



# 7 CHURCHES IN THE BOOK OF

REVELATION

TURKEY
3-12 JUN 2019
10D7N (8 TOURING DAYS)







## BIBLE LAND TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Pergamon
- Ephesus
- Laodicea
- Hierapolis
- Uchisar
- Pasabagi
- Goreme Open Air Museum
- Kaymakli Underground City
- Hagia Sophia
- Istanbul Archaeological Museum
- Underground Basilica Cistern
- Bosphorus Cruise
- Spice Bazzar



Spiritual Director

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.

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 Counselling at China Lutheran Seminary in Taiwan. He was also an alumnus of Singapore Bible College where he obtained his Bachelor of Theology.

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### Day 1 - Mon, 3 Jun SINGAPORE

Assemble at Changi Airport and depart for Istanbul.

Departure Flight: TK55, SIN-IST, 2335-0525

Check-in starts from 8.30pm (Changi Airport, Terminal 1) Meals on board the plane.

### Day 2 - Tue, 4 Jun ISTANBUL/ BURSA/ PERGAMON

Welcome to Istanbul. Upon arrival, we travel to Iznik, formerly known as **Nicea**. The city was founded around 1000 BC. The church was built in the  $4^{th}$  century and has a mosaic floor which dates to the  $6^{th}$  century. All gates and walls date from the Byzantine times. Next, we will stop by **Thyteria** to see the remains of the church. This was one of the principle towns where Christianity spread quickly. Later, we proceed to Pergamon for dinner and overnight. L/D

### DAY 3 - Wed, 5 Jun PERGAMON/ KUSADASI

In the morning, we visit the \*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. Drive to Izmir and visit **Church of Smyrna**. Proceed to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. B/L/D

### DAY 4 - Thu, 6 Jun KUSADASI

Start your day with a drive to Selcuk town to visit to the **Leather Outlet.** Then we proceed to visit the ancient city of \***Ephesus**, one of the



world's finest archaeological sites. Our tour will begin with the **Basilica of St John** "the Evangelist" who came here with the Virgin Mary and wrote his Gospel in Ephesus. Highlights include the Library of Celcius, the Temple of Hadrian, the Fountain of Trajan and the Theatre. We will also stop by the **House of Virgin Mary** (on top of Mt Coressos). She was believed to have spent her last years in this area. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. B/L/D

#### Day 5 - Fri, 7 Jun KUSADASI/ PAMUKKALE

After breakfast, drive to **Sardis** whose history dates back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century B.C. Sardis felt the influence of Christianity very early



and was included in the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse. Highlights will be a Synagogue, Gymnasium, Byzantine Church and the Temple of Artemis. Tour **Philadelphia** which was an important Christian centre during Byzantine times. We will also visit \*Laodicea, where we will find a Theatre, large Stadium, Water Tower and an Odeon. Then, we visit \*Hierapolis, which was founded by Pergamon King

Telephons. Highlights include the Roman Baths, the Theatre and the famous white calcium cascades of **Pamukkale**. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. B/L/D



### Day 6 - Sat, 8 Jun CAPPADOCIA

Following an early breakfast, we drive to \*Colossae and \*Pisidian Antioch . During Paul's time, the population was made up of Jews, Romans and Greeks. B/L/D

### Day 7 - Sun, 9 Jun CAPPADOCIA

Optional: Hot Air balloon in early morning (Additional cost of USD\$250)

After breakfast, we visit **Uchisar** where you can capture a panoramic view of the beautiful plateau. Next, visit \*Pasabagi where monks used to live in seclusion in rock cut

rooms. Then, explore the Valleys of Goreme and the \*Goreme Open Air Museum to see the remains of early churches comprising complicated rooms hollowed out of the cones of volcanic ash and decorated with



scratched frescoes. We will visit \*Kaymakli Underground City which is carved into soft rocks resembling a huge labyrinth of tunnels, rooms, wine cellars and passageways. B/L/D

### Day 8 - Mon, 10 Jun

We proceed to the pottery town of **Avanos** and transfer to **Kayseri Airport** for your flight to Istanbul.

Departure Flight: Flight TK2027, ASR-IST, 1120 - 1300

We will visit **Hagia Sophia**, once the largest church in the world, then change to a mosque and now function as a museum. We will also visit the **Bible Society of Turkey** (TBC). B/L/D



### Day 9 – Tue, 11 Jun ISTANBUL

We visit the Istanbul Archaeological Museum, Underground Basilica Cistern and Hippodrome. Then we will take the Bosphorus Cruise to enjoy the unique experience of cruising between 2 continents, Asia and Europe and visit **Spice Bazzar**. At night, transfer to the airport for your flight back to Singapore. B/L/D

### Day 10 - Wed, 12 Jun

Departure Flight: TK54, IST-SIN, 0200-1750

Arrive back in Singapore at 5.50pm.

\*Indicates that the sight 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.

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#### **General Tour Information**

**Tour Dates** 3-12 Jun, 10D7N (8 Touring days)

Airline Turkish Airlines

**Tour Cost**  $\geq 25$ pax: SGD\$3,380<sup>1,2</sup>,  $\geq 35$ pax: SGD\$3,250<sup>1,2</sup>

**Accommodation** 4 Star Hotels

Registration closes 3 Feb 2019

<sup>1</sup>Includes airport and fuel taxes (Est of SGD\$600; as of 01 Jun 2018). 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  $\geq$ 25pax and  $\geq$ 35pax respectively. Package cost will increase should there be fewer participants.

#### **Tour Cost**

	Tour cost includes		Tour cost does not include
•	Return economy class airfare and land tour	•	Any increase of airport and fuel surcharge
•	7 nights twin-sharing accommodation as per itinerary	•	Travel insurance
•	Meals provided for as per itinerary	•	Passport and visa fees if applicable
•	Professional and licenced English- speaking guide	•	Meals and other expenses not stated in itinerary
•	Air-conditioned tourist bus as per itinerary	•	All expenses of personal nature
•	Entrance fees to sites as per itinerary	•	Single supplement room charge of SGD\$370 if applicable
•	All tips for hotels, restaurants, tour guides and bus drivers		
•	All group transfers from airport to hotel		
•	Airport and fuel surcharge of SGD\$600		

### 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. sufficient number of participants is required for a confirm departure.
- 4. Once the tour is confirm, the balance payment is required by 3 Mar 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: The itinerary and flight schedules are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Hotel confirmation will be given 2 weeks before departure.



