduled one group transfer for arrival and departure
- Transfer is not included in the cost if you need individual transfer and do not want to wait or miss group transfer – the cost is specified separately and depends on the arrival time.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ACCOMMODATIONS: First class hotels based on twin occupancy with bath. Single-room supplement totals are \$600.

MEALS: Unlimited buffet, BREAKFASTS 7 and DINNERS 7 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, FTT&T 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 - Because the travel dates are more than 6 months away, the costs and schedules could change. Please Note: For FTT&T assistance in purchasing air tickets, additional service fees will apply - \$35 for domestic flights, \$50 for international. When buying through third parties all cancellation and refund policy will be according third parties and airlines rules. Service fees are non-refundable at any reason at any dates.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES: TOUR LAND ONLY - Airticket may not be included at the package. In this case a tourist is responsible for airfare. You may include additional airline baggage and optional fees (food, Excess Baggage, Items of 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 not included in the tour cost.

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motor coach including services of English/Russian speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Portable listening devices will be provided where available, with passengers responsible for loss or damage. 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. We 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.

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. FTT&T does not provide additional assistance to passengers with physical or mobility limitations as tour itineraries require full mobility. Please advise FTT&T if you have any limitations that may impact your tour. FTT&T reserve the right to cancel reservation if person deny or denied terms & conditions.

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 canceling with full refund. Late booking or changes may result in an additional fee. Favor travel tours&tickets LLC reserves the right to correct invoices, itineraries, and/ or brochures without notice.

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RESERVATIONS: Reservations received within 90 days or less from departure may include 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): Favor travel tours&tickets LLC 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: A deposit of \$500 per person plus the cost of optional travel insurance (if elected to take) is required to secure reservations, which will be applied to the price of the tour. An additional payment should be paid in equal parts of 50% each of the remaining balance will be due at 200 days prior and 60 days prior to the departure. The remaining balance to be paid in full not later than 60 days prior to departure of the tour. If payment is not received 60 days prior to departure, a \$100 late payment fee will be assessed. Returned checks include a \$30 NSF fee.

CHANGES & DEVIATIONS: All changes and deviations will include 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 the departure of the tour. Transfers are included in our group/roundtrip programs, passengers who deviate or purchase land only packages will be responsible for arriving and leaving independently and must transfer at their own expense.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS:

All cancellations must be in writing by letter or e-mail to Favor travel tours&tickets LLC and will be in effect on the date of receipt by Favor Travel Tours&Tickets LLC. There is no exception to cancellation fee. Any exceptions must be in writing from Favor Travel Tours&Tickets LLC. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy at the time of ticket issue. Due to unexpected reasons - official war or other official prohibited travelling, pandemic etc- will be a refund except non-refundable service fees

CANCELLATION/ REFUND PENALTIES:

Non-refundable in any dates at any reasons: \$100.00 per person administration fee Service fees for booking tickets are non-refundable in any dates at any reasons

If third parties has any kind of booking fees it is non-refundable

Air tickets included at price after booking are non-refundable

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

All refunds are possible after getting money from suppliers. Processing time for refunds are 60 working days or more and depend on dates of getting refunds from suppliers.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

Land arrangements including surface transportation: 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 nonperformance 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. **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.

CREDIT CARDS: All prices include a 5% discount for payment by cash, check or money order. Credit card payments do not receive this discount. And additional transactional fees will apply

EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS:

Foreign currency exchange rates fluctuate daily. In the past years the, 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 increases, we must pass those costs on.

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