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BIBLICAL JOURNEY TO TURKEY & GREECE

TURKEY - GREECE
10 - 24 APR 2020
15D12N (13 TOURING DAYS)



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Rev Dr Danny Goh is the Pastor of The Bible Church, Singapore. Previously, he lectured at Singapore Bible College and TCA College and he majors in the counseling, family life and pastoral ministry.

With his wealth of experience in teaching and preaching the Word, he will be able to share biblical insights on the Word during the tour.

HIGHLIGHTS

TURKEY

- Hagia Sophia
- Pamukkale
- Hierapolis
- Laodicea
- Philadelphia
- Sardis
- Ephesus
- Smyrna
- Pergamon

GREECE

- Philippi
- Thessaloniki
- Meteora
- Delphi
- Acropolis



*Map not drawn to scale. For information only.

Day 1 - Fri, 10 Apr
SINGAPORE

Assemble at Changi Airport to begin your journey to Turkey and Greece.

Departure Flight: TK55 SIN-IST 2335-0525

Check-in starts from 8.30pm

(Changi Airport, Terminal 1)

Meals on board the plane.

Day 2 - Sat, 11 Apr
ISTANBUL

Arrive in Istanbul and proceed to **Sultanahmet Square (Old City)**. Visit **Hippodrome**, center of sporty (chariot races, athletics) events and political activities of the old city. Obelisk of Theodosius, Serpentine Column and German Fountain of Wilhelm II are the monuments decorating Hippodrome. Then visit the **Hagia Sophia**, now called the Ayasofya Museum. Built by Constantine the Great, it was reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century and is unquestionably one of the finest buildings of all time. Then we take the **Bosphorus cruise** to enjoy the unique experience of cruising between 2 continents, Asia and Europe. Lastly, we will visit the aromatic **Spice Bazaar**, where the smells of cinnamon, cloves and thyme, rise from hundreds of colourful muslin bags at every store-front. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (L/D)

Day 3 - Sun, 12 Apr
ISTANBUL / ANTIOCH

(Check-out in the morning)

After an early breakfast, transfer to the airport for domestic flight to Hatay, ancient Antioch.

Flight: TK2252 IST-HTY 1000-1155

Antioch is thought to have been founded in 300 BC. St Peter was the first to preach here, followed by St Paul and Barnabas whose extensive efforts proved to be very fruitful for Christianity. Highlights include **the museum** which houses a superb collection of mosaics from Antioch, Daphne and Seleucia Pieria. **St Peter's Grotto, the cave church**, came to be known as the meeting place of the early Christians. The most interesting monument here is the **Tunnel of Titus**, which is a tremendous canal dug for the purpose of diverting waters from the Orontes River. Another highlight is **the rock tombs** with their impressive facades pertaining to the Hellenistic period. Overnight in Antioch. (B/L/D)

Day 4 - Mon, 13 Apr
ANTIOCH / TARSUS / CAPPADOCIA

(Check-out in the morning)

After an early breakfast, we drive north to Cappadocia. Our first stop is **Tarsus**, the birthplace of St Paul. Highlights include **St Paul's well** and **Cleopatra's Gate**. Than second stop is **Derinkuyu**, an underground city carved into soft rocks resembling a huge labyrinth of tunnels, rooms, kitchens, wine cellars and passageways. A huge chimney ventilates this 8-level dwelling, which was used by Christians hiding from their Roman and Byzantine persecutors. Their colourful frescoes remain as vibrant as when they were first made. Further on, we come to Cappadocia, which reminds the visitor of a village out of Grimm's Fairy Tales. Overnight in Cappadocia. (B/L/D)

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Day 5 - Tue, 14 Apr

CAPPADOCIA

OPTIONAL: HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE

(additional USD\$250, early in the morning)

In the morning, we visit the **Valley of Goreme** to explore the unusual troglodyte dwellings, remains of the early churches comprising complicated rooms hollowed out of the cones of volcanic ash and decorated with scratched frescoes. We will visit the Apple Church, the Church of Sandals, and the Church with a Buckle in Goreme. Next stops are **Ortahisar** and proceed to the pottery town of **Avanos** where Kizilirmak (Hallys), the longest river of Turkey, meanders leaving the red clay on its banks that has been the raw material of pottery for centuries. Stop by the famous local pottery where you can buy some as souvenir. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. (B/L/D)



Day 6 - Wed, 15 Apr

CAPPADOCIA / PAMUKKALE (Check out in the morning)

Following an early breakfast, we drive to **Pisidian Antioch** (Yalvac). During Paul's time, the population was made up of Jews, Romans and Greeks. Very little is left of Pisidian Antioch today. Thereafter, we proceed to **Pamukkale** and stay the night there. Overnight in Pamukkale. (B/L/D)

Day 7 - Thu, 16 Apr

PAMUKKALE / SARDIS / KUSADASI (Check out in the morning)

In the morning, visit the Antique City of **Hierapolis** where Calcareous hot springs descending over cliff shave created fascinating travertines in the form of white terrace and basins. Then stop at **Laodicea** where we find here two Theaters, a large Stadium, a Water Tower and an Odeon. The city is named by Antiochus II in honor of his wife, Laodicea. St. Paul wrote a letter to the church here (Acts:4:16). Drive to Alasehir. Visit **Philadelphia** which was an important Christian centre during Byzantine times. Then proceed 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. Drive to Kusadasi. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B/L/D)

Day 8 - Fri, 17 Apr

KUSADASI / EPHEBUS / KUSADASI (Check out in the morning)

Drive to **Selcuk Town** and stop at a **Leather Outlet** on the way. Visit the famous ancient city of **Ephesus**, one of the world's finest archaeological sites. Highlights include the Library of Celcius, the Temple of Hadrian, the Fountain of Trajan and the Theatre. After lunch, visit the **Basilica of St John** "the Evangelist" who came here with the Virgin Mary and wrote his Gospel in Ephesus. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B/L/D)

Day 9 - Sat, 18 Apr

KUSADASI / PERGAMON / CANAKKALE

(Check out in the morning)

In the morning, drive to Izmir and visit one of the Churches of Revelation in **Izmir (Symra)**. Then drive to **Thyteria** to see the remains of the church. This was one of the principle towns where Christianity spread quickly. Proceed to **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. Proceed to **Canakkale**. Dinner and overnight in Canakkale. (B/L/D)

Day 10 - Sun, 19 Apr

CANAKKALE / GREECE BORDER / KAVALA

(Check out in the morning)

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel and drive to Greece Border. Cross to Greece side at around 11:30am. Depart and drive via the first Greek town, **Alexandroupolis**. Continue along the coast to **Kavala**, **Biblical Neapolis**. Drive to and visit UNESCO World Heritage Site **Philippi** to explore the archaeological site and its incredible ruins. Here you can see the remains of the Agora, the Octagon, the remains of the 2 Basilicas and St. Paul's prison. Completing the tour, drive to **Kavala**. (B/L/D)

Day 11 - Mon, 20 Apr

KAVALA / THESSALONIKI / KALAMBAKA

(Check out in the morning)

Continue along the coast to Greece's second city, **Thessaloniki**. See the **White Tower** (the symbol of the city), the **Via Egnatia**, the **Church of St. Dimitrios** and the **Rotunda**. After lunch, drive south into central Greece, to Kalambaka, the town nestling at the foot of Meteora. On the way, visit the mountain town of **Veria**. See the spot where St. Paul preached the gospel and continue on to Kalambaka. (B/L/D)

Day 12 - Tue, 21 Apr

KALAMBAKA / DELPHI

(Check out in the morning)

This morning, we drive to **Meteora** and visit one of the Meteora monastery. Standing amid striking scenery, perched on top of huge rocks, which seem to be suspended in mid air. Inside, see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art, manuscripts and jewellery. Then drive to Delphi. Dinner and overnight in Delphi hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 13 - Wed, 22 Apr

DELPHI / ATHENS (Check out in the morning)

After breakfast, we visit the archaeological site of **Delphi**. On the slopes of **Mt. Parnassus**, lie the ruins of the **Sanctuary of the Apollo Pythios**. See and visit the Doric Temple, the Treasury of the Athenians and see **Castalia Spring**. Visit also the museum holding masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture such as the bronze charioteer. On the way back to Athens, passing the mountain village of Arachova, Levadia and the town of Thebes.

Arrive in the early afternoon in **Athens** and proceed with your **Half Day City Tour**. See **Syntagma Square**, the **House of Parliament** and the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**, guarded by the Evzones in their traditional costume. See the **Athens Academy** and the **University**. Stop at the **Pan Athenaic Olympic Stadium** (where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896). See the archaeological site of the **Temple of the Olympian Zeus** and **Hadrian's Arch**. After dinner, transfer to the hotel and check in. Overnight in Athens. (B/L/D)

Day 14 - Thu, 23 Apr

ATHENS / DEPARTURE (Check out in the morning)

After breakfast, we drive west along the coastal highway, the Apollo coast where we will stop to see the **Corinth Canal**, which connects the Aegean and the Ionian Seas. Continue to and visit **Ancient Corinth**. See the Bema, the Temple of Apollo, the remains of the Agora, and Pyrene Fountain. Visit **Cenchreaes**, from where the Apostle Paul departed on his journey. Lunch at a local restaurant. On the **Acropolis**, visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and the Parthenon. **Free time for shopping in Plaka area** and Syntagma Square until dinner at a local restaurant. Evening transfer to Athens airport for flight to Istanbul (transit) for connection flight to Singapore. (B/L/D)

Departure Flight: TK1844 ATH-IST 2225-2355


Day 15 - Fri, 24 Apr

Transit in Istanbul

Flight to Singapore: TK54 IST-SIN 0200 – 1750

Arrive in Singapore at 5.50pm.





Join us on this Biblical Journey to Turkey and Greece. Walk through the lands of the Churches of Revelation and the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. Experience Turkey and Greek history, culture and learn more about early Christianity.

A truly inspirational experience!



Biblical Journey To Turkey & Greece

Turkey & Greece, 10-24 Apr 2020, 15D12N (13 Touring Days)

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Tour Dates	10-24Apr 2020, 15D12N (13 Touring days)
Airline	Turkish Airlines
Tour Cost	≥20pax: SGD\$5,450 ^{1,2} ≥30pax: SGD\$4,850 ^{1,2}
Accommodation	3 Star Hotels
Registration closes	3 Nov 2019



¹Includes airport and fuel taxes (Est of SGD\$500; as of 01 Jan 2019). However, if there is any increase in the taxes, the extra charges will be bore by the participants. ²Tour cost is based on ≥20pax and ≥30pax respectively. Package cost will increase should there be fewer participants.

TOUR COST

Tour cost includes

- Return economy class airfare and land tour
- 12 nights twin-sharing accommodation
- Meals catered
- Professional and licenced English-speaking guide
- Air-conditioned tourist bus
- Entrance fees to sites
- All tips for hotels, restaurants, tour guides and bus drivers
- All group transfers from airport to hotel
- Airport tax & fuel surcharge of (est SGD\$500 as of 01 Jan 2019)

Tour cost does not include

- Any increase of airport and fuel surcharge
- Single room supplement of SGD\$500 if applicable
- Travel insurance
- Passport and visa fees if applicable
- Meals (lunch and drinks) and other expenses not stated in itinerary
- All expenses of personal nature

HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR THIS TOUR?

1. Register online at www.bible.org.sg/register/ibex and select the tour.
2. Before the closing date of the registration, a **deposit of SGD\$1000 (per pax)** is required to secure your place. (Please note the deposit is non-refundable once the tour group materialise).
3. Please note that a minimum group size of 15pax is required for a confirm departure.
4. Once the tour is confirm, the balance payment is required by **26 Jan 2020**.
5. For late registration (3 months before departure date), do note there will be a late booking fee that will be advised to late applicants.

Note: Itinerary and flight schedule are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Hotel confirmation will be given 2 weeks before departure.

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