



TURKEY

The John Wesley Fellows 1700th Anniversary Celebration of Nicaea

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May 17th - May 27th 2025

An 11-Day Adventure:

This 11-day trip to Turkey offers a wonderful blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. A tapestry woven with threads of tradition and modernity, this will be a journey that leaves an indelible mark on the soul.

Getting To See:

- Istanbul
- Nicaea
- Nicomedia
- Izmir
- Sardis
- Hierapolis
- Pamukkale
- Aphrodisias
- Laodicea
- Colossae
- Ephesus

ITINERARY DAYS 1-4

DAY 1 | TRAVEL DAY

Get ready to enjoy a fabulous trip to Turkey as you depart from the US.

DAY 2 | ARRIVE IN ISTANBUL

Our guide will meet you with a “GOMEGA - The John Wesley Fellows 1700th Anniversary of Nicaea” sign at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3 | ISTANBUL

After breakfast, embark on a full day tour visiting the Roman Hippodrome, Basilica Cistern, the Hagia Sophia, the great basilica built by Constantine the Great and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century. It is one of the world’s greatest architectural marbles and a designated World Heritage site. Then visit the Istanbul Archaeological Museum, and Hagia Irene Church, the site of the second ecumenical council. Take the bus to Suleymaniye Mosque, the largest mosque in Istanbul, and discuss the important history of Islam and the enduring legacy of the Ottoman Empire. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 4 | NICAEA

Drive to Nicaea (modern Iznik), and visit Hagia Sophia Church; Constantine’s Palace, Roman Theater, city walls and gates, archaeology museum, original city street, funerary obelisk (Bestas).

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner





ITINERARY DAYS 5-8

DAY 5 | NICAEA

After breakfast enjoy lectures by professors on 1st and 7th councils. In the afternoon, visit the Underwater Basilica area with local archaeologists.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 6 | NICOMEDIA - ISTANBUL

Drive to Nicomedia (modern Izmit): Visit the archaeology museum, Diocletian's Palace, Roman Theater, city walls. We will then take an afternoon drive to Chalcedon (modern Kadikoy) to see the excavations at Haydarpasa, and St. Euphemia Church (by appointment).

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 7 | FLY IZMIR - SMYRNA - IZMA

Morning flight to Izmir. Visit the Smyrna Agora and its latest excavations. We will also visit the graffiti section which is closed to the public.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 8 | SARDIS - PHILADELPHIA - HIERAPOLIS - PAMUKKALE

Drive to Sardis, capital of the ancient Lydia where first coin of the world was invented. See the remains of another massive Artemis Temple. We'll visit St. Jean's Church on the site of the ancient city of 'Brotherly Love' -Philadelphia. Continue to Hierapolis, a World Heritage site. See the site of the church mentioned in Colossians 4, and St. Philip's Tomb.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner





ITINERARY DAYS 9-10

DAY 9 | APHRODISIAS - LAODICEA - COLOSSAE - PAMUKKALE

After breakfast, drive to Aphrodisias to see the ancient site and continue onto Laodicea to see the latest excavations. Then, drive to Colossae to see the unexcavated site. Return to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



DAY 10 | EPHESUS - IZMIR

Drive to Ephesus. Visit the famous ancient city of Ephesus with its spectacular Terrace Houses, Basilica of John, the Ephesus Archaeological Museum and ancient Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Acts 18: 19-24

Acts 19: 1-35

Acts 20: 16-17

Acts 21:29

1 Corinthians 15:32

1 Corinthians 16:8

I Timothy 1:3

II Timothy 1:18

II Timothy 4:12

Revelation 1:11

Revelation 2:1

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner



DAY 11 | DEPART IZMIR

Group Transfer to Izmir Airport.



TRIP DETAILS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International Airfare from Dallas Ft. Worth (DFW) or Chicago O'Hare (ORD)
- 1 Group Arrival and 1 Group Departure transfer, any private request is additional cost
- Istanbul - Izmir domestic flight
- 2 Nights Hotel in Istanbul
- 2 Nights Hotel in Yalova
- 1 Night Hotel in Istanbul
- 1 Night Hotel in Izmir
- 2 Nights Hotel in Pamukkale
- 1 Night Hotel in Izmir
- Daily breakfasts
- 9 Dinners at the Hotels
- Meeting Room on May 20th & 21st
- English Speaking and Bible oriented tour guides during all tour
- All transportation by Luxury Coach
- Gratuities to Tour Guides & Drivers
- All entry fees to the sites and museums
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Service charges and local taxes
- Headsets

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

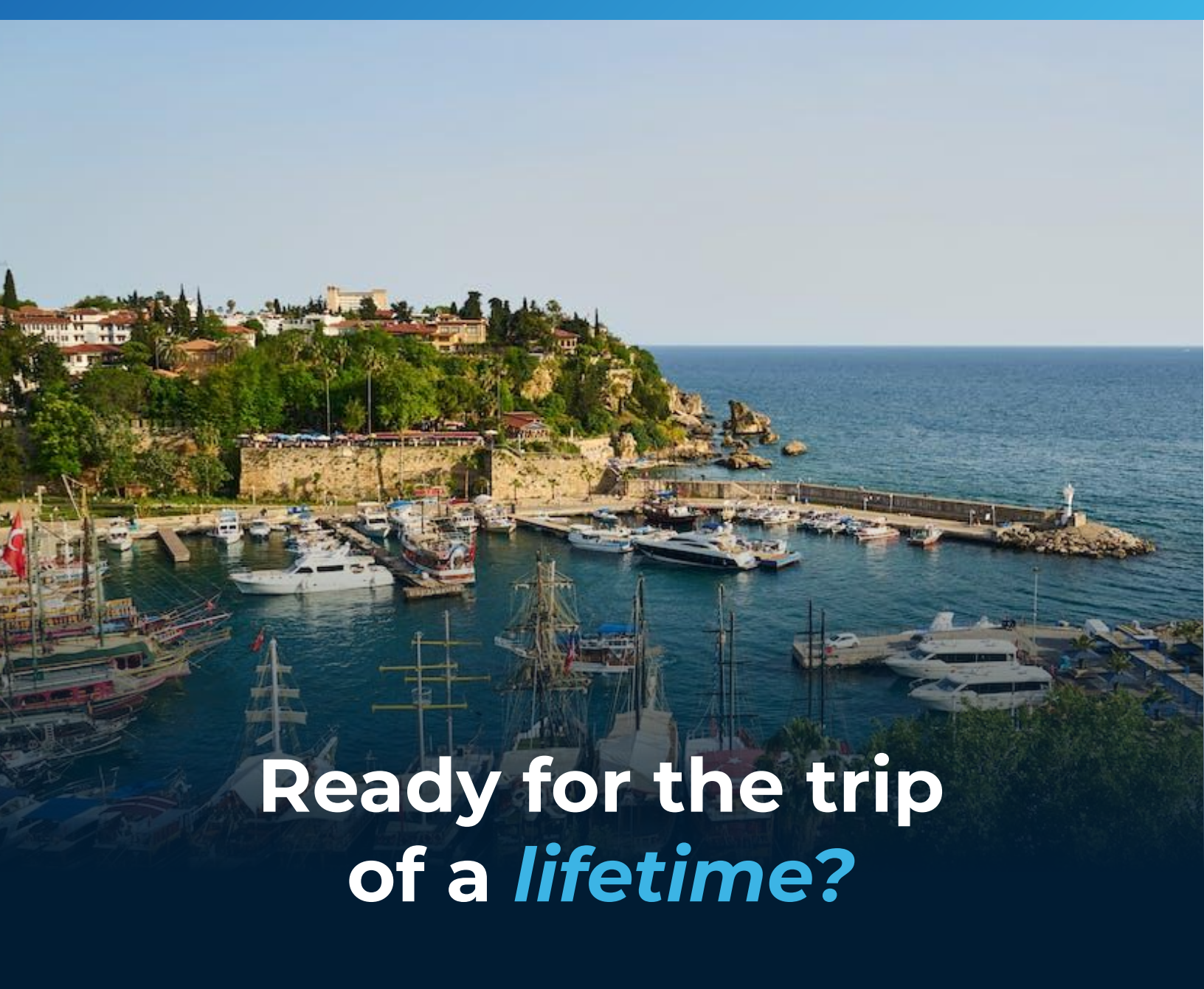
- Lunches and drinks (bottled water is included at dinners)
- All personal expenses, travel and health insurance, any other item not listed in the "What's Included" section

PRICING

Full Tour	\$5720
Land Only	\$3995
Single Supplement	\$890
Deposit	\$750

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- Deposit of \$750 per person is due at time of registration.
- Registration Deadline is December 6, 2024
- Final Payment is due January 31, 2025.
- Pricing based on a minimum of 30 passengers traveling



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PROGRAM CONDITIONS INCLUDED IN PRICE OF STANDARD FULL TOUR PROGRAM: Round trip economy airfare; transfers with group to/from airport; shared double room in moderate hotel; two meals daily; English speaking guide; transfers to/from and entrance fees for sites to be visited per itinerary. Gratuities.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: Individual transfers; travel insurance; any Covid testing required to travel both in the US and internationally, laundry; coffee and drinks; excess baggage and items of a personal nature; any increase in taxes and fees that may occur between registration and issuing of airline tickets. The price is based on the exchange rate at the time of registration and may be subject to change.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Deposit of \$750 due with registration of which \$500 per person is non-refundable. Deadline for registration is December 6th, 2024. Final payment date is no later than January 31st, 2025.

TOUR DOCUMENTS: The name on your airline ticket must exactly match your name as it appears on your passport which must be uploaded before we can purchase your airline ticket. If applying for a new or renewed passport, upload a copy as soon as you receive your new passport.

ROOMMATES: If you purchase double occupancy and are unable to find a roommate, or your roommate cancels, you will be charged the single room occupancy rate.

LUGGAGE: Limit of one suitcase and one carry-on per person, not to exceed 50 pounds or 62 linear inches total.

TRANSFERS: Group transport between airport, hotel and piers is included in the standard program. However, those who request changes from the standard program are responsible for their own transfers. Transfer costs may vary by trip brochure.

CHANGES FROM STANDARD FULL TOUR PROGRAM: Changes must be requested and approved in writing by GOMEGA Travel and Tours. A minimum of \$150 will be charged and individual transfers to/ from the airport are not included.

AIRLINE TICKETS: Tickets are nonrefundable; any changes are subject to the specific airline's policies.

FLIGHT TIMES: Subject to change by airlines without advance notice. GOMEGA Travel and Tours is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

ITINERARY LENGTH: Because airlines often change the flight schedules, GOMEGA Travel and Tours reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly and you will be notified in writing. If changes necessitate extra overnights, customers will be responsible for additional charges.

CANCELLATION FEES: From the day of registration to 120 days prior to departure the \$500 non-refundable registration fee will be charged. Thereafter, the following charges apply: 119-90 days \$750; 89-60 days 50% of total cost; 59-45 days 75% of total cost; 44 days to departure day 100% of total cost. All cancellation and refund claims must be made in writing.

REFUND REQUESTS: Allow up to 30 days for the process of any cancellation requests.

PROCESSING FEES: Any fees incurred during payment processing such as credit card fees, bank fees, GOMEGA Travel and Tours processing fees, etc. are non-refundable.

INSURANCE: For more information and rates please contact your group travel specialist.

VACCINATIONS: Each destination has its own health requirements, please check your countries updated information.

Sherpa: <https://apply.joinsherpa.com/travel-restrictions?af%EF%AC%81liateld=sherpa&language=en-US>

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