

TURKEY & GREECE
EMU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS CROSS-CULTURAL
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September 29 – October 15, 2022

SEP 29 Thu Arrive Istanbul

Arrive individually at our hotel in the heart of old Istanbul in time for dinner at 7:00 pm in hotel. After dinner we will meet for a brief orientation to travel plans, organizing the group for the journey and tomorrow's schedule. (D)

SEP 30 Fri Theme: Religious Empires, Scripture: Gen. 11:1-8, Luke 4:1-7

Guided tours to the architectural triumph of Byzantine Christendom, the Hagia Sophia (1,000 years older than St. Peter's Basilica in Rome!) We will visit the Blue Mosque, the only mosque in the world with six minarets, and Topkapi Palace of the sultans, now filled with exorbitant riches of the Ottoman Empire. Opportunity to explore and visit Grand Bazaar. Dinner and overnight in Sude Konak Hotel. (B,D)

OCT 1 Sat FLY to ANTALYA - Theme: The Church between Land and Sea: Acts 13:1-13, Acts 21

After early breakfast, transfer to airport for 8:40 am flight to Antalya. Upon arrival we will go directly to visit the ruins of the ancient port city of Perge. After lunch we will check in to the La Paloma Hotel in the old city of Antalya. Opportunity to visit the archeological museum containing an impressive display of treasures found in Perge or explore/shop in the old city. Dinner on your own in nearby restaurants. (B,L)

Oct 2 Sun Theme: Paul at Sea, Scripture: Acts 27 – Embark Gulet Boat in Demre

After breakfast, check out of hotel, transfer (2 hour scenic bus ride) to Finike - home port of SailingActs. After a short drive and visit of the beautifully restored Roman harbor (mentioned in Acts), we board the gulet that will be our home for the next number of days. The remaining time and program will be determined by the gulet schedule. Because of weather and other contingencies such as the location of good anchorages, it is not possible to give a fixed itinerary, but we will be stopping at a variety of Acts sites. This is the time of relaxation, eating good food, learning about the incomparable Mediterranean Sea and the people who learned how to sail it in order to achieve their goals, including Paul. (B,L,D)

OCT 3 Mon Theme: Shipping Grain - Fuel of the Roman Empire: Acts 27

Continue up the coast stopping in anchorages to visit archaeological sites Myra and Patara - key ancient harbor cities in the eastern Mediterranean. (B,L,D)

OCT 4 Tues Theme: The Roman Empire and the Sea, Scripture: Acts 27 selections

Westward along the mountainous Turkish coast passing the Seven Sisters (small capes) and around into Gocek Bay. Explore the Gocek Bay's coves and anchorages. Favorite sailing area for international sailors! (B,L,D)

OCT 5 Wed Explore Fethiye Bay's coves and anchorages. Relax and enjoy! (B,L,D)

OCT 6 Thu Theme: The Sea in Scripture - Genesis to Revelation

Continue westward along the beautiful Turkish coast. (B,L,D)

OCT 7 Fri Theme: Theme: The Mediterranean Sea, Scripture: Ezekiel 27

Today we stop and visit Cnidus, (Acts 27:7) a key military and commercial harbor complex of Rome and fascinating, beautiful ruins. (B,L,D)

OCT 8 Sat Bodrum – Disembark Gulet

Cruise past island of Kos. Arrive at Bodrum, ancient Halicarnassus famous for one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Mausoleum built by Mausolus (375-53 BC.) Disembark gulet. Check into the Karia Princess Hotel, with time in the afternoon to visit the famous Underwater Archeology Museum in the Crusader Castel on the harbor. Dinner on our own – there are a huge selection of wonderful bay front seafood restaurants near the hotel. (B)

OCT 9 Sun Overland to Didime, Miletus and Kusadasi - Theme: Paul's farewell in Miletus, Scripture: Acts 20:13-38

Today we travel northward stopping at Didyma with its incredible temple built during the reign of Alexander the Great, then on to Miletus where we will engage in some archeological exploration of our own in this remote harbor city on the once navigable Meander River. We continue on to Kusadasi and check into our hotel with its dining room overlooking the harbor. (B,L,D)

OCT 10 Mon Ephesus - Theme: Paul in Ephesus, Scripture: Acts 19:23-41

We will spend the day visiting the spectacular area of Ephesus! We will walk the marble streets and visit the stadium that seats 25,000, see the life-styles of the rich and famous, and the incomparable Celsus Library. An archeologist-led hike to visit the "Paul and Thecla Cave" is a special treat few tourists experience. We will also visit the forlorn remains

of the once great Temple to Artemis, and the exquisite museum in nearby Selcuk before returning to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

OCT 11 Tues Ferry to Samos - Theme: Paul the Traveler, Scripture: Acts 18:19 – 19:21

After a roof-top breakfast at our hotel we will travel on a short ferry ride in the morning to Greek island of Samos. After disembarking we will deposit our luggage at the pension near the harbor, Then we will explore the ancient seaport of Samos and learn about the famous persons born in Samos that Paul likely heard of on his stop there on his return to Jerusalem at the end of his third journey. Lunch and dinner on your own at one of the many cafes on the waterfront. Planned tour of the island in the afternoon. Overnight in Pythagoria. (B)

OCT 12 Wed Samos Airport – Morning flight to Athens

Today we will take a short, early morning flight to Athens, leave our luggage (or check in) to the Katerina Hotel, then take a walking tour for an introduction to Athens atop the Areopagus. You will be given tickets and information to begin exploring the main ancient sites on your own including the agora with the reconstructed stoa, time out for lunch and a visit to the museum. Overnight at Katerina Hotel. (B,D)

OCT 13 Thur Corinth - Theme: Paul in the City of Love and Violence, Scripture: Acts 18:1-18

After breakfast we will travel by bus to Corinth, stopping at the awesome Corinth Canal, then on to Old Corinth site of the biblical Corinth where we will have time to explore the excellent archeological remains with the bema, and temple to Apollo. An impressive little museum of discoveries in Corinth is included. Following lunch in Old Corinth we will visit the ancient harbor of Cenchrae, and then travel back to Athens. (B,L,D)

OCT 14 Fri Athens - Theme: Paul in the Pagan World, Scripture: Acts 17:16-34

. We will meet as a group in late afternoon. Together, we will visit the stadium constructed in ancient Greek style for the first modern Olympics in 1896. Overnight at Katerina Hotel. Celebratory dinner together. Overnight at Katerina Hotel. (B,D)

OCT 15 Sat Breakfast and depart as individually arranged.

**PACKAGE TOUR RATE: \$4,500 Per Person in Double Room
 \$600 single supplement**

The rate includes all expenses except:

- International Flights to arrive Istanbul on Sept 17 & depart from Athens on Oct. 3
- Meals which are not listed above, and drinks other than water
- Turkish Visa Fee - \$50 for US citizens to be obtained online before arrival www.evisa.gov.tr
- Travel, and Health Insurances, any kind of insurance
- All personal expenses, and any other item which is not listed above