



September 21-October 3, 2009

In the Footsteps of Paul in Turkey

Explore the culture, archaeology and stunning monuments of the Other Holy Land

Explore Biblical Turkey with the Biblical Archaeology Society

After Israel, Turkey has more Biblical sites than any other country. For this reason, Turkey is rightly called the Other Holy Land. Many people are unaware of Turkey's unique role in the Bible because this strategic peninsula—bounded by the Mediterranean, Aegean, and Black Seas—is usually called Asia Minor or Anatolia. Turkey is especially important in understanding the background of the New Testament because approximately two-thirds of its books were written either to or from churches in Turkey. The three major apostles—Peter, Paul and John—either ministered or lived in Turkey.

Your Scholar/Guide

See this ancient land with a guide who combines thorough knowledge of the Bible with an intimate familiarity with Turkey's historic sites. **Mark Wilson** is the director of the Asia Minor Research Center in Izmir, Turkey. Mark received his doctorate in Biblical Studies from the University of South Africa (Pretoria), where he serves as a Research Fellow in the Department of Old Testament and Biblical Archaeology. He is currently Visiting Professor of Early Christianity at Regent University and leads field studies in Turkey for several universities and seminaries. He is the author of *Charts on the Book of Revelation*, the revising editor of *The Cities of St. Paul*, editor of *Constantinople and the Scenery of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor* and the author of "The Book of Revelation" in the *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*. Professor Wilson also served as a consultant for "The First Christians" in the History Channel's "Lost Worlds" series.

COSTS OF TOUR

Per person in Double Occupancy, including tips to guide & driver \$4,900*
Taxes (estimated)
Single room supplement \$600

TOUR FEATURES

- Roundtrip Air fare between New York JFK and Istanbul
- Istanbul-Konya domestic flights on Sep 23
- Izmir-Istanbul domestic flight on Oct 3
- 1 night at Special Class Germir Palas Hotel www.germirpalas.com
- 2 nights at 4 star Ozkaymak Hotel in Konya www.ozkaymak.com.tr
- 2 nights at 5 star Dedeman Hotel in Antalya www.dedemanhotels.com
- 1 night at 4 star Hotel in Kalkan
- 1 night at 5 star Colossae Hotel in Pamukkale www.colossae.com.tr
- 2 nights at 4 star Anemon Hotel in Izmir www.anemonhotels.com
- 1 night at 5 star Korumar Hotel in Kusadasi www.korumar.com.tr
- 1 night at 4 star Anemon Hotel in Izmir www.anemonhotels.com
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All escorted transfers
- Daily open buffet breakfasts at hotels
- 11 Dinners at hotels
- Transportation by private A/C bus
- English-speaking professional tour guide throughout the tour
- All entry fees to the sites & museums
- Portage at hotels
- Tips to the hotel and restaurant staff
- Service charges & local taxes
- Tips to the tour guide and driver

EXCLUDING

- Drinks and Lunches
- All personal expenses – Any other item which is not listed above
- Turkish Visa Fee (\$20 per person for US citizens to be paid upon arrival)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure your place on the program, along with signed application form. (Full deposit may be refunded only if Biblical Archaeology Society [BAS]/Tutku Tours withdraw the offer of the program.) Final payment is due to BAS no later than July 1, 2009. Thereafter, late fees may be issued by some land and air providers.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY: All cancellations for any reason and at any time must be received in writing and will be subject to a \$500 per person administrative fee. Cancellation between 90-61 days of departure will be subject to additional loss of some non-recoverable sums from independent providers of land and air services. No refund is available 60 days or less prior to departure. Air tickets once issued are non-refundable.

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PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport, good for at least 6 additional months from date of return (April 3, 2010) is required of all tour members.

Tour Price Includes:

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip flights, group economy class, scheduled from New York JFK to Istanbul. Your tickets are usually finalized and written a minimum of 45 days prior to departure in order to guarantee the fare. Once your group ticket has been written, it cannot be rewritten or refunded to the passenger by the airlines. Air transportation will be jet economy class aboard carriers which may utilize non-refundable, non-transferable tickets to/from your destination for groups flying together for the entire itinerary. Any fare increases or surcharges will be paid by the passenger. Biblical Archaeology Society (BAS) and Tutku Tours cannot be responsible for any such increases.

TRANSFERS: You will be transferred with the group between arrival airport and hotel, transfer to and from airports on September 23 and to the departure airport. Non-group flight participants must handle their own ground arrangements.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Price is based on two persons in a room in four-star and five-star hotels. A supplemental room charge of US \$600 will be applicable to individuals enrolling without a roommate. If you are interested in BAS assigning you a roommate, all attempts will be made to do so, but it is not guaranteed. All single rooms are subject to availability and are often smaller than normal twin rooms.

MEALS: Breakfasts and dinners included.

TRAVEL PROGRAM: Includes the services of an English speaking scholar/lecturer, local guides (where required), entrance fees and transportation to sites on deluxe coaches as listed in the program, lectures by other scholars. All entrances for activities scheduled on the tour, plus the guide services, are included throughout.

LUGGAGE: Restricted in size and shape by your airline. You may contact them if you need the specific restrictions.

Price Does Not Include:

INSURANCE: We highly recommend that applicants purchase trip cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of illness or accident. Information will be provided upon deposit.

TOUR DEVIATIONS: All deviations from or additions to the tour may be subject to a handling and processing fee plus any out-of-pocket charges (i.e., telex, hotel cancellation charges, messenger or other fees involved).

NOTICE: Dates, schedules, program details and costs, although given in good faith and based on information available at the time of publication of the brochure, are subject to change and revision. In the event of such an omission or substitution, no liability will be granted by BAS/Tutku Tours. All itineraries are subject to change. Prices quoted for this tour are based on a minimum group size of 15 participants and November 1, 2008 exchange rates.

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The program conditions become a binding contract when your signed enrollment form and deposit payment are received and accepted by Biblical Archaeology Society, Travel/Study Department.

ITINERARY

Sep 21, 2009 / Monday • Depart USA – overnight to Istanbul

Sep 22 / Tue • Arrive Istanbul

Your tour guide will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with a “BAS” sign. Meet and transfer to the hotel for check-in, followed by a short orientation tour of the city. Afterwards we will take a leisurely private boat tour along **the Bosphorus**, a waterway famous not only for its fisheries but also for its busy ship traffic between the Black Sea and the Marmara-Aegean Seas to the Mediterranean. From the boat you will see why Istanbul has always been a cultural bridge between the east and west. It is the only city in the world that sits astride two continents—Asia and Europe. **Istanbul** has been the capital of two world empires—the Byzantine and Ottoman, and you will see wonderful examples of the **art and architecture** representing these civilizations. This intertwining of ancient and modern produces a city that provides multiple reasons to attract travelers. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

Sep 23 / Wed • Byzantium – Constantinople – Istanbul – Evening Flight to Konya

We will enjoy a full day tour in Istanbul, visiting the **Covered Cistern** (Yerebatan Saray), the **Golden Mile** of the Egnatian Way, **Hippodrome Square**, the architectural wonders of the **Blue (Sultanahmet) Mosque**, the **Hagia Sophia**, which is a world heritage site, and the **Archaeological Museum**, where we will see the **Siloam Inscription**, the **Gezer Calendar**, and a large **mosaic from Jerusalem**. Later we will give you the opportunity to shop at the **Egyptian Spice Market**. An early dinner will give you the opportunity to sample the best of Turkish cuisine. Transfer to Istanbul Airport for evening flight to Konya; transfer to the hotel for overnight. (B,D)

Sep 24 / Thu • Iconium – Lystra – Konya

Konya is located on the southern edge of the central Anatolian plateau. Paul visited

Iconium on his three journeys through Asia Minor. An interesting Sufi order of the Sunni Islamic faith originated in 1273 through its founder Mevlevi, who is buried in Konya. His tomb has become a place of pilgrimage. The initiates of this order are called **dervishes**, and part of the dervishes’ religious practice is an extended whirling, spinning ritual accompanied by music. We will visit Iconium’s **acropolis** (Alaattin Tepesi), the **archaeological museum** with its important inscriptions related to Iconium and **Lystra**, Sadettin Han, a caravanserai built from a church, and then drive to Hatunsaray to visit the ancient city of Lystra, the home of **Timothy, the disciple of Paul**. Return to Konya for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Sep 25 / Fri • Eflatun Pinar – Pisidian Antioch – Antalya

We will follow the ancient Via Sebaste westward, including a stop for a brief visit at the Hittite water shrine called Eflatun Pinar. Then we will continue to Yalvaç to visit Pisidian Antioch and its museum. **Paul preached his first sermon** in Acts here. We will see the important **imperial cult temple** built by Augustus as well as an important **church dedicated to Paul** in Asia Minor. Later we will take a beautiful drive south through the Taurus Mountains to Antalya. This city is one of the most famous resort towns of Turkey and is often referred to as the **Turkish Riviera**. Much of the shoreline is rocky, but the water is clean and inviting. Antalya was founded by the Pergamene king Attalus II in 158 BCE. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Antalya. (B,D)

Sep 26 / Sat • Antalya – Perga – Aspendus – Side – Antalya

First there is a morning walking tour of the **ancient city of Attalia** – Kaleiçi – where we will see the harbor that **Paul and Barnabas** departed from, as well as Hadrian’s Gate. Then we will walk through the Hellenistic gate of **Perga**, the city visited by Paul on his first journey. At Aspendus we will see the best-



preserved **Roman theater** in Turkey, which is still used for musical and theatrical performances. We will then drive to Side to see the monumental **temples to Athena and Apollo**. Return to Antalya for dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B,D)

Sep 27 / Sun • Phaselis - Myra – Andriake – Patara – Kalkan

In the morning we have a beautiful drive along the Mediterranean coast. First we will make a brief stop at Phaselis to see its three harbors. Next we will visit Myra, with its lovely **Roman theater** and **Lycian tombs**. Today, Myra is best known as the **city of St. Nicholas**, where he served as bishop. After visiting Myra we will stop briefly at its harbor Andriake. Here **Paul changed ships** on his way to Rome. We will continue to Patara, where we will see a Roman theatre and the lighthouse recently discovered in the sand dunes by archaeologists. It is this **lighthouse** that probably **guided Paul’s ship** into the harbor. Dinner and overnight in Kalkan. (B,D)

Sep 28 / Mon • Aphrodisias – Colossae - Pamukkale

Drive to **Aphrodisias**, where archaeological excavations led by New York University have unearthed numerous **fine marble statues**. We will see the **best-preserved stadium** in Turkey, as well as the **temple of Aphrodite**. We will also visit the newly opened museum that features statues from the Sebasteion. Then we will drive to **Colossae** in the Lycus valley to see the location of the unexcavated site. Paul wrote two letters to this city—**Colossians and Philemon**. Later we will drive to Pamukkale, famous for its unique travertine cascades formed over thousands of years by deposition from mineral-rich thermal waters. Today it is protected as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B,D)

Sep 29 / Tue • Hierapolis – Laodicea – Sardis – Izmir

First we will visit **Hierapolis**, which features the largest necropolis in Turkey. Near the city’s **theater** we will also see the newly excavated **martyrium of Philip**. Paul mentions Hierapolis in his letter to the Colossians. Next we will visit the new excavations at **Laodicea**, one of the **Seven Churches of Revelation**. In the afternoon we will drive to **Sardis**, passing

through ancient Philadelphia. Sardis—ancient Sepharad—was the capital of the ancient kingdom of Lydia and another of the Seven Churches. Sardis was an important city in the Persian, Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine empires. At Sardis we will see the best preserved **temple of Artemis** in Turkey and also the largest **synagogue** from antiquity. We will continue to Izmir, ancient **Smyrna**. Izmir, situated beautifully at the head of the Gulf of Izmir on the Aegean Sea, is noted as the **home of Homer**. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

Sep 30 / Wed • Pergamum – Smyrna – Izmir

Drive north to Bergama to visit the **acropolis of Pergamum**, one of the **Seven Churches**, which is set on a hill high above the modern town of Bergama. On the site are its famous ancient **library**, the Trajan **imperial cult temple**, the steepest **theater** in Turkey, and the foundation of the **altar of Zeus**. We will also see the **healing center** at the Asclepium. The famous doctor Galen lived and practiced at the Asclepium for many years. After our return to Izmir we will visit the ongoing excavations at the Smyrna agora and the ancient acropolis. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

Oct 01 / Thu • Ephesus – Kusadasi

In the morning we will visit the ancient site of **Ephesus**. Located near the modern town of Selçuk, Ephesus is considered to be the best-preserved classical city of the eastern Mediterranean. Paul spent nearly three years in the city during his third journey. At Ephesus we will see the **Temple of Domitian**, the **Temple of Hadrian**, **Celsus Library**, and a **theater** that can hold 24,000 people. We will also tour the ongoing excavations at the terrace houses, where the rich and famous of Ephesus lived. We will also visit the excellent local archaeological museum, and the site of the **Temple of Artemis**, the largest religious structure in the ancient world. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,D)

Oct 02 / Fri • Miletus – Didyma – Priene – Izmir

First we will drive to Miletus to see the well-preserved **theater** and **bouleterion**. At Miletus Paul delivered his **speech to the Ephesian elders** near one of its four harbors. As we approach Didyma, we will see the remains of the **Sacred Way** that linked Miletus to this ancient oracle site. The **temple to Apollo** at Didyma is the finest temple in the Aegean region. At Priene we will see the best-preserved Hellenistic theater in Turkey. We will also view the remains of a **synagogue** in the west residential district. Return to Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 03 / Sat • Izmir Airport – Departure

Transfer to Izmir Airport for flight back to USA. Arrive back same day late afternoon. (B)

PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM

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Please read the terms and conditions on the back of this form and save a copy for your records. Please write your “official” passport name below and send form with \$500 deposit/per person to: BAS Travel/Study, 4710 41st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Passport No. _____ Date of Issue _____ Date of expiry _____

Name as it should appear on name badge _____

Group airline seat preference: _____ Hotel preference: Non-smoking / Smoking

Medical issues/physical limitations we should know about? _____

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Medical issues/physical limitations we should know about? _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Room type preference _____ Single _____ Twin _____ Double _____

Rooming with _____ Please find me a roommate _____

Credit card information (circle): *Visa* *MasterCard* *AmericanExpress*

Card number _____ **Exp.** _____

Name on credit card _____

Billing address (if different from above) _____

As a condition to acceptance of any application, each applicant must agree to and sign the statement set forth below. The program conditions herein and on the next page become a binding contract when your signed enrollment form and deposit payment are received and accepted by the Biblical Archaeology Society Travel/Study Department.

We consider this a moderately strenuous program. Walking on rough terrain, climbing stairs and entering/exiting motorcoaches are part of the tour. All members of the trip are expected to be in active good health, enjoy traveling as part of a group and be ready to experience cultural differences with grace.

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I have carefully read the itinerary for this tour, as well as the terms and conditions of participation and the refund policy on the Biblical Archaeology Society’s Web site, and represent that I am physically and mentally fit to be able to participate in it and recognize and accept any risks thereof and the conditions set forth therein. I also understand and hereby agree for and on behalf of myself, my dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assignees to abide by the conditions set forth under RESPONSIBILITY on the reverse side, and to release, defend and hold harmless Biblical Archaeology Society, Tutku Tours and any of their officers, agents, licensees or representatives from any and all liability for delays, illness, injuries or death, or for the loss of or damage to my property, however occurring, during any portion of, or in relation to *In the Footsteps of Paul in Turkey*, September 21-October 3, 2009.

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