

Steps of Paul



Tour Leader:
Pr. Stephanie Friesen



Register Online

April 12 - 22, 2027 | Minneapolis-Saint Paul, MN (MSP) | Package Price: \$4690

TURKEY

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PACKAGE INCLUDES:
Round-trip airfare | Accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels
Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily | Transportation in a modern, air-conditioned private bus
English-speaking tour guide | Entrance fees | And Much More

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Day 1 - Departure to Turkey

Depart for your overnight flight to Istanbul, meals served on board.

Day 2 - Arrive in Istanbul and overnight

Upon arrival at the Istanbul Airport, we will meet our guide at the arrivals exit and head to our hotel. **Dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (D)**

Day 3 - Istanbul

After enjoying our Turkish breakfast, we will depart from our hotel and begin our tour of the historical highlights of Istanbul. We will stroll through **Hippodrome Square**, the former sporting and social center of Constantinople that hosted chariot races during the Roman period. Afterwards, we are off to witness the incredible majesty and splendor of the **Sultan Ahmet Mosque**. Popularly known as the Blue Mosque, this 17th-century Ottoman sanctuary is adorned with six minarets and more than 20,000 hand-painted Iznik tiles. And then we will walk directly across from the mosque to visit the domed masterpiece of the **Hagia Sophia** before we head to **Topkapi Palace**. Located on the very cape of the peninsula where Constantinople was founded, Topkapi Palace is the former abode of Ottoman Sultans that still houses their legion of treasures, including an extensive collection of royal jewels. Then, we will end our day with an evening of shopping at the **Grand Bazaar**, the massive covered market that houses a labyrinth of streets lined with shops selling jewelry, leather products and many other handcrafted souvenirs. **Dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (B, D)**

Day 4 - Istanbul

After breakfast, we will visit the **Spice Market**, a vibrant 17th-century market offering a variety of oriental herbs and spices. Next, we will enjoy a **Bosphorus cruise**, marveling at historical mansions, palaces, and Istanbul's iconic skyline adorned with domes and minarets. Following this, we will ascend **Galata Tower** to enjoy panoramic views of the city. In the afternoon, we will explore **Balat**, Istanbul's historic Jewish quarter, and visit the Patriarchal Cathedral of **St. George in Fener**. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul. **(B,D)**

Day 5 - Istanbul / Kayseri / Cappadocia

After enjoying our Turkish breakfast, we will be transferred to Istanbul Airport and fly to Kayseri. Upon arrival, you will continue to Cappadocia. Today, we will also hike through the valley of **Zelve** and see its hundreds of carved-from-rock houses and chapels, and we will visit **Pasabag Valley**, also known as Monk's Valley, to explore its tower-shaped hermitages. Next, we will descend into **Ozkonak Underground City** before heading to the potter's studio in **Avanos**, a town established by the Hittites on the banks of the Halys River. This town has carried on the Hittites' tradition of pottery that uses the river's famous red clay to make ceramics. **Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. (B, D)**

Day 6 - Cappadocia / Konya

An optional balloon ride early in the morning.

After enjoying our Turkish breakfast, we will explore the **Monastic Center of Göreme**. This open-air museum is dotted with quaint carved-from-rock churches and chapels embellished with colorful Byzantine frescoes. Then, we will discover **Avcilar Valley**. Afterward, we will continue to Konya, ancient **Iconium**, where Paul the Apostle and Barnabas invested a lot of their missionary efforts preaching the Gospel despite persecution. **Dinner and overnight in Konya. (B, D)**

Day 7 - Konya / Pamukkale

After breakfast, we drive to Pamukkale. Upon arrival, we will visit the archeological remains of **Hierapolis**, a significant site of early Christianity thanks to Paul's missionary efforts here (Colossians 4:13). Because the city sits atop the travertine cascades of Pamukkale (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Hierapolis became a healing center wherein the site's thermal pools were used to treat various ailments. Finally, continuing to **Laodicea**. This city was one of the Seven Churches that the Apostle John chastised the inhabitants for being lukewarm (Rev. 3:14-22). Here, we will see the site's well-preserved stadium, gymnasium, and theatres, giving us insight into this city's former prominence. **Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B, D)**

Day 8| Pamukkale to Kusadas

After breakfast, you will be leaving for Hierapolis known among Turkish people as Pamukkale (Cotton Fortress) due to its calcium formations that resemble cotton piles of white color. Driving through the fertile fields of Meander Valley, you will reach Hierapolis which was founded during the Hellenistic period as a control point of trading routes connecting East to West. After Hierapolis, you will be visiting the ancient city of Laodicea one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Continue to Kusadasi for dinner and an overnight stay. **(B, D)**

Day 9| Ephesus and Kusadas

After breakfast, drive to Ephesus, one of the New Testament's most significant cities (Rev. 2:1-7). Apostle Paul came here in 53 A.D. and, according to tradition Apostle John wrote his Gospel here and where the Virgin Mary spent her last days. Visit the Archaeological site, including the House of Mary and the Basilica of John the Evangelist. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. **(B, D)**

Day 10 – Kusadas / Izmir

Drive to the town of Alasehir to visit the remains of the Church in **Philadelphia**. Continue to the ancient city of **Sardis** to visit the Royal Road from Sardis to Susa and the remains of a few stores along that, the Gymnasium, the Synagogue, and the Temple of Artemis. Afterwards, drive to the town of Akhisar to visit the remains of the ancient city of **Thyatira**. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. **(B, D)**

Day 11: Izmir / Departure

After breakfast, drive to Izmir airport for our return flight home **(B)**

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 before departure. The final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour. Payment can be made by personal check or money order. Credit card payments will be accepted but will incur a 4% surcharge at the time of booking. Reservations received less than 90 days prior to departure may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms. Upgrades and Deviations: 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 \$250.00 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 \$500.00 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 Goodshepherd Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

FARE INCLUSIVE. Roundtrip air transportation from Minneapolis-Saint Paul, MN (MSP) International Airport as indicated on the registration form. Eight (8) 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) Lunches (L) 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 normally levied by hotels and restaurants. All U.S. & Europe departure taxes are included in the price of the tour. The brochure price is per person in US dollars.

TOUR ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE: Goodshepherd Travel constantly strives to adhere to the specifics shown in the itinerary; however, circumstances may necessitate changes. Such circumstances may require changes without advance notice during the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to change the itinerary if unforeseen circumstances beyond our control force a change. Goodshepherd Travel is not responsible for any changes caused by unforeseen circumstances.

TOUR CANCELLATION: Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the tour at any time. In the event of a cancellation deemed necessary by Goodshepherd Travel, the sole and exclusive responsibility of Goodshepherd Travel is to refund all monies recovered.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport costs, visa fees (if any), and health documentation costs (when required); food and beverages (including coffee and tea) not usually included with the table d'hote meals; optional sightseeing tours and excursions; accident and baggage insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; tips to persons rendering special personal services; items of a purely personal nature such as laundry, telephone, and cable expenses, room service orders, etc.; transportation between the home city and the international departure city. Tips to guides, motor coach drivers, hotel porters, and restaurant staff (i.e., maître d', table waiter, etc.)

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 Middle East. Goodshepherd 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 arrange their own airfare. Passengers planning to arrange their own air transportation must notify Goodshepherd Travel in writing on or before October 12, 2026. 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 \$1090.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge).

BAGGAGE: You may check no 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 Goodshepherd 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. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to refuse passage 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.

INSURANCE: Acting only as agents for suppliers, Goodshepherd Travel is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident, illness and/or death as a result of any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, terrorist attacks, hostage situations, kidnappings, hijackings, protests, riots, public demonstrations, or theft. For your protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. Additional information and application forms for all types of coverage will be supplied you prior to departure.

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Complete instructions and application forms for passports can be obtained by contacting your local courthouse or post office.

PRICE CHANGES: Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in April 2026 and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges of \$423.00 are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to pass along additional fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

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

Trip date: April 12 - 22, 2027 | Package Price: \$4690 | Single supplement: \$1090 (Private Room)

PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

- Round-trip airline tickets
- Domestic flights and airport transfers.
- Accommodation in selected hotels or similar on a Half Board basis:
- Nippon Hotel in Istanbul – 3 nights (www.nipponhotel.com.tr)
- Dinler Hotel in Cappadocia – 1 night (www.dinler.com)
- Bayir Diamond Hotel in Konya – 1 night (www.bayirhotels.com)
- Richmond Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale – 1 night (www.richmondhotels.com.tr)
- Kaya Thermal Hotel in Izmir – 2 nights (www.kayahotels.com.tr)
- Kolin Hotel in Canakkale – 1 night (www.kolinhotel.com)
- English-speaking tour guide throughout the program.
- Transportation by air-conditioned coach.
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the program.
- Headsets.
- Tips for hotel services.
- Lunches

PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

- 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 is 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!

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AIRLINE PREFERENCE

- Airline Ticket From **MSP \$4690**
 - Airline Ticket From _____
 - NO** Airline Ticket (-1250)
- Please select One!**

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Tour Dates: (April 12 - 22, 2027)

Group Reference Number: L021326



PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Full Name (as printed on your passport):			
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		Date of birth:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> 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 \$1090.00 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 **NOT** traveling with you:

Registration for the trip and payment of the deposit constitute your acceptance of the conditions as stated in this trip brochure!

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

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