

2023 BIBLE LANDS TRIP

TURKEY & GREECE

JOURNEY OF PAUL & THE CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Aegean
Sea Cruise



Logistics

Where: Turkey/Greece

Dates: Sept. 24 - Oct. 4, 2023

Cost: \$5,400* Approx.

Team Leader: Jerrell Jobe

Maximum Number: 30

Registration Deadline:

March 6, 2023

For more information email:

biblelands@palmvalleychurch.com

Ministry Scope:

With Bible in hand, we will journey in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul to some of the places where the Gospel was first preached. Explore the ancient cities of the Book of Revelation, where Jesus specifically addressed 7 churches. Voyage across the Aegean Sea on a three-day cruise, as we visit the Island of Patmos, Santorini, Crete, Corinth and Athens, Greece.

You will experience the text of the New Testament literally leap off the page as we read the stories in the places they happened, and engage the world of the Bible in its historical and cultural contexts.

Cost: \$5,400 Approx

This amount includes everything: airfare from McAllen, all lodging and meals while abroad. It also covers all transportation and sight-seeing. A \$500.00 deposit is due once your application has been accepted. The remaining balance will be divided up into payments. *See payment plan.

How to sign up:

- 1) Pick up an application at the information kiosk or download one at palmvalleychurch.com/missions.
- 2) Return completed application to the information kiosk or email it to biblelands@palmvalleychurch.com
- 3) After the application is received, the team leader will contact you about next steps.

Did you know...?

What went on in those first couple of centuries in the Christian church is very much relevant to what's going on in America today. The more we understand them and their church, the more we understand ourselves, our church, and how we can have just as powerful an impact, in our own community, as Paul did over 2000 years ago.





Trip Itinerary

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DEPOSIT
\$500

JANUARY 8
\$850

FEBRUARY 5
\$850

MARCH 5
\$850

APRIL 2
\$850

MAY 7
\$850

JUNE 4
\$650

TOTAL PRICE INCREASES \$100
FOR DEPOSITS MADE AFTER
MARCH 6, 2023

Day 1: **Depart** from McAllen

Day 2: **Arrive** in Izmir, Turkey

Days 3-6: **Turkey** // *West Central Turkey*
Aegean Sea // **Crete, Santorini**

Days 7-8: **Aegean Sea**
Mediterranean Cruise (Overnight on cruise ship)

Day 9: **Greece** // *Corinth, Athens*

Day 10: **Turkey** // *Istanbul*

Day 11: **Depart** Turkey for McAllen

*Note: The above itinerary is meant to provide a framework for the various places we will be visiting. There may be slight changes to the specific places listed above.

MEETINGS:

In preparation for this trip, there will be several meetings you will be required to attend. During these meetings we will communicate valuable information, train, and debrief all things related to this trip. The team leader will contact you with the meeting dates.

ESSENTIALS

- A teachable spirit
- A team spirit
- A positive outlook
- A flexible attitude
- A valid passport
(through March, 2024)

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions concerning this trip please contact Jerrell Jobe at 956-585-3203 or email

biblelands@palmvalleychurch.com

Frequently Asked Questions

Is it Safe to Travel to Turkey & Greece?

Although it is impossible to promise 100% safety, travel in Turkey and Greece is currently safe. We will always be traveling with a skilled guide, who will serve to assist us during our journey. He is very aware of what's going on in the country. If there is even a hint of potential danger, we will simply avoid the area. We will not take chances. Overall, the likelihood of any kind of danger is very, very slim. We won't go anywhere I wouldn't take my kids!

What can I Expect on a Typical Day?

A normal day will begin with a wake up call at 6:00 a.m., breakfast at 6:30, devotions at 7:00 and by 7:10 we're on our way! In order to accomplish what God sets out for us to experience, the majority of our days will involve some moderate hiking. We will travel to the various sites by bus where our hikes will begin. It is during these hikes, and at these sites, where God's Word is studied in its historical, cultural, geographical, and biblical contexts. Lunch will be served on location. At the end of a long day, we will have a great meal and a much needed night's rest. The hotels will be quite accommodating.

Are There any Physical Requirements?

We'll not exactly, but you should know that there is not much level ground in Turkey and we'll be hiking about 5-miles each day of the trip. If physical exercise is not currently part of your weekly rhythm, it is recommended you begin. This can't be emphasized enough. The first thing that goes when you become physically tired is your mind. The more physically prepared you are, the better your mind will be. The trip will be more meaningful, educational and fun if you prepare in advance for the activity level you will experience. It is recommended to engage some physical training that includes cardio and strength training. Stair climbing (actual stairs or machine), lunges, bike riding, running, and long walks are all very good. Additionally, doing some hiking and climbing of stairs with a backpack (including your Bible, notes, water bottles, etc.) is good practice for the body to recognize the additional weight it needs to carry on the trip.

I realize this information on the physical demands may be intimidating for some of you. Please don't be overwhelmed by this. I trust that if you begin intentionally preparing yourself spiritually mentally and physically, by the trip you will be more than ready for the adventure. We'll work together and we'll all get through it. The point is not the destination, but the journey. So get in the best shape you can, and then let the group carry you along.

You should consult your physician concerning these requirements and any medications or conditions which may have an impact on your ability to participate fully. Prescription drugs you anticipate using during the trip should be packed both in your suitcase and your carry-on. We suggest you bring along a written prescription as well, just in case of emergency. Please contact your health provider to check your coverage when traveling outside the United States. Traveling to the lands of the Bible requires no immunizations, though you'll want to be sure your tetanus shot is current.