



The spectacular ruins of Ephesus.

FINALIZED TOUR COST TO FRIENDS OF MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY

Mount Angel Abbey

TURKEY 2012

14 Day Cradle of Christianity Biblical Tour
In the Footsteps of St. Paul, St. John & the Pilgrim Church

May 14-27, 2012

\$3,595 per person in twin from Portland**

**Confirmed cost includes all air taxes and surcharges effective 7/15/11, subject to change.

Mass celebrated daily at selected sites.

Led by: Fr. Odo Recker, O.S.B. & LaVern Hayworth, Associate Director of Oblates

Final Itinerary & General Conditions with Cancellation Penalties are enclosed on a separate insert.

PRICE INCLUDES: Round trip air from Portland; 12 nights accommodations at first class hotels sharing 2-bedded rooms with private bath; full breakfast & dinner daily; full schedule of sightseeing by private coaches; services of full time English-speaking guide; entrance fees to sites visited; hotel & air taxes.

NOT INCLUDED: Items not specified, e.g. all lunches and extra meals; optional cancellation insurance (\$180); group gratuities (\$110 per person will be collected); optional sightseeing; air taxes & fuel charges increase if any.

Single Room Supplement: \$650

**Any Questions,
Contact LaVern Hayworth
Tel: 541-567-9708
Email: zerny@bossig.com**

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Second payment of \$500 per person is due with completed form below **no later than Mon., August 1, 2011.**



Final payment + \$180 optional cancellation insurance is due no later than Friday, February 24, 2012.

CONFIRMED HOTELS

Istanbul: **TITANIC CITY HOTEL** www.titanic.com.tr

Antakya: **BUYUK ANTAKYA OTELİ**
www.buyukantakyaoteli.com

Cappadocia: **LYKİA LODGE HOTEL** www.lykialodge.com

Konya, **RİXOS HOTEL** www.rixos.com

Pamukkale: **COLOSSAE THERMAL HOTEL**
www.colossaehotel.com

Izmir: **MÖVENPICK HOTEL** www.moevenpickhotels.com

Canakkale, **KOLİN HOTEL** www.kolinhotel.com

Istanbul: Titanic City Hotel

(Hotels subject to modification.)

SECOND PAYMENT FORM

Group 2012-2 Mount Angel Abbey TURKEY 2012: May 14-27, 2012 (14 Days/12 Nights)

Enclosed is my (our) second payment check for \$____ (\$500 per person x ___ # of persons) due August 1, 2011.

**Checks payable to:
GTA TOURS**

MAIL TO:

**LaVern Hayworth
825 West Quince Ave.
Hermiston, OR 97838**

ATT: Turkey May 2012

My Name is: (Rev./Mr./Mrs./Ms) _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Tel: Home _____ Cell _____ Email: _____

Valid U.S. Passport required—must be valid until at least **Oct 14, 2012**, that is 6 months beyond departure. Please enclose a copy of passport with second payment if you have a valid passport now.

MOUNT ANGEL –CRADLE OF CHRISTIANITY STUDY TOUR TO TURKEY: MAY 14-27, 2012

FOLLOWING the FOOTSTEPS of ST. PAUL 12 NIGHTS/14 DAYS



2012

Cost Per Person in Twin from Portland Oregon: \$3,595 Single Room Supplement: \$650

(Includes airfare from Portland, air taxes, 12 nights first class hotel accommodations, breakfast & dinner daily, full schedule of sightseeing with private guide throughouts, hotels taxes, transfers. Air Taxes Subject to Change.)

May 14 (Monday), 2012: Leave Portland, Oregon

May 15/Tues. - İstanbul

Arrive in İstanbul, only city on the world that is founded on two continents. Meet with your guide and transfer to the hotel. This evening welcome dinner will be served at an authentic Turkish restaurant. (D)

May 16/Wed.- İstanbul

Full day sightseeing in İstanbul. Visit the site of one of the biggest Hippodromes in the Roman World for 200.000 people, with Egyptian Obelisk and the Serpent Column. From here proceed to the 17th century Blue Mosque, world famous for the beauty of blue Iznik tiles. Visit the Church of St Sophia (6th c. AD), a masterpiece Byzantine Christian Architecture and one of the oldest and biggest cathedrals of the world. Visit Topkapı Palace, the residence of the Ottoman Sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries to see the famous Topkapı Dagger and one of the biggest diamonds of the world: The Spoon Maker's Diamond. At the end of the day visit one of the oldest shopping malls of the world. The Covered Bazaar from 15th century with more than 4000 shops with carpets, jewellery, tiles and souvenirs. Overnight in İstanbul. Tonight dinner will be served at a local restaurant. (B,D)



May 17/Thurs.- İstanbul – Adana - Antakya

In the morning transfer to the airport for a short flight to Adana. Adana is the centre of the cotton industry. And also home to 5,000 US service men/women at Incirlik Airbase. Drive to Antakya, ancient Antiochia where the Christians were first called as "Christians" here (Acts 11:26). St. Paul and St. Barnabas used the city as a missionary headquarters. Visit the Grotto of St. Peter, a cave made into a church in 1198. Then visit the Archaeology Museum which is world famous for the unique collection of late Roman and Byzantine mosaics found in Daphne and its environments. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Antakya. (B,D)

May 18/Fri.- Antakya – Tarsus - Cappadocia

Morning drive to Tarsus, the birthplace of St. Paul (Acts 9:11-30, 21:39, 22:3,25-29).

Tarsus was one of the greatest cities of the ancient world together with Athens, Alexandriapolis and Constantinopolis. The city is also the site where Mark Anthony first met Kleopatra and fell in love. Visit the so called Well of St Paul and the partially excavated ancient avenue of Tarsus. Afternoon drive to Cappadocia for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

May 19/Sat. - Cappadocia. Full day tour of Cappadocia. Cappadocia is a unique site in the world with, fantastic volcanic landscapes, underground cities of early Christians and thousands of rock cut churches with fantastic fresco paintings. Cappadocia is under the protection UNESCO Cultural Department as a unique World Heritage Site. The roots of monastic life goes back to Cappadocia. St Basil of Caseria established and encouraged monastic life in Cappadocia which had led to thousands of monastic communities during the medieval times. St Paul travelled on the outskirts of Cappadocia which explains the existence of many churches in Cappadocia. Your visits will include, Göreme and Paşabağ open air museums to visit the churches with the best preserved fresco paintings. You will also visit the Uçisar and Güvercinlik valleys to enjoy the magnificent landscape of Cappadocia. A drive by Avanos village, famous for handmade pottery production since the times of Hittites. Overnight in Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Cappadocia. (B,D)



May 20/Sun.- Cappadocia - Konya

Morning visit to one of the underground cities of Cappadocia. Underground cities must have been established by early Christians, escaping from persecutions. Drive to Konya, en route stop by Sultanhan, a Seljukian caravanserai from 13th century on silk road. Arrive in Konya, ancient Iconium which was the capital of the Seljuk Turks and famous for being home of the 13th century Islamic mystic 'Rumi', founder of the Whirling Dervishes order. St. Paul and Barnabas visited Iconium on their first missionary journey (Acts 14:1-6). Dinner and overnight at hotel in Konya. (B,D)

May 21/Mon.- Konya - Psidian Antiochia –Laodicea - Hierapolis - Pamukkale

Drive to Psidian Antiochia, a very rich Roman metropolis, by the foot of impressive Taurus mountain range It was here, in Pisidian Antioch where Apostle Paul delivered his first recorded sermon in Asia Minor. (Acts 13:16)(Acts 13:44). Visit the synagogue and the churches of the city together with the temple and the theatre. Continue to Laodicea which was one of the seven churches of Asia Minor (Rev 3:14-22) where John called the Christians "Lukewarm". Recent Turkish excavations on the site are revealing the walls of a what might have been a monumental church. Then to Hierapolis where Apostle Philip came to spread the Christianity, and is believed to have lived and martyred here. Hierapolis is mentioned in St. Paul's epistle to the Colossians (Colossian 4:13). Explore one of the richest cemetery grounds of the ancient world, the main Domitian Gate and the main avenue.



Visit the white travertine cascades of Pamukkale. Pamukkale is a unique site in the world, declared as World Heritage Site by UNESCO Cultural Department. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Pamukkale. (B,D)

May 22/Tues. - : Pamukkale – Philadelphia – Sardis - İzmir

Morning drive to ancient Philadelphia to see the remaining walls of a monumental church. Philadelphia together with Symrna was one of the two seven churches of Asia Minor which did not receive any criticism about applications of Christianity. Then continue to Sardis, the capital city of Lydian Kingdom. Sardis was one of the very rich metropolises of Asia Minor with crowded populations of Jews which might have enabled the Good News to spread more quickly. The site is presently under the excavation of Harvard and Berkeley Universities. The city was where the richest man on earth, King Croesus enjoyed an incredible power and wealth. Lydians invented and minted the first coins in the world. Visit one of the oldest synagogues of the world which was later converted into a church. Also visit the monumental Artemis Temple and the impressively restored Roman Imperial Hall. Drive to İzmir (ancient Smyrna) which is one of the seven churches (Rev 2: 8-11). St. Polycarp was the bishop of Smyrna, one of the disciples of St. John.



Check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight . (B,D)

May 23/Wed.- Ephesus. Today visit the glorious city of Ephesus (Rev 1:11, 2:1-7) (Acts 18:19-28, 19:1-41 Ephesians).

Ephesus was the capital city of Roman Province of Asia Minor; the site of One of the Seven Wonders of the World; Temple of Artemis, and the site of the third richest library of the ancient world; Celsus library. St. Paul came to Ephesus in 54 AD and stayed for three years. He preached the Gospel, gained followers and also established the church of Ephesus. St John (author of Revelations according to the New Testament) also spend his last years in Ephesus. St. John is believed to have been buried within the Basilica of St John. A strong tradition in the Catholic Church claims that St. John brought Virgin Mary to Ephesus and she ascended to heaven from Ephesus. Your visit to Ephesus will include the archaeological site, the Basilica of St John and the House of Virgin Mary. Dinner and overnight in İzmir. (B,D)



May 24/Thurs.- İzmir – Pergamon – Çanakkale

In the morning drive to Bergama-ancient Pergamon (Rev 2:12-17). Early Christian martyr Antipas was tortured to death here. Pergamon was the site of many temples to pagan Gods. Yet Christianity took a stronghold here as early as 2nd century, attested by the monumental size of Basilica of St. John. We have no evidence about Paul visiting in Pergamon. But it is clear that he walked through the area as he was on his way to Macedonia. Pergamon was the capital city of Hellenistic Kingdom of Pergamon. Pergamenese Library was the second richest library of the ancient world after the library in Alexandria, Egypt. The city of Pergamon was also where parchment paper was invented. Here you will visit the Basilica of St John (The Red Church), the temples of Zeus and Emperor Trajan, the Hellenistic theatre and the library site. Short drive to the hospital site of Pergamon, named as Asklepion. Asklepion was among the three most famed hospitals of the ancient world. Dinner and overnight in Çanakkale. (B,D)



May 25/Fri.- Çanakkale –Nicaea / İznik - İstanbul

Morning depart for İznik which is ancient Nicaea ; visit the site of St.Sophia Church where the Ecumenical Councils were held in 325 AD and 787 AD . This historical town is worldwide know with its magnificent faience pottery making "İznik Tiles" .. After continue to catch the ferry for corssing the Sea of Marmara and check into your hotel in Istanbul Festive farewell dinner at local İstanbul restaurant.



May 26/Sat- İstanbul

After having breakfast drive by the shores of Golden Horn and partly by following the Theodosian City Walls arrive at Chora Museum, 'Church of St. Saviour in Chora'. A masterpiece in the Byzantine art with its well preserved mosaics and frescoes.

In the afternoon visit the world famous and exotic spice bazaar and tour the fabulous Greek Patriarchate, known as the "Greek Vatican". Then drive back to your hotel. Dinner at hotel .

May 27/Sun - Transfer to the airport for your return flight.

MOUNT ANGEL –CRADLE OF CHRISTIANITY

STUDY TOUR TO TURKEY: MAY 14-27, 2012

GENERAL CONDITIONS & CANCELLATION PENALTIES

TOUR PRICING reflects discount if payment by check or cash; there is a 3.5 % surcharge for payment by credit card –Master Card or Visa only is accepted.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Regularly scheduled economy class service on any IATA or ARC carrier. Air transportation based on fares in effect July 2011, subject to change.

TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS: All tour prices herein are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect July 2011. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms with two beds and private facilities throughout.

DOCUMENTS: Carry valid U.S. passport and another photo ID.

CANCELLATIONS: Full refund for cancellations received in writing less \$200 fee up to 120 days prior to departure. In addition, airline tickets are nonrefundable from the day they are issued, which is sometimes several months before departure. Additional Cancellation fees: 120-91 days prior: \$1200; 90-61 days prior: \$2000; 60-10 days prior: up to total cost.

BAGGAGE: One (1) standard size checked suitcase and carry-on that will fit under aircraft seat.

GROUP SIZE: Rates herein are based on a minimum of 46 passengers.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agent and the tour operator, GTA TOURS d/b/a/ GTA TOURS, POB 1008, Madison, CT 06443, Tel: 203-245-8980, or their agents act(s) only as agent(s) in all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations for transportation, accommodations, tours and/or other arrangements and assumes no responsibility for liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which is used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passengers; neither this travel agency nor any of its representatives shall be, or become liable for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which ticket or coupons have been issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made. Additional expenses if any, shall be borne by the passengers; conversely, refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. Also, in the event that sufficient persons are not secured for a particular tour, we reserve the right to cancel said tour, and a refund of monies paid will release the company of any further obligation. All arrangements for accommodations, transportation and sightseeing are made by the tour operator and/or their agents. The passage contract in use by companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchase of these tours and/or passage by the airlines concerned and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance.

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