

A JOURNEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL - SEPTEMBER 2007

- Day 1 Fri 21 Sept *Australia / Turkey*
Depart Brisbane (1445) SQ236/490
Via Singapore & Dubai *Singapore Airlines departs from all Australian capitals on a daily basis and travels via Singapore to Turkey*
- Day 2 Sat 22 Sep *Istanbul*
Arrival in Istanbul at 0725. Transfer to the hotel. Afternoon half day sightseeing tour of Istanbul including visits to the Blue Mosque, one of the famous mosques of the Ottomans is known for its blue Iznik tiles and its 6 minarets; Hippodrome, the centre of sporting (chariot races, athletics) events and political activities of the old city. The tour will end with the visit to St. Sophia, one of the greatest marvels of architecture constructed as a basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian. Return to the hotel. (D)
STAY: HOTEL GRAND EMIN (or similar)
- Day 3 Sun 23 Sep *Istanbul*
After breakfast, a full day sightseeing tour of Istanbul including visits to the Spice Market, an oriental shopping area where spices, herbs, vegetables, and fruit are sold. Suleymaniye Mosque, masterpiece of famous architect Sinan, built in the name of Suleyman the Magnificent during the 16th century. Continue your tour with a visit to Topkapi Palace, the imperial palace of the Ottoman Sultans, exhibiting the imperial treasury, Chinese porcelain section, calligraphy section and many more. Lunch is at Konyali Restaurant in Topkapi Palace. After lunch continue your tour with a visit to the Grand Bazaar the most attractive shopping centre and the biggest souk in the world - nearly 4000 shops of antiques, jewellery, and carpets. (B, L)
- Day 4 Mon 24 Sep *Istanbul*
Breakfast at hotel, then a day at leisure. An optional tour to visit the Orthodox Patriarchate will be offered today. This evening dinner with entertainment will be included. The show is a traditional Turkish show with different folklore groups performing shows from different regions of Anatolia, belly dancers and a renowned singer performing international songs. Limited drinks included. (B, D)
- Day 5 Tue 25 Sep *Istanbul / Gallipoli / Canakkale*
After breakfast depart to Gallipoli, crossing the Dardanes. After lunch arrival at Gallipoli Peninsula where you will spend most of the day visiting the sites on the Peninsula. Ample time will be allowed to visit the War Museum at Kabatepe, North Beach, Anzac Cove, Beach Cemetery, Lone Pine cemetery and Chunuk Bair. There will be time for prayers or Eucharist here. Continue on to Canakkale for overnight. (B, D)
STAY: TRUVA HOTEL (or similar)
- Day 6 Wed 26 Sep *Canakkale / Troy / Pergamon / Izmir*
Continue our journey to *Troy*, referred to in Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*. Troy has in fact nine cities superimposed one upon another. Pergamon - visit the Acropol, the steepest theatre of the ancient world, the Temple of Trojan and the Library. Then continue your tour with a visit to the Asklepion, the ancient healing center, and the Red Basilica which is one of the seven Churches of the Revelation. Continue south to Izmir for overnight. (B, L, D)
STAY: KAYA PRESTIGE HOTEL (or similar)
- Day 7 Thu 27 Sep *Izmir / Ephesus / Kusadasi*
This morning drive to Ephesus for a tour. Visit the shrine of Virgin Mary where she is said to have spent her later days. Proceed to Ephesus and see the spectacular ruins, some of which have only recently been excavated. We will see the Odeon, the Bouleterion, the Fountains, the Temples, the Brothel, the Library, the Double Church and the Stadium. After lunch we will visit the Archaeological Museum, and St. John's Basilica. Drive to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)
STAY: HOTEL PINE BAY MARINA (or similar)

Day 8 Fri 28 Sep	<p><i>Kusadasi / Pamukkale</i> Today we drive to Aphrodisias, the city of the Goddess of Love, see the well preserved Stadium, the Odeon, the Theatre and the Agora. Continue to Pamukkale "the Cotton Castle" with its snow-white terraces formed by thermal waters cascading down the hillside. Visit the ruins of Hierapolis with its famous Necropolis, the Basilica, Theatre and Plutonium. (B, L,D) STAY: HOTEL TRAVERTEN (or similar)</p>
Day 9 Sat 29 Sep	<p><i>Pamukkale / Marmaris / Rhodes</i> After breakfast drive to Marmaris, short visit of the town, then afternoon transfer to the port for hydrofoil to Rhodes. Upon arrival at Rhodes port transfer to our hotel to settle in. (B,D) STAY: Hotel Kypriotis (or similar)</p>
Day 10 Sun 30 Sep	<p><i>Rhodes</i> A full day of sightseeing in Rhodes. Visit the Old Town with Crusader castle and museum, and enjoy a coach trip to the beautiful village of Lindos with its stunning acropolis. (B, D)</p>
Day 11 Mon 01 Oct	<p><i>Rhodes / Athens</i> The morning is at leisure for last minute exploring until we transfer to the airport for the flight to Athens. Transfer on arrival to our city hotel. (B, D) STAY: Hotel Philippos</p>
Day 12 Thu 02 Oct	<p><i>Athens / Kalambaka</i> Travel north today via Thermopylae to visit the monasteries at Meteora, perched on monolithic rocks. Here you will see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art. Our overnight stay will be at Kalambaka. (B, D) STAY: Hotel Amalia</p>
Day 13 Fri 03 Oct	<p><i>Kalambaka / Delphi</i> After breakfast drive south via Trikala to Delphi and the Temple of Apollo and the museum featuring the bronze statue of the Charioteer. (B, D) STAY: Hotel Amalia</p>
Day 14 Sat 04 Oct	<p><i>Delphi / Olympia</i> Continue on to Olympia and visit the archaeological sites with the Sanctuary of Zeus. Overnight is at Nauplion, the first capital of modern Greece. (B, D) STAY: Hotel Amalia</p>
Day 15 Sun 05 Oct	<p><i>Olympia / Athens</i> Today we drive via Epidaurus with its fabulous theatre, still in regular use today, then via the Corinth Canal which divides the Peloponnese from the mainland, and back to Athens for our final night. STAY: Hotel Philippos (B)</p>
Day 16 Wed 06 Oct	<p><i>Athens</i> Today you will enjoy a day cruise to the nearby island of Aegina, Hydra and Poros. Go ashore at each island to explore. Lunch is included. Return to Athens for overnight. (B, L)</p>
Day 17 Tue 07 Oct	<p><i>Athens</i> A half-day sightseeing tour is on the agenda today. Visit the Acropolis and Pnyx Hill, Constitution Square, Plaka, Olympic Stadium and Royal Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure until we meet to enjoy a farewell dinner with entertainment, in the ancient Plaka area. (B, D)</p>
Day 18 Mon 08 Oct	<p><i>Athens / Australia</i> The morning is at leisure until we transfer to the airport for our return or onward flights. ATHENS Dep: 1400 SQ347 1400/0555 + 1 Via Singapore</p>
Day 19 Tue 09 Oct	<p>Arrive Aust (BNE) 1925</p>

TOUR COST: **AUD 5970** pp (based on twin share accommodation)
 Single Supplement: **AUD 750**
 Land Only: **AUD 4345**

INCLUSIONS:

- **Accommodation** – hotels are 3 / 4* with private facilities. Tour based on share twin accommodation. Supplement is payable for passengers requiring single rooms.
- **Meals** – breakfasts (Continental) throughout. Additional meals will be provided as detailed above: **L = Lunch, D = Dinner**
- **Entrances** – we have arranged for pre-payment of entrances as follows:
Istanbul – Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, S.Sophia, Topkapi Palace, Sulemaniye Mosque
Gallipoli sites; Pergamum, Asklepion, Troy, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Hierapolis,
Greece – Acropolis, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia, Epidaurus, Lindos, Rhodes Old City
- **Touring** – in air-conditioned coach or mini-bus (depending on group size) with driver and English speaking guide. Additionally, local guides will be provided in some locations (as required by Greek and Turkish tourism legislation). This is a private tour.
- **Hydrofoil** - Marmaris / Rhodes
- **Airfares** – Australia/ Istanbul and Athens/Australia economy class airfares with Singapore Airlines. Domestic fares Rhodes/Athens with local carrier. Canterbury Tours reserves the right to change bookings to an alternative carrier if necessary, depending on costs and schedules. Upgrades to Business and/or First Class on one or more sectors may be available – we are happy to provide details of additional costs required.

NOT INCLUDED:

- **Airline taxes / airport charges.** These taxes change daily and the payment of them is as will prevail on the date of payment. It is expected that an amount of A\$350+ should be allowed to cover these taxes – this is an approximation only.
- **Tips** – to driver and guide, and anywhere else you have received good service.
- **Insurance** – Travel Insurance is extremely important. You are at liberty to arrange this through your own insurance provider. However, Everything Travel, in association with Canterbury Tours, will be happy to arrange this on your behalf.
- **Passport and visa fees**
- **Items of a personal nature** – this goes without saying!

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Everything Travel, in association with Canterbury Tours, will be happy to arrange any extensions to your tour. Hotels, touring, flight reservations, car hire, rail travel, cruising etc may be booked at the end of your tour. Your airline ticket is valid for 12 months. Should you require a stopover on your return journey to Australia, Singapore Airlines offers attractive stopover packages in Singapore for one day or several days.

Additional nights in Athens and extensions to the Greek Islands may be booked to allow for personal sightseeing.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE:

While every effort has been made to assess the cost of this tour as a whole, should there be variances to currency exchange rates and/or increases in airline fares, Canterbury Tours reserves the right to impose a surcharge to the quoted cost.

Should the tour numbers not reach the minimum required to obtain the quoted price, the tour may have to be cancelled. In this case a full refund of monies paid would be offered, or alternatively, the group as booked would be offered the option to proceed with the tour at a price to cover the reduced numbers.

Deposit

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm a place on the tour. Please consider Cancellation Insurance at this time, as this deposit is non-refundable except under extreme circumstances.

Balance of Payment

Full payment of the balance of the tour cost will be due and payable by Friday 13 July 2007. After that date all unused accommodation will be released to the overseas suppliers, and late applications to join the tour will be possible only upon request and consultation with the various overseas suppliers and the airline concerned.

Airline Schedules

As the operation of airline schedules is beyond our control, should we be notified of a change to our reserved flights we will immediately advise all passengers and either (a) arrange bookings with an alternative carrier; or (b) make adjustments to the itinerary to accommodate the flight changes.

Health

This tour is not strenuous, though there are days when quite a deal of walking is required, and often on cobblestoned streets – please consider your individual capabilities in this regard. The tour is not rushed and will be conducted to please all passengers if possible. The nature of the touring determines that we have several one-night only stopovers (Canakkale, Izmir, Kusadasi, Pamukkale, Kalambaka, Delphi). We are not planning very early morning starts, though there are days when several hours will of necessity need to be spent in travelling.

If you require any information regarding the performance of sightseeing etc on this tour, we would be happy to clarify.