Tour of the Early Church: Journeys of Paul & John
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Greece

May 22 - June 5, 2012
Day 1, Tue, May 22
We depart the USA today for our overnight journey to Istanbul.
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Day 2, Wed, May 23
ARRIVE ISTANBUL
We arrive to Istanbul and are met by our English-speaking guide and coach. We transfer to our hotel, the Hotel Golden City, for dinner and overnight.
(meals aloft,D)

Day 3, Thu, May 24
NICEA/ISTANBUL
Today we travel to Iznik, ancient Nicea, located in the northeast of Bursa on the side of Iznik Lake. Under Constantinian I when Christianity became the state religion, Nicea became an important religious center where two ecumenical councils were held, in 325 and 787 AD. The first one, under Constantine I, articulated the important confessional statements of Christian Orthodoxy regarding the Holy Trinity. The second Nicene Council focused on the use of saints, images, and icons. Following our tour we return to Istanbul for dinner and overnight.
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Day 4, Fri, May 25
ISTANBUL/IZMIR/KUSADASI
Today we tour Istanbul, visiting the spectacular Blue Mosque, the 17th century Ottoman Mosque famous for its six minarets. After leaving your shoes at the door, step inside to see the brightly-colored interior decorated with at least 20,000 shimmering blue Iznik tiles and stained-glass windows. We stroll around the historical Hippodrome, where chariot races and athletic events took place during the Roman period. We will see the great St. Sophia, the headquarters church of the Byzantine empire and the largest building at that time, later converted into a mosque and now a museum famous for its mosaics. This afternoon we transfer to the airport for our flight to Izmir. From there, we travel on to Kusadasi and the Sealight Resort Hotel.
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Day 5, Sat, May 26
PATMOS/KUSADASI
Today we sail by charter boat to the former Roman prison island of Patmos where John received his "Revelation," visiting the Grotto named for his book and the Monastery of St. John which houses ancient manuscripts including an early one of the Fourth Gospel. We return this afternoon to Kusadasi, where you may wish to shop for popular Turkish items such as carpets, hand-painted ceramic plates, hand-honed copper, brassware and trays, ewers, onyx-ware and meerschaum pipes. Also, leather and suede goods are excellent and relatively inexpensive; and backgammon, the national game of Turkey, is available in many different and unique sets.
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Day 6, Sun, May 27
EPHESUS/KUSADASI
We journey to Ephesus where Paul spent two years and which had become the capital city of the Roman Province of Asia by the time of John’s ministry there near the end of the first century. Ephesus as also the site of a most important Church Council in 431 AD. We walk through history in a city founded as early as the 10th century B.C. In the magnificent excavations we see streets lined with wonderful public buildings such as the Baths of Scholastica, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, the Basilica of St. John, and the great Theatre where the Ephesians screamed against Paul (Acts 19:28). Following our full day here, we return to Kusadasi.
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Day 7, Mon, May 28
TROAS/ALEXANDROUPOLIS
Today we visit Troas, a major sea port in the northwest part of the country near Homer’s ancient city of Troy. It is the place where Paul, on his second missionary journey, had a vision of a man from Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us” (Acts 16:9). We have dinner and overnight in Alexandroupolis at the Grand Hotel Egnatia.
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Day 8, Tue, May 29
PHILIPPI/THESALONIKI
Today we drive to Philippi, named for Philip II (the father of Alexander) and later made a Roman Colony in honor of Julius Caesar. Here Paul and Silas preached the gospel for the first time in Europe and were imprisoned. Here the first believers in Europe, including Lydia, were baptized in the Gangites River (Acts 16:13-34). To these people Paul addressed his wonderful letter about joy in the Christian life. Here we visit the historic market place, basilica, prison and theatre. We proceed to Thessaloniki, the city named for Salonike, the step-sister of Alexander the Great. Here Paul preached with success (Acts 17:1-9) and wrote the early letters to his step-sister of Alexander (1 Thess. 1:6-10; 2:7-12). Dinner and overnight are at the Makedonia Palace Hotel at Thessaloniki.
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Day 9, Wed, May 30
BEREA/VERGINA/ATHENS
Today we drive to Berea, visited by Paul, and see the excavations of the ancient Jewish community, the residents of whom Luke described as "noble" (Acts 17:11). Continuing to Vergina, we visit the museum with its artifacts from the excavated tomb of Philip II of Macedon. We drive on to Athens. Upon arrival we have a panoramic tour of the city including Embassy Row, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the National Palace, the House of Parliament and the University. We proceed to the Divani Palace Acropolis Hotel for dinner and overnight.
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Day 10, Thu, May 31
ATHENS
This morning we visit the Acropolis, with the Parthenon shimmering in its ageless grace and unmatched design, and the unique Erechtheion (the only double temple). Nearby we climb the Areopagus (Mars Hill), where the apostle Paul addressed...
the philosophic court. Enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon for independent activities. You may choose to visit the National Archaeological Museum or perhaps stroll through the Plaka and old town area of Athens, exploring its shops, cafes, and restaurants. Dinner is on your own this evening to sample your choice of Athens' tasty offerings.  

**Day 11, Fri, June 1**  
**CORINTH/PATRAS**

We check out of our hotel this morning and travel to Corinth, the capital of the Roman province of Achaia and the city of Paul's extensive personal ministry and challenging letter writing. Dominated by the Acro-cornith rising 1700 feet above the ruins, the Market Place is still laid out as it was in Paul's day with its stone Bema (judgment dais) where Gallio refused to condemn Paul (Acts 18). Nearby in a prominent place is the Temple of Apollo with its Doric columns. A superb collection of Corinthian artifacts greets the visitor in the museum. This afternoon we drive to Patras, where we board our overnight "SuperFast" ferry across the Ionian Sea and up through the Adriatic Sea to Bari.  

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**Day 12, Sat, June 2**  
**BARI/ROME**

Upon arrival in Bari this morning, we transfer to Rome, the "Eternal City". We begin our sightseeing this afternoon at the place of Paul's martyrdom at Tre Fontana (or Three Fountains). We enjoy a panoramic city tour and view many of Rome's major sites, which we'll explore more fully over the next two days. We conclude our tour at Trevi Fountain, one of the most impressive of Rome's many fountains. (Traditionally, visitors throw a coin in the fountain if they wish to return to Rome.) From there we proceed to the NH Leonardo DaVinci Hotel for dinner and overnight.  

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**Day 13, Sun, June 3**  
**ROME**

Today we visit the Colosseum, begun about AD 72, and the best-known structure remaining from ancient Rome. It was capable of holding more than 50,000 to view gladiatorial contests, hunts, mock naval battles and perhaps Christian sacrifices. Many of the materials from this magnificent edifice were later used in the construction of various churches and palaces. We also visit the Roman Forum and Mamertine Prison. The rest of the afternoon and evening will be on your own with dinner served at our hotel this evening.  

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**Day 14, Mon, June 4**  
**VATICAN/ROME**

Today we visit the Sistine Chapel and see the famous ceiling painted by Michelangelo. Nearby we visit St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world. We conclude our day at San Sebastiano, Rome's largest system of catacombs, and then return to our hotel for our farewell dinner and overnight.  

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**Day 15, Tue, June 5**  
**ROME/USA**

We transfer to the airport for our return flight to the USA.  

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**TOUR CONDITIONS**

**PRICE FOR 15-DAY BASIC TOUR: $3,999 from Memphis.**

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