

SOUTH-EASTERN TURKEY

Day 1 Morning flight from Istanbul to Hatay (Antioch). Tour the Mediterranean city of Iskenderun, founded by Alexander the Great. Admire crusader castles perched on hilltops on the way to the biblical city of **Antioch**, known as Antakya today. Explore the **Grotto of St. Peter**, believed to have been built by the apostle Peter as the first Christian Church. It was in Antioch that the word "Christian" was coined. Visit the Museum of Roman Mosaics. Overnight in Adana.

Day 2 Visit **Tarsus**, the birthplace of **St. Paul**, then proceed through the Boklar Mountains via Pozanti and Karapınar. Konya was the Capital of Seldjuk Turks during the 12th and 13th centuries and flourished as a center of culture. **St. Paul** visited Konya (**Iconium**), using its synagogue as his forum. Overnight in Konya.

Day 3 Drive to **Pisidian Antioch** (Yalvac), where, on his first missionary journey, St. Paul preached his first recorded sermon. After lunch on the shores of Eğirdir Lake and visit the Sagalassos excavations in Aĝlasun continue to Antalya. Visit Perge, a former ancient Greek city and capital of Pamphylia. St. Paul stopped here and preached on his first missionary journey. Continue to Aspendos and see the well-preserved Roman amphitheatre seating 15,000 people and still in use today. Overnight in Antalya.

Day 4 In the morning, tour the old port area with its colourful streets then continue to the renowned Antalya Archaeological Museum. In the afternoon transfer to Antalya airport for return flight to Istanbul.