

BIBLE LANDS STUDY TOUR

Phil Hoffmann
travel

"GREECE AND TURKEY"



***COMMENCING IN ATHENS 31ST DECEMBER 2024
& CONCLUDING IN TURKEY ON 16TH JANUARY 2025***

THE TOUR

“In this unique study tour we follow the story of Paul through his letters and travel to ancient sites with which he was familiar. Our journey through Greece will help us appreciate the spread of the Jesus movement into the Greek world and the role which Paul played in establishing early Jesus households. Our journey into Turkey will continue to track Paul. We add, though, another focus as we ponder the growth of the Jesus movement. We shall consider the final book of the New Testament, the Book of Revelation, and visit the seven churches in Asia Minor that it addresses.

This tour will be an exciting, informative and spiritually invigorating encounter with early Christianity.”

Michael Trainor

Day 1: Tuesday 31st December 2024

Arrive Athens (D)

After arrival at the Athens airport, going through passport control and luggage collection, you will be met by your tour guide and you will be transferred to our hotel, where participants will gather together.

Accommodation: Athens,, Wyndham Grand Hotel

Day 2: Wednesday 1st January 2025

Athens (B,D)

After breakfast we have a city tour of Athens visiting the wonderful Athens Acropolis, Mars Hill, where Paul preached to the Athenians and the ancient Agora—market.

Accommodation: Athens,, Wyndham Grand Hotel

Day 3: Thursday 2nd January 2025

Corinth (B,D)

Visit Corinth and the archaeological sites and village of this ancient city. Marvel at the engineering feat of the Corinth Canal which these days is largely unused. Following this we head to the ancient ports of Cenchrae and Lechaion where Paul stopped on his second mission. Today we will also visit Mycenae, Nauplia and Epidaurus.

Accommodation: Athens,, Wyndham Grand Hotel

Day 4: Friday 3rd January 2025

Kalambaka (B,D)

Today we depart from Athens and visit Ossios Lucas and then continue and drive to visit Delphi. In the afternoon we drive to Kalambaka.

Accommodation: Kalambaka, Amalia Hotel

Day 5: Saturday 4th January 2025

Meteora (B,D)

Today we Visit Meteora Monasteries and then drive to Vergina. We pass by the Vegia (Beroa) and then travel to Thessaloniki.

Accommodation: Thessaloniki, Capsis Hotel

Day 6: Sunday 5th January 2025

Thessaloniki (B,D)

Today we will enjoy a city tour of Thessaloniki.

Accommodation: Thessaloniki, Capsis Hotel

Day 7: Monday 6th January 2025

Kavala (B,D)

This morning we visit the Arch and the museum in Thessaloniki. We then drive to visit Philippi. This afternoon we drive to Kavala.

Accommodation: Kavala, Lucy Hotel

Day 8: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Kavala- Turkey (B,D)

After breakfast we drive to the Greek/Turkey border.
Ride to the Dardanelles and cross the strait into the Asian side.

Accommodation: CANAKKALE, Kolin hotel

Day 9: Wednesday 8th January 2025

Canakkale (B,D)

Today we journey to the well-known WWI battle site of Gallipoli.
A ferry crossing at the Dardanelles will lead us to the site and back to our hotel.

Accommodation: CANAKKALE, Kolin hotel

Day 10: Thursday 9th January 2025

Izmir (B,D)

In our visit to TROY we gain a sense of the marvels of archaeological research and what it uncovers. Our visit to ancient PERGAMON and its spectacular acropolis introduces us to the first of seven churches addressed by the last book of the Bible, the "Book of Revelation". Arrival to IZMIR ancient SMYRNA.

Accommodation: IZMIR, Ege Palas Hotel

Day 11: Friday 10th January 2025

Izmir (B,D)

We visit one of the most important sites of Asia Minor, EPHEBUS. We shall also visit the traditional House of Mother MARY and the remains of the spectacular basilica dedicated to St John where tradition locates his grave.

Accommodation: IZMIR, Ege Palas Hotel

Day 12: Saturday 11th January 2025

Pamukkale (B,D)

Site visits to SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA and continue to HIERAPOLIS for our reflection on the Book of Revelation

Accommodation: PAMUKKALE, Doga Thermal Hotel

Day 13: Sunday 12th January 2025

Bursa (B,D)

After breakfast we visit LAODICEA and THYATIRA on the way to Bursa.

Accommodation: BURSA, Kervansaray Hotel

Day 14: Monday 13th January 2025

Istanbul (B,D)

Heading to Istanbul : We continue our journey to NICEA and visit the Museum, the St Sophia church, walls, and the Gates.

Accommodation: ISTANBUL, Millenium Golden Horn Hotel

Day 15: Tuesday 14th January 2025

Istanbul (B,D)

Our first full day in Istanbul is an orientation of the city. We will visit the main monuments around Hippodrome square. These include the Blue Mosque, Justinian's Cisterns, Archaeological Museum and the beautiful Hagia Sophia.

Accommodation: IST, Millenium Golden Horn Hotel

Day 16: Wednesday 15th January 2025

Istanbul (B,D)

Today we cruise on the Bosphorus and get a different view and insight into the history of Istanbul. A visit to the Egyptian Market along the Golden Horn will allow us to marvel at the walls of ancient Constantinople. A visit to the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate concludes our day.

Accommodation: IST, Millenium Golden Horn Hotel

Day 17: Thursday 16th January 2025

Istanbul departure (B)

Today our Study Tour concludes. You will be escorted from our hotel to the Istanbul airport. We will then make our farewells, and prepare for our onward journeys.

BIBLELANDS STUDY TOUR

Greece and Turkey

Twin Share: \$ 9,399 per person

Single travelers: \$ 11,499 per person

Prices per person in Australian Dollars

Price includes:

- Escorted tour throughout Greece and Turkey
- 16 nights accommodation as stated in itinerary
- Transport in air conditioned coach with English speaking guides
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary with entrance fees
- 16 breakfasts and 16 dinners
- Pre paid gratuities
- Listening devices for all sightseeing
- Services of a local English speaking tour guide

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

AT TIME OF BOOKING: DEPOSIT AMOUNT OF \$500 TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

27TH MAY 2024 : 2ND DEPOSIT AMOUNT OF \$1,000 (OR MORE IF REQUIRED BY SUPPLIERS)

29TH JULY 2024: 3RD DEPOSIT AMOUNT OF \$1,000 (OR MORE IF REQUIRED BY SUPPLIERS)

30TH SEPTEMBER 2024: BALANCE AMOUNT (OR AT A DATE TO BE CONFIRMED BY OUR SUPPLIERS)

BALANCE AMOUNT DUE OR AT A DATE TO BE CONFIRMED BY OUR SUPPLIERS.

Not included:

- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Tipping during any non-group formal arrangements
- Items of a personal nature e.g. laundry, phone calls, drinks, meals other than those stated in our inclusions, any amendment fees and; any personal extensions.



Fr Michael Trainor: Father Michael Trainor has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Lands. His travelling experience, his passion for the lands and its peoples and his deep love of the Gospels make this a compelling and inspiring tour. This is a wonderful, deeply spiritual and personal opportunity to encounter the story of Jesus and His followers. It will change the way you think of Jesus and the Gospels.

GROUP BOOKING CONDITIONS

Reservations
Prices are subject to change at anytime until final payment has been received. Flights and times are subject to availability. Late bookings may not be able to be accommodated and alternative flights or arrangements may need to be made.

Price Alterations
Tour prices specified are based on , exchange rates and land arrangement tariffs applicable at the time of printing, therefore they may be subject to alteration with or without prior notice until final payment is made.

Booking Forms:
You are required to complete a booking form, fitness form and provide a copy of your passport which will provide the information required to process your booking. Phil Hoffmann Travel will provide you with all relevant forms. Make sure you read these booking conditions in conjunction with the Phil Hoffmann Travel 'Schedule of Professionalism.'

Amendments/changes
A fee of \$100, per amendment will be charged for any reservation changes after your booking is confirmed, unless such a change increases the value of your booking. This fee is in addition to any charges from airlines, land operators or cruise lines. Bookings are non-transferable.

Cancellations
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Refunds/Credits
No refund is available in respect of any sightseeing tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised or required during this tour. No refund is available for cancellations after the tour has commenced. Credit offers cannot be refunded or taken as cash.

Minimum Numbers
Group fares quoted for this tour are subject to a minimum 13 paying passengers travelling together. Phil Hoffmann Travel reserve the right to increase the tour price should the numbers travelling not meet the required minimum.

Passport & Visas
It is necessary for all passengers to be in possession of a valid passport which has at least 6 months validity beyond your return into Australia. We ask you to provide us with a copy of your passport. Australian passport holders require visas for this tour. The cost of these visas are not included in the tour cost. If you are **not travelling with an Australian passport**, please let us know as a matter of priority.

Travel Insurance
Fully comprehensive Travel Insurance is compulsory for this tour. If you have an ongoing medical condition you may be required to complete a pre-existing medical form. Phil Hoffmann Travel can provide details for travel insurance.

Medical and Travel Advice
You will be required to complete a Health, Mobility & Fitness form. You need to be aware that this tour will involve a reasonable amount of walking in often rough, rocky or cobbled conditions that will require a degree of fitness and physical durability. Please keep this in mind as you discern your physical ability to participate in the tour at your own risk. It is wise to seek medical advice before travelling as you may require vaccinations for this tour. We recommend seeking advice from a travel specialist or from your GP. You should also refer to the Smart Traveller website at www.smartraveller.gov.au for up to date travel information and governmental advisories.

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