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APOSTLE PAUL'S JOURNEY AND THE 7 CHURCHES

GREECE - TURKEY
24 NOV - 6 DEC 2019
13D10N



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Marc Madrigal is a Pastor and Board Member at the Istanbul Protestant Church Foundation. He graduated from Bosphorus University in Istanbul in 2006 having studied English Literature.

In 2009, he completed his Master's degree in Theological studies in Phoenix Seminary, U.S.A. He is married and is a father of three children.

Madrigal centres his research in the fields of Biblical Archaeology and early Church History. He works as a part-time, join-in expert in many Biblical tours. He is also a contributor in a Turkish Christian magazine and he publishes articles on his personal website (www.inciltarihi.com).

Currently he is in the process of publishing several books through the Turkish Bible Society.

HIGHLIGHTS

GREECE

- Athens City Tour
- Acropolis
- Ancient Corinth
- Meteora
- Thessaloniki
- Philippi

TURKEY

- Pergamum
- Church of Smyrna
- Ephesus
- Laodicea
- Pamukkale
- Philadelphia
- Sardis
- Thyteria
- Hagia Sophia



Legend:

- 🛏️ Overnight
- 👉 7 Churches
- 🟢 Site to visit
- Domestic flight

*Map not drawn to scale. For information only.

Day 1 - Sun, 24 Nov

SINGAPORE

Assemble at Changi Airport to begin your journey to Greece.

Departure Flight: TK55 SIN-IST 2335-0615

Check in starts from 8.30pm
(Changi Airport, Terminal 1)

Meals on board the plane

Day 2 – Mon, 25 Nov

ATHENS

Transit in Istanbul for flight to Athens.

Transit Flight: TK1845 IST-ATH 0830-0900

Upon arrival, start with the Athens **city tour**. See **Syntagma Square**, the **House of Parliament** and the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**, guarded by the Evzones in traditional costume. See the **Athens Academy** and the **University**. Stop at the **Panathenaic Olympic Stadium** (where the first Olympic Games of the modern era was held in 1896) and see the **Temple of Zeus** and **Hadrian's Arch**. Visit the world famous **Acropolis*** and see the **Propylaea** and **Parthenon**. Walk around **Plaka**, the old quarter. L/D

Day 3 – Tue, 26 Nov

KALAMBAKA (Check-out in the morning) See the **Corinth Canal**, which connects the Aegean and the Ionian Seas. Visit **Ancient Corinth** where you will see (**Bema of Gallio**, **Temple of Apollo**, **Agora**, the **Erastus inscription** and **Perene Fountain**). Return to Athens. Enroute, visit **Monastery of Dafni** and **Kalambaka**. B/L/D

Day 4 – Wed, 27 Nov

THESSALONIKI

 (Check-out in the morning)

This morning, visit **Meteora*** and see the beautiful monasteries. You will also see architectural and historical treasures inside the monasteries. Drive to **Veria** (Biblical Berea) to visit the altar of St Paul, a traditional spot associated with St Paul before driving to **Thessaloniki** capital of the second Macedonian district. B/L/D

Day 5 – Thu, 28 Nov

KAVALA

 (Check-out in the morning)

Tour of the city and see the **White Tower** (symbol of Thessaloniki), **Via Egnatia**, **Rotunda** and visit the **Church of St Dimitrios**. Drive to **Philippi** and see the remains of the 2 Basilicas and **St Paul's prison**. Visit also **Lydia's Baptismal site**, the first woman convert. B/L/D

Day 6 – Fri, 29 Nov

CANAKKALE

 (Check-out in the morning)

Border Crossing to Turkey

See the **Roman Aquaduct** and **St Paul's port** before **border crossing to Turkey**. Change to Turkey coach and continue the drive to **Canakkale**. B/L/D

Day 7 – Sat, 30 Nov

IZMIR

 (Check out in the morning)

In the morning, drive to Izmir and stop by the beautiful **Pergamon***. Visit **Acropol** and the highlights include **Altar of Zeus**, **Temple of Trojan** and the **Theater** Coming down the mountain, we will stop by **Asclepion**. B/L/D

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Day 8 – Sun, 1 Dec

KUSADASI (Check out in the morning)

Visit **Church of Smyrna** in Izmir and drive to the famous city of **Ephesus***. Our tour will begin with the **Basilica of St John** and the **Temple of Artemis**. Highlights include the **Library of Celsus**, the **Temple of Hadrian**, the **Fountain of Trajan** and **Theatre**. Stop by the **House of the Virgin Mary** (on top of Mt Coressos). She was believed to have spent her last years in this area. *B/L/D*

Day 9 – Mon, 2 Dec

PAMUKKALE (Check out in the morning)

After breakfast, stop at a **leather outlet** and enjoy a **Leather Fashion Show**. Drive to Pamukkale and stop at **Laodicea***, an important Christian centre in the Byzantine period. In the afternoon, visit **Hierapolis*** which was founded by the Pergamon King. Highlights include the Roman Baths, the Temple of Apollo and the Theater. *B/L/D*



Day 10 – Tue, 3 Dec

BURSA (Check out in the morning)

On the way to Bursa, stop at **Philadelphia** before driving to **Sardis**, one of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation. Highlights are a synagogue, a gymnasium, a Byzantine church and the Temple of Artemis. Next, stop at **Thyteria** to see the remains of the church. This was one of the principal towns where Christianity spread quickly. *B/L/D*

Day 11 – Wed, 4 Dec

ISTANBUL (Check out in the morning)

Drive to Iznik, formerly known as **Nicea** Visit **St Sophia Church** which was built in the 4th century. Afternoon, we visit **Topkapi Palace**, home to the Sultans between the 15th and 19th centuries. *B/L/D*

Day 12 – Thu, 5 Dec

ISTANBUL (Check out in the morning)

Visit **Hagia Sophia** (also known as the Ayasofya Museum), built by Constantine the Great. Then we visit the **Underground Basilica Cistern** and **Hippodrome** of Constantinople. Take the **Bosphorus River** to enjoy the experience of cruising between 2 continents, Asia and Europe. Lastly, stop by the aromatic **Spice Bazaar**. *B/L/D*

Depart for international airport

Departure flight: TK54 IST-SIN 0155-1730

Arrive back in Singapore at 1750hrs.

**Indicates that the site has uneven or steep path(s) that may be challenging for elderly and people with walking difficulties. For such participants, you are advised to use a walking stick.*

Apostle Paul's Journey and the 7 Churches

13D10N (11 Touring Days) Greece - Turkey, 24 Nov – 6 Dec 2019

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Tour Dates	24 Nov – 6 Dec 2019, 13D10N (11 Touring Days)
Airline	Turkish Airlines
Tour Cost	≥25pax: SGD\$4,500 ^{1,2} , ≥35pax: SGD\$4,150 ^{1,2}
Accommodation	3.5–4 Star Hotels
Registration closes	30 June 2019



1Includes airport and fuel taxes (Est of SGD\$600; 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 ≥25pax and ≥35pax respectively. Package cost will increase should there be fewer participants.

TOUR COST

Tour cost includes

- Return economy class airfare (Group fare. No seat selection allowed)
- 10 nights twin-sharing accommodation
- Meals catered
- Professional and licenced English-speaking guide
- Air-conditioned tourist bus
- All group transfers from airport to hotel
- Entrance fees to sites
- All tips for hotels, restaurants, tour guides and bus drivers
- Airport tax & fuel surcharge of (est SGD\$600 as of 01 Jan 2019)

Tour cost does not include

- Any increase of airport and fuel surcharge
- Travel insurance
- All expenses of personal nature
- Meals and other expenses not stated in itinerary
- Single room supplement of SGD\$650 if applicable
- Passport and visa fees is applicable. In additional, IBEx administrative fee of SGD\$15 is required.

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 **28 July 2019**.
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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