



**GULLIVER'S TRAVELS** *presents*

# The Seven Churches of Revelation Tour

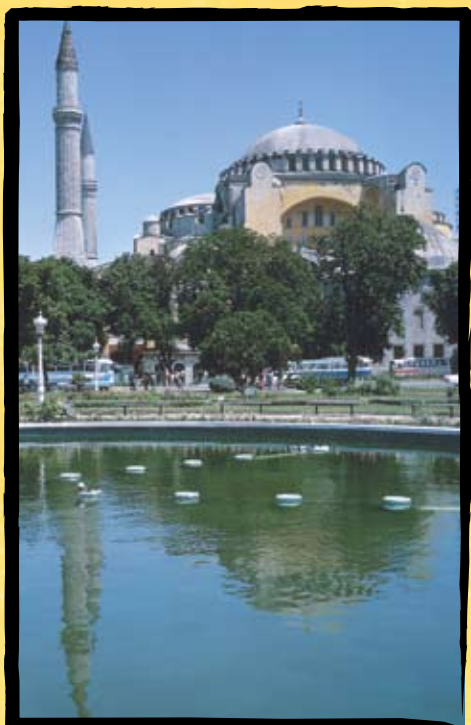
WITH  
OPTIONAL PATMOS  
EXTENSION

Discover the Mediterranean's best-kept secret with this incredible historical tour. We'll begin in Istanbul, the only city in the world spanning two continents, travel south toward the Mediterranean, and continue up the western Turkish coast. Experienced guides lead small groups through ancient cities and allow plenty of time for exploration. From pristine beaches to exotic cities, see why Europeans frequent this undiscovered gem.

## About this tour:

In the New Testament book of Revelation, an angel instructs John to "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." Each of these seven churches are located in modern day Turkey, and Gulliver's Seven Churches of Revelation tour is an incredible way to witness some of the earliest Christian churches.

For groups of 20 or more, we are offering an optional one-day extension to tour the island of Patmos, where it is said that John wrote the book of Revelation.



## Your trip includes:

- *Choice of:*
  - Deluxe – European four-star hotels and upgrade to mini suite if available
  - Luxury – European five-star "best hotels" with private luxury van
- Breakfast and dinner included with most hotel stays
- Licensed, English-speaking tour guide
- All busses, transfers and museum entry fees
- These are custom tours — you pick the travel dates!

Per Person/Double				
		*Single Deluxe add \$200	*Single Luxury add \$600	
Tour Name	2-3 guests	4-10 guests	11-19 guests	20+ guests
Seven Churches of Revelation Deluxe	\$2,175	\$1,225	\$975	\$975
Seven Churches of Revelation Luxury	\$3,650	\$1,850	\$1,525	\$1,525
Seven Churches w/Patmos 20-Min Deluxe	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$1,275
Seven Churches w/Patmos 20-Min Luxury	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$1,875

\*A non-refundable deposit of 50% per person is required to book this trip. Deposit is based on number of confirmed travelers at the time of booking. Should additional travelers be added, the remaining balance due will be reduced based on total number in group (see above chart). Final balance is due 45 days before tour departure date. Prices are for land only (airfare not included). Upon request, Gulliver's will provide quote for best airfare based on departure city and dates.

### Day 1 Istanbul

Upon your arrival, meet our representative at the airport and transfer to the hotel. After a break at the hotel, we will begin our discovery of Istanbul, the only city in the world built on two continents. We'll visit the 17th century Blue Mosque, famous for its turquoise Iznik tiles and frescoes. We will also visit the Hagia Sophia Museum, the largest church in the world until St. Peter's was built in Rome. The museum proudly displays its Christian and Islamic past under the same magnificent dome. We will then return to the hotel for a welcome briefing where our guide will provide practical information about the tour. (D)

### Day 2 Bursa

Today after breakfast we will depart for Bursa, the first capital of the Ottoman Empire. On our way we will visit Iznik, ancient Nicea, where the first Synod was held. We will see the church of Hagia Sofia (Holy Wisdom) and the city walls. Upon arrival in Bursa we will visit the Green Mosque famous for its 15th century Iznik tiles. Check in to the hotel and overnight stay. (B, D)

### Day 3 Pamukkale

On our way to Pamukkale we will be visiting three of the Seven Churches of Revelation. We will see the foundations of a Byzantine church in Thyatira, and continue to the Lydian capital of Sardis. We will also see the remains of the Church of St. John in Philadelphia before checking in to our spa style hotel in Pamukkale. (B, D)

### Day 4 Kusadasi

After departing from our hotel in the morning, we will visit the ancient city of Hierapolis. This city was built on top of the white travertine terraces that accumulated through millennia of mineral build up by a thermal spring. Laodicea, the financial center of Asia Minor in early Christianity, was the last of the Seven Churches visited by St. John. After our visit to Laodicea we will drive to our hotel in Kusadasi. (B, D)

### Day 5 Kusadasi

Today's tour will cover the ancient city of Ephesus, the provincial capital of Asia Minor for the Roman Empire and one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. One of the best preserved Roman cities, Ephesus also boasts one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Temple of Artemis. The resting place of St. John the Evangelist is in the Church of St. John. We will also visit the house of Virgin Mary.



B=breakfast D=dinner

### Optional Day 6 (Patmos extension)

This optional add-on will begin with a private ferry ride to the island of Patmos. In Patmos, a guide will take us to the ancient site where it is said St. John was exiled and wrote the final book of the bible known as Revelation. Enjoy a free afternoon at the Patmos harbor and return to Kusadasi for an overnight stay.

### Day 6 Dikili (Patmos day 7)

As we depart from Kusadasi to Pergamum, we will visit the St. Polycarp Church dedicated to one of the disciples of St. John the Evangelist in Izmir. Izmir is the ancient Smyrna where the poet Homer was born. In Pergamum we will visit the acropolis of Pergamum, one of the most important Hellenistic cities which housed the second largest library of antiquity and one of the Seven Churches of Revelation in Asia Minor. We'll also see the Roman medical center dedicated to god Asclepius where Galen taught and set the principles of modern medicine. We will overnight in our hotel at Dikili along the Aegean Sea. (B, D)



### Day 7 Canakkale (Patmos day 8)

After driving along the Aegean coast and Mount Ida, where the beauty pageant that led to Trojan war took place, we will visit Troy, which spans nine eras dating back to 3000 B.C. including the Homeric Troy. Overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

### Day 8 Istanbul (Patmos day 9)

Today we will take a ferry across the Dardanelles, which separates Europe and Asia, and drive toward Istanbul. Upon arrival we will visit Topkapi Palace Museum, once the residence and seat of government for the Ottoman sultans. The palace today houses examples of the 600 years of wealth, including the 86-carat spoon maker's diamond and the famous Topkapi dagger. Before checking in to our hotel, our last stop will be the Grand Bazaar, one of the world's oldest shopping centers. (B, D)

### Day 9 (Patmos day 10)

Transfer to the airport. (B)

For more information:

Gulliver's Independent Travel Agent