# SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION



# June 16 - 22, 2026 Package Price! \$4390.00 From Pittsburgh, PA (PIT)

Package Price Includes

\* Roundtrip Airfare \* Accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels \* Breakfast and dinner daily \* 7 Days sightseeing in modern airconditioned private bus \* English speaking tour guide \* Entrance fees \* Mass daily



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# Seven Churches of Revelation Pilgrimage Itinerary June 16 - 22, 2026

### Day 1: Departure from US

Today we embark on our Journey to the lands of ancient treasures and Christian history with an overnight flight to Turkey. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the flight...Tomorrow you will be walking where the apostles walked!

#### Day 2: Arrival Izmir

We transfer to our hotel in Izmir, Turkey for the next two evenings. The remainder of your day is free to walk along the scenic waterfront, sightsee on your own and enjoy your hotel facilities.

### Day 3: Pergamum, Thyatira & Izmir

Our first visit of the day is Pergamum. The church of Pergamum was praised for its forbearance; (Rev. 2:12-17) it was here that the first Christians were executed by Rome. We'll visit the fabled Acropolis, pass through the Royal Gates, view the foundations of the Altar of Zeus and visit the ruins of the library (which once held 200,000 volumes). Next, we travel east to Thyatira viewing the ancient roadway and period columns. Thyatira was once a busy trading center and famous as a "seller of purple," the most favored of the Seven Churches. We continue south to Izmir, which is the third largest city in Turkey and a long-time center for Jews and Christians. In Paul's day, Izmir was known as Smyrna and was another of the Seven Churches (Rev. 2:8-11). Our lodging this evening will be in Izmir.

### Day 4: Sardis, Philadelphia, Pamukkale

Departing our Hotel in Izmir, we'll see Polycarp's Church and visit the ancient roman agora. Then, we travel to Sardis, which was berated by John for its facade of strength when, in reality, it was weak (Rev. 3:1-6). Here coins were minted and the dyeing of wool originated. We'll visit the gymnasium and synagogue. Our next stop is nearby Philadelphia from where we are challenged to "hold fast" and look forward to the coming of the "new Jerusalem" (Rev. 3:7-13) in the Book of Revelation. Not much is left of the city except for the ancient wall and the remains of a Byzantine basilica in the modern city of Alasehir. Our lodging this evening will be in a lovely spa hotel in Pamukkale.

#### Day 5: Hierapolis, Laodicea & Colossae

Hierapolis, meaning "Sacred City," was an ancient center for pagan cults until it was transformed into a Christian center in the first century. According to tradition, the Apostle Philip lived and was martyred in Hierapolis. It was likely the hot springs of Hierapolis (in contrast to the cold mountain springs near Colossae) that combined to bring application to the "lukewarm" Laodiceans (Rev 3:14-22). This connection between the cities lies behind Paul's reference to Hierapolis and Laodicea in his epistle to the Colossians (Col 4:13). Laodicea contains many acres of ruins to visit including a stadium and remnants of a sophisticated water system. Nearby Colossae is well-known throughout Christian circles as the receiver of Paul's letter to the Colossians. Today, the town has fallen into obscurity and nothing remains. We spend the remainder of the day traveling through the Turkish countryside arriving in the port city of Kusadasi where we spend two nights. The day will not be complete without a visit to a local Turkish Rug cooperative.

# Day 6: Ephesus

We travel to the nearby town of Selcuk for a visit of ancient Ephesus. Ephesus was once a thriving port town of 250,000 people. Today you can still see the spectacular excavations of the major streets in this ancient city. We view the Library, Agora, theatre, colorful mosaics in the aristocratic Terrace Houses, and a panoramic outlook of the surrounding ancient port area (including a wealth of church history and cultural insight). Then we continue with a visit to the Basilica Church of St. John, which houses an immersion baptismal and is believed to be resting place of John. From here we have an excellent overview of the Ephesus harbor, the Mosque of Jesus, and see the site of the Temple of Artemis, which is listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

#### Day 7: Depart for Home

This morning, we transferred to the Izmir airport for our flight back to the USA.









# Optional Istanbul Extension 3 Nights/4 Days June 22 - 25, 2026 \$790.00 per person

# DAY 9 Wednesday ISTANBUL - ARRIVAL (B/D)

Arrival at Istanbul airport, meet and assist transfer to the hotel for check-in. Balance of the day at leisure. Dinner at the hotel, **Overnight Istanbul**,

# Day 10 Thursday ISTANBUL – SIGHTSEING TOUR (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

On a full-day tour of Istanbul, you will visit numerous monuments from the Ottoman and Byzantine Empires that reflect the city's rich history and cultural heritage.

Hagia Sophia, a great architectural achievement of the Byzantine Empire, was completed in 537 AD, adorned with beautiful mosaics and frescoes.

Blue Mosque, also known as Sultan Ahmet Mosque, is famous for its six minarets and blue interior tiles. The Roman Hippodrome was a stadium built in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD for chariot racing and other events.

**Basilica Cistern** is a remarkable site, built in the 6th century with a capacity of 80.000 cubic meters supported by 336 marble columns each 9m high. One of the most striking features of the Basilica Cistern is the two Medusa heads that are used as column bases.

Grand Bazar, is one of the oldest and largest covered markets in the world, with over 60 streets and 4.000 shops.

**Topkapi Palace**, was the primary residence of the Ottoman Sultans for almost 400 years, from the 15th century until the 19th century. Is known for its beautiful architecture, intricate tile work, and stunning views of the Bosphorus and the Sea of Marmara. The palace contains numerous buildings and rooms, including the Imperial Treasury, which houses an impressive collection of Ottoman jewels, precious stones, and gold objects.

The tour ends with a visit to the Tomb of the Sultan

Return to hotel for dinner and overnight. Overnight Istanbul Mass celebration to be scheduled daily

# Day 11 Friday BOSPHORUS CRUISE & TWO CONTINENTS (8-9 hrs)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today, we will visit the Egyptian Bazaar (Spice Bazaar), located in the old historic district of Istanbul and built in the 17th century. We will then continue our tour on a cruise, sailing on Bosporus (a regular boat) across Istanbul's European and Asian sides along the Sea of Marmara. During a Bosphorus Cruise, you can enjoy stunning views of Istanbul's skyline, including the historic district, palaces, mosques, and other landmarks such as: the **Dolmabahçe, Çıragan**, and **Feriye Palaces**; the **Rumeli Hisarı fortress**, Bosphorus Bridge etc...

We continue with a visit to the **Beylerbeyi Palace** built in white marble by Sultan Abdulaziz in the 19th century with a mix of architectural styles, including traditional Ottoman elements and European neoclassical features.

The palace was a summer residence for sultans and a guest house for foreign dignitaries. Climb **Çamlica Hill**, a scenic hill located on the Asian side of Istanbul, Turkey. It is one of the highest points in Istanbul, offering breathtaking panoramic views of the city, the Bosphorus Strait, and the Sea of Marmara.

It is known as Lovers' Hill, with a beautiful panoramic view. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight Overnight Istanbul

# Day 12 Saturday DEPARTURE (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Istanbul airport for the flight back home







Note: While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour leader and tour guide.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation. An additional payment of \$1000.00 per person is due six months prior to departure. The final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour. Payment can be made by check or money order at Credit/Debit card payments will be accepted with a 4% surcharge. Reservations received within 90 days of departure may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms. In the event that you elect to upgrade or make modifications beyond the scope of the included package, additional payments may be required upon confirmation of such upgrade or deviation.

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership there will be a cancellation fee of \$100.00 per person to cover administrative and communication costs up until 121 days before departure. For cancellations 120-91 days before departure the cancellation fee will be \$250.00 per person. 90-61 days before departure the cancellation fee will be 50% of the Cost per person. There will be no refund for cancellations within 60 days of departure, no-shows, or partially completed tours. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Good Shepherd Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

**FARE INCLUSIVE:** Roundtrip air transportation from Pittsburgh, PA (PIT) indicated on the registration form. Nine (9) nights hotel accommodations, based on two people sharing a double or twin-bedded room in four-star hotels by (local standards). All meals as outlined in the brochure consisting of full Local breakfasts (B) and dinners at the hotel (D). Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary by private motor coaches, utilizing the services of a Government licensed, local English-speaking tour guide. Entrance fees for attractions if applicable. All transfers between airports and hotels by private motor coach. Service charges and taxes are normally levied by hotels and restaurants. All U.S. & Europe departure taxes are included in the price of the tour. Tips to guides, motor coach drivers, hotel porters, and restaurant staff (i.e., maitre d', table waiter, etc.) are Not included. The brochure price is per person in US dollars.

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**AIR ROUTINGS:** The brochure price includes IATA jet economy class transportation from the international departure city applicable on all IATA and ARC carriers, based on the 6/45-day Apex fare to the Europe. Good Shepherd Travel. Reserves the right to choose the air carrier, routing, and departure time for each passenger. Airfares used are based on contracted group fares and are highly restrictive. Payments for and restrictions on airline tickets are governed by the applicable fare. Cancellation fees levied by the airlines are applicable if you cancel or change your air ticket for any reason after purchase of air ticket. Ticketing must be completed 45 days prior to departure. Group fares do not permit deviations; passengers who wish to deviate may arrange their own airfare. An airline credit of \$1250.00 will be given to those passengers who arist notify Good Shepherd Travel. In writing on or before September 01, 2025. Seat numbers will be assigned by the airline at check-in; specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Passengers are responsible for providing frequent flyer information upon check-in.

**HOTELS:** Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$590.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge).

**BAGGAGE:** You may checsites,more than one (1) piece of luggage whose overall dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to \$100.00. Each passenger may also bring one (1) piece of carry-on luggage. Tips to hotel porters are included for one normal sized piece of luggage, excluding carry-on bags which must remain in your possession at all times. These regulations may change without notice so please read the monthly correspondence you will receive from Good Shepherd Travel for the most current information. Garment bags cannot be carried. Under no circumstances may dangerous articles such as firearms, explosives, oxygen, or combustible substances be contained in any baggage. Medications, valuables, passports, and a change of clothing should be packed in your carry-on bag.

**DISABILITIES:** Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Good Shepherd Travel reserves the right to refuse pas-sage to someone who is in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking, and the sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

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ACCEPTANCE: Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print."

# Trip date: June 16 - 22, 2026

Package Price: \$4390

# Single supplement: \$590

# PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

- Round Trip Airline Ticket
- Meet & Assist at the airport upon arrivals and departures
- Accommodation in double occupancy luxury hotels with breakfast.
- · Dinners during the tour
- · Transportation in a modern air-conditioned private bus
- English-speaking government-licensed Guide.
- All entrance fees to places of interest
- Whisper devises
- Travel portfolio
- Mass daily
- Wine with dinner

# PACKAGE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

- Lunches and Soft drinks
- Tips for Guide, Driver, and Hotels
- All Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Anything not mentioned as included
- All prices reflect a 4% cash discount and are forfeited when using a credit card/electronic payment

Registration for the trip and payment of the deposit constitute your acceptance of the conditions as stated above!

# **2026 TURKEY PILGRIMAGE** RESERVATION APPLICATION

**Ascension Catholic Parish** 

Tour Leader: Fr. Job Foote

Group Reference Number: T060826

**Pilgrimage Date: (June 16 - 22, 2026)** 

# **AIRLINE PREFERENCE**

Please Select One!

Airline ticket from **PIT \$4390** 

NO Airline ticket \$3140

# **OPTIONAL POST TOUR EXTENSION**

June 22 - 25, 2026 Package | Price \$790.00 (Single Supplement \$390) | Yes No

# **PERSONAL INFORMATION** (Please complete one application per person)

Full Name (as printed on your passport):				
First Name: Mi	iddle Name:	Last Nam	ne:	
<b>Name</b> (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		Date of birth:		Male Female
Mailing Address:				
Street:	City:		State:	Zip code:
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:			Work Phone:
Email address:				

# PASSPORT INFORMATION

Country of Citizenship:	Passport Number:
Passport Date of Issue:	Passport Date of Expiration:
Frequent flyer number:	Known traveler number:

# **ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION**

Please Check One: Double/Triple Occupancy Single Occupancy (Private Room \$590.00 additional)				
*All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/Triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement*				
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:				
If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person? Yes 🔲 No 🔲				

# **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:

# I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:

Signature:

Date:

Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of \$500.00 per person made payable to

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