

THE  
JOURNEYS  
OF PAUL  
IN TURKEY

with **Olene Carroll &  
Nancy Fischer**



**For Christian Scientists and Their Friends**

*Your Journey Includes:*

Roundtrip Airfare  
Superior First Class Hotels  
Deluxe Motorcoaches  
Breakfast Buffet & Dinner Daily  
Bible Talks by Olene & Nancy  
Guided Sightseeing with Tuli Ciftci Gokkadar

*Departure from:*

**New York**  
**May 4-19, 2012**  
**\$5,029**

*Cash discount price.*

**To guarantee a seat register by 2/04/12**

**MAY 4** – Your journey begins as you depart from New York on your international flight.

**MAY 5** – You will arrive in **Istanbul** and continue to **Hatay** by plane. You will check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**MAY 6** – After breakfast you will drive to **Antioch**, the place where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians. Here you will visit the **Church of St. Peter**, a grotto discovered by the Crusaders and reputed to be the cave church where early Christians met in secret. At the **Mosaic Museum in Antioch** you will see an unusually rich collection of mosaics from this area. Following your visit at the museum, you will go to the **Seleucia Pieria**, the ancient port town of Antioch from which Paul and Barnabas set out on their first journey and where they returned afterwards. Finally, you will check into the hotel in Antioch for dinner and overnight.

**MAY 7** – After breakfast you will have an early departure from Antioch as you drive to **Tarsus**, the city where the Apostle Paul was born. You will visit the **Church of St. Paul** as well as the recently excavated remains of the **Roman Tarsus** in the town center. You will take a short walk to the site known as the **Well of St. Paul**. In the afternoon you will continue with a drive to **Cappadocia**, for dinner and overnight.

**MAY 8** – After breakfast you will have a full day of sightseeing in Cappadocia. You will visit **Göreme** where you will see remains of several hundred early churches, with rooms hollowed out of the cones of volcanic ash. Some of them are decorated with scratched frescoes depicting scenes from the Bible. You will drive through the **Zelve valley** on your way to **Kaymakli**, an underground city which was an early Christian center that extended downward in the earth for at least eight floors and housed several thousand people in the eighth and ninth centuries. You'll continue to **Uçhisar**, another of these early Christian communities, before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**MAY 9** – After breakfast you will have an early departure to drive to **Iconium** where Paul and Barnabas used the synagogue as their forum to address the local people. They angered the authorities there and were warned in time to escape being attacked. You will continue to **Derbe** where Paul visited twice. The Bible states that Paul and Barnabas spoke in Derbe and won many converts. You will then visit the area of ancient **Lystra** also

twice visited by Paul. It was here Paul healed a lame man and later was raised after being battered with stones. Here also Paul met Timothy who later accompanied him on some of his travels. You will visit the **Shrine of Mevlana** before going to the hotel in **Konya** (ancient Iconium) for dinner and overnight.

**MAY 10** – After breakfast you will depart and drive to **Yalvac**, ancient **Antioch of Pisidia**. Paul visited this town on his first missionary journey and it is here that he addressed the congregation in the synagogue on the Sabbath with his first recorded sermon. You will visit the excavations here and then continue to **Antalya** with a very scenic drive through the lakes and the rocky mountains. Dinner and overnight will be at the hotel in Antalya.

**MAY 11** – After breakfast you will begin with a visit to **Perga**, an ancient city even when Paul visited there. He and Barnabas went through Perga on their way from and to Antioch on their first journey. You will visit the **Perga Theater**, the **Agora Stadium**, and the columned streets. You will also visit **Aspendos**, one of the best preserved theaters in the world, and **Side** where you will see the museum, theater, and temple. Dinner and overnight will be in the port city of Antalya.

**May 12** – After breakfast you will drive to **Colosse** (Paul's letter to the Colossians) on the foothills of **Mount Honaz**. You will continue to **Laodicea**, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation, and **Hierapolis** where you will visit the monuments, thermal baths and the theater with its well preserved stage and **Temple of Apollo**. Dinner and overnight will be in **Pamukkale**.

**MAY 13** – After breakfast you will travel to **Philadelphia**, now called **Alasehir**. We'll see remains of a **Byzantine basilica** as well as some **eleventh century frescoes**. Philadelphia and Smyrna are two of the Seven Churches about which nothing bad was said by John. From there we'll travel to **Sardis**, one of the most picturesque areas of any of the Seven Churches. You'll see the remains of the **Temple of Artemis** as well as a small **Byzantine church**. Finally, you will proceed to **Izmir** (ancient **Smyrna**), one of the Seven Churches and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities of the world. You'll check in to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**MAY 14** – After breakfast you will leave Izmir and drive to **Ephesus**, the first of the Seven Churches, for a visit. You will see the amazing ruins of this great city: the **theater**, the **library**, the **Temple of**

**Hadrian** and the newly excavated **Roman Terrace Houses**. You will also visit the **Crisler Library**. After your visit in Ephesus you will return to Izmir for dinner and overnight.

**MAY 15** – After breakfast today you will leave for **Bergama** which is the site of ancient **Pergama**, another of the seven churches of Revelation. You will visit the **acropolis** there and see the impressive **theater**, the **Temple of Athena**, and other ruins of former civilizations. You will continue to **Odun Iskelesi** to visit the site and the port of **Alexandria-Troas** where Paul raised the boy, Eutychus. Paul visited this area at least twice. You will then go to **Canakkale** for dinner and overnight.

**MAY 16** – After breakfast today you will drive to **Iznik**. On the way you will pass through **Bursa**, the first capital of the Ottoman Sultans. Iznik is the site of ancient **Nicea** which is famous for the two ecumenical church councils held there to establish points of Christian orthodoxy. After your visit you will continue to **Istanbul** for dinner and overnight.

**MAY 17** – After breakfast today you will have a full day of sightseeing in **Istanbul**. You will visit the **Topkapi Palace**, built as a summer palace by Mehmet II and enlarged by Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent to be used as his primary residence. Topkapi was also the site of the 1964 film of the same name with Melina Mercouri and Maximilian Schell. You will continue to the impressive structure known as **Hagia (Saint) Sophia**. It was built as a church, converted to the principal mosque in Istanbul, and now a museum. From there you will go to the **Blue Mosque**, the primary mosque of Istanbul today and one of the finest creations of Turkish architecture. You will finish the day at the **Grand Bazaar** where you will have time for shopping. You will return to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

**MAY 18** – After breakfast you will visit **Suleiman's Mosque**, built by the Sultan in memory of his father. You'll stop by the **Church of Chora** before continuing with a boat tour on the **Bosporus** where you'll get a completely different perspective of Istanbul. You will return to the hotel for a **Farewell Dinner**, pack and get ready for your return trip home.

**MAY 19** – You will depart on your flight to the USA, filled with new insights and understandings of the land where so much of early Christian history unfolded.

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## PROGRAM CONDITIONS

**INCLUDED IN PRICE OF STANDARD PROGRAM:** Round trip airfare, transfers with group to/from airport; shared double room in first-class hotel; two meals daily; English speaking guide; transfer to and entrance fees for sites to be visited.

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:** Tips of \$215 to be collected on first day of tour and distributed by tour operator; Single room charges (see below); Additions or changes to the standard program (see below); individual transfers; travel insurance; laundry, coffee and drinks; excess baggage and items of a personal nature. Additional charge of \$202 for double occupancy and \$238 for single to pay by credit card.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** A deposit of \$500 is due with registration. Final payment is due FEBRUARY 4, 2012.

**SINGLE ROOMS:** When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. Single room supplement is \$800.

**ROOMMATES:** You will be charged for a single room if you do not have a roommate and/or Omega Travel cannot match you with one.

**MEALS:** Buffet breakfast and set menu dinner daily. All other meals are "on your own".

**LUGGAGE:** Limit of one checked bag per person with a maximum weight of 50 pounds and 62 inches total measurement (length, height and depth). One carry-on with a maximum weight of 17 pounds and not larger than 9 x 15 x 21 inches. In addition to the carry-on bag, passengers may take one personal item: purse, camera bag, briefcase, etc.

**TRANSFERS:** Transport between airport, hotel and piers is included in the standard program. However, those who request changes from standard program are responsible for their own transfers even when coinciding with group transfers.

**CHANGES FROM STANDARD PROGRAM:** Changes must be requested and approved in writing by Omega Travel. A minimum of \$150 will be charged and transfers to/from airports, etc. are not included.

**AIRLINE TICKETS:** Printed 45 days prior to departure, tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your European destination will be jet economy class aboard IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amenable tickets for groups of 10 or more passengers flying together for entire itinerary.

**FLIGHT TIMES:** Subject to change by airlines without advance notice. Omega Travel is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

**ITINERARY LENGTH:** Because airlines often change flight schedules after brochures are printed, Omega Travel reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly and, whenever possible, you will be notified in writing. If changes necessitate extra overnights, there will be additional charges.

**CANCELLATION FEES:** From the day of registration to 120 days prior to departure the \$100 non-refundable registration fee is the only charge. Thereafter, the following charges apply: 119-90 days: \$500; 89-60 days: 50% of total cost; 59-45 days: 75% of total cost; 44 days to day of departure: 100% of total cost. All refund claims must be received in writing.

**INSURANCE:** Omega Travel strongly recommends cancellation and trip insurance to cover the above fees. Insurance is \$341 for double occupancy, \$389 for single occupancy.

## STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

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No changes or deviations are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no person is authorized to cancel, modify, or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

All prices, itineraries and schedules are subject to regulations and changes thereof by acts of Government, International Agreement and Airline tariff adjustments, rules and regulations.

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**Enrollment in and payment for the tour, constitutes your acceptance of the Program Conditions and Statement of Responsibility.**

The program conditions become a binding contract when your enrollment and payment are received and accepted by Omega Travel in The Woodlands, Texas. Venue for any disputes is Montgomery County, Texas. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the state of Texas.

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