

## SEVEN CHURCHES OF THE REVELATION AND ISTANBUL

### Day 01 .../Istanbul / Izmir

Arrival at the Izmir airport. Meet and assistance and transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight. ( D )



### Day 02 Izmir / Pamukkale

Early departure for sightseeing of Izmir, ancient **Smyrna** (Revelation 2:8-11). Visit the Agora and ascend to Mt. Pagus. Visit Alexander the Great's castle and depart for **Ephesus**, veritable cradle of early Christianity (Revelation 1:1; 2:1-7). Visit the Shrine of the Virgin Mary where, supposedly, she spent her last days. Proceed to the spectacular ruins of Ephesus from the period of St. Paul. Also visit the Basilica of St. John, the Temple of Artemis (one of the seven wonders Of the ancient world) and proceed to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight. ( B,D )

### Day 03 Pamukkale/Izmir

Early morning start to one of Pamukkale's most spectacular sites. See the wonderful formations of stalactites and watch the cataracts falling into basin at the bottom of the mountain. Walk around the ancient city of Hierapolis and depart for **Laodicea**, city of VIP's and wealthy people, home of Zenon. Visit the theater, odeon, stadium and one of the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse (Revelation 3:14-22). Proceed to **Philadelphia** (Revelation 3:7-13), **Sardis** (Revelation 3:1-6) and **Thyatira** (Revelation 2:18-29) for visits and continue to Izmir for dinner and overnight. ( B,D )



### Day 04 Izmir/Çanakkale

After breakfast, departure for **Pergamum** (Revelation 2:12-17). Visit the Acropolis, the Temple of Athena, the famous library, Royal Palace, Temple of Trajan, the steepest theater of the ancient world, Temple of Dionysus, Altar of Zeus, the Red Basilica (St. John's church) and the Asclepion, the medical center of the ancient world. Proceed to Çanakkale, visiting the ancient city of Troy on route. Dinner and overnight in Çanakkale. ( B,D )

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**Day 05 Çanakkale / Istanbul**

Morning departure for Istanbul. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight. ( B,D )

**Day 06 Istanbul**

Leave the hotel for a full day sightseeing of Istanbul. Visit the Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, St. Sophia, Underground Cistern, Kariye Museum (Church of Holy Saviour in Chora) and the Grand Bazaar. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul. ( B,D )

**Day 07 Istanbul/...**

Transfer to the Istanbul airport for the homebound flight. ( B )



**Rates include:**

- 6 nights accommodation at 4 stars hotels on half board basis.
- Transfers
- Touring as Per the program including entrance fees
- Government licenced guide
- A/C 14 seated minibus for 6-9 pax, 25 seated midibus for 10-14 pax and 45 seated motorcoach - for 15 pax and above.
- Porterages at the airport and the hotels
- Tips to the hotels
- 1 person free sharing a twin room for every paying 15 pax (max. 2 rooms free).
- 18 percent VAT and service charges.

**Rates exclude:**

Extras at the hotel  
Lunches  
Beverages at dinners  
Tips to the driver and the guide

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