

Turkey – Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul & the Early Church

February 21-March 7, 2020

Pre-registration: www.mvnu.edu/bibletrips/

Projected tour cost (course fees): \$4,550 per person (double occupancy)
This is an all-inclusive cost*. See inclusions and exclusions below.

Cost Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare between Columbus, Ohio – Istanbul, Turkey and return via Athens, Greece
- Flight from Izmir, Turkey to Athens, Greece
- 14 nights in 3 -5-star hotels in Turkey and Greece
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Any escorted transfers (airport – hotel – airport)
- Daily breakfast and dinners
- Transportation by private, air conditioned/heated, bus throughout the tour
- English speaking professional tour guides
- Entrance fees to all scheduled sites and museums
- Bosphorus boat ride, ferry costs, tolls, parking
- Service charges and local taxes and tips to hotel and restaurant staff, portage for one piece of luggage
- Minimum tips for tour guides and drivers
- Travel bag, maps, t-shirt

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Cost Excludes:

- Lunches and all drinks (approx. \$6-15 per meal), snacks or any drinks for lunch or dinner (approx. \$3-5 per meal). Coffee, milk and juice are included in the breakfasts.
- Turkish visa: \$20 for US citizens to be obtained upon arrival **OR** purchased online in advance at www.evisa.gov.tr
- Personal expenses, such as souvenirs, snacks, and in-room Wi-Fi service (some hotels may charge extra)
- Additional travel and health insurance (beyond MVNU's group travel insurance; see below)
- Any other service which is not mentioned above.

Schedule of payments*:

- April 1, 2019: \$100 enrollment fee due (refundable)
- September 15, 2019: 50% of payment due: (approx. \$2,225)
- November 1, 2019: final payment due: (approx. \$2,225) + any single room supplements of \$675 each.
- **Pay directly to our travel agency, *Tutku Tours*, through this [secure website](#). If you don't have a VISA or MasterCard, please make checks out to Jeanne Serrao (Memo: Turkey-Greece) and send to:**

Dr. Jeanne Serrao
Turkey-Greece 2020 Trip Director
MVNU
800 Martinsburg Rd.
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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Tour delays, cancellation and refund policy: *Tutku Tours* is not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and cannot reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from delays, re-issuance of air tickets, etc. In event of cancellation, there will be a fee of \$100 for *Tutku Tours* to cover administrative costs. In addition, the following scale of charges may apply when notice of cancellation is given in writing after the booking is confirmed:

- 120-90 days prior to departure – no penalty
- 89-60 days prior to departure – 10% of total tour price
- 59-45 days prior to departure – 25% of total tour price
- 44-30 days prior to departure – 50% of total tour price
- 29-15 days prior to departure – 75% of total tour price
- 14 days and later – No refund

All cancellation notifications must be made in writing to *Tutku Tours*. Please allow 4 weeks for cancellation refund processing.

Travel insurance (extra): This will cover medical, legal as well as any costs incurred due to trip cancellation or mix-up in travel plans. We do encourage you to get this insurance. A brochure with travel insurance information will be added to the website when available.

Money Exchange – Turkey uses the Lira, Greece uses the Euro. You can change money in the U.S.A. or when we get to Istanbul and Athens. You can also use credit cards quite easily and get cash out at ATM machines. We recommend that you have some Euros with you to use in the first couple of days. First Knox Bank here in Mount

Vernon, OH usually carries Euros. Ask your local bank. Visit www.xe.com/currencyconverter/ for up to date currency exchange rates.

Baggage Allowance: Due to space limitations on the buses, we have included portage for only one check-on bag (width + length + height cannot exceed 62 inches and maximum weight must be 50 pounds) in tour cost. You may also take one carry-on bag that will fit under your airline seat or in the overhead compartment.

Educational Opportunities*:

If you are planning to take this tour for course credit, **you need to register** for the course with the MVNU registrar's office for undergraduate or graduate credit. **Your pre-registration form does not enroll you automatically in a course. Please [visit the website](#) for available courses.**

**Course availability may be dependent on number of students registered. Credit is available for both undergraduate and graduate levels. Courses are not required for alumni and friends of MVNU.*

Tour-Only Participants:

Even though you are not taking this tour for course credit, you are welcome to attend the evening sessions and lectures, taking advantage of the expert faculty leading this tour.

Passport:

- How to apply for a **first** passport:
 - http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html
- How to get your passport **renewed**:
 - http://travel.state.gov/passport/renew/renew_830.html

Make sure your passport is valid at least 6 months *beyond* your travel dates. This means that if your passport expires prior to September 7, 2020, you need to get it renewed before the trip. Airline personnel here in the U.S.A. will deny boarding to anyone whose passport does not comply.

Please make five (5) copies of your passport, give two to Dr. Serrão, keep one for yourself and put it somewhere other than with your passport, give one to your roommate/spouse to keep in their belongings and have one designated for *Tutku Tours*.

Tutku Tours will need to know your legal passport name by September 15, 2019. This will allow the travel agency to provide correct, complete and complete legal names to the airline. Even if someone doesn't have their passport yet by that time, they should still know the name in which their passport will be issued.

Preventing Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Discriminatory Conduct Training and Test

- MVNU students/faculty/staff - Preventing Sexual Harassment Training and Test – Link to be available soon
- Everyone else not directly affiliated with MVNU – [Title IX Guest Compliance Form](#); please return this form signed and dated to Dr. Serrão.
Due Date: September 1, 2019

U.S. State Department reports on Israel and Jordan:

- [Turkey](#)
- [Greece](#)

Weather:

February/March: Might have some rain; temperatures in the low 50s-40s during the day and in the 40s & 30s at night.

When we get closer to the time of leaving, check the weather reports for Turkey & Greece so you will know better how to pack.

You can check Turkey and Greece's weather online at:

- [Turkey](#)
- [Greece](#)

Due Dates:

- NOW! [Pre-register](#) for the trip and begin process to get a valid passport, if you don't have one already.
- **May 15, 2019:**
\$100 enrollment fee
- **September 15, 2019:**
50% of payment due: (approx. \$2,225)
Preventing Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Discriminatory Conduct Training & Test (both for MVNU and non-MVNU travelers)
- **November 1, 2019:**
Final payment due: (approx. \$2,225) + any single room supplements of \$675
Medical Release and Medical History for Travel Experiences
Assumption of Risk and Release Form
Permission to Share Information
Two (2) copies of passport sent in to Dr. Serrão.

- **February 21, 2020:** Leave for Turkey and Greece Trip! (Pre-trip class meetings as in course syllabus)

Send Documents:

If you're sending your documents via U.S. Post Office, please send them to:

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