Bible Lands Study Tour

Turkey & Greece

See firsthand sites of the churches of Revelation and Paul's missionary journeys.

May 12-23, 2014

$3,500.00 from Raleigh Durham

(Inclusive of Tips, Taxes, and Fuel Surcharges)

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I want to give you a personal invitation to join me as I walk where the Apostle Paul walked and see firsthand where the early church was born. Visit with me the ruins of many of the seven churches in Revelation. And let the pages of Acts, Corinthians, Thessalonians and Philippians come to life for you as we study them together. To round out the tour, come with me to visit the Blue Mosque, St. Sophia Church and The Grand Bazaar in Istanbul.

Mark your calendar now, May 12-23, 2014. Read further for specifics related to the itinerary, costs, down payment, and other logistical matters.

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Our Daily Itinerary

Day 1 – The Beginning Of Our Tour

Depart Raleigh for Istanbul, Turkey. Dinner and breakfast will be served in flight.

Day 2 – Istanbul, Turkey

Upon arrival in Istanbul, Turkey's largest city, your guide will meet you and transfer you to your hotel in town. In the afternoon discover the city, visit the Church of Chora and the Spice Market. Dinner and overnight.

Day 3 – Istanbul / Izmir (Smyrna)

Full day tour of Istanbul. In the morning drive to the old town and visit the Hippodrome and the famous Blue Mosque, visit Topkapi Palace Museum, see the Sultan's Treasury and Porcelain collections. In the afternoon, visit St. Sophia Church and The Grand Bazaar. Transfer to the airport in time to connect with your flight to Izmir (ancient Smyrna) at the end of the day. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Dinner and Overnight.

Day 4 – Izmir (Smyrna) / Sardes / Philadelphia / Laodicea / Colossea / Pamukkale

In the morning, drive through Izmir, site of Polycarp's death and the church. Start for a day of exploration of the Seven Churches. Drive eastward to Sardes, visit the Temple of Artemis (Diana), the Byzantine Church, restored Synagogue and Gymnasium. Continue your drive to Alasehir (Philadelphia) and visit the remains of the church. In the afternoon, continue to Colossea where one of the Seven Churches existed. Then visit Laodicea. View the church and the theater. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

Day 5 – Pamukkale / Hierapolis / Ephesus / Kusadasi

In the morning, visit Hierapolis, the ancient thermal center. See the ruins and the calcium deposits, natural lake-warm pools. Continue to Ephesus. First visit the Church of St. John. It is the best preserved and the leading of the Seven Churches and is where St. John was buried. Walk through the ancient city of Ephesus, once a port town gateway. See the spectacular ruins and the Grand Theater where St. Paul preached. Visit the House of Mary where she spent her last days. Allow time for shopping. Transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

Day 6 – Kusadasi / Thyatira / Pergamum / Canakkale

Depart north in the morning and visit Thyatira (Kaiser), which was famous for purple dyes, and Jezebel. View the ancient Temple. Continue to Pergamum, another one of the Seven Churches. Visit Acropol, see the Altar of Zeus, the Citadel, a Trajan temple and amphitheater. Later, visit Aesculapium which was the earliest healing center. In the afternoon, continue north, pass near Assos where Paul met Barnabas and walked to Alexander Troas from which they sailed to Philippi. Dinner and overnight in Canakkale.

Day 7 – Canakkale / Kavala (Neapolis), Greece

Cross Dardanels Strait from Asia to Europe and drive through the Gallipoli War 1915 battlefields over Gelibolu and Kesan. Reach the Greek Border at noon and cross into Greece. Continue into the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where Paul accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot in Europe. Aside from the great panoramas of Kavala, the city has a Byzantine castle, aqueduct, and museum containing finds from ancient Amphipolis and Philippi. Overnight in Kavala.

Day 8 – Kavala / Philippi / Thessaloniki

Tour Philippi, where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. Here Paul baptized "a certain woman named Lydia," the first Christian convert in Europe. The Roman Forum, completely excavated, dates after Paul's time. Among the ruins, located on the rocky ledge above the town's main road, is the "prison" where Paul and Silas were thrown. In the rocks you will find inscriptions and carved reliefs of deities. It was in Philippi that Octavian and Antony defeated Brutus and Cassius, last defenders of the Roman Republic in 42 BC. Continue to Thessaloniki, the former capital of Macedonia. Paul preached

there during the winters of 49-50 AD and wrote the two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. See the ramparts of the city and the Triumphal Arch of Galerius straddling the Via Egnatia, once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 09 – Thessaloniki / Beroea / Athens

Depart Thessaloniki via the National Highway enroute to Athens. Stop in Beroea, where the scriptures say the people were "More noble than in Thessalonika." In its Jewish synagogue, St. Paul preached successfully (Acts, xvii, 10, 13); He left Silas and Timothy there while he continued his journey. Continue to Athens for dinner and overnight.

Day 10 – Athens / Corinth

Drive to visit Ancient Corinth, seeing the Archaeological Museum, the Bema, the Marketplace and Temples. Corinth was home to St. Paul for 18 months. From the Bema at Corinth, Paul spoke to the Corinthians about

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. On the way to Corinth, stop for a few minutes at the Corinth Canal, which separates Peloponese from the Greek Mainland and connects the two Seas (Ionian and Aegean). Return to Athens.

Day 11 – Athens

Following breakfast, you will begin a city tour of Athens. Drive to the House of Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Royal Palace, and the stadium. Highlighting your tour is a visit to the famed Acropolis, the Aeropagus where St. Paul addressed the Athenians, and the National Archaeological Museum, housing numerous treasures. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 12 – Athens / Washington, Dulles

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Washington, Dulles. Arrival in the afternoon local time.

Tour Hosts

Your tour host from Campbell University Divinity School will be Dr. Andy Wakefield, Dean of the school and outstanding New Testament scholar. Assisting him will be Irma Duke, Director of Church Relations and Advancement for the Divinity School. The tour is being planned and operated by Consolidated Tours Organization, Atlanta, GA.

Costs

$3,500 ($500 travel discount available for full-time Campbell Divinity School students)

The tour price includes airfare, hotel, all breakfasts and dinners, guided sightseeing, admission to all sites, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach, and personal assistance throughout the tour. Lunch, personal purchases, and souvenir items are not included in package costs.

Tour Features

Air Transportation: Economy class jet connecting IATA and ATC carriers. Airfare is based on SUPER APEX 6-21 days plus domestic add-on fares where applicable.

Baggage: Limited to one normal size suitcase, the weight of which should not exceed 50 pounds. Flight bags, cosmetic bags, briefcases, and camera cases remain in the personal care of tour members and are not included in the 50 pounds.

Hotel Accommodations: Superior First Class and First Class Hotels, two persons sharing a twin bedroom with private bath. A limited number of single rooms are available at $675 supplemental cost. Confirmation required before departure..

Meals: TWO MEALS PER DAY. Breakfast and table d'hote for dinner daily.

Sightseeing: As detailed in the itinerary, using comfortable and convenient transportation. English-speaking, government-licensed guides. All entrance fees are included when applicable to specified sites.

Tips: Tips associated with baggage handling at the hotels, meal gratuities; guides and drivers rendering services totaling $120 are included.

Taxes: Service charges as imposed by lodging facilities; taxes by local administrations and government authorities on lodging are included on all services rendered to the group. Airport taxes, fuel surcharge and border taxes totaling $450 are included in the price of the tour and are subject to change without prior notice.

The Tour Price Does Not Include

Expense of passports, visa fee, laundry, wines, liquors, mineral water, lunches and after supper coffee or tea or items not found on the menu, excessive baggage expenses, and all items of a personal nature, plus those not listed as being included in the tour price.

Booking And Conditions

Deposit and payment. A deposit of $300 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment must be made no later than 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellations

Cancellations must be made in writing. For cancellations made up to 60 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less $100 per person administrative fee. Cancellations made 59-35 days prior to departure will be

subject to $300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 35 days or less prior to departure have to pay a charge equivalent to 75 percent of the cost of the basic tour from the Gateway City. No Show No Refund. Cancellation charges with medical reasons certified by a hospital and accepted by the airlines and suppliers will only be made based on refunds fee. CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. No refunds for services or sightseeing rendered and not used by tour members. Consolidated Tours Org. Inc. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL, withdraw or change the tour in whole or in part at any time in the event a change is deemed necessary by CTO, Inc. The sole obligation of CTO, Inc. is to refund payments received in connection herewith if not acceptable to tour members.

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Important Alert

The study tour can be physically demanding, requiring some long days and a considerable amount of walking. If you require special assistance, please contact us so we can plan appropriately.

Sign Up Now!

To enroll for the tour, please send a check for $300 payable to Campbell Divinity School along with a completed registration form by DECEMBER 1 to:

Bible Lands Study Tour
Campbell University Divinity School
P.O. Drawer 4050,
Buies Creek, NC 27506

Full Payment

Full payment is due no later than March 1, 2014. If cancellation occurs after this date, refunds will be based on CTO policies.

For further information, contact Irma Duke at duke@campbell.edu or 1-800-334-4111, ext. 1847 or go to http:divinity.campbell.edu/BibleLandsStudyTour.

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