BIBLICAL JOURNEY TO TURKEY & GREECE

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

### 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. *(B/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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**HIGHLIGHTS**

**TURKEY**

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

**GREECE**

- Philippi
- Thessaloniki
- Meteora
- Delphi
- Acropolis

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*Map not drawn to scale. For information only.*
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 / EPHESUS / 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 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)

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

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

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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 borne 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
- 8 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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