

2020 BJU Journeys of Paul Tour

A Tour of Turkey and Greece

With an Optional Extension to Rome

Key Facts

- *Dates:* October 4–14, 2020; with the optional extension to Rome: October 4–16.
- *Tour Director:* Gary Reimers, BJU seminary adjunct professor and pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina.
- *Total Cost:* \$4100 for the standard tour (Turkey/Greece); for the Rome extension add \$1400.
- *Tour Website:* journeystour.bju.edu
- *Registration:* \$500 deposit per person (this amount applies toward the total cost).
- *Early Reservation:* complete your application by June 1 to receive a \$100 discount.

Components of the Tour Package

- Round-trip, economy-class air travel from Newark (if you purchase your own overseas flights and meet the group in Istanbul, the *land only* cost for the standard tour is \$3000).
- Regional flight from Istanbul to Denizli; [flight from Athens to Rome with extension](#).
- All land travel by deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with English-speaking local guides.
- Double-occupancy hotel accommodations (private room fee: \$450; with extension: \$700) and double-occupancy standard inside cabin during cruise.
- Breakfast and dinner daily, lunch on the cruise if aboard during lunch service; with [extension, breakfast in Rome daily and 1 dinner](#).
- Entrance fees at all itinerary sites as well as tips for tour guides, drivers and hotel staff.

Not Included in the Tour Price

- Transportation between your home and Newark (EWR).
- Passport fees, excess baggage fees, or service charges for special needs.
- Lunches, bottled water, snacks, and any beverages that are not included with the hotel meals; with [extension, 1 dinner in Rome](#).
- Optional port tour of Santorini (\$89 per person) or optional outside cabin on the cruise ship (standard \$170, premium \$230).
- Souvenirs, personal items, phone calls, laundry service, or travel insurance.

Reservation and Payment Procedures

- For all questions, contact Dr. Reimers by email (greimers@bju.edu), phone (864-907-3657), or regular mail (Seminary 219, 1700 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, SC 29614).
- Register online through the [Registration](#) page of the tour website, where you can access the Registration Form as well as the Credit Card Payment Form to submit your deposit (American Express, Visa, MasterCard or Discover). To pay by check (payable to *Bob Jones University*), remit to Dr. Reimers at the address above.
- Download the [Tour Terms and Conditions](#), open the document to sign and date electronically ([instructions](#)), then submit by email attachment to [Dr. Reimers](#). If you prefer, you can print the form, sign and date it, and then either scan it and return by email attachment or mail to Dr. Reimers at the mailing address above (the form is also available on the tour website).
- Seating is limited (first-come basis). A reservation is not confirmed until we have received the signed form and your deposit (\$100 of the deposit amount is not refundable).
- Final payment is due by Thursday, June 11, 2020. Please do not submit partial payments.
- Those desiring three hours of college or seminary credit must register through the BJU Registrar's Office (September), which will charge a \$65 tuition fee to your student account.

Tour Itinerary

Sunday, October 4

Board the plane in **Newark** (EWR) for our overnight flight to **Turkey**.

Monday, October 5

Arrive at **Ataturk International Airport** in **Istanbul**. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and a good rest in preparation for our first day of touring. *Overnight in Istanbul.*

Tuesday, October 6

Ascend to the top of the **Galata Tower** for a beautiful view of Istanbul's **Old City** and the **Golden Horn**. Explore **Haghia Sophia**, the masterpiece of Byzantine architecture and the largest church in Christendom for 1000 years. Visit **Haghia Eirene**, the first church to be built in Constantinople and site of the Second Church Council in 381. Tour the **Dolmabahçe Palace** along the Bosphorus, a monument to the extravagance of the later Ottoman Sultans. Enter the beautiful **Blue Mosque** for a first-hand view of Islamic prayer practices. *Overnight in Istanbul.*

Wednesday, October 7

Transfer to the airport for the morning flight to Denizli. Explore **Laodicea**, where you can walk along the colonnaded streets and among the excavations of this remarkable ancient city. Climb the unexcavated hill of **Colossae**; then marvel at the stunning white travertine terraces of **Pamukkale** (Turkish for "Cotton Castle") formed by natural mineral waters flowing down the hillside. In **Hierapolis** view the ancient theater, the Plutonium, the temple of Apollo, and the Arch of Domitian, then walk through the impressive necropolis. *Overnight in Denizli.*

Thursday, October 8

Travel to **Miletus**, where Paul said a final farewell to the pastors from the various churches in the vicinity of Ephesus. Tour **Didyma**, an ancient Greek city with a Temple of Apollo dating to the 7th century BC. Continue to our hotel on the shores of the **Aegean Sea**. *Overnight in Kuşadası.*

Friday, October 9

Explore **Ephesus**, one of the world's finest archaeological sites. Stroll down the **Arcadian Way** to view the **Temple of Hadrian**, the **Fountain of Trajan** and the splendid façade of the **Library of Celsus**. Examine the **Terrace Houses** and then sit in the **Great Theater** where an idolatrous mob rioted against the gospel. See the ruins of the **Church of the Virgin Mary**, site of the Third Church Council in AD 431; the abandoned location of the **Temple of Artemis**; and the **Basilica of St. John**, where the Apostle John is buried. Finally, visit the **Ephesus Museum** to see many important ancient artifacts. *Overnight in Kuşadası.*

Saturday, October 10

Board a cruise ship to sail to the Greek island of **Patmos**, where John was in exile when he wrote the book of Revelation. Visit the cave where he lived, which is near the site of the **Monastery of the Apocalypse**, and ascend the hill to the **Monastery of St. John**, built on one of the island's highest points, which houses priceless artifacts and manuscripts in its treasury. Enjoy the magnificent view as well as some leisure time to stroll along the seaside shops of this picturesque island before boarding the ship for the overnight cruise to **Crete**. *Overnight on board.*

Sunday, October 11

Crete is the largest and the most rugged of the Greek Islands. Explore **Heraklion** and the amazing ruins of the **Palace of Knossos**. Discovered in 1899 and partially reconstructed, this is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. Board the ship again for the next stop: the island of **Santorini**, perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. Enjoy a cable car ride up to the town of **Fira** to stroll the narrow streets lined with open-air cafes and glittering boutiques. Return to the ship for dinner and the cruise towards Athens. *Overnight on board.*

Monday, October 12

After disembarking, drive along the coastal road to **Corinth**, where Paul ministered for 18 months. View the **Temple of Apollo**, the **bema**, the **Lechaion Way**, the **Erastus inscription**, and much more. Ascend to the top of the nearby Acropolis to learn about the pagan worship practices performed there as well as enjoy the spectacular overview of the ancient city below. After viewing the amazing **Corinth Canal**, travel to **Cenchreae**, the ancient port where the Apostle Paul stopped during his 2nd missionary journey and had his hair cut to fulfill a vow. Return to Athens to enjoy a memorable dinner in the historic **Plaka**. *Overnight in Athens.*

Tuesday, October 13

Tour ancient **Athens**, examining the world-renowned **Acropolis** with the **Propylaia** entrance, the **Temple of Athena Nike**, the **Erechtheion** (with its Porch of the Caryatids), and of course the **Parthenon**. In addition, ascend **Mars Hill** (Areopagus) and stroll through the ancient **agora**. Visit the **Acropolis Museum** to examine the countless fascinating ancient artifacts. End the day with a **panoramic bus tour** viewing the House of Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Olympic Stadium and the Presidential Palace. *Overnight in Athens.*

Wednesday, October 14

Those concluding the tour will transfer to the airport for the flight back to **Newark** (EWR) and your connecting flight home.

Optional Extension to Rome

Wednesday, October 14

Transfer to the airport for a morning flight to **Rome**. The tour begins with the magnificent ruins of the ancient city, including the **Coliseum**, the **Arch of Titus**, the **Roman Forum**, the **Mamertine Prison** and the **Pantheon**. In the evening enjoy a delicious Italian dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight in Rome.*

Thursday, October 15

Stroll through the luxurious **Vatican Museum**, which houses inestimable treasures, ending with the **Sistine Chapel** and Michelangelo's stunning frescos. Continue in the **Vatican** by touring **St. Peter's Basilica**, including an opportunity to view the city from the top of the enormous dome. Examine the exquisite architecture as well as various works of art, including Michelangelo's *Pietà*. The day will also include a tour of the **Catacombs** located beneath the city and some free time for shopping. The evening will be at your leisure to enjoy the food, sights and sounds of this fascinating city. *Overnight in Rome.*

Friday, October 16

Transfer to the airport for the flight to **Newark** (EWR) and your connecting flight home.