



Seven Churches of Revelation

October 4–14, 2026 · 11 days / 9 nights

Price per person

1999 \$ in a shared room

Duration

11 days / 9 nights

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For U.S. citizens, a visa is not required as per 2026

You've been thinking about this for a while, haven't you?

You've read those letters in Revelation your whole life — Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamon, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea. These aren't just names on a page. They're standing ruins. Streets you can walk. Places where real people gathered, worshipped, and held on to their faith under pressure.

This journey is for you if:

- ✓ You've wanted to go for years but couldn't find a group — now you don't need one
- ✓ You've tried to plan it yourself and realized how complicated visas, flights, and guides get
- ✓ You're a couple, a family, or a small group who wants custom dates and a private experience
- ✓ You're a pastor planning a congregation pilgrimage and need someone to handle every detail
- ✓ You want Cappadocia AND the Seven Churches — in one trip, without separate bookings

What's Included & Excluded

RATE INCLUDES:

- Transportation services throughout the route.
- Group transfer from Istanbul airport, group transfer to Cappadocia airport.
- 9 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 an English / Russian -speaking licensed guide throughout the route.
- Excursions as per the program.
- Entrance tickets according to the program.
- Boat trip on the Bosphorus
- Headsets

RATE EXCLUDES:

- Airfare (international and domestic).
- Insurance
- Visa processing (for today no visa fees).
- Personal expenses.
- Lunches, beverages during dinners.
- Tips for the guide, driver, hotel staff.

Hotels as per below or similar

1. Kaya Istanbul Istanbul.
2. Happy Inn Gebze Istanbul.
3. Musho Aivalyk.
4. Ramada / Grand Belish Kushadasi.
5. Richmond Pamukkale.
6. Antalya - Sensitive Premium Belek or Sueno Beach Side.
7. Cappadocia – Suhan.

(The route, as well as the order of visiting places may be changed for safety reasons or in connection with repair work on the road)

Proposed Itinerary

DAY 1

Departure from the USA

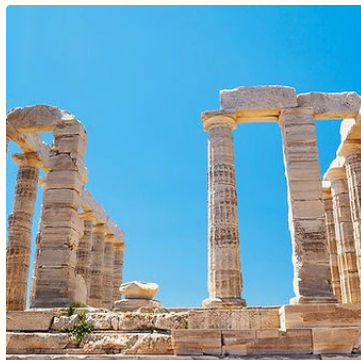


DAY 2

Arrival to Istanbul. First night of accommodation. In case of day time arrival (before 1 pm) – sightseeing tour around European part of Istanbul with photo stops. Check-in. Dinner.

DAY 3

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



DAY 4 — Troy & Pergamon

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 — Smyrna, Ephesus & Miletus

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. Next, we will visit the ancient ruins of Miletus, the hometown of the architect of Hagia Sophia (and inventor of the corbel arch) Isidore of Miletus. 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 — Kusadasi to Pamukkale

Breakfast. Check-out from the hotel. Free time in Kusadasi. Transfer to Pamukale. Check-in to spa hotel. Dinner. Rest.

DAY 7 — Laodicea, Hierapolis & Pamukkale

"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 — Antalya

Breakfast. Check-out from the hotel. Transfer to Antalya. City tour Antalya (2 hours). Accommodation in a hotel. Rest at the Sea. Dinner.

DAY 9 — Transfer to Cappadocia

Breakfast. Check-out from the hotel. Transfer to Cappadocia. Accommodation in a hotel. Dinner.



DAY 10 — Cappadocia

Breakfast.

Explore Cappadocia's amazing cone-shaped rock formations which create a fairy-tale landscape. Even today, people make their homes in the cliffs and rock cones of Cappadocia. It is estimated that over 3,000 rock churches exist in the region. You will visit the Rock Chapels of Goreme, the Cave Village of Avcilar, and the Monastic Complex of Zelve. Dinner.

DAY 11 — Departure

Breakfast. Check out from the hotel. Transfer to the airport. Domestic flight to Istanbul (not included).

**«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)**

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*The trip will take place in case of a group of 30 people

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