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11 Days tour in Turkey - Troy and Patmos in Greece

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**JOY! TOUR to TURKEY, Troy, Patmos
& The Revelation Congregations**

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Itinerary

DAY 01: FLY OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO ISTANBUL ON ETIHAD AIRLINES

Departure from Johannesburg on a overnight flight to Abu Dhabi.

DAY 02:ARRIVE ISTANBUL (d)

Arrival early morning in Abu Dhabi for the connecting flight to Istanbul

Arrive at Istanbul Ataturk Airport.

Meet local guide and representative

Departure for half day city tour with a visit to the **Dolmabahce Palace**. Start with the 19th century **Dolmabahce Palace** and visit the men's section with its Hereke carpet covered ceremonial halls. Literally meaning the palace of the filled garden, the Dolmabahce Palace was built on a bay on the Bosphorus on reclaimed land during the reign of Sultan Abdulmecit in 1853 by Armenian architects Balyan family. **The Selamlik** (men's section) and the **Muayede Halls** (ceremonial halls) will be visited. The contrast between classical Ottoman architecture and the western approach adapted in the 19th century will be visible during our tour.

A **private cruise on the Bosphorus** will introduce us to the rich cultural heritage of the palaces, fortresses, wooden Ottoman villas and lively little fishing villages and famous nightspots of the city. Among the monuments to be viewed are the **Rumeli and Anatolian Fortresses** which were built by the Ottomans to help conquer Constantinople and the palaces such as the **Beylerbeyi Palace** and **Ciragan Palace** (now Kempinski Hotel), **Kucuksu Pavilion** as well as the picturesque little villages and wooden mansions along the shores of the Bosphorus. Our boat will cruise under the two suspension bridges built to cross between the two sides of the city, in other words between two continents.

Return to the hotel after the tour.

Transfer to the Hotel. Check in for overnight

[Dinner at the hotel.](#)

DAY 03: ISTANBUL - CANAKKALE (b, l, d)

[Breakfast at the hotel.](#)

Depart for Canakkale famous for the WW1 Battles at **Gallipoli**.

A brief visit of the Gallipoli War Memorials including the Lone Pine Cemetery and Anzac Cove.

[Lunch at a local restaurant.](#)

Cross the **Strait of Dardanelles** by ferry and reach the Asian port city of Canakkale.

After viewing the Hollywood production **Trojan wooden horse** proceed to a visit of the ruins of ancient **Troy** of Homer's Iliad.

[Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Canakkale or at the Aegean resort Assos.](#)



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DAY 04: CANAKKALE – PERGAMON – SARDES - IZMIR – KUSADASI (b, l, d)

[Breakfast at the hotel.](#)

Continue to Bergama. Visit the **Acropolis of Pergamon** with its breathtaking amphitheater.

[Lunch at a local restaurant.](#)

Continue to Salihli. On the way a short visit of the ruins of **Thyatira**. Visit the ruins of **Sardes** founded by the Lydian King Croesus and where the first coins were minted. The ancient synagogue, the Gymnasium, the temple of Artemis and the remains of the St John church will be visited.

Depart for **Izmir**, Turkey's largest export harbor and 3rd biggest city.

Panoramic tour and continue to Kusadasi.

[Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kusadasi.](#)

DAY 05: KUSADASI – PATMOS - KUSADASI (b, l, d)

[Breakfast at the hotel.](#)

Day excursion to the Greek Island of **Patmos** by private charter.

On the island halfday tour with a local guide including the Monastery of St John.

[Lunch included.](#)

Return to Kusadasi port and transfer to the hotel.

[Dinner at the hotel.](#)

DAY 06: KUSADASI – LAODICEA - PAMUKKALE (b, l, d)

[Breakfast at the hotel.](#)

Visit the ancient city of **Ephesus**. Highlights will be the Odeon, Celsus Library, Hadrian's Temple, Trajan's Fountain, the Agora, the Scolastica Baths, the Marble Street, the amphitheater with its 25.000 seating capacity and the Arcadian Way leading down to the port which is now silted up.

On Mount Nightingale, the **House of Mary (Meryemana)**, a pilgrimage site where Mary is believed to have spent her last days, will be visited.

[Lunch at a local restaurant.](#)

Continue to Pamukkale.

Before reaching Pamukkale (Cotton Castle) visit the remains of the ancient city of **Laodicea**, the lukewarm city of the Revelations.

In **Pamukkale**, visit the thermal springs and the ancient city of Hierapolis.

[Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Pamukkale.](#)

DAY 07: PAMUKKALE – KONYA – CAPPADOCIA (b, l, d)

[Breakfast at the hotel.](#)



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Depart for Konya.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Before reaching Cappadocia visit the **Sultanhani caravanserai**.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Cappadocia.

DAY 08: CAPPADOCIA - ANKARA (b, l, d)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Our tour of Cappadocia includes **Uchisar** rock formation to have a panoramic view, **Göreme Valley Outdoor Museum** to view the frescoes of the famous churches known by the names Apple, Barbara, Sandal and Snake churches, the **Pasabagi Monks Valley**, an **underground city** and **Ürgüp** fairy chimneys.

Lunch during the tour.

Visit the **Avanos village** pottery center located along the Kizilirmak (Red River, Turkey's longest river). Afternoon spent at the various handicraft workshops of the region selling carpets and rugs, ceramics, onyx, jewelry and souvenirs.
Continue to Ankara.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Ankara.

DAY 09: ANKARA – ISTANBUL (b, l)

Breakfast at the hotel.

City tour in Ankara with visits to the **Anatolian Civilizations Museum** at the Citadel area and **Anitkabir - the Mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk** (founder of the Republic of Turkey, 1881-1938). A short drive will introduce you to the capital of Turkey with the panoramic Atakule tower, Presidential Palace at Cankaya, the Turkish Grand National Assembly and the Ministries.
the main historical centre of Istanbul, Sultanahmet with its Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman monuments.

Lunch at the Bolu Mountains on the way back to Istanbul

On Arrival in Istanbul transfer to the hotel for overnight

Dinner at the hotel

DAY 10 ISTANBUL – AUH (B,I)

Breakfasts at the hotel

The monuments to be visited are the Blue Mosque, Roman Hippodrome, the Hagia Sophia
Transfer from the hotel to the historical center Sultanahmet. Walking tour starting with **the Roman Hippodrome** and the monuments lined up along the spina of the original hippodrome built by Emperor



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Septimus Severus in 203 AD. Obelisk of Theodosius, walled column, serpentine column from Delphi and the German Fountain, gift from Kaiser Wilhelm II to the Ottoman Sultan Abdulhamit II will be viewed.

Continue with **the Blue Mosque** built by Sultan Ahmet I in 1616, locally called Sultanahmet Mosque but known by its blue Iznik tiles and also famous for its unique 6 minarets. Modest attire recommended. Plastic bag for shoes will be provided as you will have to remove your shoes before entering the mosque.

One of the highlights of the tour is **the Hagia Sophia**. Church of the Holy Wisdom of God from the 6th century built by Justinian between 532 - 537 at the site of the previous two churches by the same name. Following the conquest of the city by the Ottoman Sultan Mehmet II, Ayasofya was converted to a mosque and eventually after the foundation of the Republic of Turkey it has become a museum.

Transfer 11:00 to Istanbul Ataturk Airport according to the departure time.
13:35 Flight AUH EY 96 Flight via Abu Dhabi to Johannesburg

DAY 11 ARRIVAL IN JOHANNESBURG

Arrive early morning in Johannesburg after a tour of Turkey and the Revelation Congregations with new friends and good memories.



Conditions

PRICE R26 990 pp €1=. R14-00

Regular hotel package based on the following or similar hotels

- * Istanbul 4 star, Grand Öztanik or similar
- * Canakkale 4 star Akol or Assos Eden Gardens
- * Kusadasi 5* Kuramor Hotel or similar
- * Pamukkale 4 star Richmond Thermal
- * Cappadocia 4+ star Dinler or similar
- * Ankara 4 star Ickale Hotel or similar

Rates valid for fullpaying group size pax 28

Rates include

- ❖ Flights and airport taxes Johannesburg – Istanbul – Johannesburg
- ❖ Transfers Airport – hotel- airport
- ❖ Air-conditioned tour bus or minibus depending on group size
- ❖ Accommodation suggested at the hotels mentioned with breakfast included
- ❖ 7 dinners at the hotels and 6 local lunches (drinks not included)
- ❖ All tours and airport transfers as per itinerary
- ❖ Museum entrances as per itinerary
- ❖ English speaking licensed guide
- ❖ Private cruise in Istanbul
- ❖ Local taxes and VAT



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- ❖ Ferry charter for day trip to Patmos (services of the Turkish guide not included)
- ❖ **Tips:** for the guide and for the driver

Group travel insurance up to the age of 69

Other conditions

- Depending on airline schedule we may have to add or deduct one meal.
- Itinerary can be reversed

Rates exclude

- **Single supplement R3990**
- **Schengen Visa for Greece R1200**

CONDITIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

- 3G Travel, their associated companies and agents, and all persons, parties or organisations acting on their behalf or in collaboration with them, as their agent, and all group leaders (hereinafter referred to as "the Organising Agents") give notice that:
- 1.(a) IN issuing or obtaining any ticket or coupon or for transport or the conveyance or for accommodation as they in their entire discretion may deem advisable.
 - (b) THE Organising Agents shall be entitled to make any arrangement for the issue of any ticket or coupon or for transport or the conveyance or for accommodation as they at their entire discretion may deem advisable.
 - (c) THE Organising Agents shall not be liable in any circumstance whatsoever and whether in contract of deficit for any damage, injury (including death), loss, delay or inconvenience of any sort whatsoever that shall be caused to any passenger, whilst on tour or journey or whilst a temporary resident in any foreign country as a result of any arrangement made by the Organising Agents or for any alleged failure by the Organising Agents to make satisfactory or any arrangements, and whether caused through the act or default of any of the servants, agents or sub-contractors of the Organising Agents.
 - 2 EACH passenger agrees that his/her executors, administrators and/or assigns shall indemnify the Organising Agents, its servants and agents from and against claims for damage from any cause whatsoever to any person who may make a claim against the Organising Agents or any of them, whether for loss or damage to property in the custody of a passenger, whether or not such a claim is based on the negligence of the Organising Agents, its servants or any sub-contractors of the Organising Agents.
 3. ALL arrangements are subject to the country where the conveyance or hotel or other service is provided.

 4. All prices are ex-departure point indicated in the tour programme and based on prices and rates of exchange ruling at the time of preparation of the document in which the quotation is made and are subject to increase without notice. All prices quoted are per person sharing.
 5. COURIERS of representatives have no authority of permission to refund any monies paid or give any right to claim a refund from the Organising Agents.
 6. THE Organising Agents cannot hold themselves responsible for the obtaining of refunds on lost or unused tickets, coupons or vouchers, although every effort will be made to claim settlement on behalf of the passengers.
 7. CANCELLATION. A cancellation fee of R5000-00 per person will be levied in the event of a reservation being cancelled. The Organising Agents also reserve the right to retain the whole or part of the tour price in the event of a cancellation less than 60 days prior to departure. Written notice must be given.
 - 8 ATTENTION is drawn to the frequency of changes in official timetables and passengers are urged to verify any times of departure shown in any programme or itinerary themselves.
 9. The airline concerned is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not in their aircraft. The passenger tickets in use by the airline when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser for these tickets and/or passenger.
 10. PASSENGERS are reminded that luggage or personal property taken on tour is at owner's risk and passengers themselves are advised to insure it. Deposit and cancellation insurance, personal accident and sickness insurance are NOT automatically included.

 - 11 THE Organising Agents reserve the right to cancel or abandon the tour. In such event, any monies paid will be refunded, less any expenses, disbursements or other commitments incurred on behalf of the passengers, and in such event no further liabilities whatsoever will be accepted by the Organising Agents. The right is further reserved to modify the tour in any way that they deem advisable. In this event, the planned tour will not be proceeded with unless a minimum number of passengers (at the discretion of the Organising Agents) participate.
 12. TOURS are planned on the twin bedded rooms and where for reasons beyond their control, the Organising Agents cannot accommodate any participant on this basis, the passenger will be obliged to pay the supplement for a single room unless he/she can arrange with two other passengers of the same sex to share with them a three-bedded room. In the event of a three-bedded room being used, the tariff for twin-bedded accommodation will apply.
 13. THE Organising Agents reserve the right to change the sequence of sightseeing events.
 14. PARTICIPATION shall confirm that the participant has read and accepted the "Notice to all Participants" and confirm that his/her participation shall be subject to all such terms and conditions.



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Registration Form

Valid only after receipt of full deposit by 3G Travel

Tour leader: Jackie Georgiou Joy Magazine

Tour description: 11 Days tour: Turkey - Greece Departure date: 3 October 2015

1. Surname: _____
2. First names _____
- (AS ON PASSPORT NO NICK NAMES)
3. Nick name _____
4. I.D. Number _____
5. Passport number _____
6. Expiring date _____
7. Date issued _____
8. Postal address _____ /Code _____
9. Cellphone _____
10. Fax _____
11. Email _____
12. Accompanied by, nick name _____
13. Occupation _____

I hereby enclose my deposit of R5000-00 pp being the registration fees for the above persons I confirm that we have read and accepted the "Notice to all Participants"
Cash payments must be handed in at the office, or a cash handling fee 1,1% must be added.

Acc No - Payment made to: Nedbank 3G Travel 1012410153 Kode 198841 Key West

Ref –JOY Turk + Name

Fax completed registration form with receipt to 0865417415

Date

Signature