

CHURCHES OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

5 DAY GUIDED TOUR

ITINERARY

PERGAMUM | THYATIRA | SMYRNA | SARDIS
PHILADELPHIA | LAODICEA | EPHESUS

AT A GLANCE



Days



Group Tour



All Breakfast
& Dinner



Fully Guided
Excursions

FAMILY FRIENDLY

CALM & CULTURED

4 STAR ACCOMMODATION

GUIDED TOURS

SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

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TOUR DETAILS

INCLUDED

- All sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- All guiding by licensed English speaking tour guide.
- All entry fees to the sites and museums as listed.
- Hotel Accommodation.
- Daily Breakfasts.
- Daily Dinner.
- All airport transfers.
- All service charges and local taxes.
- All transportation by private vehicle with driver.
- Daily bottle of water.
- Whisper Sets.
- Information Booklet.

EXCLUDED

- International Flight (we can assist with booking this).
- Travel and Medical Insurance.
- Additional Services.
- Food & Drinks – lunches.
- Visa Expenses.
- Tipping.



PHYSICAL RATING – LEVEL 3

We encourage a decent level of fitness as there is a fair amount of walking, somedays it will be 2-3 hours.



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DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN IZMIR, TRANSFER TO HOTEL

Upon arrival at Izmir Airport, Our representative will meet you at the airport with a Travel Daze sign and private transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay in Izmir.

DAY 2: PERGAMUM – THYATIRA (BREAKFAST – DINNER)

Our guide will meet us at the hotel lobby after breakfast and take us to Pergamum, also known as Bergama.

This historical site is one of the Seven Churches of Asia, mentioned in Revelation 1:11 and 2:12.

We will have the opportunity to explore the magnificent Acropolis, which houses the steepest theatre in the world, as well as the Askleion, a renowned medical centre from classical times.

Additionally, we will see the Altar of Zeus, which is mentioned in the book of Revelation as the "Throne of Satan," the marble columns of the Temple of Trajan, and the Library, which was once a rival to the famous Library of Alexandria in Egypt.

The Library of Pergamum was the foremost in the world and contained an estimated 200,000 volumes, inspiring the invention of parchment. It is sure to be a fascinating and educational experience.

Then we continue our visit to Thyatira, now called Akhisar, another one of the Seven Churches of Asia [Rev. 1:11; 2:18–24; Acts 16:14]. It was a city famous for purple dyes. We visit the remains of a basilica and some architectural fragments from the Roman period. Lydia, the seller of purple in Philippi, was from Thyatira.

Lastly we enjoy a panoramic ride of Smyrna, the third largest city in Turkey and one of the sites of the Seven Churches of Asia [Rev. 2:12–17]. Smyrna is a city scarred with a bloody history of trade and warfare. We will also view the Clock Tower.

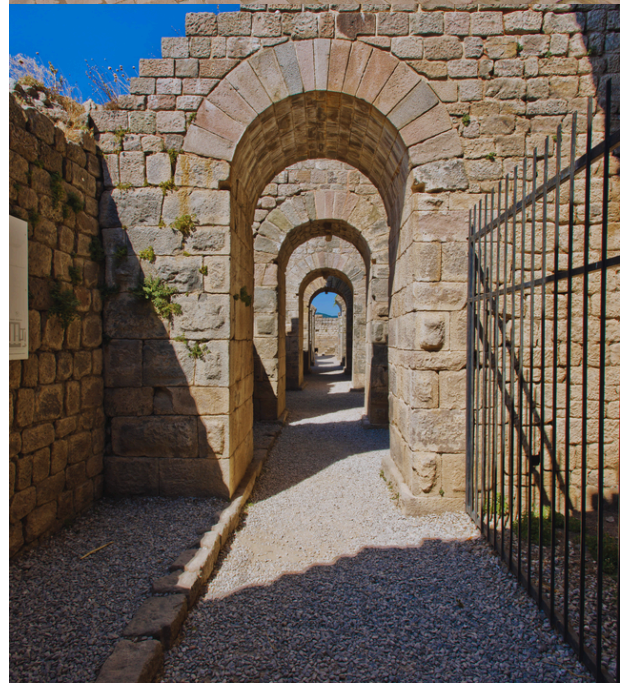
Check in at the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: IZMIR – SARDIS – PHILADELPHIA – HIERAPOLIS (BREAKFAST – DINNER)

Today, we embarked on an early morning journey to Sardis, now known as Sart, one of the Seven Churches of Asia. This historical city served as the capital of the ancient Lydian kingdom, featuring notable sites like the Temple of Artemis, a restored gymnasium, and a reconstructed synagogue. We will also explore remnants of the royal Persian Road and the famous Pactolus River.

Our travels will then take us to Philadelphia, or Alasehir, another of the Seven Churches of Asia, praised for its lack of criticism. We observed the remains of a Byzantine basilica with distinctive architecture and 11th-century frescoes.

Lastly, we visit Hierapolis, now Pamukkale, renowned for its hot mineral springs creating stunning natural formations, before settling in at a Thermal Hotel for the night.



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DAY 4: LAODICEA – EPHESUS – KUSADASI (BREAKFAST – DINNER)

After enjoying breakfast this morning, we embark on a scenic drive Laodicea and thereafter Ephesus to explore the ancient city's captivating history.

Laodicea, established in the C3 BCE by the Seleucid Antiochus II, the city was named after his wife Laodicea. Built on the Lycus Tributary of the Meander River, it was surnamed Laodicea on Lycus, to distinguish it from other similarly named cities. Laodicea is the last of the seven churches. As a crossroad of two important roads, this city had an important commercial and logistical position.

Ephesus is known for its significant place in the Christian faith as the Apostle Paul preached to the Ephesians and even lived here for three years. In fact, the church in Ephesus received an epistle from him. Today, we have the opportunity to tour the remarkable ruins where excavations are still taking place in this once great and vital city founded in the 10th century BC.

As we stroll along the marble streets, we'll be transported back in time as we take in the magnificent public buildings, such as the Baths of Scholastica, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, and the Theatre.

The Temple of Diana of the Ephesians, another of the seven wonders of the ancient world, was also built in this city.

Overall, our visit to Ephesus promises to be an awe-inspiring journey through history, where we can experience the rich culture and heritage of this ancient city.

Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: HOUSE OF VIRGIN MARY – ST. JOHNS BASILICA – AIRPORT (BREAKFAST)

This morning after breakfast, with packed bags, we visit the Basilica of St. John and the House of Virgin Mary before we are transferred to the airport for our flight home.

As we prepare to head back home, we take some time to reflect on all the amazing memories we've made.

Whether it's the stunning scenery we have witnessed, the delicious local cuisine we tried, or the new friends we made along the way, these experiences will stay with us for a lifetime.

Sadly, all good things must come to an end.

Be sure to book your next tour soon.





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Our extensive trips through Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Turkey, Greece, and Italy have brought about abundant spiritual growth. Witnessing the sites mentioned in the Bible has enriched us, and we strive to share this experience with all who embark on these journeys. As a company that began as Bible Land Travels and has now expanded into Travel Daze Ltd, we are blessed to have many contactable references with repeat travellers.

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On every trip, you will be accompanied by a Tour Co-ordinator and an English-speaking Tour Guide. This ensures that all your needs are taken care of and that your stay during the tour will be effortless, giving you the opportunity to experience the fullness and richness of these Biblical Lands.

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