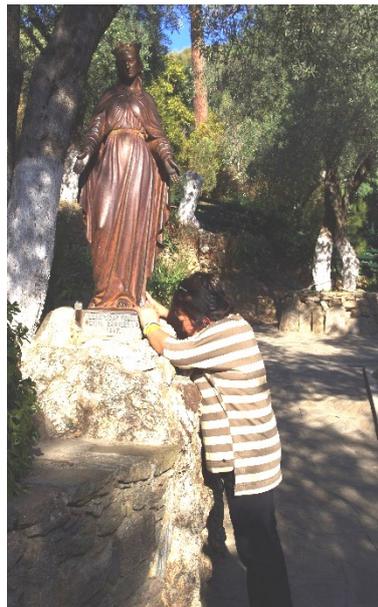

Pilgrimage to Asia Minor 2020

‘In the Footsteps of St John and Paul’

‘The Seven Churches’

Turkey is the only country that stands on two continents, Asia and Europe, a bridge between East and West. It attracts millions of visitors for its historic, biblical and architectural sites. It is one of the most important monastic centres of the early Christians with more than 600 churches. Being able to follow in the Steps of Saints Paul & St John and visit some of the ruins of the greatest historical sites in the world is a remarkable experience. This trip will allow you a full insight into the achievement of these early Christian missionaries.

Excellent itinerary and value for money pilgrimage



Led by Fr Francis Ward

15th - 24th September 2020

only £1,219 - 10 days / 9 night

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(depart London Heathrow)

Deadline of booking at this price, 28th April 2014



Daily Itinerary



Day 1, Sunday 15th Sept.

Day 1, UK/Istanbul:

Depart UK Istanbul (direct flight with Turkish Airlines). Upon arrival transfer to our hotel in Istanbul. Please note that on your first night accommodation will be bed and breakfast only due to late arrival. An official English speaking Catholic guide will accompany you to all archaeological sites during your pilgrimage.

Day 2, (Full day tour) Monday 16th Sept.

Istanbul

After breakfast we leave the hotel to visit the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, Museum of Hagia Sophia, Galata Bridge, Golden Horn, Hippodrome and Underground Water Cistern. Prior to returning to the hotel we will have Mass at St Anthony's Church.

Day 3, Tuesday 17th Sept.

Istanbul/Canakkale

Today we leave Istanbul, lunch en route before crossing the Dardanelles. We offer Mass at the British/Commonwealth War Memorial in Gallipoli. We then take a short ferryboat crossing to take us from Europe to Asia. After visiting the Hellenistic city of Troy we check into our hotel and dinner here.

Day 4, Wednesday 18th Sept.

Pergamum/Smyrna/Kusadasi

Visit the ancient site of Pergamum, one of the Seven Churches of the Book of Revelation. Mass at St Polycarp's, the oldest church in Smyrna and the residence of the Archbishop. It is another of the Seven Churches. It is now called Izmir and the only living Church of the Book of Revelation. Continue to Kusadasi where we spend the next 2 nights in our 4* hotel.



Day 5, Thursday 19th Sept.

Kusadasi/Miletus: Mass at the House of the Virgin Mary overlooking Ephesus. Lunch, then visit the Cave of the Seven Sleepers and the ruins of Miletus where St Paul bid farewell to the elders of the Church in 57 AD at the end of his 3rd Missionary Journey. Return to hotel for dinner.

Day 6, Friday 20th Sept.

Pamukkale/Laodicea:

We stay two nights here. Laodicea is one of the Seven Churches. Lunch then check into our hotel for 2 nights. We will have a chance to relax and swim in the **thermal pool** before Mass at the hotel prior to dinner.

Day 7, Saturday 21st Sept.

Pamukkale

Today we visit Hierapolis the Travertines and the Martyrium of St Philip. The Turkish name for this area is Pamukkale, meaning 'Cotton Castle'. This has been declared a World Heritage Site and put under the protection of UNESCO. We will have another chance to swim in the thermal pool (a wonderful experience, just what you need after a hard day of touring!) before Mass at the hotel prior to dinner.

Day 8, Sunday 22nd Sept.

Sardis/Philadelphia/Kusadasi:

We stay for 2 nights here. Mass in our hotel prior to departure. We Visit Sardis (Revelation 3: 1-6), one of the Seven Churches. This site was the Capital of the ancient kingdom of Lydia. Here a church was built on the foundations of the Temple of Artemis. We see the restored gymnasium and a 3rd century AD synagogue, which all testify to the city's past splendour and wealth. We pass by Philadelphia, two more of the Seven Churches. Return to our hotel.

Day 9, Monday 23rd Sept.

Kusadasi/Ephesus:

Today is the highlight of your pilgrimage. We visit the famous site of Ephesus, which is situated in the Turkish town of Selcuk. This is another of the Seven Churches of the Book of Revelation. St Paul arrived here in 52 AD. He spent 2 years here preaching against the cult of Artemis. We visit the Library of Celsus, the Amphitheatre, the Double Church of St Mary, where two Councils of the Early Church were held in 431 AD and 449 AD. We will have lunch followed by a visit to the Basilica of St John, which was built on the tomb of the apostle in the 6th century. Mass will be at "Mary's House" situated on Nightingale Mountain, overlooking Ephesus. It is here that "Mary" is believed to have spent the last years of her life along with other holy women. St John brought "Our Lady" here after the crucifixion. This Marian Shrine was discovered in 1891, as a result of the revelations of a German nun, Venerable Anna-Katharina Emmerich (1774 – 1824). Return to hotel for dinner.

Day 10, Tuesday 24th Sept.

Izmir/Istanbul/Home:

Transfer from hotel to Izmir Airport for return flight to London. Depending on the time of departure we may have a chance to have Mass at Our Lady's house.

*This itinerary is subject to change owing to circumstances beyond our control.
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PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Return flights from London Heathrow/Gatwick with Turkish airlines
- ✓ Generous in-flight meals
- ✓ Half board accommodation
- ✓ Transfers
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- ✓ 4-star hotels for the rest of your stay
- ✓ Entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✓ Executive coach for touring
- ✓ Professional local guide
- ✓ Airport Taxes and government charges
- ✓ Luggage labels & badge
- ✓ Check-in luggage + hand carry
- ✓ ATOL protection contribution

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance
- Lunches
- Visa £15 approx. (payable at the airport)
- Tips and Gratuities £20 per person for 10 days
- Single room supplement £235 for 7 nights (limited availability)

Price is based on two people sharing a twin/double bedded room.

Note: This pilgrimage involves much travelling by coach in order to visit the various historical/archaeological sites. All sites we visit will be the remains of old churches and Synagogues dating from the time of Saints John and Paul.



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HOW TO BOOK:

- Fill in our booking form which you can request from Mrs Mozzi
- Deposit required to secure your place: **£250 (by card or by cheque)**
- Final balance to be paid: 2 months prior to travel

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