

**LAND & AIR:** \$4,990 per person double occupancy  
\$1,250 single room supplement (we make every effort to pair singles with another single but cannot guarantee a roommate)

**INCLUDED TOUR FEATURES:**

- Round-trip airfare between Portland and Istanbul
- Istanbul-Cappadocia domestic flight
- Izmir – Istanbul flight
- 2 Nights at 5 star Dedeman Hotel in Cappadocia
- 2 Nights at 5 star Dedeman Hotel in Antalya
- 5 nights at GULET WOODEN SAIL BOAT
- 1 night at 5 star Lycus River Hotel in Pamukkale
- 1 nights at 4 star Onder Hotel in Kusadasi
- 2 nights at Special Class Germir Palas Hotel in Istanbul
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All escorted transfers
- Daily open buffet breakfasts at hotels
- 5 dinners at Gulet
- 7 dinners at hotels
- 1 Farewell Dinner in Istanbul (Seafood restaurant in Kumkapi district)
- 4 lunches on board Gulet
- 6 lunches at local restaurants
- Transportation by private, air-conditioned bus
- English-speaking, professional tour guide throughout the tour
- All entry fees to the sites & museums
- Luggage portage at hotels
- Tips for the hotel and restaurant staff
- Service charges & local taxes
- Tips for the tour guide and driver (\$5 per person per day for the guide - \$2 for the driver)

**EXCLUDED TOUR FEATURES:**

- Drinks which are not listed above
- All personal expenses, such as souvenirs, and any other items or services that are not listed above
- Turkish visa fee (\$20 per person to be purchased online at least 24 hours before departure)
- Liability insurance paid to VBC. (Cost TBD. Approximately \$35.)

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

- \$200 deposit: June 16, 2014 (refundable until October 1)
- Full payment: January 9, 2015

15-20 days prior to departure: You will receive the airline e-tickets.

**CANCELLATION PENALTY:**

- 90-60 days prior to departure: No Penalty
- 59-45 days prior to departure: 10%
- 44-30 days prior to departure: 25%
- 29-15 days prior to departure: 50%
- 14-7 days prior to departure: 75%
- 6 days & after No refund

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN A VILLAGE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.**

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel insurance may be purchased as a separate package. It is an agreement contracted directly between the traveler and the insurance company. **Travel insurance is recommended but not required.**

**TURKISH VISA:** US citizens must get the Turkish Visa online at [www.evisa.gov.tr](http://www.evisa.gov.tr). Citizens of ALL other countries are responsible for checking their own countries' visa regulations for travel.

**GULET TIPS:** Please do not wear street shoes on deck. Bring soft shoes or slippers. All cabins have shower and toilet but rooms are small. Water is limited on board, use it carefully. There will be free time for swimming. Do not forget to bring your swimming suits. You will have extra towels and snorkeling equipment on board.

**TOUR LEADERS**



**Dr. John Johnson** is Lead Pastor of Village Baptist Church in Beaverton, Oregon and Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon.



**Dr. Ken Wilmot** is a Western Seminary graduate with extensive experience in co-leading study tours in the Middle East and Turkey.

# Early Church Biblical Study Tour

Paul's journeys with focus on the Mediterranean

May 6 - 20, 2015

Presented by Village Baptist Church  
Tour operated by Tutku Tours – Izmir, Turkey





## Trip Itinerary

**Wednesday, May 06: Depart Portland For Istanbul**

**Thursday, May 07 : Arrive Istanbul – Fly to Cappadocia (Kayseri Airport)**

Upon arrival to Kayseri Airport, drive to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



**Friday, May 08: Cappadocia**

After breakfast, a full day of sightseeing: 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: drive through the Zelve valley on your way to Kaymaklı, 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; continue to Uçhisar, another early Christian community; hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Saturday, May 09: Cappadocia – Konya – Antalya**

Drive to Iconium where Paul and Barnabas used the synagogue as their forum to address the local people. Continue to Antalya with a very scenic drive through the lakes and the rocky mountains. Dinner and overnight.

**Sunday, May 10: Antalya**

Visit to Perge, an ancient city even when Paul visited there. See the Perge Theater, the Agora Stadium, and the columned streets. 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.



**Monday, May 11: Antalya – Myra – Board GULET (Wooden Yacht)**

A breathtaking drive along the Mediterranean coast. Visit the ancient site of Myra, with its lovely Roman theater and Lycian tombs. Today Myra is best known as the city of St. Nicholas, where he served as bishop in the fourth century A.D. After visiting Myra we will embark our private GULET (wooden yacht) where we will spend 5 nights. Dinner on board.

**Tuesday, May 12: Sail by Gulet to Simena – Kekova**

Visit Simena and see the ruins of the Sunken City. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on board.

**Wednesday, May 13: Sail by Gulet to Kas Village – Xanthos – Patara**

Leave the Gulet Boat at Kas Village. Visit to ancient Xanthos. Xanthos was ancient Lycia's largest and most important city. We'll then continue on to Patara, an ancient city visited by Paul (Acts 21:2) which features a beautiful theater and lighthouse. Dinner and overnight in Kalkan.



**Thursday, May 14: Sail by Gulet to Kalkan – Gemiler Island**

Hike up and see the ruins of the Byzantine Church at the island.

**Friday, May 15: Sail by Gulet to Fethiye**

Sail to Fethiye. Visit the ruins of Telmessos and Fethiye village. Overnight at Fethiye marina.

**Saturday, May 16: Fethiye – Leave Gulet – Drive to Pamukkale**

Leave Gulet boat and drive to Pamukkale, stopping in Colossae on the foothills of Mount Honaz. 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.



**Sunday, May 17: Ephesus – Kusadasi**

Drive to Ephesus, the first of the Seven Churches. 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. Dinner and overnight.

**Monday, May 18: Izmir Airport – Fly to Istanbul**

Depart to Izmir Airport for flight to Istanbul. Arrive at Istanbul Airport. Meet and transfer to the hotel. Following a short orientation of Istanbul, we will take a leisurely private boat tour along the Bosphorus, the legendary waterway that connects the Black Sea to the Mediterranean and divides Istanbul into two continents, Asia and Europe. Once the capital of two of the world's most important empires—the Byzantine and the Ottoman—Istanbul represents the best of both in its stunning monuments, architectural wonders and world class museums. Following the

Bosphorus cruise we will stroll through the colorful spice bazaar—famous the world over for its exotic spices and sweets. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



**Tuesday, May 19: Byzantium – Constantinople – Istanbul**

We explore the wonders of Istanbul. Beginning with the stunning, subterranean Basilica Cistern, we move on to the Golden Mile of the Egnatian Way, Hippodrome Square, and the breathtaking Blue Mosque as well as the magnificent, 1700-year-old Hagia Sophia. Afterwards, the Archaeological Museum—one of the most celebrated collections in the world. Among its treasures are the Siloam inscription, the Gezer calendar, and the stunning "Jerusalem mosaic" depicting Orpheus. Tonight, Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

**Wednesday, May 20: Istanbul Airport – Fly back to Portland**

