

7 Churches of Revelation and Istanbul Itinerary

ISTANBUL | PERGAMUM | THYATIRA
SMYRNA | SARDIS | PHILADELPHIA
LAODICEA | EPHESUS

AT A GLANCE



Days



Group Tour



All Breakfast
& Dinner



Fully Guided
Excursions

FAMILY FRIENDLY

CALM & CULTURED

4 STAR ACCOMMODATION

GUIDED TOURS

SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

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TOUR DETAILS

INCLUDED

- All sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- All guiding by licensed English speaking tour guide.
- All entry fees to the sites and museums as listed.
- Hotel Accommodation.
- Travel Insurance
- Daily Breakfasts.
- Daily Dinner.
- All Flights – International and Internal.
- All airport transfers.
- All service charges and local taxes.
- All transportation by private vehicle with driver.
- Daily bottle of water.
- Whisper Sets.
- Information Booklet.

EXCLUDED

- Additional Services.
- Food & Drinks – lunches.
- Visa Expenses.
- Tipping.



PHYSICAL RATING – LEVEL 3

We encourage a decent level of fitness as there is a fair amount of walking, somedays it will be 2-3 hours.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: DEPART OR TAMBO AIRPORT – MEALS ON BOARD – DINNER AND BREAKFAST

The group will meet at the International departures at the Turkish Air counter 3 hours prior to departure for formalities and checking in.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL, TRANSFER TO HOTEL

Upon arrival at Istanbul Airport, we will be greeted by our tour guide after passing through customs. We will enjoy a private transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay in Istanbul.

DAY 3: FULL DAY ISTANBUL TOUR

Following breakfast, we will be picked up from the hotel to explore Istanbul, a city uniquely positioned on two continents. Our itinerary includes visits to the **Topkapi Palace**, **Hagia Sophia**, **Blue Mosque**, and **Hippodrome**, the site of chariot races and Byzantine unrest. We will explore the **Spice Bazaar (Egyptian Bazaar)**, where the air carries the delightful scents of various herbs and spices like cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, and thyme. The day concludes with an overnight stay in Istanbul.

We will enjoy a 3-course dinner, dance and show on the Bosphorus.

DAY 4: FULL DAY ISTANBUL TOUR – IZMIR (BREAKFAST – DINNER)

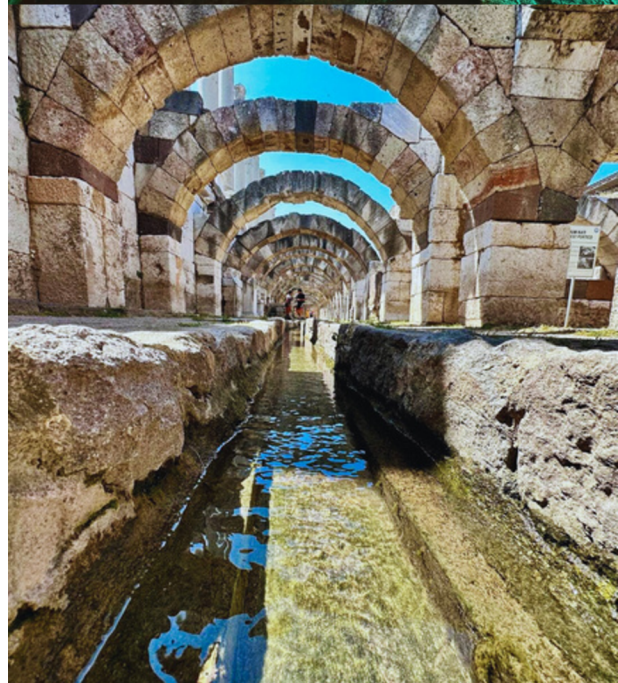
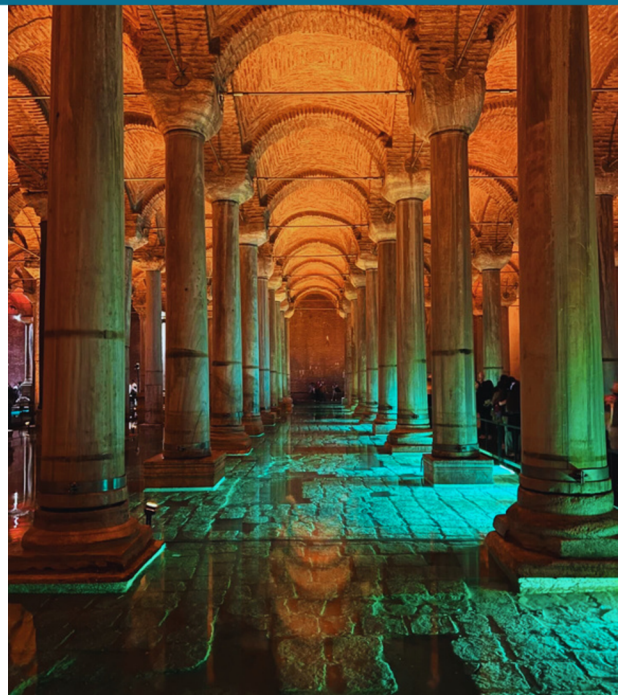
We will be picked up from our hotel after breakfast. We begin at the **Grand Bazaar**, then head to the port for a boat trip on the **Bosphorus**. Enjoy a traditional boat excursion along the waterway that divides Europe and Asia. Admire the old wooden villas, marble palaces, fortresses, and quaint fishing villages along the shore. In the afternoon, explore the **Underground Cistern** before transferring to the airport for our flight to Izmir. Upon arrival, we will be transferred to your hotel for an overnight stay in Izmir.

DAY 5: PERGAMUM – THYATIRA – IZMIR (BREAKFAST – DINNER)

After enjoying breakfast, we head to Pergamum, also known as Bergama, which is one of the Seven Churches of Asia [Rev. 1:11; 2:12]. There, we get to explore the remarkable Acropolis, the world's steepest theatre, the renowned Asklepon medical centre from classical times, witness the Altar of Zeus referred to as the "Throne of Satan" in the book of Revelation, admire the marble columns of the Temple of Trajan, and visit the Library – a prominent rival of the Library of Alexandria in Egypt, holding an impressive collection of over 200,000 volumes and credited with inspiring the invention of parchment.

Next, we proceed to Thyatira, now Akhisar, another of the Seven Churches of Asia [Rev. 1:11; 2:18–24; Acts 16:14], renowned for its purple dyes. Here, we explore the remains of a basilica and some architectural fragments dating back to the Roman period. Notably, Lydia, the purple cloth merchant from Philippi, hailed from Thyatira.

We then return to Izmir, where we check into the hotel for dinner and spend the night.



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DAY 6: IZMIR – SARDIS – PHILADELPHIA – LAODICEA – HIERAPOLIS (BREAKFAST – DINNER)

Today, we embarked on an early morning journey to Sardis, now known as Sart, one of the Seven Churches of Asia. This historical city served as the capital of the ancient Lydian kingdom, featuring notable sites like the Temple of Artemis, a restored gymnasium, and a reconstructed synagogue. We will also explore remnants of the royal Persian Road and the famous Pactolus River.

Our travels will then take us to Philadelphia, or Alasehir, another of the Seven Churches of Asia, praised for its lack of criticism. We observed the remains of a Byzantine basilica with distinctive architecture and 11th-century frescoes. The journey continued to Laodicea, founded by Seleucid Antiochus II, marking the final stop among the seven churches.

Lastly, we visit Hierapolis, now Pamukkale, renowned for its hot mineral springs creating stunning natural formations, before settling in at a Thermal Hotel for the night.

DAY 7: EPHESUS – KUSADASI (BREAKFAST – DINNER)

Embark on a journey to Ephesus to explore the ancient city, including the Basilica of St. John, where the Apostle Paul once preached and resided for three years. Uncover the historical significance of this city founded in the 10th century BC as we tour the ongoing excavations of its remarkable ruins.

Stroll through marble-paved streets adorned with impressive public structures such as the Baths of Scholastica, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, and the Theatre. Discover the Temple of Diana of the Ephesians, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Our visit includes the Basilica of St. John and a pilgrimage to the House of the Virgin Mary before heading to Kusadasi for the night.

DAY 8: IZMIR – AIRPORT (BREAKFAST)

This morning after breakfast, with packed bags, we will be transferred to the airport for our flight home.

As we prepare to head back home, we take some time to reflect on all the amazing memories we've made.

Whether it's the stunning scenery we have witnessed, the delicious local cuisine we tried, or the new friends we made along the way, these experiences will stay with us for a lifetime. Sadly, all good things must come to an end. Be sure to book your next tour soon.

DAY 9: OR TAMBO AIRPORT (DINNER, BREAKFAST)

Today, after our overnight flight, we land back home with happy hearts, feeling spiritually renewed and refreshed looking forward to our next tour.





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