

LAND & AIR

\$4,590 Per Person in Double Occupancy

\$860 Single Room Supplement

TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip international air from Chicago
- Istanbul – Adana domestic flight
- 1 Night at **Grand Halic Hotel in Istanbul** or similar
- 2 Nights at **The Museum Hotel in Antioch** or similar
- 1 Night at **Anemon Hotel in Konya** or similar
- 2 Nights at **Best Western Khan Hotel in Antalya** or similar
- 1 Night at **Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale** or similar
- 1 Night at **Korumar Hotel in Kusadasi** or similar
- 3 Nights at **Kordon Cankaya Hotel in Izmir** or similar
- Daily open buffet breakfasts
- 11 dinners
- Licensed English Speaking Biblical oriented Guide throughout the itinerary
- Private Bus with driver throughout the itinerary
- One group transfer on arrival and departure
- Entrance fees to all sites
- Headsets
- Tolls & parking fees
- Service charges and local taxes
- 1 Tour leader free of charge

TOUR EXCLUDES

- Tips to guide (\$50 per person) and driver (\$20 per person)
- Lunches and drinks
- Travel-Health insurances, anything not mentioned above

Church of St. Peter, Antioch



PAYMENT PROCEDURE

DEPOSIT: \$200 per person, due on December 15.

FULL PAYMENT: February 3, 2025

Make payments to Urbana Theological Seminary.

Cancellation Penalty:

- 90–60 days prior to departure: No Penalty
- 59–30 days prior to departure: 75% refund
- 29–15 days prior to departure: 50% refund
- 14–7 days prior to departure: No refund

**For registration and information,
please contact:**

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This Spring Urbana Seminary is offering the companion class ***The Spirit and the People of God: The Book of Acts!*** Taught by Dr. Cuffey, it is available for credit or audit and offered online or in person. One need not enroll in the class to come on the trip and benefit, but the course will add value and depth to the entire trip experience.



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Tarsus in the town center, and the Well of St. Paul. Drive to Derbe where Paul and Barnabas spoke and won many converts. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Konya, ancient Iconium, also on Paul's 1st missionary journey. (B,D)

May 9 Fri Konya – Pisidian Antioch – Antalya

Drive to Yalvac, ancient Antioch of Pisidia, site of Paul's 1st recorded Sabbath sermon in the Synagogue. Visit the excavations here and at the Museum. Continue on a beautiful mountain drive to Antalya. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Antalya. (B,D)

May 10 Sat Antalya (Attalia) – Perga – St. Paul Cultural Center – Boat ride

Visit Perga, through which Paul and Barnabas passed on their way to and from Antioch on the 1st journey. See the Perga Theater, the Agora Stadium, and the columned streets, the Archaeological Museum of Antalya and the Old City. Lunch at St. Paul Cultural Center, then by boat to Magydus. Dinner and overnight in port city of Antalya. (B,D)

May 11 Sun Laodicea – Colossae – Pamukkale

Drive to Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation (3:14-22), a major city in Roman times. See its two theatres, stadium, aqueduct and major street lined with shops. Then drive to the Roman site of Colossae (Paul to the Colossians & Philemon) on the foothills of Mount Honaz. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B,D)

May 12 Mon Hierapolis – Miletus – Kuşadası

Visit Hierapolis—the beautifully preserved theater, Temple of Apollo, and Philip's Martyrium. Then to Miletus with four harbors on the Aegean coast, one of the great ancient cities of commerce. Visit the 15,000-seat Roman theatre. Here Paul stopped on his 3rd missionary journey to speak with the elders from Ephesus for the final time (Acts 20:17–35). To Kuşadası for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

May 13 Tue Ephesus – Izmir (Smyrna)

Visit the most impressive biblical site of our trip: Ephesus. Paul was here in his 2nd & 3rd missionary journeys (Acts 18:18-21; Acts 19). Timothy was a pastor here (1 & 2 Timothy). Ephesus was home base for the apostle John's ministry, thus the setting for 1, 2, 3 John and part of the Book of Revelation. Traditionally Mary the mother of Jesus lived out her later years in the city. The former glory of Ephesus is seen in well-preserved streets, temples, fountains, and public baths. The Temple of Artemis—one of seven wonders of the ancient world. The 24,000-seat theatre was the site of the riot in response to Paul's ministry there. We will see the "terrace houses" (marvelously reconstructed homes of the wealthy), the Ephesus Museum, and the Basilica of St. John. Dinner and overnight in Izmir, a port city known in the ancient world as Smyrna. (B,D)

May 14 Wed Smyrna - Sardis – Philadelphia – Izmir

Visit the Agora of ancient Smyrna, another of the 7 Churches of Revelation (2:8–11). Drive to Sardis (Rev. 3:1-6) to see the remains of a magnificent temple of Artemis, the beautifully reconstructed gymnasium and public baths, and the largest known synagogue outside Palestine. Our next stop is Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7-13) to see remains of the ancient city within a modern city. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

May 15 Thu Pergamum – Thyatira - Izmir

Travel north to Pergamum, another amazingly impressive archaeological site (Rev. 2:12-17). Its attractions include the 10,000-seat theatre, the steepest in the ancient world; the Acropolis; the magnificently restored temple of Trajan; a library second in size only to that in Alexandria; the base of the Altar of Zeus; the temple of Dionysus; and the medical center of Asclepius with its own theatre, library, underground tunnel and other buildings. Then, stop briefly in the ancient city of Thyatira (Rev. 2:18-29), modern city of Akhisar, to visit the few archaeological remains thus far uncovered. Return to our hotel in Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

May 16 Fri Transfer to Izmir Airport – Fly Back to Chicago.

May 4 Sun Depart from Chicago – Fly to Istanbul

May 5 Mon Arrive Istanbul Airport Passport control and baggage claim, then look for the "URBANA – TUTKU" sign. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

May 6 Tue Istanbul Tour – Fly to Antioch (nearest airport)

Explore the wonders of Istanbul. The Golden Mile of the Egnatian Way, Hippodrome Square, and the breathtaking Blue Mosque as well as the magnificent, 1700-year-old Hagia Sophia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and historic Hagia Eirene Church. Visit the world-renowned Archaeological Museum home of the Siloam inscription, the Gezer calendar, and the stunning "Jerusalem mosaic." Fly to Antioch (nearest Airport) for overnight. (B,D)

May 7 Wed Antioch

Visit Antioch, where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians. The Church of St. Peter, a cave church where early Christians met in secret. The Mosaic Museum with its rich collection of mosaics from the area. Seleucia Pieria--the ancient port town of Antioch from which Paul and Barnabas set out on their first journey. Dinner and overnight in Antioch. (B,D)

May 8 Thu Antioch – Tarsus – Konya (Iconium)

Early departure from Antioch to drive to Tarsus, birthplace of the Apostle Paul. Visit the Church of St. Paul, the recently excavated remains of the Roman