

The 7 Churches with Patmos Tour

Quick Summary

Day	Description	Accommodation
Day 1	ISTANBUL	Deluxe Golden Horn Hotel
Day 2	ISTANBUL	Deluxe Golden Horn Hotel
Day 3	ISTANBUL / SMYRNA / EPHESUS / LAODICEA / PAMUKKALE	Lycus River Thermal Hotel
Day 4	PAMUKKALE / SARDIS / PHILADELPHIA / THYATIRA / PERGAMON	Galenos Hotel
Day 5	PERGAMON / SMYRNA / KUSADASI	Suhan360 Hotel
Day 6	KUSADASI / PRIENE MILETUS / DIDYMA / KUSADASI	Suhan360 Hotel
Day 7	KUSADASI / PATMOS / KUSADASI	Suhan360 Hotel
Day 8	KUSADASI / IZMIR	

Itinerary Detail

Day 1: ISTANBUL



Today's Focus

Welcome to the beautiful City of Istanbul, the Country of Turkey!

You will arrive at the airport in Istanbul, one of our representatives will welcome you and provide you a brief introduction to the tour.

You will then be transferred to your hotel for an overnight stay in Istanbul.

HOTEL: DELUXE GOLDEN HORN ISTANBUL-DELUXE DOUBLE ROOM (or similar)

Arrival Transfer

On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your accommodations to check in.

DAILY SUMMARY

- **International Flights:** Generic: International Flight (Arrival)
- **Transportation:** Arrival Transfer
- **Accommodation:** Deluxe Golden Horn Hotel

GENERIC: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT (ARRIVAL)

International flight from the USA to Turkey.

Day 2: ISTANBUL



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Deluxe Golden Horn Hotel
- **Meals:** B, L

Today's Focus

Good Morning Istanbul! After you enjoy your breakfast at the hotel, you will begin a full-day sightseeing tour of Istanbul.

Istanbul is a major city in Turkey that straddles Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus Strait. Its Old City reflects the cultural influences of the many empires that once ruled here.

In the Sultanahmet district, the open-air, Roman-era Hippodrome was for centuries the site of chariot races, and Egyptian obelisks also remain. The iconic Byzantine Hagia Sophia features a soaring 6th-century dome and rare Christian mosaics.

You will first visit Topkapi Palace (harem section is optional), ancient Roman Hippodrome, Hagia Sophia. The Topkap? Palace, or the Seraglio, is a large museum in the east of the Faith district of Istanbul in Turkey.

In the 15th and 16th centuries, it served as the main residence and administrative headquarters of the Ottoman sultans.

Continue your journey to Sultanahmet tour with the Blue Mosque and stop at the Grand Covered Bazaar and will have free time to discover 4000 tiny shops in the passageways of the world's largest covered bazaar.

Many of the city's most famous buildings are in Sultanahmet, the center of old Istanbul. Once a church, then a mosque, and now a museum, the Hagia Sophia displays Byzantine mosaics.

Six minarets mark the Blue Mosque, while walkways wind underground at the Basilica Cistern, which once supplied

water to lavish Topkap? Palace nearby. Several museums border tranquil Gülhane Park, with its Bosphorus views.

End your day with an overnight stay in Istanbul.

HOTEL: DELUXE GOLDEN HORN ISTANBUL-DELUXE DOUBLE ROOM (or similar)

Day 3: ISTANBUL / SMYRNA / EPHESUS / LAODICEA / PAMUKKALE



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Domestic Flights:** Generic: Domestic Flight
- **Accommodation:** Lycus River Thermal Hotel
- **Meals:** B, L

GENERIC: DOMESTIC FLIGHT

Today's Focus

ready for a quick flight in the morning to Izmir.

You will enjoy your delicious breakfast at the hotel. Get

Izmir is a city on Turkey's Aegean coast. Known as Smyrna in antiquity, it was founded by the Greeks, taken over by the Romans, and rebuilt by Alexander the Great before becoming part of the Ottoman Empire in the 15th century.

Today, its expansive archaeological sites include the Roman Agora of Smyrna, now an open-air museum. The hilltop Kadifekale, or Velvet Castle, built during Alexander's reign, overlooks the city.

From there, our representative will drive you to Ephesus, one of the "Seven Churches of Revelation".

The city of Ephesus was famed for the nearby Temple of Artemis (completed around 550 BC), one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Among many other monumental buildings is the Library of Celsus, and a theatre capable of holding 25,000 spectators.

Ephesus was one of the seven churches of Asia that are cited in the Book of Revelation. The Gospel of John may have been written here. The city was the site of several 5th-century Christian Councils (see Council of Ephesus).

Here, you will visit St. John's Basilica, which stands over the believed burial site of John the Apostle. It was modeled

after the now lost Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople.

Continue your journey to the last home of Mary at Mount SoElmissos.

After you enjoy your lunch in a local restaurant, you will continue your drive to Laodicea, a crossroads of the ancient world.

You will then make your way to Pamukkale where you will be staying overnight.

HOTEL: LYCUS RIVER THERMAL (or similar)

Day 4: PAMUKKALE / SARDIS / PHILADELPHIA / THYATIRA / PERGAMON



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Galenos Hotel
- **Meals:** B, L

Today's Focus

Rise and shine you will be on the move! After you relish your breakfast in the morning, you will be taking a drive to visit the ancient city of Hierapolis, the home of Philip the Evangelist.

You will stop by for a break at the calcium terraces of Pamukkale, mineral hot springs, then later on you will proceed your journey to Philadelphia.

Philadelphia is known as the youngest of the “Seven Churches of Revelation”. You will be exploring the still-standing remains of an early church and the city walls.

Have a delicious lunch on the way.

Then, you will continue your journey in the afternoon to an ancient city and ruins of the famous church of Sardis the ancient Lydian capital.

Continue your drive to the remains of the Church of Thyatira than drive to Pergamon where you will have an overnight stay.

HOTEL: GALENOS HOTEL- STANDARD DOUBLE ROOM (or similar)

Day 5: PERGAMON / SMYRNA / KUSADASI



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Suhan360 Hotel
- **Meals:** B, L

Today's Focus

Get ready for another adventure today! After you have breakfast at your hotel you will depart to Pergamon (Bergama).

You will be visiting the beautiful sites of the Church in

Pergamon, the red-court, and the Acropolis.

The Acropolis, which means Upper Town, has the most important remains of Pergamon. The acropolis has been largely founded on a hill is one of the unique masterpieces of the old settlements as a cut-mountain town due to the lack of the natural plateau.

The places where the temples, palaces, library, theatre, and other necessary edifices have been built, on the big terraces from the beginning of the first settlement.

Have your delightful lunch at a local restaurant.

Afterward, you will then take a beautiful drive to Smyrna (Izmir). The church of Smyrna was the recipient of a letter from Paul praising the early believers for their faithfulness.

You will be visiting Saint Polycarp Church, a Catholic church in Izmir, Turkey. Its patron saint is Polycarp and a short informational tour of the city.

Your guide will then take you to your hotel for an overnight stay in Kusadasi.

HOTEL: SUHAN360 HOTEL (or similar)

Day 6: KUSADASI / PRIENE MILETUS / DIDYMA / KUSADASI



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Suhan360 Hotel
- **Meals:** B, L

Today's Focus

After you have a hearty breakfast, our representative will meet you at the hotel to proceed with your journey to Miletus, which was a great Ionian Port with two lions guarding its entrance.

You will be viewing the theater, reconstructed in the Roman period, it's an impressive structure built against the slope of a hill.

Enjoy the taste of Turkish cuisine for lunch in the town of "Didyma" at a local restaurant, overhanging the ruins of the Temple of Didyma.

Didyma welcomes people who admire the magnificent Temple of Apollo, a great monument of antiquity.

Your guide will transport you to your hotel for an overnight stay in Kusadasi.

HOTEL: SUHAN360 HOTEL (or similar)

Day 7: KUSADASI / PATMOS / KUSADASI



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Suhan360 Hotel
- **Meals:** B, L

Today's Focus

Relish your early morning breakfast at the hotel. Today, you will sail to the Island of Patmos, which was the tiny rocky island where John was exiled to and wrote the last book of the New Testament, Revelation.

Patmos, an Aegean island in the north of Greece's Dodecanese island group, is a significant Christian pilgrimage site. Its Cave of the Apocalypse is where John of Patmos (St. John the Theologian) is said to have written the Book of Revelations. A fortresslike, 11th-century monastery dedicated to the saint overlooks the whitewashed houses of the hilltop capital, Hora (also known as Chora).

You will enjoy the tour of the 11th-century monastery of St. John on the island.

You will be back at your hotel in Kusadasi for another overnight stay.

HOTEL: SUHAN360 HOTEL (or similar)

Day 8: KUSADASI / IZMIR



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Transportation:** Departure
- **International Flights:** Generic: International Flight (Departure)

GENERIC: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT (DEPARTURE)

International flight back home.

Today's Focus

Good Morning! You will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to Izmir Airport to board your flight to homeward. (It may be indirect flight)

Departure

Hotel pick up and transfer to the airport.

Accommodation

Deluxe Golden Horn Hotel

Golden Horn Sultanahmet Hotel is a 7 floor modern building with a large lobby area and garden. Located in the heart of historical peninsula Golden Horn Sultanahmet represent the traditional Turkish hospitality melted with comfort and pleasure. Golden Horn Sultanahmet takes its name from the unique place of the Bosphorus; Golden Horn. The Halic (Golden Horn), Bosphorus and Marmara Sea where Istanbul is feeling proud of being Istanbul now and before. Has gradually spread out to the firther distances from the same historical peninsula, with echoing songs through the history. We invite to Sultanahmet put the crown of Istanbul on. The song will lead the way for yo

Website: Deluxe Golden Horn Hotel



Lycus River Thermal Hotel

The rooms of Lycus River Thermal Hotel wÄ±th the wonderful view of the lush green garden and the pool will provide you with extra comfort during your holiday

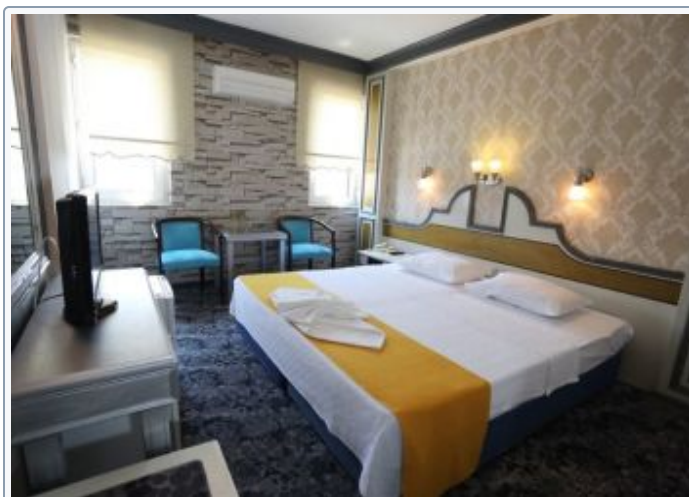
Website: Lycus River Thermal Hotel



Galenos Hotel

See why so many travelers make Galenos Hotel their small hotel of choice when visiting Bergama. Providing an ideal mix of value, comfort, and convenience, it offers an array of amenities designed for travelers like you. Galenos Hotel is a small hotel offering air conditioning, a refrigerator, and a desk in the rooms, and it is easy to stay connected during your stay as free wifi is offered to guests.

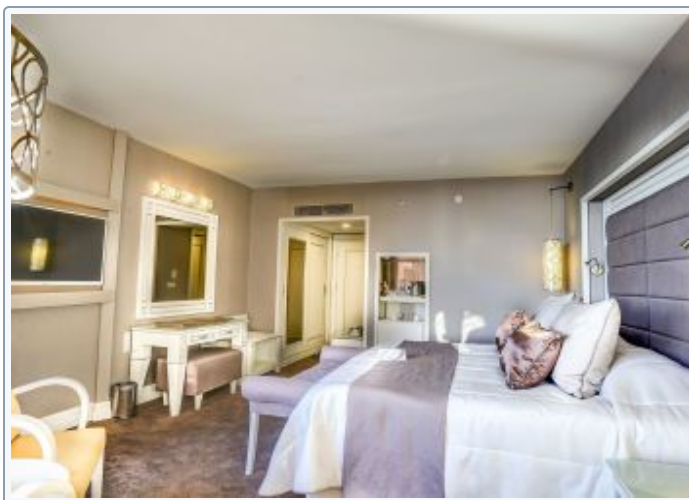
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Suhan360 Hotel

In all of the rooms, there are balcony/terrace, carpeted floor, electronic door, armchair, mini bar, water heater, tea-coffee service, Wi-Fi, national and international satellite broadcasting LCD TV, direct line telephone, electronic safe box (with the size of a laptop) adjustable central air conditioning, hairdryer in the drawer, WC, shower, telephone, in our private rooms also hydro massage bathtub and sunbathing terrace.

Website: Suhan360 Hotel



Details

Price Includes

Highlights:

8 Days / 7 Nights' Accommodation

Level of Activity: Moderate

Support Level- Guide as needed

Airport/Return Transfers Day 1 and 8

Visit Turkey

Cities: Istanbul, Ephesus Ancient City, Laodicea, Philadelphia, Sardis, Thyatira, Pergamon, Smyrna

Breakfasts and lunch daily at the hotel

Private transportations hotel/airport in every destination

Private English Guided excursions as described in the itinerary

The amazing sites of Saint John's Basilica, home of Philip the Evangelist

Seven Churches of Asia Minor

Patmos Greek Island

INCLUDED:

Airport transfers upon arrival and departure

Accommodations 3 to 5 stars

Meals as specified in the itinerary (L=Lunch)

Transportation by non-smoking, air-conditioned mini/midi bus

Services of a professional English-speaking escort/guide

Sightseeing tours and excursions per itinerary

Entrance fees to the sites visited, per itinerary

Ferry to Patmos and Patmos Tour with lunch

*All transfers as they are all mentioned in the itinerary.

Price Excludes

EXCLUDED:

Gratuities to tour staff

International & Domestic flights

All items of a personal nature (laundry, taxes, etc.)

Beverages

Port tax for Patmos island

Visa fees

All expenses incurred due to flight delay or cancellation or due to other causes which are beyond our control.

Personal travel insurance.

Tips for guide and driver.

Services not mentioned in the itinerary.

Guide/vehicle during days or periods of time marked as '(at) leisure/free' in the attached itinerary.

Services not mentioned in the attached program.

Personal expenses such as drinks, phone calls, laundry, wellness treatments, and any other item not mentioned in the itinerary. This list is exemplary and not limited.

Why Mission Travel Tours?

What Makes Mission Travel Tours Unique

We have high-quality standards, so every trip we create goes through an extensive vetting process, and if it does not live up to our standards; we simply don't offer it. Before we create a tour destination we ask ourselves, "Is this something we'd want to go on?" and, then "How can we get the most out of this tour package for the least amount of money and maintain a high level of quality?" That is why our "Quality" hotel experience is never less than a 3 star with many 4 stars options for you. Our "Premium" hotel experiences are 5 stars only and our "Opulent" hotel experiences are for those individuals where the question of "how much" is never an option. We want our guided tours to immerse our clients into the history and culture of the regions they explore. This is why our escorted tours are led by expert local guides.

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