

# *The Journeys of St. Paul*

*and the Churches of Asia Minor*

*Highlighting the Biblical History and the  
Growth of the Early Church in Turkey*

*Istanbul ... Ankara ... Cappadocia ... Adana ... Konya ... Antioch  
Pamukkale ... Smyrna ... Pergamum ... Troy  
Kusadasi ... Ephesus*



*14 Days ~ October 6 to 19, 2011*

*Hosted by*

***Dr. H Timothy Halverson***

*Faith Presbyterian Church*

*Cape Coral, Florida*

# Turkey and The Journeys of St. Paul

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Program Cost (from Miami, Fl.)

\$2899.00 - per person, twin occupancy

\$549.00 - single occupancy

† \*Based on a minimum of 25 group members and rates in effect on March 22, 2010

## Payment Schedule

\$400.00 per person - due with reservation

\$800.00 per person - due February 15, 2011

Balance due by June 15, 2011

All checks should be made payable to:

TWT PAX ESCROW ACCOUNT

and returned to:

Dr. Tim Halverson

c/o Trans World Travel

734 Central Avenue

Highland Park IL 60035

TWT phone: (847) 432-2400

Please note: Due to the ever-changing political climate throughout the world, we suggest that, if you are concerned, you should contact the U.S. State Department for travel advisory updates.

*"I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, what thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamum, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea." -- Angel's revelation to St. John the Divine*

Dear Friends,

From Genesis to Revelation Turkey is the undiscovered jewel of Biblical history. Throughout the ages it has been a tapestry of cultures and civilizations woven together by the indelible finger of God! Perhaps, the sacred land where Paul of Tarsus lived and ministered will challenge you, your friends, and your church to renew your "first love."

Space will be limited, so please send in your reservation as soon as possible.

**Dr. Tim Halverson**  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
Cape Coral, Florida

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Round trip air from Miami
- \* Comprehensive sightseeing
- \* Biblical, historical, archaeological & cultural enrichment experiences
- \* Superior first class hotels... when possible
- \* Breakfast and Dinner each day & 1 lunch
- \* Private air-conditioned motor coach
- \* All admissions where applicable
- \* U.S. departure and airport taxes
- \* Portorage at hotels for 1 bag per person

## RESERVATION FORM

**Please return to: Dr. Tim Halverson ... Turkey Program ... c/o Trans-World Travel  
734 Central Avenue ... Highland Park IL 60035**

Enclosed is my (our) reservation for the Turkey and the Journeys of St. Paul departing on October 6, 2011; and a \$400 per person deposit check to be held in trust per the General Conditions, and which indicates my (our) acceptance of the General Conditions and Cancellation Policies stated in this brochure.

\*\*\* Please make your **check payable to: Trans-World Travel, Inc.** and return to the above address. \*\*\*

NAME (Print name as on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ROOMMATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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If available, please book me at the Single Occupancy Rate of \$3448.0

Thursday, October 6, 2011 - USA/Turkey: Depart this afternoon for our overseas flight.

Friday, October 7 - Istanbul/Ankara: Arrive Istanbul in the morning and continue by motor coach to Ankara, the capitol of Turkey, for our overnight. (L, D)

Saturday, October 8 - Ankara/Cappadocia: Ankara originated as a Hittite settlement in the second millennium B.C. We will see traces of these invaders at the Museum of Anatolian Civilization, which houses the world's largest collection of Hittite artifacts, before continuing to Cappadocia, a rugged, isolated region in the heartland of the Anatolian Plateau and one of the early centers of Christianity. Overnight Nevsehir. (BB,D)

Sunday, October 9 - Cappadocia: We begin our sightseeing in the Goreme Valley, which shelters some of Turkey's finest Byzantine era rock churches and chapels, many of them decorated with superb frescoes that were painted by early Christians more than a thousand years ago. Other notable sights in this area include the picturesque villages of Avanos and Uchisar, renowned for the quality of their pottery and other crafts. Overnight Nevsehir. (BB,D)

Monday, October 10 - Adana: This morning we set out for Adana in southern Turkey. En route we'll visit one of the mysterious underground cities built by the early Christians of the region to escape the invading Roman armies. Some cities extend down as deep as 14 stories. Motor south via the famous Cilician Pass through which Alexander the Great and St. Paul passed. Next we stop in Tarsus, birthplace of St. Paul. Overnight in Adana. (BB,D)

Tuesday, October 11 - Adana: Today we enjoy a full-day excursion to Antakya, formerly known as Antioch, the city which was the headquarters of St. Paul's mission journeys. Our route takes us past Toprakkale, a noted crusader castle. (BB,D)

Antioch, founded in 300 B.C., soon grew into the premier center of Hellenistic civilization in the Eastern Mediterranean. During the first century A.D., Sts. Barnabas, Peter and Paul made the city a focal point of Christian evangelism. Among the most noteworthy sights we will visit are the Bazaar, the Mosque of Habib Neccar, the Hatay Museum, with its superb collection of Roman mosaics, and the Grotto of St. Peter, where the apostle Peter reputedly preached. The Book of Acts of the Apostles specifically states that Jesus' followers were first called Christians here. Overnight Adana. (BB,D)

Wednesday, October 12- Adana/Konya: Today we depart for Silifke on the Mediterranean coast passing the twin castles of Maiden and Korykos. Silifke's most notable feature is its Byzantine castle, which the Knights of Rhodes converted into a fortress during the Crusades. The town overlooks the Goksu River, where the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick Barbarossa drowned in 1190, an accident which helped bring the Third Crusade to an untimely end. From Silifke we head north across the rugged Taurus Mountains to Konya for the night. (BB,D)

Thursday, October 13 - Konya/Pamukkale: Konya (Iconium) was visited by Paul on his first mission journey.

Here, too, the renowned mystic and poet Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi founded the order popularly known as the Whirling Dervishes. Sites of interest include the Palace and the Alaeddin Mosque. (BB,D)

Leaving Konya, we journey westward across Turkey's Anatolian heartland. En route we visit Yalvac (Antioch in Pisidia). Here Paul preached his first recorded sermon. The town boasts several ruins, notably a temple to the Phrygian moon goddess, an aqueduct, and a Byzantine church. This afternoon we arrive in Pamukkale, famed for its hot springs, limestone formations, and the ancient Hieraopolis. Overnight Pamukkale. (BB,D)

Friday, October 14 - Kusadasi: After breakfast we set out for Aphrodisias, the ancient city dedicated to the Greek Goddess of Love and Beauty, where we will have an opportunity to view its magnificent ruins. From Aphrodisias we proceed to Kusadasi, one of Turkey's most popular Aegean resorts, for two nights. (BB,D)

Saturday, October 15 - Ephesus: A short drive brings us to the archaeological site that many regard as the most impressive in the world: Ephesus. Under the ancient Greeks it was a center for the worship of the goddess Artemis, whose temple drew worshipers from all quarters of the Mediterranean. Also dating from the classical period are the theater (mentioned in Acts 19) and the newly-restored Library of Celsus. (BB,D)

In A.D. 53 Paul preached here and attracted a large following during his third mission journey. Important ecclesiastical sites from the Christian era include the Basilica of St. John, said to be the last resting place of this apostle, and the Church of St. Mary. Overnight Kusadasi. (BB,D)

Sunday, October 16 - Canakkale: Today we visit Izmir (Smyrna), site of one of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor listed in the Book of Revelation, and then Pergamum, a center of Greek culture in the third and second centuries B.C. Here we visit the Asklepeion, an ancient health clinic dedicated to the god of medicine, and the Acropolis. Parchment was invented here. This afternoon, we'll drive north to legendary Troy and on to Canakkale for the night. (BB,D)

Monday, October 17 - Istanbul: Today we pass through Bursa, where the founders of the Ottoman Empire lie, and on to Iznik, famous from biblical times as ancient Nicaea, the site of the first council of the early Christian church. Then on to Izmit, the ancient Nicomedia, where the last great persecution of Christians started in A.D. 303. Overnight Istanbul. (BB,D)

Tuesday, October 18 - Istanbul: Full day tour of Turkey's greatest city (Constantinople) includes Topkapi Palace, Archaeological Museum, the Blue Mosque, the breathtaking Hagia Sophia, and the Bazaar. Overnight Istanbul. (BB,D)

Wednesday, October 19 - Istanbul/U.S.: Transfer to the airport and begin our return journey home.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

**CANCELLATION BY TOUR MEMBER**  
CANCELLATIONS per person: All cancellations must be in writing and acknowledged by TWT. A \$100.00 administrative fee will be assessed for any cancellation plus all costs in cancelling a passenger and all other penalties assessed by airlines, hotels, cruise lines, tour operators, attractions, motor coach companies, etc. PLUS the following:

- 1) Cancellations postmarked within 180 days of departure, penalty up to 10% of tour cost per person.
- 2) Cancellations postmarked within 120 days of departure, penalty up to 20% of tour cost per person. †
- 3) Cancellations postmarked within 60 days of departure, penalty up to 50% of tour cost per person. †
- 4) Cancellations postmarked within 45 days of departure, penalty 100% of tour cost per person. †

† Additionally, unless a replacement is found, a cancelling tour member will also be charged for the single supplement fee of one's non-cancelling roommate.

### PARTIAL OR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AFTER TOUR BEGINS

Once the tour is in progress, no refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

### DEPOSITS

TWT shall hold all deposits in escrow for the benefit of TWT and the traveler and, subject to the General Conditions set forth in this agreement, shall not be an asset of TWT until so earned, or as set forth herein.

### CANCELLATION BY T.W.T.

TWT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, in which case a full refund will be given. TWT also has the right to withdraw your membership at any time if your actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the tour. All additional costs to send a tour member home will be borne by the tour member.

### INSURANCE

An optional insurance plan is available. We strongly urge all tour members to have insurance in the event of illness or death occurring prior to departure. Also, medical insurance is urged since some insurance companies do not cover an individual while abroad. Please note that this insurance will not cover pre-existing conditions unless enrollment for the insurance is done within a specified number of days of TWT registering you for the tour. If you lose or don't receive this insurance information, immediately contact your tour host or the Trans World Travel office: (847) 432-2400.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Only items listed in the Tour Highlights or What the Tour Includes section of the brochure are included.

### AIR TRANSPORTATION

Round-trip in Economy Class. Individual seating requests cannot be guaranteed due

to airline seating policies. TWT must have your legal name. Reissuance ticket fees are subject to the policies of the individual airline contracted for your tour.

Passengers not traveling on the group's air itinerary are responsible for arranging their own transfers from their arrival airport to the group's first hotel or cruise ship and from the group's last hotel or cruise ship to their departure airport.

### HOTEL CLASSIFICATIONS

We use 3 and 4-star hotels that are chosen on the basis of location, cleanliness and services and, when possible, are typical of the local area, or the best accommodations available in a particular city. All rooms have private bath and toilet facilities.

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Excluded is any item or service not specifically indicated as included - such as cost of passports, visas where required, portorage at airports and/or ship docks, gratuities on all cruises ships, tips to tour manager, motor coach driver, or guide, optional tours, and any other items of a personal nature including beverages with included meals. No responsibility is incurred by TWT for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings. Baggage, health and trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

### DEVIATIONS

Deviations from the group itinerary will be quoted separately and require completion of a "Request for Deviation" Form. Changes are subject to a TWT deviation fee of \$100 per person plus any other travel related fees from airlines, hotels, etc.

### TOUR DOCUMENTS

Tour documents will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to departure. Documents delayed because of late payment may require express shipment billed to recipient or C. O. D.

### ITINERARY CHANGES

Occasionally, a change in a portion of your tour, accommodations, services, etc. may be necessitated due to: altered transportation schedules/equipment, weather conditions, labor strikes, road construction, or for other unforeseen reasons outside the control of TWT. Any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passengers. **RATES** All rates in this brochure are based on applicable tariffs in effect at the time of printing. Tour price can be increased due to the occurrence of currency fluctuations, the increase in fuel, increase in air tickets, various taxes, or any other increase connected with the tour package. Any cancellation due to any of the above changes is subject to the cancellation policy stated above.

### LEGAL / HEALTH DOCUMENTS

For international travel, all U.S. citizens must have a current passport with at least 6 months validity remaining from your return date. For certain countries you will also need a properly dated visa. These documents are your responsibility and we urge you to apply for these documents as soon as possible.

Smoking is prohibited aboard the motor coach.

### RESPONSIBILITY

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Highland Park, IL 60035  
Phone (847) 432-2400

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