



JOURNEY WITH PAUL TÜRKIYE-GREECE

20TH SEPTEMBER-
6TH OCTOBER 2024

ESCORTED BY
**DR ROSEMARY
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17

DAYS

TOUR
PACKAGE
PRICE
PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

\$9,490*

OPTIONAL
SINGLE ROOM
SUPPLEMENT

\$1,795

FULLY
ESCORTED

*Conditions apply. Subject to change.
Price based on minimum of 20
participants.

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Come with me in 2024 to Türkiye and Greece to discover Paul as we encounter him on his journeys in these two countries and where they intersect with the biblical texts of the letters of Paul and the Book of Acts. We will be travelling with the excellent experience of our local guides. This tour is focussed on Paul, his mission and his journeys, engaging his letters and the Lukan account of them in Acts in the contextual landscape.

Arrive into the ancient heart of Istanbul. Fly to Antalya to visit the harbour where Paul and Barnabus set sail for Antioch (Acts 14: 25-26). See the remains of the Byzantine Church of St Paul in Pisidian Antioch. Sit in the theatre at Miletus and hear the Farewell Speech of Paul to the Ephesian Elders (Acts 20:17-38). Walk the city of Ephesus imagining Paul speaking to the crowd and stirring up a riot and reflecting on the early community who began and developed here.

Crossing to Greece, visit the harbour where Paul stepped on shore at Neapolis (today's Kavala), walk on the via Egnatia as Paul did and come to Philippi where Paul met Lydia and she opened her heart and was baptised. Travel through Greece to Beroea and stop to see the wonder of the monasteries of Meteora before arriving in Athens. Stand on the Areopagus in Athens and travel to Corinth and remember Paul's words regarding the Lord's supper (1 Cor 11:23-28).

Prepare to be captivated, moved, and to enjoy new food and cultural experiences as we follow Paul through modern Türkiye and Greece. Be immersed in an experience of a lifetime and come home changed. PLUS: You can take the opportunity to undertake a study unit through CTC in conjunction with this tour (conditions and additional cost apply).

Dr Rosemary Canavan is a Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies and formerly Academic Dean of Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity. Rosemary graduated her PhD in Biblical Studies at Flinders University in 2011 and coordinated the Study Tour of the Biblical Lands at CTC, leading numerous past tours. Her PhD and continuing research is focussed on the Letter to the Colossians, Colossae, Lycus Valley and Asia Minor. In 2018 Rosemary, as part of her sabbatical, visited Athens and Thessaloniki to assist the writing of a commentary on 1 and 2 Thessalonians. Rosemary's teaching and research engages the visual material culture of the world of the Pauline Letters and Acts of the Apostles as well as the Gospels of Luke and Matthew.

NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Rosemary Canavan, Olive Tree Travel or by [CLICKING HERE](#)
2. To secure your place, a deposit of AUD\$500 per person is now due.
3. The final balance will be payable in mid July 2024



DAY 1 20 SEP

Depart Melbourne at 5:15am on Emirates
Arrival into Istanbul at 17:55. Note: Travel via Dubai.

TAKSIM POINT HOTEL, ISTANBUL

DAY 2 21 SEP

Orientation to ancient sites in Istanbul: Hippodrome, St Sophia, Cisterns, Blue Mosque, Archeological museum.
PM Flight to Antalya at 1730 – 1850

AKRA BARUT HOTEL, ANTALYA

DAY 3 22 SEP

Visit Perge (in NT Perga Acts 13:13-14, 14:25). South baths built in first century CE.
Aspendos (best preserved Roman Theatre built 155 CE and Aqueduct built mid 2nd- 3rd Century CE), Attalia (Ancient name for Antalya) harbour (Acts 14:25-26) where Paul and Barnabus set sail back to Antioch. A tower over the harbour (Hidirlik Kulesi) bears evidence of a lighthouse that existed on that location since c2 CE.
Visit the Archaeological museum including statuary from the Roman period and Church artefacts and relics of St Nicholas. **Mass** at Hotel before Dinner Note: Paul's First Journey.

AKRA BARUT HOTEL, ANTALYA

DAY 4 23 SEP

Drive to Pamphilian Gates (Act 14:24) and Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:14). See the remains of Byzantine Church of St Paul. Underneath this a first century building has been identified as a synagogue and has a mosaic with Ps 42:4.
Continue to Lycus Valley (Paul's Letter to the Colossians). Note: Paul's First Journey, Letter to the Colossians.

HOTEL DOGA THERMAL

DAY 5 24 SEP

Hierapolis (Col 4:13), Colossae (Col 1:2) and Laodikeia (Col 2:1, 4:13, 15, 16; Rev 1:11, 3:14). Note: Letter to the Colossians.

HOTEL DOGA THERMAL

DAY 6 25 SEP

Miletus (Acts 20:15, 17; Tit 4:20) Paul's farewell speech to the Ephesian Elders in Miletus (Acts 20:17-38) Didyma. Note: Paul's First Journey

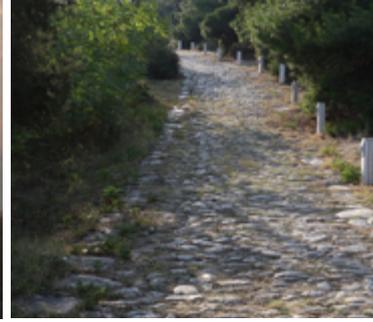
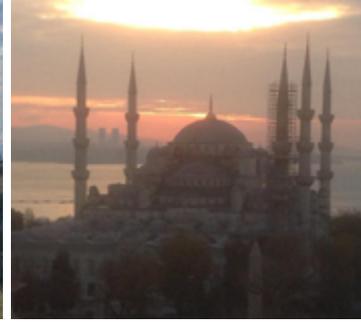
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DAY 7 26 SEP

Ephesus (Letter to the Ephesians, 1 Cor 15:32, 16:8; 1 Tim 1:3; 2 Tim 1:1, 4:12; Acts 18:19-21, 24-28; 19:1-20:1; 20:16-17). See the great theatre, Celsus Library, Mazeus and Mithradates Gate to the agora as well as the terrace houses and Selcuk Museum, Paul and Thecla Cave (The Acts of Paul and Thecla). Note: Letter to the Ephesians, Paul's Second and Third Journeys, Acts of Paul and Thecla.

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DAY 8 27 SEP

Pergamon Acropolis, Asceplion and Troas (Acts 16:6-10, 20:5-13)

KOLIN HOTEL, CANAKKALE

DAY 9 28 SEP

Full day tour at Gallipoli WW1 sites.
Return to Canakkale for mass, dinner and overnight

KOLIN HOTEL, CANAKKALE

DAY 10 29 SEP

Transfer to Greece border at Ipsala.
Border Crossing from Türkiye.
Kavala – harbour (Acts 16:11), Mosaic of Paul, walk on the remaining Via Egnatia at Neapolis/Kavala.
Philippi (Letter to the Philippians, Acts 16:11-40, 20:6) Visit the site of the city including Baptistry, Theatre and Octagonal Church, Agora, cistern

LUCY HOTEL, KAVALA

DAY 11 30 SEP

Thessaloniki (1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, Acts 17:1-9, 27:2) – excavation, theatre, mint, agora, crepis. Archaeological Museum, view from hill, Church on top of hill

GRAND PALACE HOTEL, THESSALONIKI

DAY 12 1 OCT

Beroea (Acts 17:11-14, 20:2-5), Kalambaka

DIVANI METEORA HOTEL KALAMBAKA

DAY 13 2 OCT

Meteora – visit Varlaam Monastery.
Icon Factory.
Drive to Athens.

DIVANI PALACE HOTEL ATHENS

DAY 14 3 OCT

Athens (Acts 17:15-16, 18:1; 1 Thess 3:1) – Areopagus (Acts 17:16-34), Acropolis, Plaka Roman Forum, Archaeological Museum

DIVANI PALACE HOTEL ATHENS

DAY 15 4 OCT

Corinth (1 and 2 Corinthians, Acts 18:1-18)
Mass on site.
Lunch overlooking Corinth site, Cenchræe (Acts 18:18, Rom 16:1)

DIVANI PALACE HOTEL ATHENS

DAY 16 5 OCT

Day at leisure in Athens. Fly home at 18:05. Note: Via Dubai.

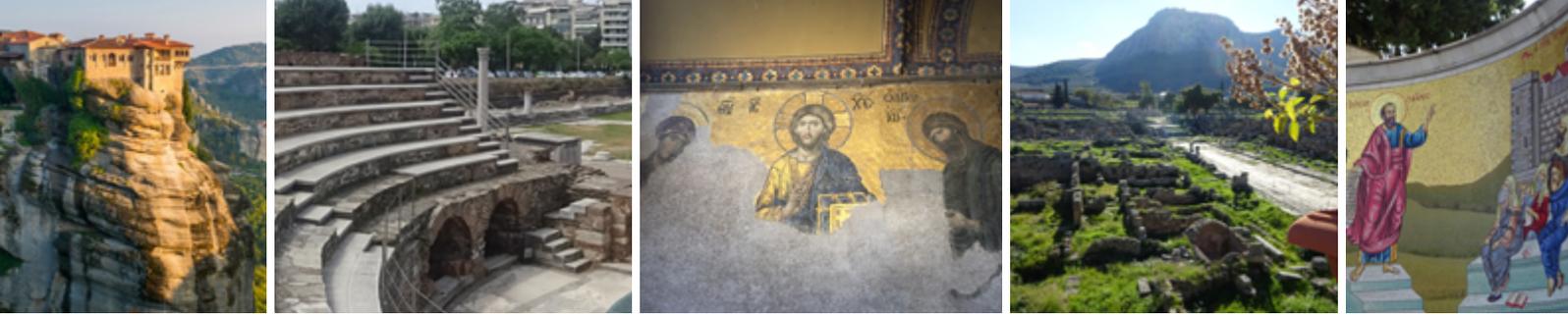
FLY HOME

DAY 17 6 OCT

Arrive in Melbourne at 23:20 tonight

ARRIVE BACK TO AUSTRALIA

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy class airfares to/from Melbourne with Emirates Airlines into Istanbul and out of Athens back to Melbourne.
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Antalya
- All airport & departure taxes
- 15 nights in hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms, 6 in Greece and 9 nights in Turkey.
- Breakfasts and Dinners daily,
- 1 lunch overlooking Corinth
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- All guiding and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Headsets in Greece
- Porterage, tips & gratuities throughout

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Drinks with meals
- Personal payments
- The services that are not mentioned in "Inclusions"
- Travel insurance
- Lunches
- Turkey Visa

CONFIRMED HOTELS (or similar):

Point Hotel Taksim	Istanbul	1 night
The Marmara Hotel	Antalya	2 nights
Doga Thermal Hotel	Pamukkale	2 nights
Korumar Hotel	Kusadasi	2 nights
Kolin Hotel	Canakkale	2 nights
Hotel Lucy	Kavala	1 night
Hotel Grand Palance	Thessalonika	1 night
Hotel Divani Meteora	Kalambaka	1 night
Hotel Divani Acropolis	Athens	3 nights



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