



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

& THE CHURCHES OF THE REVELATION

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FRIDAY, MARCH 01 -

Depart from Portland with Delta flight #178 nonstop to Amsterdam, leaving at 1:15pm.

SAT, MARCH 02 - ISTANBUL to CAPPADOCIA

Arrive Amsterdam at 8:30am. Connect with Delta #9622 to Istanbul, leaving at 11:25am and arriving at 3:50pm. Meet your tour guide and connect to Turkish Airlines flight #2018 to Kayseri, leaving at 6:25pm and arriving at 7:50pm. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for overnight. ALFINA is a romantic cave hotel uniquely designed to embrace the beauty of Cappadocia. www.hotelfina.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 03 - CAPPADOCIA (B,D)

Spend your day exploring Cappadocia, where entire cities are hidden in hills of stone. Visit the natural Citadel of Uchisar and the underground city of Derinkuyu, built in the 7th century as refuge for Christians fleeing persecution. See rock-carved churches in the Goreme Valley and the Fairy Castle. The Valley of Zelve is riddled with tunnels, where chapels were carved during the Byzantine era. Vividly preserved during the ensuing centuries, the original frescoes celebrate the beliefs of the early Christians. Return to your hotel for overnight. We will dine tonight in a typical cave restaurant.

MONDAY, MARCH 04 - ADANA (B,D)

Drive along the Silk Road and stop at the Caravanserai of Sultanhanı, once a safe haven for traders. Drive from the Taurus Mountains to the Turquoise Coast and the ancient city of Adana for dinner and overnight. ADANA HILTON is a nice 5-star property.

TUESDAY, MARCH 05 - ADANA (B,D)

Drive to Antioch, an important center of Hellenistic Civilization and a city of refuge for many Christians fleeing persecution in Jerusalem after the martyrdom of Stephen. Visit St. Peter's Church, dedicated to Paul and Barnabas. These first missionaries spent over a year here building a strong Church. Later, it would become the center from which Paul spread the Christian faith. In Antioch, the Romans first called followers of Jesus "Christians" and the first Gentiles were accepted to the Church. Visit the Mosaic Museum of Antioch before returning to Adana for dinner and overnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 06 - KONYA (B,D)

Depart Adana to Tarsus. Christianity came early to the city, the first converts coming from the large Jewish community. One of them Saul - the future Paul - was born in Tarsus in 5 AD, the son of a tentmaker. Tarsus was a seat of an important bishopric and councils of the church were held here in 431 and 435. Paul returned to Tarsus on his second and third journeys. See the Gate of Cleopatra and Antonius. Continue to Konya, one of the world's most ancient cities and a center of Sufism. We will learn about this philosophical peaceful movement, full of music and dance and visit the museum housing a fine collection of early Seljuk tiles. Arrive at your Konya hotel for dinner and overnight. DEDEMAN KONYA is located in a chic neighborhood near the city center. The hotel has become a landmark in the city for its blend of modern architecture, advanced technology and aesthetic interiors. www.dedeman.com





THURSDAY, MARCH 07 - PAMUKKALE (B,D)

Visit the Church of St. Paul at Psidian Antioch. Antioch was one of the first Anatolian cities to accept Christianity and Paul chose the city as a center for his missionary activities. See the Roman bath, the Temple of Augustus and the museum. Continue to Pamukkale, known as the Cotton Castle, because of its calcium-white terraces of hot spring pools. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. RICHMOND THERMAL is a nice 4-star property. www.richmondhotels.com

FRIDAY, MARCH 08 - KUSADASI (B,D)

Visit the ancient site of Hierapolis, one of the largest Roman cities in Asia Minor. Paul introduced Christianity to the local population. Continue to Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Jesus says to the Laodicean church, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Drive to Aphrodisias, the city of marble and the center of worship of the Goddess Aphrodite until the 6th century after Christ. Arrive in Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. KORUMAR is one of Turkey's most prestigious 5-star properties and is located on the beach in Kusadasi. www.korumar.com.tr

SATURDAY, MARCH 09 - KUSADASI (B,D)

Visit the site of Sardis, one of the Seven Churches of the Revelation. Continue to the site of Philadelphia (Modern Alasehir), the center of another of the seven Christian communities in Asia-Minor. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - KUSADASI (B,D)

Today is at your leisure. The bus and guide are at your disposal for shopping and access to the fishing village nearby. Breakfast, dinner and overnight provided.

MONDAY, MARCH 11 - KUSADASI (B,L,D)

You will be transferred to the pier to board your privately chartered ferry to Patmos, leaving at 6:00am and arriving at 11:00am. Refreshments will be served on board. Visit St. John Monastery, where John wrote the Book of Revelation, the Apocalypse Cave and the museum. Sail back to Kusadasi, leaving at 3:00pm and arriving at 7:45pm, for dinner and overnight.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 - KUSADASI (B,D)

Visit Ephesus, another of the Seven Churches of the Revelation and an ancient large port with a population of over 250,000. Paul visited Ephesus and his Letter to the Ephesians is addressed to the Church there. The Third Ecumenical Council was held in Ephesus in 431. Tour the ancient city with its legendary marble streets, the magnificent theater, Hadrian's temple and the library of Celsus. Then visit the sixth century Basilica of St. John. Return to Kusadasi and meet Dr. Ugul Orhan from Turkmen Carpets for a light snack and carpet demonstration. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 - BURSA (B,D)

In Izmir (ancient Smyrna), visit the Church of St. Policarp, the first church built in ancient Smyrna. Continue to Pergamum, the most favored of the Seven Churches of the Revelation. Christianity reached Pergamum very early and its church was praised for forbearance in times of persecution. It was here that the first Christians were executed by Rome. Continue to Asklepion, the ancient health center. Then drive to Bursa, known as the Green City. See great master works of Ottoman religious architecture: the Green Mosque and the Green Tomb, adorned with turquoise and green tiles. Arrive at your hotel for dinner and overnight. KERVANSARAY THERMAL 5-star property. www.kervansarayhotels.com



THURSDAY, MARCH 14 - ISTANBUL (B)

Drive to Iznik (ancient Nicea), where the First and the Seventh Ecumenical Councils were held. Then take a ferry across the Dardanelles to Istanbul and your hotel for overnight. ALKOCLAR KEBAN is located in the heart of Istanbul. www.alkoclar.com.tr

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 - ISTANBUL (B)

Visit the legendary Blue Mosque. Then stroll around the Hippodrome where chariot races were held. Visit the underground Crusader Cisterns. Continue to St. Sophia, a Christian basilica built by Justinian in the 6th-century and converted to a mosque during the Ottoman Empire. Continue to the Egyptian Spice Bazaar, used as the spice market since 1665. Next, take a ferry ride on the Bosphorus. Return your hotel for overnight.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 - ISTANBUL (B,D)

Visit the Church of St. Savior in Chora, with vivid remnants of mosaics from the 12th and 14th-centuries. Continue to Topkapi Palace, legendary residence of the Ottoman sultans. Then, enjoy some free time at the Grand Bazaar of Istanbul.

Our farewell dinner will be at Sarnic Restaurant, a unique restaurant by the Cisterns of Istanbul, offering a rich selection of appetizers and seafood dishes.

Return to your hotel for overnight.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - (B)

You will be transferred to Istanbul Ataturk Airport for your nonstop Delta Airlines flight #73 to New York, departing at 11:15am and arriving at 5:00pm. Clear US Customs and Immigration and connect to Delta flight #386 nonstop to Portland, leaving at 7:35pm and arriving at 10:58pm.



Price per person in a double room: \$5,215

Price in a single room: \$6,015

PRICE INCLUDES:

round-trip air Portland-Istanbul on Delta Airlines // departure and fuel taxes (\$520 as of 11/2/11 and subject to change until the final invoice is issued) // one way air Istanbul-Kayseri on Turkish Airlines // 15 nights of accommodations with breakfast daily // airport transfers in Turkey // 12 dinners and 1 lunch // 13 days of touring in a luxurious motor coach with a licensed, English-speaking guide // site entrance fees // private ferry to Patmos // hotel taxes and service fees // baggage handling // tips to guide and driver // Ya'lla Tours pilgrim's kit and travel bag

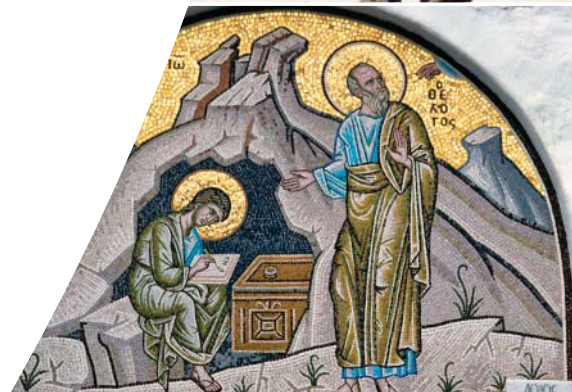
PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Turkish entry visa (\$20 to be paid upon arrival) // meals, unless specified // soft drinks and alcoholic beverages // personal items // travel insurance (\$349 per person in a double room or \$440 in a single room), highly recommended

IMPORTANT NOTE:

An \$800/person deposit is due upon booking. The deposit is refundable until 12/2/12.

Final payment is due 12/2/12. // A U.S. passport is required to enter Turkey, valid at least 6 months past your return date. // Delta Airlines offers mileage credit to Sky Miles members. // Funds paid to Ya'lla Tours are held in trust until paid to suppliers.





TERMS & CONDITIONS

PRICE:

- The price of the tour is: \$5,215/person in a double room or \$6,015 in a single room based on a minimum of 20 passengers. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Ya'lla Tours USA, our suppliers increase the price, we will adjust the price accordingly.
- Price of the airfare portion of the tour is subject to change until the air ticket is issued.
- The single room supplement will apply to single travelers unless a roommate can be found.
- Should the number of participants, 90 days prior to departure, be lower than the published minimum number of participants to operate the tour, the price will be adjusted accordingly, or the tour will be canceled.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$800 is due upon registration. **Final payment is due December 2, 2012.**

CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- For cancellation 89-45 days prior to departure, a fee of 50% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- For cancellation 44-15 days prior to departure, a fee of 75% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- For cancellation 14 or fewer days prior to departure, a fee of 100% of the cost of the tour will apply.
- No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, hotel, entrance fees, etc.
- Travel insurance is nonrefundable.

PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY:

Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/she fully understand each of them. Specifically passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out above.

PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION:

Passports must be valid for at least six months following the return date from your destination.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

Whereas Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. and the participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sight-seeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours.

The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger.

Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled 'Cancellations & Refunds'. The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven. Venue for any dispute is Multnomah County Circuit Court, Oregon. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. will strive to maintain the content of the tour. The Tour operator reserves the right to change the hotels listed on the tour for others of similar quality.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY:

This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is not included in the tour price. Ya'lla Tours USA highly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.

