

THE PATH OF ST. PAUL

& THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Greece AND Türkiye

PILGRIMAGE



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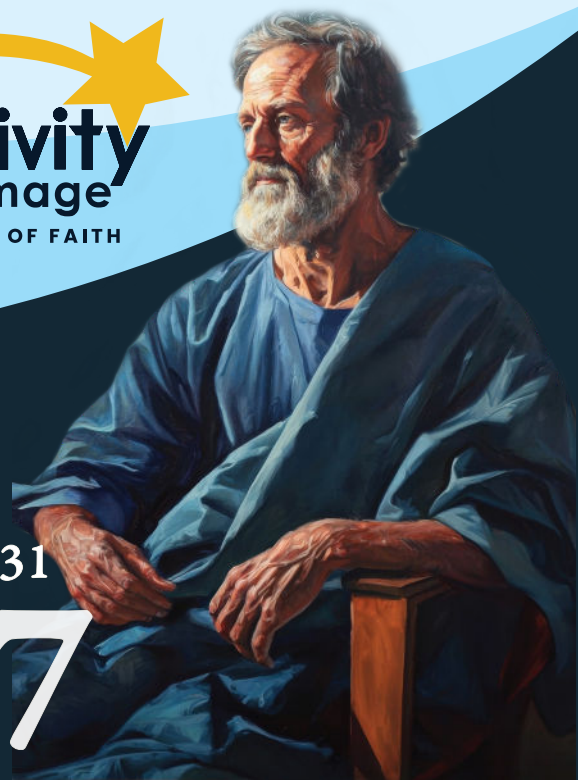
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“Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.”

— Psalm 84:5



DAY 1 – FLIGHT TO ISTANBUL

Today marks the start of your pilgrimage as you board your flight to vibrant Istanbul! Everything has been arranged for your comfort. Relax and enjoy your flight; a remarkable spiritual adventure awaits!

DAY 2 – WELCOME TO ISTANBUL

Upon our arrival in Istanbul, a warm welcome awaits from our knowledgeable tour guide and friendly driver, who will escort us to our hotel. Prepare to settle in and refresh yourself before enjoying a delightful dinner together. You'll surely be ready for a restful night as you soak in the new surroundings.

DAY 3 – DISCOVER ISTANBUL

Explore the rich heritage of Istanbul, including:

- Hagia Sophia
- Blue Mosque
- Hippodrome of Constantinople
- Basilica Cistern
- Spice Bazaar

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 – ISTANBUL | NICAEE | BURSA

Following breakfast, we'll embark on a journey from Istanbul to Bursa, with a stop at historic Nicaea, the birthplace of the Nicene Creed. Here, we'll visit St. Sofia of Nicaea, a site of profound significance where the First Council of the Christian Church was held. This region played a pivotal role in the history of Christianity. After our busy day, we'll settle in for dinner and an overnight stay at our hotel.

DAY 5 – PERGAMUM | THYATIRA | IZMIR

Today, we'll explore Pergamum, cherished among St. Paul's seven churches. Discover the ancient Trojan temple and Grand Theater before making our way to Thyatira, known for its beautiful purple textiles and famous carpets. After a fulfilling day, we'll enjoy dinner and rest at our hotel.

DAY 6 – IZMIR | SARDIS | PHILADELPHIA | PAMUKKALE

We'll begin our journey in Izmir, a city rich in history for both Jews and Christians. Then, we'll head to Sardis, one of the most picturesque of the



Athens
Greece

YOUR TRIP **\$5,849**

Depart from Los Angeles

August 20, 2027 >>>

Return from Athens, Greece

<<< August 31, 2027



Istanbul
Türkiye



Laodicea
Türkiye

TRAVEL NOTES



This pilgrimage may include early mornings, full sightseeing days, extended travel times, multiple modes of transportation, and moderate physical activity. Please review the full itinerary for complete details.

We strongly recommend purchasing "Cancel For Any Reason" travel insurance to protect your investment upon any unforeseen circumstances. We have partnered with Trawick International who can provide coverage at an additional cost. You are also free to purchase from your own insurance carrier.

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Ephesus
Türkiye

TRIP INCLUSIONS

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|  Round-Trip Airfare |  Full-Board Cruise |
|  Taxes/Fuel Surcharges |  Daily Mass |
|  First-Class Hotels |  Sightseeing Fees |
|  Private Transportation |  Professional Guide |
|  Breakfast and Dinner |  Medical Insurance |



House of the Virgin Mary
Mount Koressos

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seven churches. We'll then visit Philadelphia, lovingly referred to as "The New Jerusalem." Finally, we'll continue our expedition toward Pamukkale. After a day filled with inspiring sights, we'll dine and retire for the night at our hotel.

DAY 7 – PAMUKKALE | LAODICEA | COLOSSAE

Today, we'll explore the stunning thermal pools of Pamukkale—don't forget your camera! After enjoying the scenery, we'll visit Colossae, the historical site tied to the "Letter to the Colossians." Then, we'll reflect at Laodicea on Paul's words to the "Lukewarm Christians." It's a great opportunity to think about our spiritual journeys. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 8 – EPHESUS | KUSADASI

Discover the ancient city of Ephesus, including:

- Library of Celsus
- Great Theatre of Ephesus
- Temple of Hadrian

Visit the House of the Virgin Mary before dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

DAY 9 – PATMOS (CRUISE)

Sail to the island of Patmos. Visit the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse, where the Book of Revelation was written. Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 10 – CRETE | SANTORINI

Explore Crete, including Heraklion and the ancient Palace of Knossos. Continue to breathtaking Santorini for scenic views and exploration. Dinner and overnight on the ship.

DAY 11 – ATHENS | CORINTH

Disembark from your cruise to explore Athens and Corinth, where St. Paul preached. We will see:

- Temple of Apollo
- Acropolis of Athens
- Parthenon
- Acropolis Museum

Conclude your journey with a farewell dinner.

DAY 12 – RETURN HOME

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home, taking home lasting memories of a deeply enriching journey.

YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Air Transportation: Economy class and round-trip fares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

Private Transfers: All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

Hotel Accommodations: Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

Included Meals: The meal plan offers breakfast & dinner daily, unless otherwise stated.

Baggage: Most airlines limit passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with their airline carrier for up-to-date baggage weight and dimensions.

Airport Fees: Airport Taxes, portage, fuel surcharges and security fees

Medical Coverage: Medical coverage for the duration of your trip. Coverage details, limits, exclusions, and claims procedures are governed solely by the insurance policy documents provided by the insurer.

YOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Cancellation Insurance: We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

Passport /Visa Expenses: This includes any passports or additional travel documents that may be required. Passports must be valid until at least 6 months from your return date. Travelers are solely responsible for obtaining and carrying all required passports, visas, vaccination documentation, and other entry requirements imposed by destination countries.

Personal Expenses: Laundry, beverages (including wine, liquor, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.), meals or food items not listed on the included menu plan, and any excess or additional luggage.

Non-itinerary fees: Any sightseeing or service fees or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

Non-included meals: You are responsible for any meals not specified in your itinerary.

Tips/Gratuities: This includes tour guides, drivers, hotel service staff, and wait staff.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Group Air Policy: Group Air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different air rate, ticketing method, or on a different airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

Point of Departure: If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

Land-Only Option: If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the land-only option. This amount equals to the total tour price minus \$800 for all destinations except Mexico, which is minus \$350. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

IMPORTANT POLICIES

Travel/Scheduling Changes: Flight schedules, aircraft type, routing, departure airports, and carriers are subject to change by the airline without notice.

Seat Assignments: The airline carrier selects seat assignments for group air, not the tour operator. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

Single Room: Tour price is based on double occupancy. If you'd like a single room, there is an additional cost per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Seat Upgrades: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade or seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

Special Requests: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

TRAVELER CONDUCT POLICY

Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to remove any traveler whose behavior is disruptive, unsafe, unlawful, abusive, or interferes with the enjoyment or safety of other participants. No refund shall be provided for unused portions of the trip.

HEALTH/FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

Travelers are responsible for determining that they are physically and medically capable of participating. Travelers requiring special accommodations must notify Nativity Pilgrimage at the time of registration.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Registration: An \$800 non-refundable deposit per person is required at the time of registration. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

Payment Deadline: Full payment is due (April 22, 2027) 120 Days before departure. Late registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

Payment Methods: We accept major credit cards, checks, money orders, and Zelle payments. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction.

LATE PAYMENT POLICY

Customers will receive late fees if they are not paid in full:

- 120-61 days prior to departure: \$150
- 60-30 days prior to departure: \$300
- 30 days or less prior to departure: Subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Cancellation penalties are assessed based on the date written notice of cancellation is received:

- 120 days or more prior to departure: \$800 deposit
- 119-50 days prior to departure: 50% of total trip cost
- 49 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total trip cost

FORCE MAJEURE

Nativity Pilgrimage shall not be liable for delays, cancellations, changes, losses, or damages resulting from acts of God, natural disasters, pandemics, government actions, border closures, airline disruptions, labor disputes, terrorism, civil unrest, or other events beyond its reasonable control.

TRAVEL INSURANCE OPTIONS

Medical Coverage: Every pilgrim traveling with Nativity will receive complimentary medical insurance that provides coverage for the full duration of your trip. Coverage details, limits, exclusions, and claims procedures are governed solely by the insurance policy documents provided by the insurer.

Trip Cancellation Insurance: We also strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance (available at an additional cost) to safeguard your travel investment in case unforeseen circumstances require you to cancel. You may review our Travel insurance details at <https://nativity.trawickinternational.com>. Travelers can also reach our 24/7 customer service team via phone at 888-301-9289 or info@trawickinternational.com.

Important: If you plan to purchase Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage, it must be purchased within 14 days of registration.

TRAVELER CONSENT

Travelers consent to receive trip-related communications electronically, including invoices, itineraries, updates, and travel documents. In addition, travelers grant Nativity Pilgrimage permission to use photographs and video taken during the tour for promotional purposes unless written notice is provided prior to departure.

RESPONSIBILITY

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regard to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not limited to, default or omission by any third-party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof.

The IATA carriers, steamship firms and other transportation companies, whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective 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 passengers and Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary.

Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.

Any dispute arising from this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and resolved exclusively in the courts located in Harris County, Texas.