



Stephen's Gate Tours: Discover Biblical Turkey

with Mayfair Travel

 Istanbul, Türkiye

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Trip Overview



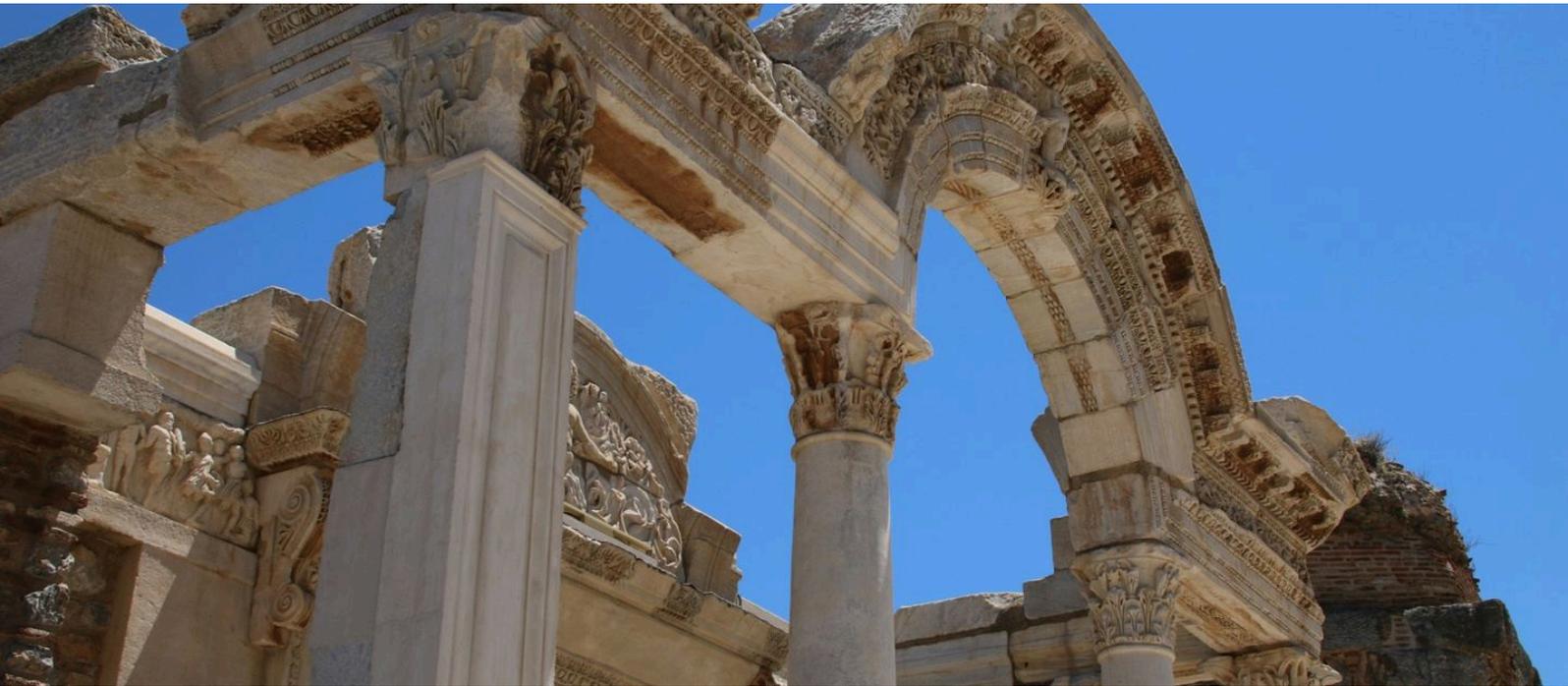
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Mayfair Travel 

 Nov 8 - Nov 16, 2025

 Group size: 1-36

 İstanbul, Türkiye



About this trip

Discover biblical Türkiye with Stephen's Gate Tours. Did you know that Turkey has more than thirty biblical sites? Tour all seven churches of the Book of Revelation and the amazing city of Istanbul where ancient ways still prevail. Explore the amazing other-worldly landscape of the Cappadocia region and see cave homes and churches where early Christians sought safety and refuge amidst persecution. Pastor Ed Seponosky will share from the Word on location as we delve into the New Testament and early church history together.

Air Parameters

We can help you with air or you can get our own. Please follow these parameters when purchasing your own air:

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November 8: Arrive Izmir any time. Our first group event is dinner ~6:30PM at the hotel followed by a brief orientation meeting.

November 16: Depart Istanbul any time. Breakfast is included at the hotel.

What's included

✓ Hotels	8 nights in 5* centrally located hotels
✓ Meals	Breakfast & dinner daily
✓ Guided tour	All ground transportation & admissions as per itinerary
✓ Gratuities	Guide, driver, hotel staff
✓ Domestic flight	Kayseri to Istanbul on Nov 14
✓ Bible studies on site	by Pastor Ed
✓ Travel Documents	E-docs on Trip Plans app
✗ International Air	
✗ Lunches	
✗ Hot air balloon ride	Option offered in Cappadocia
✗ Insurance	
✗ Anything not mentioned	

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Packages & Options

Available packages

Discover Biblical Turkey

\$2499

Price for tour for one person sharing a room with one or two other people.

Deposit: \$250

Available options

Single Supplement

\$350

Supplement for a solo traveler desiring to room by themselves and not share their room with anyone else.

Deposit: \$0

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Itinerary

November 8 Izmir

Arrive Izmir any time. Our tour begins this evening with a welcome dinner and orientation meeting.



November 9 Ephesus

Tour the expansive ruins of Ephesus, one of the most important cities in the New Testament (Revelation 2:1-7). The apostle Paul came here in 53 AD. and according to tradition the apostle John wrote his gospel here. Visit the archaeological site and the tomb of John the Evangelist. Dinner and overnight in Izmir.



November 10 Pergamon & Thyatira

Visit two more of the seven churches today, Pergamon & Thyatira. Pergamon is the church that Christ affirmed and rebuked (Revelation 2:12-17) with His famous statement "where Satan has his throne."

Pergamon (Acropolis) was the capital of a Hellenistic kingdom of that name, which ruled western Asia Minor. Then, head to Akhisar, ancient Thyatira, birthplace of Lydia and of the New Testament Jezebel. The church at Thyatira was praised for its growing faith but criticized for its tolerance of Jezebel (Revelation 2:18-28).

Dinner and overnight in Izmir.



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November 11 Philadelphia & the Remaining Seven Churches

Agora / Sardis / Philadelphia / Laodicea / Pamukkale

After breakfast, drive to Agora, (biblical Smyrna) a city founded in 3,000 BC and one of the Seven Churches that John referred to as the poor and persecuted church that God announced was rich (Revelation 2:8-11). We will then visit Sardis, an ancient militarily strong city located along an important highway and among the fertile plains of Hermus (Geldiz River). Although Sardis was a powerful and wealthy city with a reputation for being alive, God announced that it was actually dead (Revelation 3:1-6). We will go to the modern city of Alasehir and visit the site of ancient Philadelphia, the church that received God's highest praise (Revelation 3:7-13). Here we will see the remains of a Byzantine basilica built with brick and adorned with 11th century frescoes. Visit the ancient city and church of Laodicea, where the apostle John rebuked the inhabitants for being lukewarm (Revelation 3:14-22). Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.



November 12 Antioch of Pisidia & Konya

Visit the ruins of the ancient cities of Hierapolis. Recently this city was declared a "World Heritage Site" and placed under the protection of UNESCO. Continue towards the city of Yalvac to visit the ruins of the ancient city of Antioch of Pisidia, where Saint Paul "turns to the Gentiles" in his teachings. Dinner and overnight in Konya.



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November 13 Cappadocia

After breakfast, drive to Cappadocia. Enjoy scenic driving through the incredibly beautiful, other-worldly landscape of this region where early Christians hid from persecution. Visit the Kaymaklı Underground City and see the cave houses and churches of the early Christians.

Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.



November 14 Cappadocia - Istanbul

This morning we will explore the Goreme Monastic Center. This open-air museum is filled with picturesque rock-hewn churches and chapels adorned with colorful Byzantine frescoes. We will then head to Ortahisar to discover its beautiful valleys and stop at the Three Beauties, the most famous of the region's many conical rock formations. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant. Today we will also walk through the Zelve Valley and see its hundreds of houses and chapels carved into the rock, and we will visit the Pasabag Valley, also known as the Valley of the Monks, to explore its tower-shaped hermitages. Continue to Kayseri Airport and fly to Istanbul. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel in Istanbul.

Optional activity: Hot air balloon ride



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November 15 Istanbul

First, we'll stroll through Hippodrome Square, the ancient sporting and social center of Constantinople that hosted chariot races during Roman times. And then, we will walk directly in front of the mosque to visit the dome-shaped masterpiece of Hagia Sophia before heading to Topkapi Palace. Located on the same cape of the peninsula where Constantinople was founded, Topkapi Palace is the former residence of the Ottoman sultans and still houses their legion of treasures, including an extensive collection of royal jewelry. We'll end the day with an evening of shopping at the Grand Bazaar, the huge covered market that houses a labyrinth of streets lined with shops selling jewelry, leather goods, and many other handcrafted souvenirs. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.



November 16 Depart from Istanbul

Depart any time from the Istanbul Airport.



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