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# JOURNEYS OF PAUL IN TURKIYE & GREECE

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# ITINERARY

## Day 1 - Depart the USA

### Day 2 - Arrive in Athens

Arrive at the Athens airport this morning, where your guide will meet you. Enjoy the rich architectural splendor of the ancient city of Athens as your guide introduces you to the world-renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erechtheum. Stand on Mars Hill as the Apostle Paul did when he proclaimed, "I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom, therefore, ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you" (Acts 17:23). As you stroll the agora, the ancient marketplace and center of Athenian public life, recall that this was where the Apostle Paul preached "Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18) to the skeptical Athenians. Also, see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Dinner and overnight is spent in Athens.

### Day 3 - Corinth & Cenchrae

Journey to the city of Corinth, where the Apostle Paul met fellow tentmakers Aquilla and Priscilla and received a vision from the Lord saying, "I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city" (Acts 18:10). As Paul spoke, Crispus (chief ruler of the synagogue) and many others believed and were baptized (Acts 18:8), establishing the church at Corinth to whom Paul later wrote his two epistles. Discover the archaeological museum, marketplace and temples. As you walk among the ruins, stand on the Bema, where the Apostle Paul stood before Gallio to face charges brought against him by the Jews. Stop briefly at the port town of Cenchrae from which Paul later departed for Syria (Acts 18:12-18). Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

### Day 4 - Thessaloniki & Veria

Fly from Athens to Thessaloniki this morning. Discover Thessaloniki, where Paul was accused of turning the world upside down with his preaching of Christ (Acts 17:3-6). As you explore St. George's Basilica, believed to be built over the synagogue where Paul preached, reflect on the two epistles the Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church here. Stroll through the archaeological museum and the beautiful basilicas of St. Sophia and St. Demetrios. St. Demetrios is dedicated to a distinguished Roman proconsul martyred for his Christian faith. Along the Via Egnatia stands the Galerius Arch, and you can look out over the second-largest city in Greece from the Old City Ramparts, some dating back to Roman times. Follow the path of Paul when he fled Thessaloniki for the safety of Veria (Berea), where Jews and some honorable Greeks accepted the new faith (Acts 17:10-12). Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

### Day 5 - Amphipolis, Philippi & Neapolis

Follow in the footsteps of Paul and Silas to Amphipolis and

explore the ruins of the many Christian basilicas there. In Philippi is a baptismal site commemorating where God opened the heart of Lydia (a seller of purple from Thyatira) to hear the words of Paul (Acts 16:13-15). Lydia and her household were the first Christian converts baptized on European soil. View the Roman-era crypt thought to have served as a prison for the Apostle Paul, and explore Philippi's famous Acropolis, marketplace, the Basilica of Paul, and theater. Today's last stop is Neapolis (Kavala), one of Greece's most picturesque mainland ports where Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy, and Silas. See the Roman Aqueduct and Acropolis before returning to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

### Day 6 - Journey to Istanbul

Today, you will fly from Thessaloniki to exotic Istanbul. Upon arrival in Türkiye, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 7 - Istanbul

The bejeweled capital of Istanbul sits between two continents and is home to 450 mosques. You will visit the famous Blue Mosque with its six minarets and sparkling interior. You will also visit the Topkapi Palace, once home to royal sultans. Inside, you will see the fabled jewels of the treasury, delicate displays of Chinese porcelain in the kitchen quarters, and the provocative harem quarters. Walk through Hagia Sophia, which was the largest church in Christendom for 1,000 years, built by Justinian (532-537 AD). The church has 107 columns, fossil-embedded, white marble floors, and beautiful glass mosaics. Enjoy the aroma of cinnamon, cloves, thyme, and other exotic spices as you explore the Grand Bazaar. Over 4,000 shops sell everything from herbs to gold. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

### Day 8 - Cappadocia

This morning, you will fly to Cappadocia. Explore Cappadocia's amazing cone-shaped rock formations which create a fairy-tale landscape. Even today, people make their homes in the cliffs and rock cones of Cappadocia. It is estimated that over 3,000 rock churches exist in the region. You will visit the Rock Chapels of Goreme, the Cave Village of Avclar, and the Monastic Complex of Zelve. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

### Day 9 - Konya

Before departing Cappadocia, you have the option for an early morning balloon ride (additional charge). Also, visit the underground city of Ozkonak. Explore Konya, ancient Iconium, where Paul the Apostle and Barnabas invested a lot of their missionary efforts preaching the Gospel despite persecution. Dinner and overnight in Konya.

### Day 10 - Antioch in Pisidia and Tel Colossae

Ancient Antioch was the center of Hellenistic civilization in the region and home to a massive temple and oracle complex dedicated to the pagan god Apollo. Christian roots go deep into Antioch's soil. It was to Antioch that many Jerusalem Christians fled after the death of Stephen (Acts 11). Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch for a year and assembled with



## Itinerary Continued . . .

the church and taught many people. Later, the city became the center from which Paul performed his missionary labors (Acts 13: 1 -5, 14 -44; 14: 26 -28; 15: 22 -41; 18: 22 -23). It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians," and it was here that the first non-Jews were accepted into the early church. Stop at Tel Colossae, home of a Pauline Church. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

### Day 11 - Laodicea & Hieropolis

Hierapolis is blessed by hot mineral springs and some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in Asia Minor. Paul mentions Hierapolis in his Letter to the Colossians in saluting Epaphras, a fellow laborer, for his love of the brethren there (Colossians 4: 13). The ruins cover more than a mile. You will see the impressive amphitheater with seats still in perfect condition. You will see the city gates, column-lined streets, and arches, which have stood through time and earthquakes. Today, the area is known as Pamukkale, meaning "Cotton Castle", named for the limestone-laden hot springs which cascade from one white-edged terrace pool to the next. The Christians of Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches (Rev. 3: 14-22), were chastised for being lukewarm, "You are neither cold nor hot" (Rev. 3: 15), and for being too comfortable incorporating pagan and Christian beliefs. In the famous scripture from Revelation (3: 20-21), Jesus says to the Laodicean church: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock . . . ". Today, there are many acres of ruins to see, including the stadium and columned streets. Dinner and overnight is in Kusadasi.

### Day 12 - Ephesus

Ephesus is one of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev. 1: 11). In ancient days, Ephesus was a bustling port town of 250,000, graced with wide, colonnade bordered streets. Today, you will be impressed with the spectacular excavations of the major streets of ancient Ephesus. You will view the library and the huge agora. The Temple of Artemis was declared one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Today, only a single column remains to mark the site. You will visit the Basilica of St. John, the traditional site of his grave. From the basilica, enjoy a commanding view of the area. You will visit the Museum of Ephesus for an up-close look at artifacts from the ancient city. You will have time to explore this powerful city on your own and recreate some of the footsteps of Paul. Fly from Izmir back to Istanbul for dinner and overnight.

### Day 13 - Return Home

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### Day 14 – NICAEA

Today, you will visit the lakeside town of Iznik, known in Byzantine times as Nicaea and site of two ecumenical church councils. The ancient name is associated with the Nicene Creed, which many Christians can recite from memory. You will see the ancient walls and sites associated with the town's Christian heritage: the ruins of the Basilica of St. Sophia, the Baptistry, and the Christian Tombs on the outskirts of town.

### Day 15 – RETURN TO THE USA

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### Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

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Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000.....	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000.....	\$299	\$4501 to \$5000.....	\$499	\$6501 to \$7000.....	\$699
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#### Schedule of Coverages

##### Part A \*

Trip Cancellation..... Trip Cost

Trip Interruption..... Trip Cost

Missed Connection..... \$500

Travel Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$200 Per Day)..... \$2,000

##### Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation

Accident and Sickness Medical Expense..... \$25,000

Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation..... \$50,000

Accidental Death & Dismemberment..... \$25,000

Baggage and Personal Effects..... \$1,000

Baggage Delay..... \$200

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

### Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Opportunities Tours, Inc. at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (\*in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

### PROGRAM CONDITIONS

#### INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$350 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

#### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Cruise Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure: • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Turkish Visa approx \$50 • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

#### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$598 during the basic tour. **\$198 Nicaea Extension**

#### SAVINGS:

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

#### PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes
<b>\$100*</b>	Registrations received more than 10 months prior to departure *Additional \$500 deposit will be due 6 months prior to departure
<b>\$300**</b>	Registrations received 10-6 months prior to departure **Additional \$300 deposit due 6 months prior to departure
<b>\$600</b>	Registrations received between 6 months to 106 days prior to departure.
<b>\$1,200</b>	2nd deposit Amount. All guests must have \$1,800 on their account 105 days prior to departure to be ticketed
<b>\$1,800</b>	Registrations received between 105-76 days prior to departure must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees
<b>Full Payment</b>	Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed
<b>Travel Protection Amount</b>	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 105 days prior to departure to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

#### REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than 105 days prior to departure:

We welcome registrations after 105 days prior to departure Registrations received between 104-90 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 89-75 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 74-60 days prior will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received after 59 days prior or less will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

#### CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

#### STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOT, and EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

#### ABILITY TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. If you have questions, please contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request.

#### PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 105 days prior to your trip. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

#### PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

#### AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

#### FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

#### ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit [eo.travel/info/airline-fees](http://eo.travel/info/airline-fees).

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On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

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Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

#### VALIDITY DATE:

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