



September 20-October 2, 2010

Legendary Turkey In the Footsteps of Paul

An incomparable journey amid the history, archaeology and culture of a sacred land

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.



ITINERARY

Sep 20 / Mon • Depart USA – Fly Istanbul

Sep 21 / Tue • Arrive Istanbul

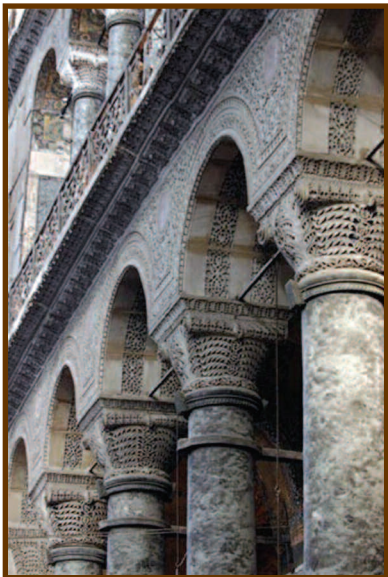
Welcome to one of the most captivating cities in the world! Your tour guide will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with a “BAS” sign to take you to your hotel for check-in. Following a short orientation of beautiful Istanbul, we will take a leisurely private boat tour along the Bosphorus, the legendary waterway that connects the Black Sea to the Mediterranean, and divides Istanbul into two continents: Asia and Europe. Once the capital of two of the world’s most important empires—the Byzantine and the Ottoman—Istanbul represents the best of both in its stunning monuments, architectural wonders and world class museums. Following the Bosphorus cruise we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)



Sunset in Istanbul

Sep 22 / Wed • Istanbul

Today we explore the wonders of Istanbul. Beginning with the stunning, subterranean Basilica Cistern, we move on to the Golden Mile of the Egnatian Way, Hippodrome Square, and the breathtaking Blue Mosque as well as the magnificent, 1700-year-old Hagia Sophia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Detail from the Hagia Sophia

Afterwards, we will make our way to Istanbul’s Archaeological Museum—one of the most celebrated collections in the world. Among its treasures are the Siloam inscription, the Gezer calendar, and the stunning “Jerusalem mosaic” depicting Orpheus. After our visit to the museum you will have the opportunity to explore the wonders and sights of Istanbul’s Grand Bazaar, a centuries-old covered market that is a delightful sensory experience. Dinner will give you the opportunity to sample the best of Turkish cuisine. (B,D)

Sep 23 / Thu • Kaleiçi – Perga – Aspendus – Side – Antalya

Morning flight to Antalya. Our day begins here with a walking tour of the old city Kaleiçi, where we will see the harbor that Paul and Barnabas departed from, as well as Hadrian’s Gate, a beautifully preserved testament to Roman architecture. Entering through the beautiful Hellenistic gate of Perga, we’ll experience the city that Paul visited during 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 next 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 24 / Fri • Phaselis-Myra-Andriake

Our morning begins with a breathtaking drive along the Mediterranean coast. Following a brief stop at Phaselis to see its three harbours, 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 in the fourth century A.D. After visiting Myra we will stop briefly at its harbour, Andriake, where Paul changed ships on his way to Rome. Dinner & overnight in Antalya. (B,D)

Sep 25 / Sat • Eflatun Pinar–Psidian Antioch–Yalvac–Pamukkale

This morning we begin our day with a visit to Eflatun Pinar, the site of an ancient sacred spring. Continuing on to Yalvac, we will visit Psidian Antioch, where it is believed Paul preached his first sermon of Acts. We will also have the opportunity to visit the imperial cult temple built by the Roman emperor Augustus, as well as an important church dedicated to St. Paul. We’ll experience the beauty of Pamukkale, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its unique travertine cascades, which were formed over thousands of years by mineral-rich waters. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B,D)

Sep 26 / Sun • Hierapolis – Laodicea – Colossae

This morning begins with a visit to stunning Hierapolis, perched above the white cliffs of Pamukkale where thermal waters have made it an attraction to visitors for thousands of years. Featuring the largest known necropolis in

Turkey, Hierapolis is also the site of the newly excavated martyrium of St. Phillip, who is believed to have been buried here after his execution at the end of the first century A.D. Paul mentions Hierapolis in his letter to the Colossians. Next we will move on to visit the recent excavations at ancient Laodicea. From here we will continue to the unexcavated site of Colossae in the Lycus valley. Paul wrote two letters to this city—Colossians and Philemon. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B,D)

Sep 27 / Mon • Aphrodisias – Magnesia

We begin our day with a visit to the beautifully preserved site of Aphrodisias, named for Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty. Recent archaeological excavations led by the New York University have unearthed numerous statues that are some of the finest existing examples of ancient art. During our exploration of this magnificent site, we’ll have the opportunity to visit the best-preserved stadium in Turkey, the temple of Aphrodite and the lovely museum, which features statues from the Sebasteion. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,D)

Sep 28 / Tue • Miletus – Didyma – Priene

A visit to Miletus this morning will include the well-preserved theater and bouleterion. It is here at Miletus that Paul delivered his speech to the Ephesian elders, near one of its four harbours. As we approach Didyma, we will see the remains of the Sacred Way that linked Miletus to this ancient oracle site. The site of Didyma includes the Temple to Apollo, considered to be the finest in the Aegean region. Continuing on to Priene, we will see the best-preserved Hellenistic theater in Turkey and visit the newly excavated remains of a synagogue in the west residential district. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,D)



The library of Celsus in Ephesus

Sep 29 / Wed • Ephesus – Kusadasi

Our morning begins with a visit to the incomparable site of Ephesus, whose most famous feature—the ancient library—will rise majestically into view as we stroll down the monumental street. Located near the modern town of Selçuk, Ephesus is considered the best-preserved classical city of the eastern Mediterranean. Paul spent

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nearly three years here during his third journey. As we explore the site, we'll see the Temple of Domitian, the Temple of Hadrian, and a magnificent theater that had a seating capacity of 24,000. Our visit includes a special visit to the ongoing excavations at the terrace houses, where the elite of Ephesian society resided. We will also visit the excellent local archaeological museum and the site of the temple of Artemis, the largest religious structure of the ancient world and one of the Seven Wonders. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,D)

Sep 30 / Thu • Smyrna (modern Izmir) - Sardis

This morning we explore the ongoing excavations of the agora and acropolis of ancient Smyrna, nestled in the middle of the glittering seaside city of Izmir, Turkey's third-largest city. We'll continue on to ancient Sardis, the capital city of the powerful Lydian empire and location of one of the largest known synagogues from antiquity. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)



BAS Travel Study Director Sarab Yeomans in Pergamon

Oct 01 / Fri • Pergamon

This morning we drive north to the stunning city of Pergamon, whose ancient acropolis is perched high on a hill above the modern town of Bergama, commanding sweeping views of the Aegean. The site boasts its famous ancient library, the Trajan imperial cult temple, the steepest and most dramatic theater in Turkey, as well as the foundation of the altar of Zeus. We will also see Pergamon's Asclepion—an ancient cultic healing center that was renowned throughout the ancient world, and where the famous second-century physician Galen trained and practiced. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

Oct 02 / Sat • Izmir Airport – Departure

Today we conclude our wonderful adventure in the land of legend and hospitality as we transfer to the Izmir Airport for our flight to Istanbul, from where we will depart for the U.S. (arriving the same day). (B)

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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.* _____

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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.

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 the Biblical Archaeology Society/Tutku Tours. All itineraries are subject to change. Prices quoted for this tour are based on a minimum group size of

15 participants and on currency rates of exchange as of July 1, 2009.

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 20-October 2, 2010.

Signature _____ Date _____

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TOUR COSTS

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 and Istanbul
- Istanbul-Antalya domestic flights on Sep 23
- Izmir-Istanbul domestic flight on Oct 2
- 2 nights at Special Class Germir Palas Hotel www.germirpalas.com
- 2 nights at 5 star Dedeman Hotel in Antalya www.dedemanhotels.com
- 2 nights at 5 star Colossae Hotel in Pamukkale www.colossae.com.tr
- 3 nights at 5 star Korumar Hotel in Kusadasi www.korumar.com.tr
- 2 nights at 5 star Moevenpick Hotel in Izmir www.moevenpick-hotels.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 June 28, 2010. 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 2, 2011) 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).

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