

GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS



PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY & GREECE

September 16-27, 2019

with

Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P.

Day 1 - Sep. 16: Depart U.S.A.

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Istanbul.

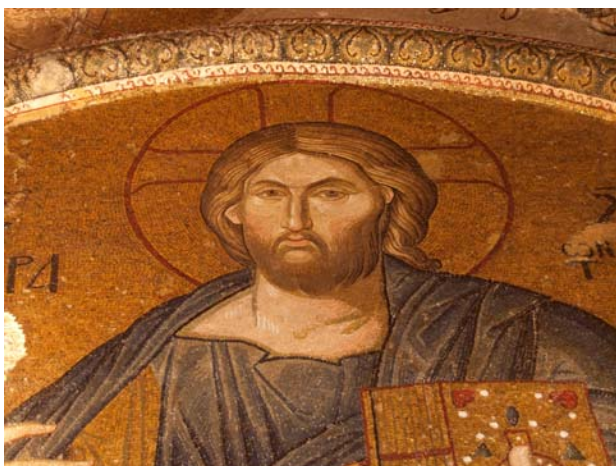
Day 2 - Sep. 17: Istanbul

Upon arrival in Istanbul we will be met by our guide who will give us a brief orientation of the city before driving to our hotel.



Day 3 - Sep. 18: Istanbul

Our morning begins with a visit to Sultan Ahmed’s famous Blue Mosque with its six minarets and sparkling interior. Then visit Topkapi Palace, the residence of the Ottoman Sultans, where we will view the Treasury and the world’s biggest emerald. The next visit will be to the Hagia Sophia which is one of the Seven Wonders of the World and has a history dating back to the 4th century. We will conclude the day with a visit to the Grand Bazaar, the oldest and largest covered market in the world where over 4,000 shops sell everything from herbs to gold.



Day 4 - Sep. 19: Istanbul / Canakkale

After breakfast we will visit the Chora Church which houses marvelous golden Byzantine mosaics and frescoes depicting the life of the Virgin Mary and Christ. Then depart Istanbul and drive along the Sea of Marmara and across the Dardanelles to Gallipoli, the famous site of the World War

One battle. Continue on to legendary Troy to see the city made famous in Homer’s poems and visit Troas where St. Paul had a vision in which he was called to Macedonia. Proceed on to Canakkale for overnight.

Day 5 - Sep. 20: Canakkale / Izmir

Depart Canakkale and drive to visit Pergamum, the most favored of the Seven Churches of Revelation where Christianity was introduced very early. Here we will see the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of Athena, the fabled Acropolis and the Royal Gate. We will also visit Asclepion, one the foremost healing centers of the ancient world. Continue on to Thyatira, another of the Seven Churches. Then visit the Church of St. Polycarp, which is the oldest church in ancient Smyrna and is dedicated to one of the first Christian martyrs. Proceed to Izmir for overnight.

Day 6 - Sep. 21: Izmir / Pamukale

Following breakfast, drive to Sardis, the Lydian capital city where money was first minted, to visit the Roman Gymnasium and the remains of the Artemis Temple which symbolized one of the Seven Churches. We will then stop at Philadelphia which was referred to as the “New Jerusalem”. Proceed to the spa city of Pamukale where we will see the cascading water from the cliffs forming crystallized, dazzling white “frozen waterfalls”. Visit the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis and see the magnificently preserved Necropolis, the Main Street and Gates. Overnight in Pamukale.



Day 7 - Sep. 22: Pamukale / Kusadasi

Depart Pamukale and drive to Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches where Christians were chastised by John for being lukewarm. Then proceed to Ephesus to visit the site of the Temple of Artemis which is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Paul spent two years in Ephesus and it was to this community that he wrote his Epistle to the Ephesians. Paul implored the Ephesians to cease their

worship of Artemis and to turn to Christianity. We will see the great theater where Paul addressed the crowds and visit the site of the scene of the riot from which Paul escaped. Visit the Church of the Virgin Mary, the House of Mary, and the Tomb of St. Luke. While driving to the colorful port of Kusadasi, we will visit the Basilica of St. John, which was erected over his grave in the 6th century A.D. by the Emperor Justinian.

Day 8 - Sep. 23: Kusadasi / Patmos

Transfer to the pier at Kusadasi and take a ferry to the island of Patmos where St. John received the mystical Revelation which forms the last book of the New Testament. Once we reach the island we will take an excursion to the Grotto of Revelation and the 11th century Monastery of St. John which houses the original script of the Gospel. We will then board an overnight ferry for Piraeus.



Day 9 - Sep. 24: Piraeus / Corinth / Athens

This morning we will disembark from our overnight ferry in Piraeus and then drive to ancient Corinth, the city that inspired many of St. Paul’s most familiar letters. See the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place, the Bema, and the Temples. Standing in the midst of the ruins of the church of Corinth and seeing the pillars, steps, and public worship place where Paul preached will enhance our understanding and love of I & II Corinthians. We’ll celebrate Mass in Corinth before proceeding to Athens for check-in at our local hotel.

Day 10 - Sep. 25: Athens

This morning we will enjoy a tour of Athens starting with a visit to the ancient Acropolis with its Parthenon. We’ll stroll through the Ancient Agora where Socrates, Plato, and much later St. Paul spoke to the people of Athens. Then we’ll head over to the National Archeological Museum for a guided tour of one of the world’s greatest museums. The remainder of the day will be free.



Day 11 - Sep. 26: Athens / Delphi / Athens

Today we will enjoy an excursion to the magnificent archeological site of the ancient City of Delphi which contains some of the best remains from Greek Classical Antiquity (6th Century B.C.E.). After a complete tour of Delphi we will return to Athens for overnight. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner on the Plaka.

Day 12 - Sep. 27: Athens / U.S.A.

This morning we will transfer to Athens airport to catch our return flight home.

P I L G R I M A G E C O S T

\$3,859.00

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$576.00.

This price includes:

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from San Francisco
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation in 5 star hotels in Turkey and in a Superior 4 star hotel in Athens
- ✘ Overnight ferry from Patmos to Piraeus with accommodation in private double occupancy cabins
- ✘ All hotel taxes
- ✘ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✘ Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- ✘ All transfers and baggage handling
- ✘ Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary with professional guides
- ✘ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✘ Daily Mass
- ✘ All gratuities

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

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Tour Cost: All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

Tour Documents and Tickets: Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

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Not Included: Passport and visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

Responsibility Clause: The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

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Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

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RESERVATION APPLICATION

Pilgrimage to Turkey & Greece (September 16-27, 2019)

Group Reference Number: 190916A

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your passport): First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):	
Passport number:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:
Country of citizenship:	Date of birth:
Street address:	
City:	State: Zipcode:
Home phone:	Work phone:
Mobile phone:	Email address:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$576.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to **George's International Tours** and mail to:

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