

The Seven Cities of Revelation in Turkey & The Greek Island Patmos

Tour Host: Dr. Meg Ramey, Ph.D. June 3–12, 2016

Optional Istanbul Extension

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“Interested in a Mediterranean vacation AND studying the Bible in Turkey and Greece?”

Have you ever considered taking a holiday to the beautiful turquoise Mediterranean coast while also learning more about the Bible at the same time? Then join us on a pilgrimage next summer to the other holy land where we'll visit the “Seven Churches of Asia” (Rev. 2-3) as well as the Greek island of Patmos from where John in exile wrote his seven letters to these churches (Rev 1:9). Throughout the tour, we will explore the origins of early Christianity as well as unlock many of the symbols of Revelation by following the clues that history, archaeology, and the land itself have to give.

In addition to learning more about the Bible, there will also be opportunities for visiting UNESCO World Heritage sites, relaxing by the Mediterranean Sea, soaking in calcium hot springs, sampling fabulous Turkish cuisine and coffee, bartering in bazaars, and perhaps even seeing a flying carpet or two. Spanning the continents of Europe and Asia, Turkey really is the place where East meets West, and it is a country full of beauty, hospitality, and history. So come and join the adventure!

If you are interested in learning more about the trip, please email Dr. Ramey at meg.ramey@gmail.com



Tour Itinerary:

Jun 03 Fri Depart from New York with Turkish Airlines flight number **TK2 departing at 18:50.**

Jun 04 Sat Arrive in Istanbul at 11:40 – Take the connection flight to Izmir departing at 14:50

Arrive Izmir Airport at 16:00. Your tour guide and tour leader will meet you after customs and baggage claim with a “MEG RAMEY” sign. Meet and transfer to the hotel in Izmir. Dinner by the harbor and overnight at the hotel in Izmir (D)

Jun 05 Sun **Izmir Tour – Smyrna** (Rev. 1:11; 2:8)

Visit Old Elevator, Archaeology Museum, Kemeralti Bazaar, Smyrna Agora, walk in Pasaport & Alsancak area. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Izmir. (B,D)

Jun 06 Mon **Pergamon** (Rev. 1:11; 2:12) – **Thyatira** (Rev 1:11; 2:18) – **Izmir**

Drive North to Bergama to visit ancient Pergamum. Take cable car up to Acropolis. Then, drive to Akhisar to visit the remains of the Thyatira Church. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Izmir. (B,D)

Laodicea



Temple of Trajan,
Acropolis, Pergamum

Jun 07 Tue **Sardis** (Rev. 1:11; 3:1) – **Philadelphia** (Rev. 1:11; 3:7) – **Pamukkale**

Drive to Sardis, capital of the ancient Lydia where the first coin of the world was invented. See the remains of the massive Artemis Temple, Gymnasium and the Synagogue. Continue on to Philadelphia for a brief stop there before arriving at Hierapolis (Pamukkale), a World Heritage site as well as a biblical site. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Pamukkale. (B,D)



Sardis

Jun 08 Wed **Colossae** (Col 1:2) – **Laodicea** (Col 2:1; 4:13-16, Rev. 1:11; 3:14) – **Hierapolis** (Col 4:13) – **Pamukkale**

Morning drive to Colossae to see the location of the unexcavated site. Then visit Laodicea and see the new archaeological discoveries. Afternoon visit to the World Heritage site of Hierapolis. Visit its Necropolis, Theater, Tomb of Philip and more. Free time to explore Pamukkale's famous calcium cliffs. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Pamukkale (B,D)



Ephesus Theater

Jun 09 Thu **Miletus** (Acts 20:15-38; 2 Tim 4:20) – **St John Basilica – Kusadasi**

Drive to Miletus to visit the ancient theater where Paul spoke to the Ephesian elders. Continue to Selcuk to visit the Basilica of St John. After we will go to visit Isa Bey Mosque. Visit Ceramic Shop on the way to Kusadasi. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kusadasi. (B,D)

Basilica of John,
Patmos Island



Jun 10 Fri Ephesus – Kusadasi

Morning visit to the ancient site of Ephesus including its Terrace Houses. After a visit to the Archaeology Museum, we will visit a carpet factory for a demonstration of how they are made and for shopping. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kusadasi. (B,D)

Jun 11 Sat PATMOS – KUSADASI

We will take the 06:30 am ferry to Patmos and arrive there at 11:00 am. After our visit to the Cave of Revelation and the Basilica of St. John, we will return to Kusadasi at 7:00 pm. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kusadasi. (B,D)

Jun 12 Sun Izmir Airport – Fly back to New York JFK

06:00 am pick up from your hotel for transfer to Izmir Airport. Fly to Istanbul **TK 2311 09:00/10:05** + Fly to New York **TK1 13:15/16:50**. Arrive at New York JFK at 4:50 pm the same day.

Optional Istanbul Extension

For those who cannot imagine visiting Turkey without seeing Istanbul, you have the option of continuing on for a two-day tour of this historic and magical city before flying back on Tuesday, June 14.



Istanbul

Jun 12 Sun IZMIR AIRPORT – FLY TO ISTANBUL

06:00 am pick up from your hotel for transfer to Izmir Airport. Fly to Istanbul with **TK 2311 09:00/10:05**. Drive to city center to visit the Archaeology Museum and the Hagia Sophia Church. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B,D)

Jun 13 Mon ISTANBUL

09:30 am pick up from your hotel. Visit the Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque, Underground Cistern, Grand Bazaar, and take an afternoon Boat Tour along the Bosphorus. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B,D)

Jun 14 Tue FLY BACK TO NEW YORK JFK

09:30 am pick up from your hotel for transfer to Istanbul Airport. Fly to New York **TK1 13:15/16:50**. Arrive at New York JFK at 4:50 pm same day.

TOUR MAP



LAND & AIR from New York:

*If deposit paid by:

• **November 15, \$2,690** Per Person in Double

• **December 15, \$2,790** Per Person in Double

\$450 Single Supplement

ISTANBUL EXTENSION

\$490 Per Person in Double

\$120 Single Supplement

INCLUDING

- Roundtrip International flights between New York – Istanbul
- Roundtrip domestic flights between Istanbul-Izmir
- 3 Nights at Moevenpick Hotel in Izmir
- 2 Nights at Lycus River Hotel in Pamukkale or similar
- 3 Nights at Marina Hotel in Kusadasi or similar
- Daily Breakfasts and 8 Dinners at the Hotels
- All transportation by Private AC Deluxe Motorcoach with professional drivers
- Government licensed, English speaking Turkish tour guides (licensed guides are required by Turkish law)
- All entry fees to sites & museums included in this tour package
- Handling of baggage at hotels
- All service charges & local taxes
- Tips for the tour guide and the driver

EXCLUDING

- Turkey visa entrance fees to be purchased prior to arrival online www.evisa.gov.tr (\$20 for US citizens)
- Lunches and Drinks at Dinners (all drinks are extra)
- All insurance, medical expenses, communication (telephone, internet, etc), entertainment and personal expenses



PAYMENT PROCEDURE:

\$ 200 DEPOSIT PAYMENT : November 15 or December 15
FULL PAYMENT : March 18, 2016

15 Days prior to departure: You will receive all the travel documents and the e-tickets.

TURKISH VISA: US and Canadian citizens can get the Turkish Visa online before arrival www.evisa.gov.tr Citizens of ALL other countries are responsible for checking their own countries' visa regulations for travel.

Cancellation penalty:

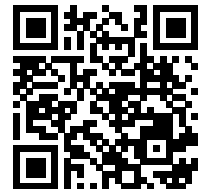
- 120-90 days prior to departure:	No Penalty
- 89-60 days prior to departure:	10%
- 59-45 days prior to departure:	25%
- 44-30 days prior to departure:	50%
- 29-15 days prior to departure:	75%
- 14 days & After	No refund

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance may be purchased separately at an extra cost. Travel Insurance is a contract between the traveller and the Insurance Company (American Express, or other). To obtain your travel insurance, please call 1-800-TURKIYE and ask for Ms. Ayata.

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