



SEVEN CHURCHES 7 DAYS 6 NIGHTS



Day 1 – ISTANBUL / BURSA

After arrival we drive to the 'Old City'. Our first stop is the **Hippodrome of Constantinople**, the centre of **Byzantine** civic life, where horse and chariot races used to take place. We then travel towards the Blue Mosque, known for the impressive blue tiles lining its walls. **The Basilica of Haggia Sophia (Divine Wisdom)**, now called the Ayasofya Museum, is unquestionably one of the finest buildings of all time. Built by **Constantine** the Great, it was reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century. Last stop at **Spice Bazaar**, where the smells of cinnamon, cloves and thyme rise from hundreds of colourful muslin bags at every store-front. We drive round **Iznik Lake** to Bursa where we visit the ornate **Mausoleum of Sultan Orhan** and the **Orhan Camii**, the first ottoman mosque which was erected in 1413. Dinner and Overnight in Bursa.

Day 2 – BURSA / THYATIRA / SARDIS / PHILADELPHIA / PAMUKKALE

After breakfast drive to Pamukkale. We will stop by Thyteria to see the remains of the church. This was one of the principle towns where Christianity spread quickly. Then we will drive to Sardis whose history dates back to 12th century B.C. Sardis felt the influence of Christianity very early and was included in the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse. During the Byzantine times it was the seat of a bishopric. Highlights will be a Synagogue, Gymnasium, Byzantine Church and the Temple of Artemis. Next on our itinerary is Philadelphia which was an important Christian centre during Byzantine times. We will see the ruins of the Basilica. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B/L/D)

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Day 3 – PAMUKKALE / HIERAPOLIS / LAODICEA / KUSADASI

In the morning we visit Hierapolis, which was founded by Pergamon King Telephus and named after his wife, Hiera. During the Byzantine period, the city became the seat of diocese with a large Christian Church dedicated to St Philip, who was martyred there in 80 AD. Highlights include the Roman Baths, , the Theatre and the famous white calcium cascades of Pamukkale (the white “Cotton Castles”). Then we will visit Laodicea, where we will find a Theatre, a large Stadium, a Water Tower and an Odeon. This city is supposed to have been named by Antiochus II in honour of his wife, Laodicea. Thereafter, we proceed to Kusadasi. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

Day 4 – KUSADASI / EPHESUS / KUSADASI

Then drive to Selcuk town, we will visit the famous ancient city of Ephesus, one of the world’s finest archaeological sites. Our tour will begin with the Basilica of St John “the Evangelist” who came here with the Virgin Mary and wrote his Gospel in Ephesus. Highlights include the Library of Celcius, the Temple of Hadrian, the Fountain of Trajan and the Theatre. We will also stop by the House of Virgin Mary (on top of Mt Coressos). She was believed to have spent her last years in this area. On 18 August 1961, Pope John XXII proclaimed this place to be sacred. Overnight in Kusadasi.

Day 5 – KUSADASI / IZMIR / PERGAMON / AYVALIK

After breakfast drive to Izmir and visit Church of Smyra. Then we drive to the hauntingly beautiful Pergamon. Among the impressive structures of this city, dating from 399 B.C., we will see the Altar of Zeus, Temple of Dionysus and the 200,000 volume library which was surpassed only by that found in Alexandria at the time. The Asclepieum of Pergamon was a famous health centre where methods of treatment included blood transfusions, music therapy and meditation. Thereafter, we proceed to Ayvalik. Dinner and overnight in Ayvalik.

Day 6 – AYVALIK / ASSOS / TROY / CANAKKALE / ISTANBUL

We leave this morning for Troas and Assos. Troas was a busy port situated on the north-west coast of Asia Minor. During his stay in Troas, St. Paul had a dream in which he saw a vision of a man asking him to “come over to Macedonia and help us” after which he decided to go to Europe. Assos perched high on a cliff overlooking the Aegean and the Island of Lesbos is breathtaking. Its Acropolis carries the impressive Temple of Athena. Arriving at Assos on foot from Troas, St. Paul preached here and climbed down to the little port on the shore to board the boat on his return journey to Jerusalem. Then we proceed to Troy to see the legendary city and the replica of the Trojan Horse. Drive to Istanbul for overnight.

Day 7 – ISTANBUL

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel. Then embark the Bosphorus Cruise Boat. A scenic journey along the Bosphorus between two continents, Asia and Europe. Lunch at a sea food restaurant. In the afternoon, we visit the famous Topkapi Palace, which was home to the sultans between the 15th and 19th centuries. It is now a museum exhibiting imperial collections of crystal, silver, Chinese porcelain and imperial costumes. Then transfer to the airport for International flight.

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Rates per person on half double/triple occupancy

40+2	35+2	30+2	25+2	20+2	15+2	s/s
\$ 325	\$ 335	\$ 350	\$ 370	\$ 405	\$ 400	\$ 140

Hotel list

Ramada Plaza 5* in Istanbul

Iris Hotel or similar 4* in Canakkale

Ramada Plaza or similar 5* in Izmir

Hierapark Thermal Spa 4* or similar in Pamukkale

Dinler Hotel 4* or similar in Cappadocia

PACKAGES INCLUDES

- Bahasa speaking guide
- Hotel accommodation as mentioned
- Complimentary 1 box Turkish delight on arrival per person
- 1 tour leader is free in SINGLE room
- Air-conditioned bus with FREE WIFI
- Meals as per above itinerary
- All entrance tickets as mentioned in the program, parking, toll fees etc.
- A bottle of mineral water per person per day during the tour.
- 04 Pax 01 Big bottle waters sharing at the meals
- Tipping for hotel, tipping for restaurants
- All taxes

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PACKAGES EXCLUDES

- Drinks during meals: juice, coke etc
- Tips to guide & driver (total 5 usd/day/pax)
- Personal expenses
- Visa fee
- Airline-flight ticket (international & domestic)
- Optional Tours
- All sightseeing tours that is not in the program
- Guide & Driver Tip
- Domestic & International flight ticket.
- Portage at Airport

CHILD POLICY

0-2 Years Old Child without bed: Free of Charge

3-6 Years Old Child without bed: 50 % Discount from Adult Fee

3-6 Years Old Child with extra bed: 30 % Discount from Adult Fee

7-12 Years Old Child with extra bed: 20 % Discount from Adult Fee

Cancellation Policy:

30 Days before cancellations will be accepted without any charge for mentioned services.

20 Days before cancellations subject to 50 % charge of total amount for mentioned services.

10 Days before cancellations subject to Full Charge for mentioned services.

Payment Policy:

When above services and price offered confirmed we would like to ask your kind payment for 20 % full amount / full amount 15 Days before departure

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