

BIBLICAL STUDIES OF PAUL'S JOURNEY IN TURKEY 2026

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TURKEY, 04 – 16 MARCH, 2026

FLIGHT ITINERARY: EMIRATES

EK 335 / 04 MAR / DEP MNL 2330 – ARR DXB 445
 EK 123 / 05 MAR / DEP DXB 1015 – ARR IST 1425
 EK 118 / 15 MAR / DEP IST 2340 – ARR DXB 0455+1
 EK 334 / 16 MAR / DEP DXB 0925 – ARR MNL 2135
(TOTAL CONFIRMED SEATS: 31)

ROUTE / HOTEL STAY SUMMARY:

1N – ANKARA – HOTEL 2000 KAVAKLIDERE
 1N – ISPARTA – RAMADA ISPARTA
 2N – PAMUKKALE – LYCUS RIVER THERMAL
 2N – IZMIR / ALIAGA – ANEMON IZMIR
 1N – CANAKKALE – IRIS HOTEL
 3N – ISTANBUL – GOLDEN WAY

PROGRAM:

D1 / WED / 04 MAR / MANILA – ISTANBUL - ANKARA / -

Welcome to the Tour! This evening we start our Journey, meeting at the airport 4 hours before departure of our late night flight bound for Istanbul (ancient day Constantinople), Turkiye, with Emirates. Our flight leaves t 2330hrs (11:30 pm). Overnight and breakfast on board Emirates. (Transfer from AIAS to NAIA at own arrangement).

D2 / THU / 05 MAR / ISTANBUL (BLD)

Welcome to Turkey, welcome to Istanbul, the city on two continents – Europe and Asia. Upon arrival we will be met by our local guide, and enjoy the late afternoon exploring the Blue Mosque, and take iconic pictures (no entrance) of Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace. We then proceed to have Dinner, before checking into our hotel for the evening in Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul.

D3 / FRI / 06 MAR / ISTANBUL - ANKARA (BLD)

Checking out early in the morning after breakfast, we make our way to Ankara, the capital of Turkiye. On the way, we will stop by for photos at Salt Lake. Ankara (ancient day Ancyra), though not specifically mentioned in the Bible, was the capital of the Roman Province of Galatia and a major trading and commercial centre. Here, we will be visiting the Roman Baths and Open Air Museum. In the late afternoon we will visit the Ataturk Mausoleum, and hopefully catch the changing of guards. We then continue to our hotel for the night. Overnight Ankara.

D4 / SAT / 07 MAR / ANKARA – KONYA – ANTIOCH OF PISIDIA - ISPARTA (BLD)

After breakfast we continue our journey to Konya (Iconium) in Southern Galatia. This is a city that Paul often visits during his missionary journeys. Iconium was a Hellenistic and Roman city, with a strong Jewish community, and where Paul preached in the synagogue. The church in Iconium was one of the first mixed Jewish-Gentile churches in Asia. We will visit the Konya Archaeology Museum and the Mevlana Museum in Konya. After lunch we continue to the ruins at Antioch of Pisidia. Antioch of Pisidia is another city Paul often visits in his journeys in the region. The Letter to the Galatians was sent to early Christians in Iconium, Antioch of Pisidia, Lystra (where Timothy is from), and Derbe (where Paul went after being stoned in Lystra). This evening we check into our hotel in Isparta for the night. Overnight Isparta

D5 / SUN / 08 MAR / ISPARTA – COLOSSAE – LAODECIA - PAMUKKALE (BLD)

Our visit today will be to Colossae Ancient City, before continuing on to visit Laodecia Ancient City. The Colossae Ancient City remains largely unexcavated, but we can see some of the ruins. Laodecia Ancient City is a major archaeological sites, and home to one of the seven churches of Revelation. Take time to explore this very large ruins, walk on ancient Roman roads, see the aqueducts, and enjoy a leisurely afternoon in discussions at the ruins. We will check into our hotel late afternoon. Tonight, take time to enjoy Thermal Bath at the hotel. Overnight in Pamukkale.

D6 / MON / 09 MAR / PAMUKKALE (BLD)

Today we will spend a leisurely day exploring the Hierapolis and the Cotton Castle. Colossae, Laodecia and Hierapolis were part of the Lycus Valley, and are important cities of their time. The Hierapolis was founded in the 2nd Century BC as a Roman spa City by the Pergamene Kings. Neaerby is the Pamukkale Thermal Terraces, believed to be natural healing center by locals, because of the hot springs. We return to our hotel for another chance of a Thermal Pool experience. Overnight Pamukkale

D7 / TUE / 10 MAR / PAMUKKALE – PHILADELPHIA – SARDIS – SMYRNA / IZMIR (BLD)

We continue our visit of the Churches to Smyrna, known today as Izmir. Along the way, we will visit the ruins of Ancient Philadelphia and Sardis Ancient City. Smyrna, Philadelphia and Sardis are key cities visited by Paul during his Journey in Asia Minor. Time permitting, we will be able to also visit the ancient Smyrna Agora in Izmir. We then check into our hotel where we will be staying for the next couple of nights. Overnight in Izmir.

D8 / WED / 11 MAR / IZMIR – KUSADASI - IZMIR (BLD)

Today we will visit the famous Ephesus Ancient City, St. John's Basilica, and House of Virgin Mary. Ancient City Ephesus is the largest excavation in Turkey. At the ancient city, visit the Temple of Artemis, the Great Theatre, and the iconic Library and streets of the ancient Ephesus Agora. This is the city where Paul spent time preaching. We will be visiting also House of Virgin Mary, the place believed to be the final home of Mary the mother of Jesus. Aside from the ruins, today we will also be introduced to the leather craft that this region is known for, and get very good prices of leather goods. Returning to Izmir for the night. Overnight in Izmir

D9 / THU / 12 MAR / IZMIR – THYATIRA – BERAMA - CANAKKALE (BLD)

We leave Izmir and make our way to Canakkale, stopping by Thyatira, and the Pergamon Acropolis in Bergama. In Thyateira, we will have a short visit and photos of the ancient ruins, before continuing on to Bergama (Ancient Pergamum), where we will go up to the Acropolis with a cable car, and explore this ancient city ruins. Our day will end with a leisurely evening at the hotel in Canakkale. Overnight Canakkale.

D10 / FRI / 13 MAR / CANAKKALE - ISTANBUL (BLD)

After an early breakfast, we will visit Ancient City of Troy, and the Trojan Horse before we continue in the afternoon to Istanbul. We hope to arrive in Istanbul in time for dinner, before proceeding to the hotel to check in and have a restful evening. Overnight Istanbul.

D11 / SAT / 14 MAR / ISTANBUL (BLD)

We will have free morning at leisure for discussions and reflection. Alternatively, we can visit the local church (bus Access not possible). We then continue the afternoon to visit Balat Area, a historic area on the Europe side of Istanbul known for charming, colorful houses and cobbled streets. In the late afternoon, we will enjoy sunset on a Bosphorous Cruise, taking in the late Istanbul skyline. We will have dinner and take time to explore the famous Taksim Square area, before returning to the hotel to rest. Overnight in Istanbul.

D12 / SUN / 15 MAR / ISTANBUL - DEPARTURE (BL)

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel, to visit a famous Turkish Delight shop, and learn about the Carpet Making Craft that Turkey is famous for, and make have time for last-minute souvenir shopping at Grand Bazaar and/or a local mall prior to an early dinner. We will then transferred to the airport to check into our flight back home. Overnight on board Emirates.

D13 / MON / 16 MAR / ARRIVAL TO MANILA

Today our flight takes us from our airline hub for our last flight leg back home to Manila. We arrive Manila in time for our Sabbath rest, hopefully blessed and inspired.

**** END OF PROGRAM ****

PRICING, TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR PRICE

PRICE PER PAX IN TWIN SHARING / TRIPLE SHARE BASIS

MIN 25 PAX: USD 2,250. | MIN 30 PAX : USD 2,200 | . SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: USD 480

Price Brackets are based on Number of Passengers occupying a Bus.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- International Tickets MANILA –ISTANBUL – MANILA with Emirate Airlines. ***Seats have been booked and confirmed. Airline Fuel Surcharges MAY change without prior notice. Similarly, Airline Exchange Rate may change without prior Notice.***
- Accommodation at 4* hotels as mentioned, or similar.
- Air-conditioned Bus Transport and meals as specified in the program (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner).
- Entrances to attractions as specified in the program, English Speaking Guides per program
- Basic Tipping of Guides, Drivers, Porters, Restaurants and Hotels.
- Tour Leader from Manjo Travel and 1 AIIAS Coordinating Professor
- Custom polo shirts for the group
- **BONUS:**
 - Manjo Travel Winter Tour Amenities
 - Free-Flow Mineral Water per day on Bus (excluding in Restaurants)
 - Snacks and Drinks on board bus where allowed
 - Local Souvenir

TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

- **Visa and Visa Fees** for participants requiring regular visa from the Embassy. Manjo travel will assist where needed.
- Personal Expenses such as telephone, laundry, room service, passports, etc.
- Additional Food And Beverage outside of what is provided.
- International Travel Insurance (available upon request)
- Excess luggage from the limit allowed by the airline.

DOCUMENTS & VISA:

- Copies of Visa – for nationalities requiring visa for Turkey, and any updated passport must be provided to Manjo Travel at the latest **28 DEC, 2025**. For those requiring Visas, our team will assist with the necessary Tour Confirmation Letter.

PAYMENT TERMS AND PENALTIES:

- **Non-refundable deposit** of USD 200 / person must be paid by **07 JUL, 2025** to AIIAS by the Tour Participant. AIIAS will make payment to Manjo Travel on your behalf. Arrangements for payment can be made personally with AIIAS. Airline Booking on Emirates is REQUESTED for 30 Passengers. Price after the first 30 passengers may increase.
- **Second Installment** of USD 200/ person will be **by 31 August, 2025**. Payment will be made through AIIAS.
- **Final payment** must be made by **10 JAN, 2026** through AIIAS.
- Price charged will be consistent the with above group size bracket. Bracket is determined by bus occupancy. Bus occupancy used will take into consideration the luggage space, and comfort of participants throughout the program.
- Cancellation between 10 JAN – 30 JAN 2026 – penalty is 75% of Package Price.
- Cancellation after 30 JAN 2026 – penalty is 100% of Package Price.
- All payments will be in USD, using applicable Vendor Rate at the time of payment.
- Should there be significant increase in exchange rate, air fare, airport tax, or fuel surcharge, or any supplier pricing due to forces outside of our control, Manjo Travel will have the right to collect the price difference.
- Cancellation penalties will also apply for any cancellation by Manjo Travel due to events beyond the control of Manjo Travel, such as war, pandemic, emergency status, unforeseen border closures, natural disasters, war, terrorism, and other Force Majeure events. In such cases, prices and tour terms may change without prior notice, and will depend on the commercial policy in effect, as may be determined by the airline, hotels, government authorities, etc.
- Manjo Travel reserves the right to cancel any tour participant who has not fully paid the tour fees within the set deadlines.
- Manjo Travel will not be liable, and tour participants will indemnify Manjo travel for:
 - any accidents, loss of luggage, personal items, theft, any consequence of a criminal act toward the participant during the tour. Any reimbursement / coverage will be according to the prevailing policy of the travel insurance provider.
 - any cost arising from flight delays and cancellations, and other events outside the direct control of Manjo Travel.
 - In the case of sickness or accident, Manjo Travel reserves the right to continue the tour program without the affected participant.

- Manjo Travel reserves the right to book the tour on another hotel with similar standards should the hotel be unavailable for one reason or another. Should there be a conference/exhibition event in the city the group is visiting, Manjo Travel reserves the right to accommodate the group in a hotel at a nearby city.
- Tour program may change without notice to adjust to the local situation, and with various considerations as may be deemed best for the group by Manjo Travel and its partner service providers.
- For convenience, Manjo Travel reserves the right to issue tickets, hotel vouchers, transportation and attraction vouchers as needed without prior consultation with tour participants who have made tour deposits.
- Tour deviation is not permitted on group bookings.

Thank you, we look forward to a successful and memorable tour with you!

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