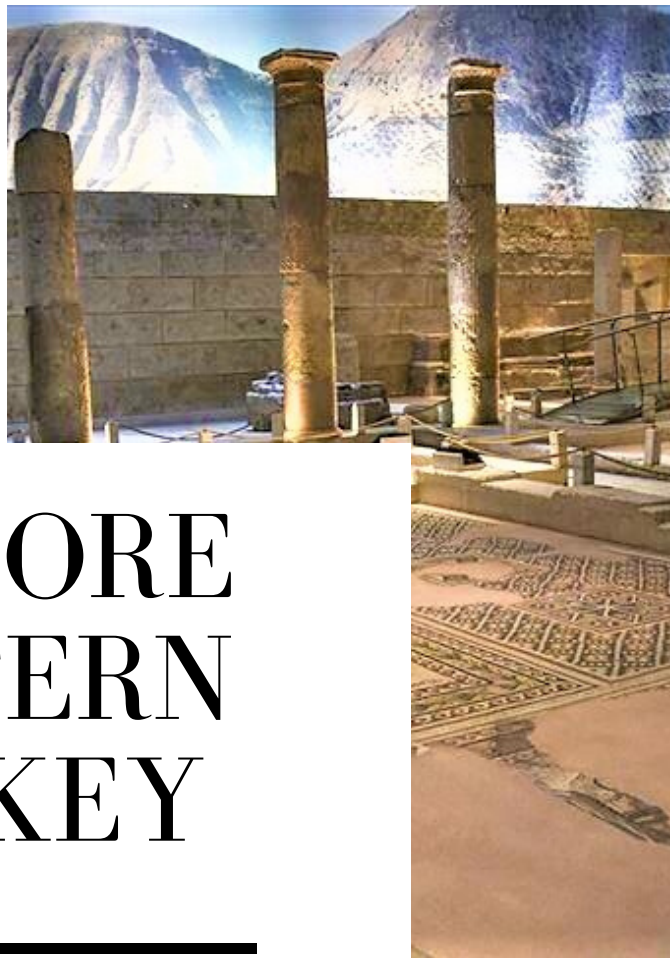


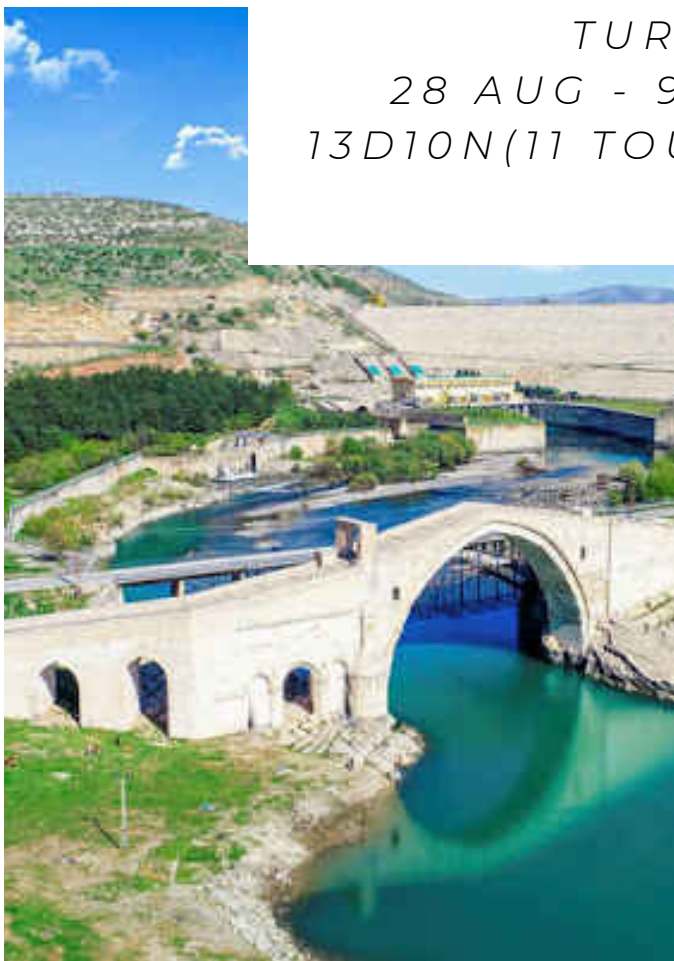
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# EXPLORE EASTERN TURKEY

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*TURKEY*  
*28 AUG - 9 SEP 2020*  
*13D10N(11 TOURING DAYS)*



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## Bishop Terry Kee



In 2009, The Right Reverend Terry Kee succeeded Bishop John Tan as the second bishop of the Lutheran Church in Singapore since its separation from the Lutheran Church in Malaysia in 1997. Bishop Terry Kee was a former missionary to Thailand for about 10 years. He is also currently President of National Council of Churches of Singapore (till April 2020).

He has been a Lutheran pastor for the past 30 years. He was pastor of Bedok Lutheran Church, Jurong Christian Church, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and Queenstown Lutheran Church. In 2007, he received Masters in Pastoral Care and Counseling at China Lutheran Seminary in Taiwan. He was also an alumnus of Singapore Bible College where he obtained his Bachelor of Theology.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### TURKEY

- Tarsus
- St Peter's Grotto
- Zeugma Mosaic Museum
- Harran
- Nemrud Mountain
- Karakus Funerary Columns
- Malabadi Bridge
- Mt Ararat
- Ishak Pasha Palace
- Muradiye Waterfall
- Ani
- Ruins of Ani
- Arpa River
- Seljuk Monuments
- Sumela Monastery



\*Map not drawn to scale. For information only.

### Day 1 – Fri, 28 Aug

#### SINGAPORE

Assemble at Changi Airport to begin your journey to Turkey.

**Departure Flight:** TK55 SIN-IST 2325-0525

Check-in starts from 8.30pm

(Changi Airport, Terminal 1)

*Meals on board the plane.*

### Day 2 – Sat, 29 Aug

#### ISTANBUL /ADANA /ANTIOCH

Transit in Istanbul for flight to Adana

**Transit Flight:** TK2458 IST-ADA 0840-1020

*Meals on board the plane*

Upon arrival to Istanbul, we continue to Adana with our connected flight and drive straight to **Tarsus**, the birth place of St Paul. During St Paul's Time, Tarsus was a university city surpassing Athens and Alexandria. See the ancient ruins of the Roman city before driving on to **Antioch**. Overnight in Antioch. (L/D)

### Day 3 – Sun, 30 Aug

#### ANTIOCH

Today, we journey east to Antakya, ancient Antioch. Antioch is thought to have founded in 300BC. St Peter was the first to preach here, followed by St Paul and Barnabas where extensive efforts proved to be very fruitful for Christianity. Highlights include the **museum** which houses a superb collection of mosaics from the Roman and Byzantine era. **St Peter's Grotto**, the cave church came to be known as the meeting place of the early Christians. Then drive on to **Seleucia Pieria** to see the ancient port city which Paul and Barnabas departed for their first missionary journey (Acts 13:4). Return to hotel. (B/L/D)

### Day 4 – Mon, 31 Aug

#### URFA (Check-out in the morning)

After breakfast, drive to Gaziantep. Visit the **Zeugma Mosaic Museum** and see wonderfully preserved mosaics from the Roman empire. Next visit the local **Elmaci Bazaar** to buy some local produce. If time permits, you can try out the famous

**Turkish coffee** at a local coffee house (at your own expense). Continue the journey to **Urfa**. (B/L/D)

### Day 5 – Tue, 1 Sep

#### ADIYAMAN (Check-out in the morning)

Today we visit **Urfa**, the city of King Abgar the great is believed to have been the first Christian King. It is also the town of the Bible character, Job. Then we drive to **Harran**, well known for its brick, beehive-like dwellings and to visit the hometown of Abraham. Recap the bible stories of God calling Abraham out of his hometown to the promise land. It is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as it still contains architectural ruins of ancient civilisations that date back to 2000BC. Then we drive to Adiyaman city and overnight there. (B/L/D)

### Day 6 – Wed, 2 Sep

#### MARDIN (Check-out in the morning)

Today we drive to **Nemrud mountain** to enjoy the magnificent view and be awed by the many large statues that is believed to be erected during the Ancient Near East times. You will also see an interesting column carved with an eagle (the Karakus Tumulus) that indicates a royal tomb. This place is in the list of UNESCO since 1987. We will stop to visit **Karakus funerary columns** coming from 1st BC. On the way to Urfa, we will stop to see one of the biggest rock-filled dam to the world called **GAP**. We drive to **Mardin** for the night. (B/L/D)

### Day 7 – Thu, 3 Sep

#### VAN (Check-out in the morning)

On the way to Van, visit a Unesco site - the **Malabadi bridge** from 12th AD which has an interesting Astone arch design. We continue the drive to the next town - **Van** which is an ancient Urartian capital of Tuspa. There you will learn about the history of the Armenia, Persian and Seleucid kingdoms in who ruled that area during the early centuries. Overnight in Van. (B/L/D)

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Nemrud Mountain

## Day 8 – Fri 4 Sep

**DOGUBEYAZIT** (Check-out in the morning)

We will start our journey to Mount Ararat. On our way, we will see the beautiful **Muradiye waterfall**, then lunch in **Dogubeyazit**. After lunch, we will visit the magnificent **Ishak Pasha Palace**, one of the last few surviving Turkish palaces, built during the Ottoman period. Overnight Dogubeyazit. (B/L/D)

## Day 9 – Sat, 5 Sep

**KARS** (Check-out in the morning)

This morning, if weather permits, you may enjoy the unforgettable scenery of the magnificent **Mount Ararat**, Turkey's most scenic natural attraction and wonder about the mystery of Noah's ark (Gen 8:4). Next, visit **Tuzluca**, a salt mine town before checking in to the hotel in **Kars**. (B/L/D)

## Day 10 – Sun, 6 Sep

**ERZURUM** (Check-out in the morning)

Early in the morning, we visit the **ancient city of Ani** (UNESCO World Heritage Site), a fascinating medieval town situated on the ancient Silk Road. View Arpa river which forms the border of Armenia. Then proceed to **Erzurum** - the **largest city in Eastern Turkey** known for copper crafting and its oltu stone



Mount Ararat

which is a unique black stone used to make jewellery and beads. The city walls and fortress are reminiscent of the period of Byzantine rule. Visit fine **Seljuk monuments** such as Cifte Minareli Medrese, Uc Kumbetler and the richly decorated portal and tiled minaret of the 13th-century Yakutiye Medresesi. Overnight in Erzurum. (B/L/D)

## Day 11 – Mon, 7 Sep

**ISTANBUL** (Check-out in the morning)

Today we will drive to **Trabzon** to visit the magnificent **Sumela Monastery** located high on the cliffs in the **Altindere National Park** - a Greek Orthodox monastery that is carved out from the mountain. It is a mysterious and unique place, especially when mist swirls over the treetops on the valley. Transfer to the airport for our flight to Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul. (B/L/D)

Departure Flight: TK2835 TZX-IST 2100-2310

## Day 12 – Tue, 8 Sep

**ISTANBUL** (Check-out in the morning)

This morning, we explore the city of Istanbul. Visit the **Chora Church** and see the beautiful interior designs of this Byzantine Greek Orthodox Church. Then spend some time in **Taksim Square** to immerse in the local city life and do some last minute shopping before catching your flight back home. (B/D) Note: Lunch on your own

## Day 13 – Wed, 9 Sep

**ISTANBUL**

Departure Flight: TK54 IST-SIN 0200-1750

Meals on board the plane

Arrive back in Singapore at 5.50pm.

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## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Tour Dates	28 Aug - 9 Sep 2020 (11 Touring days)
Airline	Turkish Airlines
Tour Cost	≥25pax: SGD\$4,050 <sup>1,2</sup> , ≥15pax: SGD\$4,900 <sup>1,2</sup>
Accommodation	4-5 star hotels
Registration closes	15 Jun 2020



<sup>1</sup>Includes airport and fuel taxes (Est of SGD\$600; as of 01 Oct 2020). However, if there is any increase in the taxes, the extra charges will be bore by the participants. <sup>2</sup> Tour cost is based on ≥25pax and ≥15pax 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)
- 11 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
- Airport tax & fuel surcharge of SGD\$600

### 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\$550 if applicable
- Passport and visa fees is applicable

## HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR THIS TOUR?

1. Register online at [www.bible.org.sg/register/ibex](http://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 **15 Jun 2020**.
5. For late registration (Once the tour is fully booked or 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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