

Includes:

- . Accommodations for 13 nights with H/B; breakfast and dinners daily**
- . 7 breakfasts and 7 dinners in Turkey, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners in Rome, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners in Athens
- . Airfare*** from LAX/FCO, FCO/ATH, ATH/IST, IST/LAX
- . Domestic flights in Turkey ISTANBUL/IZMIR/ISTANBUL
- . Deluxe motor-coach
- . Transfers to and from airports in Rome, Athens, and Turkey
- . Professional English speaking guides
- . All Entrance fees as mentioned in itinerary
- . Hotel porters in Rome and Turkey
- . Hotel city tax in Rome and Athens
- . Road taxes and parking fees in Rome
- . Tour representative available 24/7 in country while group is touring
- . All tips to hotel staff; porters, reception, housekeeping, dining room, restaurants, and tips to guide and driver
- . Departure packet for each tour participant

Not Included:

- . Lunches and drinks
- . Items of personal nature and anything not mentioned above
- . Travel insurance
- . Visa for Turkey

Due to the multi-city flights required for this tour, a land only package may not be available.

Price

US\$4653.00* per person sharing twin or double room for 22 participants
 US\$750.00 per person for the single supplement

Receive \$100.00 cash discount off total tour price when all deposits and payments are made in check, cashier's check, or money order. Cash discounts are applied at final billing, and are valid when group materializes to the required number of paying participants prior to final payment due date.

Payment due dates:

Deposit \$500.00 – April 2, 2019

Second payment - \$2250.00 – August 28, 2019

Final balance due – December 2, 2019

*Prices are based on a minimum number of paying people traveling. Should fewer people travel, a price adjustment may be necessary.

**Hotels are quoted based on availability at the time of booking.

***Airfare is estimated at this time. Flights purchased after the initial group flights may cost more, and will be reflected at final billing. Flights are typically booked and purchased 5-6 months prior to departure. We will use the best priced flights to keep within the tour budget. All group reservations are in economy seating..

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Rome, Athens, Istanbul, and the Seven Churches of the Revelation

Pr. Chris invites you to tour Rome, Athens, Istanbul, and the Seven Churches of the Revelation. This is sure to be a fantastic pilgrimage, focusing on the missions of St. Paul, as well as gaining further understanding about St. John's book of Revelation. This tour includes airfare, hotels with breakfast and dinners, comfortable A/C coach, transfers, entrance fees, scholarly guides, and many extras at one price that individual travel does not match. Join Pr. Chris on this exciting and spiritual pilgrimage!

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W, March 18 Day 1 Depart U.S.

TH, March 19 Day 2 Arrival in Rome. Transfer to hotel for overnight. (Flight arrival evening).

F-S, March 20-21 Days 3-4 Colosseum, Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, Spanish Steps. Overnight in Rome (2 nights).

S, March 22 Day 5 Travel day to Athens. (early morning flight from Rome, with early afternoon arrival in Athens). Possibly visit **Syntagma Square**, the **House of Parliament** and the **Tomb to the Unknown Soldier**, guarded by the Evzones in their traditional costume. Stop at the **Pan- Athenaic Olympic Stadium**, (where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896). Overnight in Athens.



M, March 23 Day 6 **Corinth Tour**. Drive west, along the coastal highway, the Apollo Coast, and stop to see the **Corinth Canal**, which connects the Aegean and the Ionian Seas. Continue to and visit **Ancient Corinth**. See the **Bema**, the **Temple of Apollo**, the remains of the **Agora**, and **Pyrene**

Fountain. Transfer for lunch to a local restaurant. Make a stop at **Cenchrea**. See the archaeological site of the **Temple of the Olympian Zeus** and **Hadrian's Arch**. Overnight in Athens.

T, March 24 Day 7 In Athens. See **Syntagma Square**, the **House of Parliament** and the **Tomb to the Unknown Soldier**, guarded by the Evzones in their traditional costume. Stop at the **Pan- Athenaic Olympic Stadium**, (where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896) (If not previously visited on day of arrival)

See the archaeological site of the **Temple of the Olympian Zeus** and **Hadrian's Arch** (if not visited on prior day). On the **Acropolis** visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the **Propylaea**, the **Temple of Athena Nike**, the **Erechtheion** and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the **Parthenon**. You will also visit **Mars Hill**; **Areopagus**, **Temple of Hephaestus**, and the **Ancient Agora of Athens**. Overnight in Athens.

W, March 25 Day 8 (Early morning departure from Athens, with **early morning arrival in Istanbul**). Travel to Istanbul. Before checking into hotel, **Cruise on the Bosphorus**, from the Sea of Marmara to the entrance of the Black Sea, passing the summer palaces of the Ottoman Sultans and Vezirs, as well as modern residences, and the Fortress of Rumeli Hisar, erected in 1452 by Mehmet the Conqueror, have lunch, and visit the **Covered Bazaar** to explore the thousands of tiny shops in a maze of arched alleys. Overnight in Istanbul.



TH, March 26 Day 9 **Kariye Museum (St. Saviour I Chora)** with its fabulous mosaics and frescoes, **St. Irene**, the great basilica of **Hagia Sophia**, and the **Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmet)**, **Obelisk**, and **Basilica Cistern**. Over night in Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

F, March 27 Day 10 Morning flight to **Izmir (Smyrna)**, the first of the Seven Churches. Izmir the third largest city in Turkey and center for Jews and Christians. In Paul's day, Izmir was known as Smyrna and was another of the Seven Churches. Here we'll see the Church of Polycarp's. Visit **Mt. Pagos**, known as "Velvet Castle", the Roman Agora. Overnight in Izmir.

S, March 28 Day 11 Excursion to **Pergamum**, second of the churches, to see the Altar of Zeus, referred to as the "Throne of Satan" in the Book of Revelations, the precipitous theatre, the library and the gymnasium. In the afternoon, the Aesculepium, medical center of the ancient world, will be visited. Here patients underwent an amazingly advanced blend of psychosomatic cures. Also visit the Archaeological Museum in the town of Bergama nearby. On the way back visit **Thyatira (Akhisar)** to see the remains of a basilica and some architectural fragments from the Roman period. Overnight in Izmir.

S, March 29 Day 12 Visit to **Ephesus**, to see the Basilica of St. John, and the extensive ruins of the city colonnaded marble streets, temples, baths, gymnasium, the theatre where silversmiths rioted against St. Paul, the site of the Third Ecumenical Council, and the site of the Temple of Diana, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. You will also visit the Ephesus Archaeological Museum and see the statue of Diana of the Ephesians and the **Ancient Church of Mary**. Overnight in Pamukkale.



M, March 30 Day 13 Drive through the Meander Valley to **Pamukkale**, "Cotton Castle", with its fantastic calcareous formations and pools of natural warm water. Continue to **Hierapolis, including Church and Tomb of St. Philip**. Continue to **Laodicea**, another of the Seven Churches, with the remains of a basilica, stopping at **Colossae** before returning to the hotel. Overnight in Pamukkale.



T, March 31 Day 14 Drive to **Philadelphia (Alaşehir)** to see the remains of a church, and continue to **Sardis**, the last of the Churches, capital of the Lydian kingdom. Here at the remains of the Temple of Artemis, a Byzantine church, a reconstructed synagogue and a large gymnasium. Evening flight back to Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

W Day 15 Transfer to the airport for departure to IST, and connect to flight back to LAX.

