



PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY & THE HOLY LAND

Join Reverend Fr. Jon E. Magoulis of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Modesto, California
April 28 – May 14, 2022 / 17Days/15 Nights



TURKEY: Our Pilgrimage will take us to Constantinople, the heart of Orthodoxy. Visit the 17th century Greek Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate. Pray at the St George Cathedral and venerate the Holy Relics of Saints Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom and the relics of the three female Saints - Euphemia, Solomone and Theophano. Participate in a private audience with His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (subject to his availability). Visit the most important sites for the Greek Orthodox in Constantinople: Agia Sophia, the Church of the Holy Savior of Chora and Panaghia Blacherna were the beautiful hymn, “Te Ypermacho” was chanted over 1,400 years ago and the Grand Bazaar. Continue to Cappadocia, a geological wonderland sculpted by erosion into a lunar landscape! The Christians carved out caves and later, churches that were decorated with coned ceilings, graceful columns and impressive frescoes. Labyrinthine underground cities grew carved from the soft volcanic stone where Christians hid in the caves and underground cities to avoid persecution. Visit Zelve Valley, the Goreme open air museum with its world famous Dark Church, the incredible underground city of Kaymaki, and the old Greek Sinnassos with the Church of Constantine & Eleni..

THE HOLY LAND: Your trip to the Holy Land will be an unforgettable and spiritually rewarding journey! Visit and venerate Christendom’s most sacred sites. See where Jesus spent most of his life and performed the many miracles you have read about in the Bible. Visit the cities of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, and Tiberias! Pray in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of St Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Tomb of the Virgin Mary, the Prison of Christ (Praitorion), and The Church of the Holy Apostles and the Church of the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor. Take the cable car up to the Mount of Temptation Monastery and see the rock that Jesus actually prayed by. Visit the Church of the Nativity and touch the spot where Christ was born! Additional sites you will see are the Church of Tabgha (the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes), Cana of Galilee, the Church of the Annunciation, the Garden of Agony, the Monastery of St. Gerasimos Jordanitis, the Church of St. Elisseos and the Tree of Zacchaeus. Take a boat-ride on the Sea of Galilee and experience a spiritual baptism in the River Jordan. Enjoy a private audience with Patriarch Theophilos III (subject to his availability) and attend midnight Liturgy at the Holy Sepulchre.

Rates: Air & Land: Double occupancy, per person: \$5565* & Single Occupancy: \$7470*

**All rates reflect a 4% check discount which does not apply if payment is made in any other way.*

**Air tax/fuel surcharge of \$645 is included in the above rates and not guaranteed until ticketing takes place.*

SPACE IS LIMITED and on a FIRST COME BASIS

Deposit of \$700 due by December 6, 2021 or late booking fee of \$50 per person will apply!

TOUR INCLUDES:

*International air on Turkish Airlines SFO/IST/CAPP/IST/TLV/IST/SFO

TURKEY

*Private arrival and departure transfers in a deluxe air conditioned motorcoach with English speaking escort.

*5 days of private sightseeing with a deluxe air conditioned motor coach and English/Greek Speaking, Greek Orthodox tour guide (subject to availability). All entrance fees as per itinerary are included.

*3 nights first class hotel accommodation in Constantinople & 3 nights in Cappadocia including daily breakfast, taxes and service fees

*One welcome dinner in Constantinople and nightly dinner in Cappadocia

*Private Audience with H.A.H. (subject to his availability)

ISRAEL:

*Private arrival and departure transfers in a deluxe air conditioned motorcoach with English speaking escort.

*7 days of private sightseeing with a deluxe air conditioned motor coach and English/Greek Speaking, Greek Orthodox tour guide (subject to availability). All entrance fees as per itinerary are included.

*6 nights first class hotel accommodations in Jerusalem & 2 nights in Tiberias & 1 night in Tel Aviv including daily breakfast and dinner, all taxes and service fees

*Private audience with His Beatitude Theophilos III (subject to his availability)

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