

## In the Footsteps of St. Paul and St. John

Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece

**Thursday, April 20 - Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

**SAN FRANCISCO / LOS ANGELES - \$3,999.00**

(Airline taxes/fuel surcharges)

Optional Insurance \$370.00

(Insurance based on per person double occupancy, travelers age 25+)

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT - \$599.00

### Chaplain:



**Fr. Antonio Silveira**  
**FIVE WOUNDS CHURCH**

### Day 1 - Thursday, April 20, 2023

#### DEPART SAN FRANCISCO or LOS ANGELES

**SFO:** Our pilgrimage begins as we depart San Francisco on flight TK80 to Istanbul at 6:15pm.

**LAX:** Our pilgrimage begins as we depart Los Angeles on flight TK10 to Istanbul 6:35pm.

### Day 2 - Friday, April 21, 2023

#### ARRIVE ISTANBUL

**SFO:** Arrive Istanbul at 5:15pm.

**LAX:** Arrive Istanbul at 5:35pm.

Your tour guide and bus driver will be waiting for you to welcome you to Turkey. Transfer to the church for Mass then to our hotel for overnight.

You must obtain a Turkish Visa in USA before your departure. Visit [www.evvisa.gov.tr](http://www.evvisa.gov.tr) to apply for Turkish Visa.

### Day 3 - Saturday, April 22, 2023

#### ISTANBUL

Our full day in Istanbul will include visits to the Hippodrome Square, the Blue Mosque, the Basilica of Saint Sophia, Topkapi Palace. End the day with shopping at the Grand Bazaar. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

### Day 4 - Sunday, April 23, 2023

#### ISTANBUL / CAPPADOCIA

We will begin our day with a morning of shopping at the Spice Market (or Egyptian Spice Bazaar), this large covered market has remained the city's center for spice trade since its creation in the 17 century. Then, we embark on a cruise of the Bosphorus, the winding straight that separates Europe and Asia and connects the Black Sea with the Inland Sea of Marmara. Afterwards, we will head to the Church of Saint Saviour in Chora. Transfer to airport for flight to Cappadocia.

### Day 5 - Monday, April 24, 2023

#### CAPPADOCIA

After breakfast, we will at the Goreme Open-Air Museum, famed for its rock-hewn cave churches decorated with Byzantine frescoes. Afterwards, we are off to Ortahisar to see its gorgeous valleys and stop at the Three Beauties, the most famous of the region's many conic rock formations. Next we descend into Ozkonak Underground City, before heading to potter's studio in Avanos, a town established by Hittites on the banks of the Halys River. This town has carried the Hittites' tradition of pottery, that uses the river's famous red clay to make ceramics. Overnight in Cappadocia.

### Day 6 - Tuesday, April 25, 2023

#### CAPPADOCIA / IZMIR / EPHEBUS / KUSADASI

This morning, we will take our flight to Izmir. Upon arrival, we will drive to Ephesus and walk through history with its various structures, such as the Temple of Hadrian, the library of Celsus. We will visit the House

of the Virgin Mary, where is she believed to have spent the last days of her life with the Apostle John. In Ephesus, is where St. Paul worked as a tent maker in the market & we visit the tomb where St. John is buried. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

### Day 7 - Wednesday, April 26, 2023

#### KUSADASI / PATMOS / KUSADASI

This morning we will take the ferry to Patmos. Arrive Patmos, where we will visit the Cave of Revelation and the Basilica of John. Return to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.

### Day 8 - Thursday, April 27, 2023

#### KUSADASI / PERGAMON / CANAKKALE

After breakfast, we will drive north of Turkey and visit Pergamon. The city rose to prominence following the death of Alexander the Great in 323 B.C. Today, we will tour the Acropolis, which sits atop a 1000-foot windswept mountain, offering a view of the neighboring modern towns, the azure waters of the Aegean, and the ruins of Pergamon that cascade down from the ancient city center. Continue to Canakkale, visit the legendary city of Troy. Settled as early as 3,000 B.C., Troy was made famous by Homer's Iliad, the epic account of the Trojan War. Dinner and overnight.

### Day 9 - Friday, April 28, 2023

#### CANAKKALE / BORDER CROSSING - GREECE / KAVALA

After breakfast, we will drive to the Greek border. Once in Greece, we will drive to the modern city of Kavala, the sea port for Philippi, called Neapolis in Acts 16. Check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 10 - Saturday, April 29, 2023

#### KAVALA / PHILIPPI / THESSALONIKI

This morning we will visit Philippi, named after Philip of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great in Philippi. We'll visit the theater, forum and chapel commemorating Lydia. In Philippi, we visit the site where St. Paul was believed to have been imprisoned and where he wrote the Letters to the Philippians. We proceed to Thessaloniki, birthplace of Aristotle, for dinner and overnight.

### Day 11 - Sunday, April 30, 2023

#### THESSALONIKI / VERIA / METEORA / KALAMBAKA

This morning we will visit the White Tower, the Church of St. Dimitrios, Arch of Galerius, and the Rotunda. Then we continue to Veria (Berea), where St. Paul escaped the hostility he encountered at Thessaloniki. We will see the monument built to the Apostle at the southern part of the city, also known as the Bema. Continue to Kalabaka, where we will visit the hanging Byzantine monasteries (Meteora). There are 24, but only 8 are inhabited, and we will visit 2 of them. Continue to hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 12 - Monday, May 1, 2023

#### KALAMBAKA / ATHENS

After breakfast, we depart to Athens. Upon arrival, proceed with a

sightseeing tour driving pass the highlights of the city. Then we visit the Acropolis. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

**Day 13 - Tuesday, May 2, 2023**  
**ATHENS / CORINTH**

After breakfast, we will head to Corinth, where we make a brief stop at the Corinth Canal, then on to ancient Corinth to visit the museum, The Bema of St. Paul, the Doric Temple of Apollo, the Agora Lechaïou Road, and the Pirene fountain. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 14 - Wednesday, May 3, 2023**  
**DEPART ATHENS / ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO or LOS ANGELES**

**SFO:** Today, we depart Athens on flight TK1846 to Istanbul at 10:35am. Arrive Istanbul at 12:05pm. Then we transfer on flight TK79 to San Francisco at 1:15pm. Arrive San Francisco at 4:35pm.

**LAX:** Today, we depart Athens on flight TK1846 to Istanbul at 10:35am. Arrive Istanbul at 12:05pm. Then we transfer on flight TK9 to Los Angeles at 1:15pm. Arrive Los Angeles at 4:55pm.

**Tour Operator**



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**Itinerary is subject to change without notice.**

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**PASSENGER BOOKING FORM**

**April 20 - May 3, 2023 - 14 Day Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey - (TG 042023) - ABM Tours**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ person(s)

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to purchase the offered travel protection plan. (Please include payment with your deposit - for US residents only)

\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the policy and Travel Protection Plan flyer for important consumer information and disclaimers.

\_\_\_\_ No, I decline travel insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Photocopy of your passport is required - must be valid 6 months after your return date - after November 3, 2023)

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

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

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle (choose one only): Roommate or Single Room (please add \$599.00 with your deposit)

Name of who you are rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_

(ABM Tours is not responsible to find you a roommate)

Departing from (City): \_\_\_\_\_

If other than SFO/LAX do you want us to book your flight from your city of departure: \_\_\_\_ Yes; \_\_\_\_ No

A deposit fee of \$350 (by check) plus \$370 (Optional - Ins. for US residents only) payable to ABM Tours is required per person at the time of booking but not later than December 16, 2022. Balance is due on or before January 20, 2023. Any booking after January 21, 2023 is subject to availability plus late fee penalty will apply.

**(Submit this booking form, photocopy of your passport with your deposit).**

Rates on the flyer reflects discount payment made by check, credit card payment will be at a much higher rate. Fuel surcharges are subject to change up to 25 days prior to departure date. NON USA citizens must obtain visa before their departure.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Round trip flight from San Francisco and Los Angeles
- Flight to (Kayseri) Cappadocia
- Transfers to and from the airport (group booking only)
- Professional tour guide
- First class hotels with private facilities
- Daily Breakfast and Dinner
- Program as per itinerary includes entrance fees and taxes
- Private motor coach
- Private mass when accompanied by a priest

**NOT INCLUDED:**

Insurance, lunches, visas, and items of personal nature