

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

# GREECE & TURKEY

*In the Steps of Paul with John*

13 DAYS: MARCH 24-APRIL 5, 2025

*Visiting*

ATHENS \* CORINTH \* DELPHI \* KALAMBAKA  
THESSALONIKI \* KAVALA \* CANAKKALE \* PERGAMUM  
IZMIR \* PAMUKKALE \* EPHEBUS \* ISTANBUL

*Hosted by*

**Leon and Linda Mauldin**

**\$5,089 PER PERSON FROM ATLANTA**

(Air/land tour price is \$4,429 plus \$660 government taxes/airline surcharges)



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Hi Friends,  
Linda & I are delighted to host a tour to biblical sites in the lands of Greece and Turkey. **"In the Steps of Paul and John in Greece and Turkey"** is scheduled for March 24-April 5, 2025! We want to take this means to invite you to travel with us!

Upon our arrival in Athens, Greece, our itinerary is packed with biblical sites, starting with Athens, Corinth and on up to Delphi. We continue northward through what was Macedonia, but today is Grecian territory, visiting biblical sites of Berea, Thessalonica, and Philippi. Then on to Amphipolis and then to Neapolis, thus **seeing all the sites mentioned in connection with Paul's 2nd and 3rd Journeys in biblical Achaia and Macedonia!**

We are then to cross the Aegean Sea, and in western Turkey visit Troas and Assos. Then we will begin our visit of the **cities of the Seven Churches of Asia**, to whom Jesus wrote specific letters through the apostle John (Rev. 2-3). Jesus referred to Pergamum as the place where Satan had his throne, but God had his people there also! While at Laodicea, we will also see Colossae and Hierapolis (Col. 4:13). Ephesus is where Paul labored 3 years (Acts 20:31), and it was his teaching here that resulted in the establishment of many of the churches of Asia (Acts 19:10).

The tour will conclude in historic Istanbul. The archaeological museum will be a high point of interest as will be the world's largest bazaar, 4,000 shops under one roof! We have scheduled an "extra day" in Istanbul which will include the Chora Church, the Yedikule Fortress, dungeon, city walls, and fortress system!

Our USA point of departure and return is **Atlanta**. The cost of this inclusive 13-day tour is: \$5089 per person roundtrip. Here is a breakdown of pricing: air/land tour price is \$4429; government taxes/airline surcharges are currently \$660, making the total \$5,809. Additionally, I will collect \$175 per passenger for tips which I will distribute among our guides, drivers, hotel staff & porters, etc. (Europe has "hotel residency taxes" which will be collected with final payment).

**Value of touring Greece/Turkey.** When folks think of the Bible lands, most of us first think of Israel, and for good reason! But in addition to the many events that took place there, so much of the divine narrative is situated in Greece and Turkey. All of the cities of the Seven Churches are in Turkey. The focus of Paul's 2nd Journey was Greece. In the 3rd Journey Paul was 3 years in Ephesus, which today is in Turkey. Every serious student would benefit from our tour; preachers, elders, teachers (both men and women) will especially be able to make use of this biblical study tour!

**I am now ready to receive deposits.** Please read the attached brochure, including terms and conditions. If you wish to join the tour, complete the form, and enclose deposit check (\$600 per person, payable to Nawas International Travel). Then mail form and check to me, and your spot on the tour will be secured.

I hope you will join us on this tour. Contact me at [leon.mauldin@gmail.com](mailto:leon.mauldin@gmail.com) or my cell: 256-339-0755. Please share this info with friends!

Kindest Regards,  
Leon Mauldin

## TOUR FEATURES:

- ◆ Round trip airfare from Atlanta
- ◆ \$660 government taxes & airline surcharges
- ◆ Accommodations on the land portion at first class/select hotels based on two persons sharing in twin bedded rooms with private bath
- ◆ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ◆ Services of professional English-speaking guides
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing
- ◆ All admission fees, portorage and hotel service charges
- ◆ Transfers to/from airports by private motor coach including meeting/assistance

## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### ATLANTA/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

#### MON, MAR 24

Depart from Atlanta International Airport today on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight. Your adventure begins!

### ARRIVE ATHENS

#### TUE, MAR 25

Arrive in Athens where you will be met and escorted to your motor coach for transfer to your hotel. **(D)**

### ATHENS - CORINTH

#### WED, MAR 26

Early this morning, depart for Corinth, where Paul was centrally located for his ministry. The vigorous Gentile Church that he founded here in 50 AD prompted him to write at least two letters to them. Visit the ancient ruins of the city where Paul worked with Priscilla and Aquila. See the remains of the first century shops, the agora where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, the Fountain of Peirene, the Temple of Apollo, and the Bema.

This afternoon, return to Athens and see the Royal Palace, the Stadium and Temple of Zeus, the Theatre of Dionysius and the Agora (marketplace) where Paul spoke and Socrates' prison. Visit Mars Hill and the Acropolis with the famous Parthenon. **(B,D)**

### ATHENS/DELPHI/KALAMBAKA

#### THU, MAR 27

Depart Athens this morning and drive on the national highway through Thebes, Levadia and the picturesque village of Arachova to Delphi. Visit the archeological site in Delphi which has the Temple of Apollo, the Tholos, the theater, the stadium, the Treasuries of the Athenians and the Syphnias. Also visit the Castalian Spring and the Delphi Museum to see the famous Bronze Charioteer and other statues. Drive to Kalambaka for the night. **(B,D)**

### KALAMBAKA/VERIA/THESSALONIKI

#### FRI, MAR 28

This morning, depart for Meteora to view the "Hanging Monasteries". These impressive ancient monasteries are suspended between earth and sky, atop huge granite rocks. Drive through the beautiful country side of Northern Greece and visit Veria (Ancient Berea). Continue on to Vergina to visit the Royal Tombs, the resting

## KALAMBAKA/VERIA/THESSALONIKI

**FRI, MAR 28 - continued**

place of King Philip II, the father of Alexander the Great, before proceeding to Thessaloniki for the night. Paul preached in Thessaloniki during the winters of 50-49 AD and wrote epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. See the ramparts of the city, the triumphal Arch of Galerius starting the Via Egnatia, once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire, and the seafront promenade with the White Tower. We spend the night in Thessaloniki. (B,D)

## THESSALONIKI/PHILIPPI/KAVALA

**SAT, MAR 29**

Today, continue your tour of Thessaloniki with a visit to the Roman Market, Theater, *Museum at Thessaloniki* and Baths. **Jason's House** is now called the Church of Agios Nikolaos Orfanos. The site where the monastery of Vlatadon was built is believed to be the location where Jason's house once stood and where Paul was accommodated during his visit to Thessaloniki. Next, drive to Philippi where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. *We will make a brief stop at Amphipolis to view the location of the newly discovered tomb and visit the archaeological museum there.* We will then continue onto Philippi, where Paul baptized Lydia as the first Christian convert in Europe. The Roman forum, completely excavated, is from after Paul's time. Among the ruins, located on the rocky ledge above the town's main road is the prison where Paul and Silas were confined. Continue into the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where Paul first set foot in Europe accompanied by Silas, Luke, and Timothy. Overnight in Kavala. (B,D)

## KAVALA/TROAS/ASSOS

**SUN, MAR 30**

This morning cross into Turkey and drive through the First World War Battlefields of Gallipoli. Cross by ferry to the Asia Minor side. Continue to Troas, where Paul met with disciples on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week to break bread. Then we will continue on to Assos, the seaside town also visited by Paul, where we will visit the Temple of Athena. Enjoy some time for worship before dinner and overnight in Assos. (B,D)

## ASSOS/PERGAMUM/IZMIR

**MON, MAR 31**

Today, drive to Pergamum (modern day Bergama) and visit one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Here, view the ancient ruins of the famous temples dedicated to the healing gods of Asklepios and Serapis, along with the Acropolis, the Temple of Athens, and the Trojan Temple. This city was considered diabolical by early Christians because of the many pagan temples located here. Next we will visit the museum at Bergama. From Pergamum continue to Thyatira (Akhisar) for a brief stop. Then continue to Izmir, ancient Smyrna, and one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Smyrna is hidden under modern Izmir, but you will view the archeological remains of the Agora. (B,D)

## IZMIR/SARDIS/PHILADELPHIA/ LAODICEA/COLOSSAE/PAMUKKALE

**TUE, APR 1**

This morning drive to Sardis, site of a third Church of Revelation. Visit the Temple of Artemis, the recently constructed gymnasium and the largest Synagogue in

Asia Minor. Continue to ancient Philadelphia, also one of the Seven Churches of Revelation and see the remaining walls. On to Laodicea, another one of the Seven Churches of Revelation and then to Colossae. End in Pamukkale. (B,D)

## PAMUKKALE/HIERAPOLIS/EPHESUS/ISTANBUL

**WED, APR 2**

This morning, visit the ruins of Hierapolis and the natural pools. Next, drive through the meandering Valley to Ephesus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the First Church of Revelation. Ephesus was the capital of Roman Asia Minor and Paul preached and taught here for over two years. View the magnificent harbor and the great amphitheatre which seated nearly 25,000 people. See Marble Street, the Library of Celsius, a gymnasium and the Temple of Hadrian. You will also see the Temple of Diana, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the site of the scene of religious riots. St. Paul founded the Church here and was also imprisoned in Ephesus. Also visit the Basilica of St. John, whose later life and death are associated with Ephesus *and the museum of Ephesus in the nearby city of Selcuk.* Following this tour, transfer to the Izmir airport for an early evening flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for the night. (B,D)

## ISTANBUL

**THU, APR 3**

Today, your sightseeing of Istanbul today will include a visit to the Topkapi Palace, home of the Ottoman Sultans with visits to the Treasury containing jewel encrusted thrones, the world's largest emerald and the famous Topkapi Dagger. Then, on to St. Sophia, originally a Christian Basilica conceived by Constantine and rebuilt by Justinian, turned into a Mosque in 1453, and in 1920 made into a museum by Ataturk for all to enjoy regardless of creed. You will also see the legendary Blue Mosque with its six minarets and dome of 109 feet. Next, visit the Archaeological Museum which houses the sarcophagus of Alexander the Great and other Biblical artifacts. Finally, stop at the Grand Bazaar, a labyrinth of over 4,000 shops displaying everything from souvenirs in copper and onyx to precious jewelry, antiques and Oriental carpets. End the day with a relaxing boat ride on the Bosphorus. Overnight in Istanbul. (B,D)

## ISTANBUL

**FRI, APR 4**

After breakfast, enjoy another full day tour of Istanbul including a visit of the Chora Church, converted to a Mosque (Kariye Mosque) for a second time. The church is famous for its Byzantine Era mosaics and frescos. Proceed to the Yedikule Fortress, also known as the fortress of seven towers. You will explore the dungeon with its storied past and see the city walls and water cistern. Return to your hotel for dinner. (B,D)

## ISTANBUL/ATLANTA

**SAT, APR 5**

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Atlanta, arriving home with memories of a fantastic journey! (B)

(B) ~ Breakfast (L) ~ Lunch (D) ~ Dinner

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

**Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.**

- A \$600 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 110 days prior to departure date (November 12, 2024\*)  
*\*(Gratuities, and Hotel Tourist City Tax will be collected at final payment.)*

## TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

For terms and conditions please visit:

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Airfare in effect on June 20, 2024, and Estimated Taxes/ Airline Surcharge and Port Charges of \$660 in effect on June 20, 2024.

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2025 tariffs, overseas gov't taxes and rates of exchange in effect on June 20, 2024 and a minimum of 32 or more participants per coach.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on June 20, 2024 (excluding hotel tourist taxes).

## Introducing your Tour Leader

*Leon Mauldin has made numerous trips to the Bible lands, for research and photography for Biblical teaching for the past 25 years. He has preached since 1972, and has served as minister at his current location in Hanceville, AL (Hanceville church of Christ), for the past 35 years. He has conducted special series in several states and foreign countries on the History and Geography of the Bible, and related topics. He is one of the authors of the new **Discovering God's Way** Bible class curriculum (Religious Supply, Louisville, ed. Bob Harkrider), and writes articles on biblical archaeology in **Truth Magazine**. Mauldin holds associate membership in the Near East Archaeological Society and the Evangelical Theological Society.*

## Customer Reviews

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# 13 DAYS GREECE & TURKEY

## ◆ RESERVATION FORM ◆

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**ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:**

- double room sharing with \_\_\_\_\_  
 single room\* (\$1,200 extra per person)  
*\*Single Rooms are limited and available on a first come, first served basis)*

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as  
 Deposit (\$600 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s)

**Please include a clear photocopy of your Passport with this Reservation Form  
 Clearly print your full name (last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport:**

**Passenger #1**

Name: Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last \_\_\_\_\_  
 First \_\_\_\_\_  
 Middle \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
(day/month/year) (day/month/year)

Date of Birth:     
MONTH DAY YEAR

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger #2**

Name: Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last \_\_\_\_\_  
 First \_\_\_\_\_  
 Middle \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth:     
MONTH DAY YEAR

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Signature Passenger # 1

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 Date

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 Signature Passenger # 2

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 Date