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We are happy to assist you with your trip plans and to serve you while touring. Reservation, booking, and payment must be done through your professional travel agent.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

12 Nights / 13 Days

- 2 nights in Adana
- 1 night in Anamur
- 1 night in Antalya
- 1 night in Pamukkale
- 3 nights in Kusadasi
- 1 night in Canakkale
- 3 nights in Istanbul

Arrive any day

DAY 1 - ADANA

Upon arrival in Istanbul, you will be met by a Ya'lla Tours USA representative and transferred to the domestic terminal for your Turkish Airlines flight to Adana.

In Adana, you will be met by a Ya'lla Tours USA representative and transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 2 - ADANA

Drive to Antioch, an important center of Hellenistic civilization with origins dating back to the Hittites. Antioch was also a refuge city for many Christians fleeing persecution in Jerusalem after the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Visit St. Peter's Church, dedicated to Peter who converted some of the earliest Christians here. Early missionaries, Paul and Barnabas 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 first gentiles were accepted into the Church and the Romans first called the followers of Jesus "Christians." Visit the world's second largest mosaic museum, Antakya Mosaic Museum, with its superb collection of mosaics from ancient Antioch and Daphne.

Return to Adana for dinner and overnight.



RATES

Price per in USD, valid from:
 January 05 to March 31, 2012

	Silver
double	\$6,295
single	\$7,095
triple	\$6,195

April 01 to October 31, 2012

	Silver
double	\$6,895
single	\$7,995
triple	\$6,795

November 01 to December 22, 2012

	Silver
double	\$6,395
single	\$7,195
triple	\$6,295

With the "More For Less" Ya'lla Advantage, parties of 3 or more are eligible for the following reductions:

- * Parties of 3: less \$1,500 per person
- * Parties of 4-5: less \$2,000 per person
- * Parties of 6-7: less \$2,600 per person

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

15 nights / 16 Days

- 2 nights in Adana
- 1 night in Anamur
- 1 night in Antalya
- 1 night in Pamukkale
- 3 nights in Kusadasi
- 1 night in Canakkale
- 3 nights in Istanbul

TOUR INCLUDES:

- One-way, economy class airfare from Istanbul to Adana
- 12 nights accommodations with daily breakfast
- 9 dinners
- Private transfers
- 11 days of touring in a private air-conditioned van, with a licensed, English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Hotel service fees and taxes
- Ya'lla Tours USA Passenger Information Kit

We guarantee to operate this tour with a minimum of two passengers.

HOTELS & RESORTS

To price additional nights of accommodations click on the blue highlighted city(s)

Cities Hotels Category



DAY 3 – ANAMUR

Depart Adana to Tarsus, another of the first cities to embrace Christianity and a seat of an important bishopric. The first converts to the new faith came from the large Jewish community whose origins trace back to the Seleucid era. One of them was the future St. Paul, born in Tarsus in 5CE as Saul, the son of a tentmaker. Paul returned to Tarsus on his Second and Third Journeys.

Continue along the Mediterranean Coast to Anamur (170 miles). On the way, view from the shoreline, the famous Kiz Kalesi or "the Maiden's Castle."

Continue towards Cennet-Cehennem or the so-called Corycian Cave or Corycos Pits, described by Strabo the Greek geographer and historian in his Geography. After driving through the town Silifke, a signpost directs us to Ayatekla where we see the impressive remains of the Byzantine Church of St. Thecla, built by the Emperor Zeno the Isaurian (474-491). Arrive late in the evening to Anamur for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 – ANTALYA

After an early breakfast we depart to see the magnificent castle of Anamur, known in Turkish as Mamure Kalesi. This is the largest and best-preserved fortress on the Mediterranean Coast of Turkey, with all of its walls and thirty-six towers still standing to their original height. Continue to the site of the ancient Anemurium. On a clear day, Cyprus can be seen perfectly from here. Arrive at Alanya and see the most conspicuous monument in the lower town, Kizil Kule, "the Red Tower".

Continue to Antalya, stopping in the pirate stronghold of Side to see the ruins of the ancient city. Arrive at Antalya for dinner and overnight.



DAY 5 – PAMUKKALE

Drive to the ancient city of Perge, one of the best-preserved Greco-Roman cities in the world. Once one of the richest cities in the area, it is also where Paul preached his first sermon.

Drive to the ancient site of Aspendos to see the best preserved ancient Roman theater of Asia Minor. Built around 160 – 180 CE, it has a capacity of more than 15,000 seats and is still in use for concerts and theater performances.

Continue to Hierapolis (modern Pamukkale) with its hot mineral springs and spa. Pamukkale is

City	Hotel	Category
Adana	Mavi Surmeli	Silver
Anamur	Anemurion	Silver
Antalya	Marmara	Silver
Pamukkale	Richmond	Silver
Kusadasi	Korumar	Silver
Canakkale	Tusan	Silver
Istanbul	Point	Silver

also known as the "Cotton Castle" because of the hot, calcium-laden spring waters, which cascade from one white edged terrace pool to the next. Paul introduced Christianity to the local population here. While visiting the ruins of one of the largest Roman cities in Asia Minor, see the amphitheater, the city gates, and the colonnaded streets. Arrive at your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 – KUSADASI

Drive to Colossae, the citizens of which were the recipients of Paul's Letter to the Colossians. Visit the mound where the city is located. Continue to Aphrodisias, the city of marble and the center of worship of the Goddess Aphrodite until the 6th century after Christ. Visit the temple, one of the largest and best-preserved archaeological sites in Turkey.

Continue to Laodicea to visit the area of one of the Biblical Seven Churches of Asia Minor. Arrive in Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 – KUSADASI

After breakfast, depart for an excursion to Ephesus, the only Greco – Roman site in the world that gives an idea of the grandeur of bygone centuries. Ephesus is another city of the Seven Churches of the Revelation, and an ancient large port with a population of over 250,000. The city played a major role in the development of architecture, religion, economic systems and arts as one of the largest and most important cities in Asia Minor. Paul lived here, preached here and walked through the marble streets. In the giant amphitheater he addressed an angry, pagan mob. He was imprisoned in the tower when he ran afoul of the city's silversmiths because his sermons threatened sales of their idols. His Letters to the Ephesians were written from the prison tower. It was also in Ephesus, in 431AD, that the historic Third Ecumenical Council convened and declared Mary the Mother of Jesus.

The nearby Temple of Artemis was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Next we visit the archaeological Museum of Selcuk, the House of Virgin Mary, and the ruins of the 6th century Basilica of St. John.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 8 – KUSADASI

In the morning, depart for Sardis, site of one of the most ancient and largest synagogues of antiquity, the ruins of which have been exquisitely restored. In the afternoon, visit the site of Philadelphia, modern Alasehir, the center of another of the seven Christian communities in Asia-Minor.

Both Sardis and Philadelphia were sites of the Seven Biblical Churches of Asia Minor.

Return to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9 – CANAKKALE

Drive to Pergamum, the most favored of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor. Christianity reached Pergamum very early and its Church was praised for its extraordinary forbearance during times of persecution. Visit the stunning acropolis of the Hellenistic city, perched 1,000 feet above the town. Remains include the Altar of Zeus, palaces, the Temples of Trajan and Dionysus, and the world's steepest amphitheater. The Temple of Zeus was one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. Continue to the Asklepion, an ancient health center. See the ruins of the small theater and the healing tunnel.

In the afternoon, drive north to Canakkale and the ancient site of Troy, the legendary town in the Iliad of Homer. The first excavations were made by German archaeologist Heinrich

made by German archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann in 1871 revealing that Troy was not just a myth. See the excavations showing several layers of this civilization and the replica of the infamous Wooden Horse. Dinner and overnight in Canakkale.

DAY 10 – ISTANBUL

Drive to Bursa, often called the Green City. Visit great master works of Ottoman religious architecture: the Green Mosque and the Green Tomb, adorned with turquoise and green tiles. Continue to Iznik (ancient Nicea) where the first (325 AD) and the seventh (787 AD) Ecumenical Councils were held. Then take a ferry across the Sea of Marmara and continue to Istanbul to your hotel for overnight.

DAY 11 – ISTANBUL

Start the day with a visit to the Church of St. Saviour in Chora (Kariye Museum near the Edirne gate) with its exquisite mosaics. Then continue to the legendary Blue Mosque, also known as the Sultanahmet Mosque, decorated with more than 20,000 beautiful 17th century Iznik tiles and six minarets. Next, we will stroll the historical Hippodrome where chariot races were held. Visit the Suleymaniye Mosque, built in the 16th century, dedicated to Suleiman the Magnificent. Continue to Topkapi Palace, the legendary residence and treasury of the Ottoman Sultans. Here you will see the remnants of the sultans' privileged lives. Next we visit the legendary Bazaar of Istanbul where you will have time to explore. Return your hotel overnight.

DAY 12 – ISTANBUL

Start the day with a visit to St. Sophia – a Christian Basilica built by the emperor Justinian in the 6th century. Also known as Hagia Sophia or Ayasofya, it was Christendom's largest church before the building of St. Peter's in Rome. It became a mosque during the Ottoman Empire and today it is a museum. Take the ferry which crosses the Bosphorus, visiting both Europe and Asia, with stops en route to take photos of the natural beauty. Sites along the way include the 15th century Rumelihisar fortress, summer palaces and old wooden houses. The cruise terminates at the fishing village of Sariyer close to the Black Sea. Then drive via the intercontinental bridge across the Bosphorus to the Asian side to visit Beylerbeyi Palace, the summer residence of Ottoman Sultans, with original furniture and magnificent gardens. Continue to Camlica Hill to see the breathtaking view of Istanbul. Return to your hotel for overnight.

DAY 13 –

You will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight.

