

TURKEY

April 17-April 29 2014

THE OTHER HOLY LAND

A JOURNEY OF
EXPLORATION
AND DISCOVERY
LIKE NO OTHER



Together we will enjoy an exhilarating Easter sunrise service in the beautiful Cappadocia Valley.

During the early spread of Christianity, believers hid from Arab raids by carving churches and dwelling places out of the rocks. Entire underground cities were developed so Christians could protect themselves. Among some of the most unusual geological formations in the world, you will be carried back in history to your biblical roots. Cappadocia is just part of the rich history you'll experience on this tour. With history dating over thousands of years, Turkey boasts of being the Cradle of Civilization. Here, between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, the very first humans walked and talked with God. The Mountains of Ararat were backdrop to God's rainbow of

promise as Noah and his family settled in the surrounding plains. Abraham, father of nations, journeyed from his birthplace to Haran (in Turkey), where he dwelt many years before God led him to Canaan. After Israel, Turkey has more biblical sites than any other country in the Middle East. Two-thirds of the New Testament was written either to or from churches in Turkey. This is the land where Paul's missionary travels took place, believers were first called Christians, and John's seven churches of the Book of Revelation are located.

As one of the world's best kept secrets for unspoiled Greek and Roman ruins, Turkey is an archeologist's paradise. Rivaling Israel for ancient biblical sites, it is increasingly becoming a favorite destination for Christian pilgrims.

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a journey that will give new life to your understanding of the Bible...

an exposure to a moderate expression of Islam and Middle-Eastern culture...

an opportunity to make a difference by praying on-site with insight in a land near to the heart of God.

Join us for Easter
in Turkey!
April 17 - April 29, 2014

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One of our groups at the ruins of Laodicea



ITINERARY

B=breakfast D=dinner

April 17 Depart for Ankara, Turkey.

DAY 1, April 18 Upon arrival in **Ankara**, the Capital of Turkey, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. After check-in, enjoy some leisure time. Dinner and a brief orientation will take place this Good Friday evening. **Overnight Ankara, D**

DAY 2, April 19 This morning begins with a visit to the **Anatolian Civilization Museum**. Next we will head south, to Cappadocia. On the way we will stop in **Aksaray** to see its impressive Byzantine rock carvings and frescoes. **Overnight Cappadocia B/D**

DAY 3, April 20 We will celebrate Easter with a service and communion in a beautiful spot in Cappadocia. After breakfast a full day excursion of Cappadocia will be offered. You will enjoy unique landscapes of wind and rain-eroded volcanic rock formations, and visit amazing underground churches carved into the rocks by early Christians. Cave homes dating to 4000 BC can also be seen here. We will visit the open air museum of **Goreme** which has several churches with wonderful frescoes. A drive to **Avanos** to visit one of its famous pottery workshops and then a visit to the underground city of **Derinkuyu**, nearly 300 feet underground, will top off our day. **Overnight Cappadocia, B/D**

DAY 4, April 21 We depart for **Pamukkale** (ancient **Hierapolis**) known for its baths and calcium travertines as well as its large necropolis. It was here that Philip was

martyred. On the way we will visit the site of **Pisidian Antioch** where much of Apostle Paul's ministry took place in Acts 13. We will also visit **Laodicea** (one of the Seven Churches of Revelation), an important center of trade in ancient times. At the hotel, you will be able to swim in heated pools of enriched mineral water famous for its health benefits. **Overnight Pamukkale B/D**

DAY 5, April 22 Our destination today is **Kuşadası**, located on the beautiful Aegean coast. Here, a relaxing stroll along the beach can be enjoyed after your evening meal. On the way to Kuşadası we will visit one of the most beautiful ancient sites of Turkey. **Aphrodisias** is among the finest archaeological sites of ancient Anatolia; only partially excavated and much still unexplored. **Overnight Kuşadası, B/D**

DAY 6, April 23 Today we will drive a short fifteen minutes to the incredible city of **Ephesus**, one of the Seven Churches of the Book of Revelation, and one of the best restored ancient sites in the world today. We will view its colossal Greco-Roman theater where Apostle Paul preached. The theater is still used for performances today. Ephesus was among the most impressive cities of the ancient world. It is famous for its **Artemis Temple**, one of the seven wonders of the world. This historical structure, made entirely from marble, was home to the Greek goddess Artemis (known as Diana to the Romans). We will also visit the **Basilica of St. John** and the temple of Artemis. **Overnight Kuşadası, B/D**

COST OF TOUR

**\$3,199 Per Person
FROM NEW YORK**
Based on 20 Participants &
Double Occupancy
\$450 Single Supplement
12 days

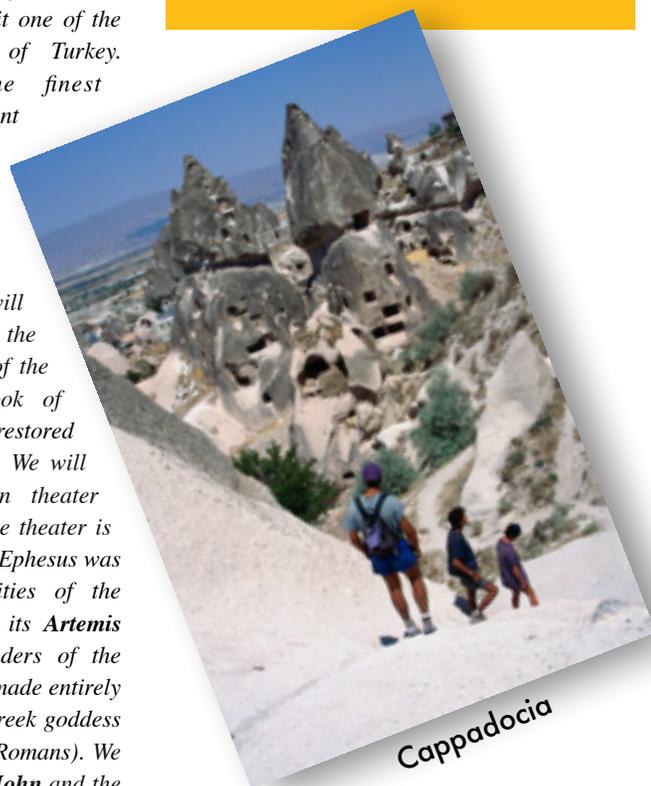
(Price is in U.S. \$ and subject to change depending on significant currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, taxes, and/or late registration and space availability issues.)

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Airfare from New York
- Transportation within Turkey
- 11 nights lodging in 4-star hotels
- Breakfasts & dinners, incl. gratuity
- Entrance fees to all sites
- Tour guides
- Air conditioned deluxe coaches
- Group transfers (airport, etc.)
- Tips for guides, drivers, porters

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel to New York, Passport costs
- Visa (currently \$20, paid on arrival)
- Travel insurance (required)
- Lunches, all beverages
- Items of a personal nature



Cappadocia



Ephesus

DAY 7, April 24 This morning we take a beautiful drive to **Izmir**, the third largest city in Turkey, formerly known as ancient **Smyrna**, another of the Seven Churches. Once there we will visit the church of **St. Polycarp**. Polycarp was a 2nd century martyr thought to be a disciple of the Apostle John. Continuing northward on a scenic drive along the Aegean Coast, we will stop at **Bergama (Pergamon)**, one of the Seven Churches) to see its Acropolis and its many well-preserved monuments from the Hellenistic period. We will visit the site of the famous ancient medical center, **Asclepieum**, where patients were treated as far back as 2nd century A.D. **Overnight Ayvalik, B/D**

DAY 8, April 25 Early departure for **Istanbul**. After crossing the Dardenell Straights at Çanakkale we will pass near the battlefield of Galipoli, before arriving in time for a relaxing dinner in Istanbul, capital to three major empires: Rome, Byzantine, and Ottoman; and the only city in the world to span two continents. **Overnight Istanbul, B/D**

Please be aware that the tour will involve a significant amount of walking up and down hills, over ancient uneven cobble stones and through excavated ruins. You need to be in good shape and also be able to carry your own luggage through airports.

Each day's tour activities will conclude by resting in a comfortable hotel, and having dinner together. Afterwards you will be free to disburse, catch up on email, spend the evening in your own preferred ways or get together over dessert, tea or a glass of wine.

The staff and friends of WorldChristian.com & Friendship International would be delighted to have you along! We are offering you an opportunity to travel with like-minded believers in a part of the world largely untouched by the gospel.

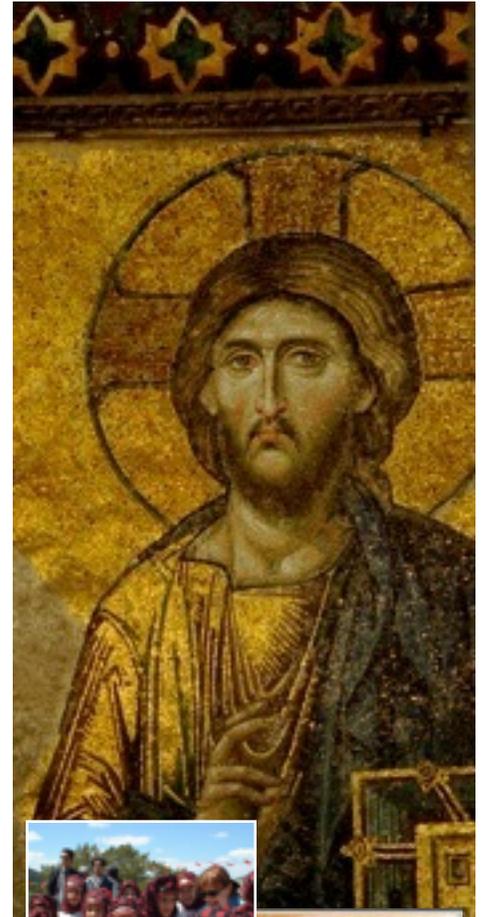
Shopping is an experience all its own in Turkey. From local shops in small villages, to the Grand Bazaar of Istanbul, you will discover merchants eager to offer a cup of tea or coffee while you browse. Famous for carpets, ceramics, textiles, etc., you are certain to find something special to bring home.

DAY 9, 10 and 11 April 26, 27, 28 In Istanbul we will visit some of Turkey's most famous museums and mosques. **Topkapi Palace** was first built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1453 and was the home of the sultan until the 19th century. **St. Sophia**, a masterpiece of Byzantine art completed in 537 A.D., was built by Roman Emperor Justinian. It was the greatest Christian church in the world for more than 1,000 years. The **Blue Mosque**, with its stained glass and Iznik tiled interior was commissioned by Sultan Ahmet in 1603 and constructed with the deliberate intent of rivaling St. Sophia.

The ancient **Hippodrome**, originally used for chariot racing and other public events, is site to an Egyptian Obelisk that once stood in Luxor and is dated to 1500 B.C. We will also visit **Chora monastery**, with its wonderful frescoes and mosaics. A visit to the **Grand Bazaar** and **Egyptian Spice Bazaar** will provide the ultimate shopping experience. During your leisure time, there is a bounty of independent activities to enjoy in Istanbul. Perhaps a visit to the local pastry shop or even the experience of a Turkish bath.

On Day 11 we will have a time of prayer, fellowship, and de-briefing in the evening. **Overnight Istanbul 3 nights, B/D**

DAY 12, April 29 Depart for USA. Arrive the same day.



Things You Will Enjoy

Turkish hospitality is famous the world over. Being the crossroad of East and West, Turkey is host to travelers from every continent. The culture is warm and friendly, and locals are adept at making guests feel welcome.

Turkish cuisine is tasty, hearty and fresh. On your plate you'll find a fusion of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean, with a touch of the Balkans thrown in. Lamb, rice, roasted vegetables and delicious flat breads are just some of the healthful fare offered in Turkey.

Turkish music has its own distinctive style and sounds. Expect to return home with the unforgettable rhythms of lute and cymbal echoing in your soul.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS

A per person deposit of \$400 is required to secure reservations. Reservations will not be considered firm until the payment has cleared and confirmation has been sent. Reservation payments need to be made by U.S. \$ check, or money order.

PAYMENT POLICY

Final payment for the tour is due 50 days (Feb 26, 2014) prior to departure. If the final payment is not received on time it will result in the loss of deposit (see also "Cancellations & Refunds"). Your reservation may be canceled depending on space availability.

In the case of late (space available only) reservations made within 60 days (Feb 16) or less prior to departure, an administrative fee of \$75 per person will be added, as well as any substantive increase in the airline ticket price.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

All cancellations must be received in writing. The fee schedule for cancellations prior to tour departure is as follows:

- inside of 90 days prior to 04/17/14: \$50
- inside of 60 days prior to 04/17/14: \$400
- inside of 40 days prior to 04/17/14: 50% of tour cost
- inside of 30 days prior to 04/17/14: 100% of tour cost

Please be aware that airline companies assess their own cancellation fees. These fees vary according to airline policies at the time of booking. Airline fees and the cost of travelers insurance (which is typically not refundable) are beyond our control.

In case of cancellation by the Tour operators for reasons other than those normally covered by comprehensive travel insurance (see "Insurance" on this page), we will surely attempt to refund where possible, or issue credit towards future travel.

PRICING

Quoted tour prices include planning, operational charges and are based on present currency exchange rates and fees, as well as on a minimum group size of 20 participants. Prices are in U.S. \$ and subject to change in case of any significant increase of fuel surcharges, departure or other taxes or security fees, and/or late registration and space availability issues.

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Participant has read the terms and conditions on this page, and agrees to each of them. Participant warrants that s/he fully understands the terms and conditions. Specifically, participant understands that should s/he cancel a reserved tour for any reason, the participant will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the "Cancellations & Refunds" section.

INSURANCE

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PASSPORT & DOCUMENTATION

U.S. citizens need a valid passport with at least six months validity beyond intended stay for entrance into Turkey. We ask that you make three photocopies of your passport (one to leave at home, one to carry with you separately from your original, and one for WorldChristian.com--to be provided at time of reservation). A visa is required for U.S. citizens to enter Turkey. It can be purchased upon arrival at the airport in Turkey for approximately \$20 cash.

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