



Istanbul and Seven Churches Tour

Tour Days : 5

Tour Departure From : Istanbul

Tour Departure End : Izmir

Tour Departure : All year round (Everyday)

Tour Overview : Discover the Seven Churches of Revelation which are located in western Turkey.

Seven Churches Of The Revelation

1. Ephesus1:11;2:1-7
2. Smyrna2:8-11
3. Pergamon2:12-17
4. Thyatira2:18-29
5. Sardis3:1-6
6. Philadelphia3:7-13
7. Laodicea3:14-22

** On Mondays, when St. Sophia is closed, we visit the Chora Church, famed for its mosaics.

** On Tuesdays, when Topkapi Palace is closed, this tour is not offered.

Tour Highlights

- Bosphorus Boat Tour
- Roman Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque, St. Sophia Church, Topkapi Palace, Istanbul Archaeology Museum
- Acropolis, Asclepion, Red Basilica and Thyatira
- Smyrna, Ephesus, Virgin Mary`s House, Archaeological Museum and Basilica of St. John
- Hierapolis, Laodicea, Philadelphia and Sardes

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrive Istanbul Airport

Our representative will meet you after the customs and baggage claim. Transfer to the hotel. Afternoon Boat Tour along the Bosphorus visiting both Asian and European shores of Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 : Istanbul

Full day Istanbul tour: the Roman Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque with its beautiful blue tiles, St. Sophia Church, built by Constantine the Great and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, one of the worlds greatest architectural marvels and a designated World Heritage site, Topkapi Palace, the Imperial Residential Palace of the Ottoman sultans between the 16th and 19th centuries and the oldest and largest of the remaining palaces in the world. Its displays include priceless world-class collections of jewelry, porcelain and costumes of the sultans. Then visit the Istanbul Archaeology Museum. Return back to the hotel for overnight stay. (B, L)

Day 3 : Istanbul - Izmir - Pergamon - Thyatira

Transfer to Istanbul airport for your flight to Izmir. Arrival to Izmir airport, meet and departure to visit Pergamon (Pergamon Revelation 2:12-17), the Acropolis, the Asclepion and the Red Basilica. Then drive to Akhisar to visit the

Church of ancient Thyatira (Thyatira Revelation 2:18-29 Acts 16:14) which was a commercial and agricultural center on the highway between Troy and Sardes. Return back to Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Smyrna – Ephesus – Pamukkale

Early departure to visit the Church of St. Polycarpe which is the oldest church in ancient Smyrna (Smyrna Revelation 2:8-11), it symbolized the community of the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse. Then visit to the unforgettable remains of Ephesus (Ephesus Revelation 1:11:2:1-7 Acts 18:19-28:19), the House of Virgin Mary, the Archaeological Museum and the Basilica of Saint John. Continue to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight at hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Hierapolis – Laodicea – Philadelphia – Sardes - Izmir

Morning visit to see Hierapolis, The Martyrium of St. Philip the Apostle is here and Eskihsar, ancient Laodicea (Laodicea Revelation 3:14-22). Continue to Alasehir where the ancient Philadelphia Church (Philadelphia Revelation 3:7-13) is located. After lunch proceed to Sardes (Sardes Revelation 3:1-6), ancient capital of the Lydians and visit the Church of Sardes. Return back to Izmir after the tour. Drop off at Izmir airport. End of services. (B, L)

Tour Inclusions

- 7 nights at hotels accommodation in Turkey
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All escorted transfers
- Daily breakfast and 7 dinners
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- Transportation by private A/C bus with driver throughout the tour
- English speaking professional tour guide throughout the tour
- Entry fees to the sites & museums
- Service charges & local taxes

Tour Excludes

- Lunches and all drinks
- Turkish Visa fee (to be paid at Istanbul airport upon arrival)
- All personal expenses
- Flights
- Any other service which is not mentioned above

Tour Map :

