



8 Days Itinerary

Turkey - 7 Churches of Revelation

Day 1	Depart UK
Day 2	Kusadasi
Day 3	Kusadasi/Pamukkale
Day 4	Izmir & Pumukkale
Day 5	Canakkale & Izmir
Day 6	Istanbul & Canakkale
Day 7	Istanbul Tour
Day 8	Fly Home to the UK

Day 1



We fly from the UK (various airports are possible) and depart in the morning. We will arrive in the evening in Izmir via a changeover in Istanbul. We will be met at the airport by our local tour guide for our transfer to Kusadasi. Check in and have evening dinner at the hotel.

Day 2



Today is a full day tour in Ephesus. Our first stop is a visit to the Basilica of St. John, housing an immersion baptismal and believed to be resting place of John. From here we have an excellent overview of the Ephesus harbor and the Temple of Artemis, completed in its most famous phase around 550 BC and listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Our journey continues to the archaeological marvel of Ephesus, a city steeped in biblical history and currently undergoing one of the most extensive restoration projects, showcasing miles of ancient treasures. We'll also pay a visit to the House of Virgin Mary. Before returning to the hotel, we'll make a stop at a Turkish rug cooperative. The day concludes with dinner at the hotel.

Day 3



Kusadasi/Pamukkale

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After breakfast drive to Pamukkale, the cotton fortress. Visit Hierapolis, which is located right over the travertine terraces, and which was a fashionable spa centre in Roman times. Visit the Temple of Apollo, a breathtaking theatre, the fascinating necropolis and some church ruins. Then onto Colossae, the city to which St. Paul wrote his letter from Ephesus. Proceed to Laodicea, one of the seven churches addressed by John in the Revelation meaning “Sacred City” and was an ancient centre for pagan cults until it was transformed into a Christian centre in the first century. Dinner at hotel.

Day 4



Izmir & Pamukkale

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Today's journey begins with a visit to nearby Philadelphia which was referred to as the “New Jerusalem” (Rev. 3:7-13) in the Book of Revelation. Not much is left of the city except for the ancient wall and the remains of a Byzantine basilica in the modern city of Alasehir. Continue to Sardis. Sardis was berated by John for its façade of strength when in reality; it was weak (Rev. 3:1-6). Here coins were minted, and the dyeing of wood originated. We'll visit the gymnasium and synagogue. Our last stop on the way to Izmir will be in Thyatira to view the ancient roadway and period columns. Dinner at hotel.

Day 5



After breakfast visit Izmir, ancient Smyrna, and one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Smyrna is hidden under modern Izmir, but you will view the archeological remains of the Agora. And then drive to Pergamum. Once a busy trading center and the most favored of the Seven Churches, the church of Pergamum was praised for its forbearance (Rev. 2:12-17). It was here that the first Christians were executed by Rome. We'll visit the fabled Acropolis, pass through the Royal Gates, view the foundations of the Temple of Zeus and visit the ruins of the library, which once held 200,000 volumes. And then proceed to Troy & stopping briefly in Alexandrian Troas along the way. Troy was destroyed and rebuilt nine times and has nine cities situated one upon another. Dinner at hotel in Canakkale.

Day 6



After breakfast drive to Istanbul via the Gallipoli Peninsula, scene of fierce fighting in World War I, to Istanbul, ancient Constantinople. Upon arrival in Istanbul transfer to the hotel. Dinner at hotel

Day 7



Istanbul Tour

After breakfast we begin our full day city tour. Starting with a walk across the Byzantine Hippodrome, where chariot races were held. Then we visit the famous Blue Mosque with its priceless coloured tiles. Continue to visit the 1,500-year-old St. Sophia, the Imperial Church of Byzantine Emperors, now a mosque. In the afternoon visit the magnificent Topkapi Palace (excluding Harem section) with its famous museums and pleasure gardens. Continue the day wandering round the covered Grand Bazaar, the largest in the world boasting some 4,000 shops. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8



Fly Home to the UK

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Following breakfast we transfer from our hotel to the airport in Istanbul where we depart for our flight home to the UK.