

**Pilgrimage through GREECE & TURKEY in the Steps of St Paul**

**New dates: 8 to 24 March 2023**

**These dates are confirmed. However they may vary depending on global travel conditions.**

**If you register or confirm your interest we will keep you up to date with information.**

Pilgrimage Chaplain: **Archbishop (Emeritus) Sir David Moxon**

Pilgrimage Leaders: **Rev John Hornblow and Dr Jenny Boyack**

People interested in joining this pilgrimage are welcome regardless of religious affiliation or belief. There will be opportunities each day for reflection, to participate in morning or evening prayer, and there will be inclusive Eucharist services at several key sites.

The pilgrimage is a not-for-profit venture and is limited to 26 participants.

Please complete the form at the end of this document and return it to John and Jenny if: (1) you were booked on the previous pilgrimage that was postponed - we need your updated details; (2) you are interested or wanting to join the pilgrimage, please complete the form at the end of this itinerary.

**The Itinerary: Please note that this can vary dependant on local circumstances.**

**Day 1 ARRIVE ATHENS - 8 March**

Upon arrival at the Athens Airport, you will be met and transferred to the hotel in Athens for dinner and overnight. (D)

**2 ATHENS**

Visit the world renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erectheum. View Mars Hill where the apostle Paul stood and spoke to the Athenian people and shared the Gospel. See the Agora, the ancient market place and centre of the Athenian public life, where the apostle Paul preached ". Also see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace & the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Overnight Athens. (B,D)

**3 CORINTH, CENCHRAEAE and ELEUSIS - ATHENS**

In Corinth, see the ancient city where Paul met the tentmakers Aquila and Priscilla and spent eighteen months sharing the Gospel. Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place and Temples. Walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood before Gallio facing charges brought by the Jews. Visit the ancient port of Cenchrea where Paul departed to return to Syria. Visit the site of Eleusis where the sacred rites of the Eleusinian Mysteries were performed. Overnight in Athens. (B,D)

**4 DELPHI - METEORA - KALAMBAKA**

Travel to the scenic and historic oracle at Delphi, the religious center of the ancient Greek world. Walk the Sacra Via to the Athenian Treasury, the Theatre, and the Temple of Apollo where the oracle enacted its prophetic rituals. Visit the Museum at Delphi. Drive to Kalambaka to visit the rock forest of Meteora in western Thessaly. See the famous Byzantine monasteries perched precariously on the summits of soaring sheer cliffs, and visit one of these monasteries. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka. (B,D)

**5 THESSALONIKI**

Journey to Thessaloniki where Paul shared the gospel message, established a church and experienced much opposition. Visit St. George's Basilica, which tradition claims is built over the synagogue where Paul preached. View the Old City Ramparts, and the Galerius Arch that rises over the Via Egnatia. Visit the Archaeological Museum and the ancient agora. See two of the most beautiful basilicas in the city, St. Sophia and St. Demetrios, dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyred Christian convert. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki. (B,D)

**6 AMPHIPOLIS - PHILIPPI - KAVALA**

**Join Sunday service of a local church in Thessaloniki.** Drive to Amphipolis, a city visited by Paul on his second mission. Continue to Philippi, where Paul met and converted Lydia, a woman from Thyatira who

sold purple garments. Lydia was the first Christian to be baptized on European soil. See the theatre, agora, latrines and several early Byzantine basilicas of the city. Also visit a cistern, which was thought to have served as a prison for the apostle Paul. Overnight in the Kavala area. (B,D)

## **7 TURKEY BORDER - DRIVE ISTANBUL**

Depart Kavala. Walk a portion of the Via Egnatia, the great Roman road traversed by Paul and Silas as they traveled from Neapolis to Philippi, Thessalonica and onward. Drive to the Greece-Turkey border. Transfer to your Turkish bus and guide, and continue to Istanbul (about 5 hours drive after the border) for dinner and overnight. Istanbul is the only city in the world spanning on two continents. Overnight in Istanbul. (B,D)

## **8 ISTANBUL**

Full day Istanbul tour; visit the Roman Hippodrome, and the Blue Mosque with its beautiful blue tiles. Visit the Hagia Sophia, the great basilica built by Constantine the Great and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, one of the world's greatest architectural marvels and a designated World Heritage site. Visit the Istanbul Archaeological Museum. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. Evening slide show of the major Biblical sites in Turkey. (B,D)

## **9 DARDANELLES - ALEXANDER TROAS - ASSOS**

Drive to Çanakkale and visit the Dardanelles peninsula and Gallipoli: **Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, Chunk Bair**. Cross the Dardanelles Strait by car ferry. Proceed to Alexandrian Troas, the important port founded by Alexander the Great and visited by Paul here at least twice. Dinner and overnight in Assos. (B,D)

## **10 ASSOS - PERGAMON - BERGAMA**

A morning tour of Assos and then travel to Pergamon where we will visit the Acropolis. We will also visit the Red Basilica which was an Egyptian Temple later converted to a church, and the Asclepion, the ancient healing centre. Dinner and overnight in Bergama. (B,D)

## **11 BERGAMA - THYATIRA - SMYRNA - IZMIR**

Drive to Akhisar town to visit the remains of the Thyatira Church. Continue to Izmir to see the Smyrna Agora and its latest excavations. We will also visit the graffiti section which is closed to public. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

## **12 EPHEBUS - IZMIR**

Visit the famous ancient city of Ephesus, with its spectacular Terrace Houses, Basilica of John, the Ephesus Archaeological Museum and the ancient Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Dinner and overnight Izmir. (B,D)

## **13 SARDIS - PHILADELPHIA - PAMUKKALE**

**Join Sunday service of a local church in Izmir.** Drive to Sardis where the first coin of the world was invented. See the remains of another massive Artemis Temple. Continue to Hierapolis, a World Heritage site and site of the church mentioned in Colossians 4. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Pamukkale. (B,D)

## **14 HIERAPOLIS - LAODICEA - COLOSSAE - PAMUKKALE**

Morning tour of Hierapolis. See Philip's Tomb. Drive to nearby Laodicea to see the latest excavations. Then, drive to Colossae to see the unexcavated site. Return to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

## **15 APHRODISIAS - PRIENE - MILETUS - KUSADASI**

Drive to Aphrodisias, the city of the Goddess of Love. See the well preserved stadium, the Odeon, the theatre and the agora. Continue to Miletus which, due to its four harbours and strategic location on the Aegean coast of Asia Minor, became one of the great cities of commerce in the ancient world. On the return leg of his third missionary journey, Paul stopped in Miletus and gave his poignant farewell speech to

the elders summoned from Ephesus. After Miletus, we will visit the nearby city of Priene located on a cliff-side; and return to Kusadasi in the late afternoon. (B,D)

## 16 PATMOS – KUSADASI

We will take the 06:30 am ferry to Patmos, arriving on Patmos at 11:00 am. Visit the Cave of Revelation and the Basilica of John. Return to Kusadasi at 7:00 pm. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kusadasi. (B,D)

## 17 End of Pilgrimage TRANSFER TO IZMIR AIRPORT (ADB)

**COST: this is the 2023 price.**

**Double room per person cost: US \$4,575 (or about NZ \$6596 at exchange rates at 17 March 2022)**

**Single supplement: US \$990 (NZ \$1427.00)**

### **INCLUDING:**

- 3 Nights at 4 star Parthenon Hotel in Athens *or similar*
- 1 Night at 3 star Antoniadis Hotel in Kalambaka *or similar*
- 1 Night at 4 star Capsis Hotel in Thessaloniki *or similar*
- 1 Night at 3 star Galaxy Hotel in Kavala *or similar*
- 2 Nights at 5 star Movenpick Hotel in Istanbul *or similar*
- 1 Night at 4 star Kervansaray Hotel in Assos *or similar*
- 1 Night at 4 star Berksoy Hotel in Bergama *or similar*
- 2 Nights at 4 star Swiss Hotel in Izmir *or similar*
- 2 Nights at 5 star Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale *or similar*
- 2 Nights at 5 star Korumar Hotel in Kusadasi *or similar*
- Daily breakfast and 16 dinners at the hotels
- Return ferry fare Kusadasi to Patmos
- All transportation by private AC Bus
- English Speaking, Government Licensed, Bible Oriented guides in Turkey and Greece
- All Entry fees to the sites and museums
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Service charges and local taxes

### **EXCLUDING:**

- International Air Fare
- Izmir–Istanbul domestic flight on March 24 (\$60 per person if requested from TUTKU)
- Lunches and Drinks (Bottled Water is included at dinners)
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, phone calls, all kind of insurances, etc)
- All Tips to Tour Guide and drivers

### **Important participant Information:**

#### **1. THE NEXT STEP: REGISTRATION OF INTEREST:**

If you are interested please send the required form (see below) with your information to John and Jenny at [jennyjohnhornblow@gmail.com](mailto:jennyjohnhornblow@gmail.com) or post to us (see address below).

We will confirm your registration if there is space available.

## 2. PAYMENT PROCEDURE :

When confirmed, you pay the deposit of \$US 200 per person by July 7 2022

Full Payment: by December 7 2022

For payment, click and fill in the secure form at the Tutku website (Visa or Mastercard only)

<https://secure.tutkutours.com>

**Cancellation Penalty: Please read very carefully**

- 90-60 days prior to departure: No Penalty
- 59-45 days prior to departure: 25%
- 44-30 days prior to departure: 50%
- 29-15 days prior to departure: 75%
- 14 days or less                      No refund

## 3. **Fitness, health and insurance requirements:**

***Pilgrims must be able to walk several kilometres a day usually in short stretches and without assistance.***

Note: the paths and roads are sometimes of a lower standard than we are used to. If unsure whether you have the required level of fitness please discuss with the leaders and/or your medical practitioner before registering. Any health conditions that may affect a person's capacity to participate must be discussed in advance and in confidence with the leaders.

4. **Insurance:** Participants must have travel insurance. We can provide more detailed information about options. NB: any person who travels against their doctor's advice invalidates their insurance.
5. **Travel** is by motor coach with air conditioning and panoramic windows, and on local ferry services.
6. **Visa:** People visiting Greece and Turkey on a NZ Passport do not need a visa.

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**Registration of Interest**  
**Pilgrimage in Greece and Turkey (8-24 March 2023)**  
(Please scan and email to [jennyjohnhornblow@gmail.com](mailto:jennyjohnhornblow@gmail.com) or print off and post to  
36 Langston Ave, Palmerston North, New Zealand 4414)

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**PLEASE PRINT:**

Full name.....

Age & Birthdate.....

*Contact Details*

Postal Address.....

Phone number(s).....

Email address (print).....

Church or religious affiliation (optional).....

Nationality and Passport number.....

Pre-existing medical conditions.....

Confirmation you can meet the required health and fitness level (able to walk several kilometres in a day without assistance):

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Any other relevant information you would like to share

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Signed:

Date: