



The Seven Churches of Revelation in Turkey

8 Days: Tuesday 16th to Tuesday 23rd September 2025
Led by Rev. Rob Powell.



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A Word of Welcome !

“Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Jesus spoke these powerful words through his beloved disciple, John, to the Christians living in seven cities in Asia Minor towards the end of the 1st century AD.

They were facing huge pressures which challenged their faith and witness, so Jesus urges them at the beginning of the Book of Revelation to repent and remain faithful to him whatever the cost.

I am convinced that the key to understanding the last book of the Bible is to appreciate the historical context of the original hearers and only then can it become a word from God for us today. So, I would love you to join us for this adventure as we visit the ancient locations of the seven churches (with a few bonus sites associated with Paul’s ministry) and have our ears and eyes opened to the life changing truth of God’s word.

Rev’d Rob

DAY 1

Tuesday 16th Sep.

LONDON TO IZMIR

Meet for check-in at GATWICK airport where after normal formalities, board the flight direct to Izmir in Turkey.

On arrival, travel by private coach to the hotel for room allocation and the evening meal.

Dinner & Overnight
in MANISA



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DAY 2

Wednesday 17th Sep.

SMYRNA/PERGAMON

Smyrna

Back to Izmir and visit the old city region.

As a Roman commercial centre and port on the Aegean Sea, the city was a faithful ally of Rome.

The church of St Polycarp reminds the visitor that Polycarp, an early Bishop and student of St John, was martyred in the city in 155 AD.

His famous speech proclaiming his dedication to Jesus is recalled here.

Tribulation, Poverty and Martyrs.

Revelation 2:8-11

Pergamon

North on the Aegean coast to visit this ancient city.

Considered to be the most spectacular Hellenistic city of Asia Minor, because of its town planning.

The city lost its great Library to Alexandria when Mark Antony gave 200,000 scrolls to Cleopatra as a wedding present.

We will visit both the archaeological sites and the Roman Aesculapius.

Manna, White Stone, Satan's Throne.

Revelation 2:12-17

Dinner and Overnight in MANISA

Smyrna



Pergamon



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DAY 3

Thursday 18th Sep.

THYATIRA/SARDIS

Thyatira

Once a very wealthy city. The trade guilds that flourished there included wool and other textile workers, craftsmen in leather and bronze, dyers (purple), bakers, potters and slave dealers. Lydia whom Paul baptised was a 'seller of purple' in Philippi.

The Archbishop of Thyateira (Thyatira) resides in London and has pastoral responsibility for the Greek Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Malta.

Works, love, faith and Jezebel

Revelation 2:18-29

Sardis

The city was named after the semi-precious stone which is orange-brown but reflects deep red when heated.

Around 334 BC Sardis was conquered by Alexander the Great and the city surrendered without a fight. After taking power, Alexander restored earlier Lydian customs and laws.

It was an economic centre of the wool industry.

Repentance, Garments of white, Book of Life.

Revelation 3:1-6

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Thyatira



Sardis



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DAY 4

Friday 19th Sep.

PHILADELPHIA/HIERAPOLIS

Philadelphia

Located along the Cogamus river valley. The valley road was the lifeline to the east and the harbours of the Aegean to the west.

According to Pliny the Elder (Roman Author), Philadelphia was in the administrative district of Sardis. Philadelphia was an independent neutral city under the influence of the Latin Knights of Rhodes.

Open Door, A Crown, Temple Pillar.

Revelation 3:7-13

Hierapolis The Sacred City

The hot springs have been used as a spa since at least the 2nd century BC with many patrons retiring or dying there as evidenced by the large necropolis filled with tombs including that of Philip the Apostle.

Hierapolis in biblical times was part of the tri-city area of Laodicea, Colossae and Hierapolis. Paul refers to these in his epistle to the Colossians.

Pamukkale

'Cotton castles' in Turkish has pillow shaped terraces. Created by carbonate mineral left by the flowing of thermal spring water, these are accessed from the modern local hotels.

Colossians 4:13

Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale

Philadelphia



Hierapolis



Pamukkale



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DAY 5

Saturday 20th Sep.

LAODICEA/COLOSSAE

Laodicea

With its large Jewish community the city also became an early centre for Christianity.

Evidence remains of clay pipes which carried water from an aqueduct several kilometres away at the Baspinar spring in Denizli.

By the time the water reached the city it was 'lukewarm'.

Refined Gold, Eye Salve, Door Knock.

Revelation 3:14-22

Laodicea



Colossae

The town was known for its fusion of religious influences including an unorthodox cult which worshipped angels. Also known for flocks of sheep, and the wool of Colossae gave its name to the colour 'colossinus' (purple).

Paul wrote his epistle to the Christians here, and Philemon lived in the city.

Colossians 1-2

Colossae



We travel west through the Lycus River valley to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

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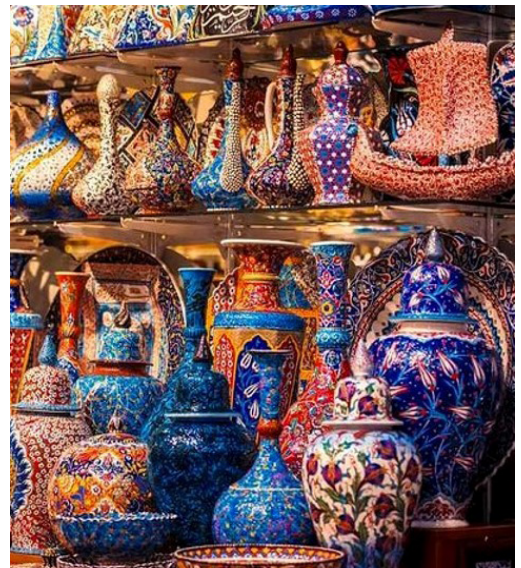
Day 6

Sunday 21st Sep.

LEISURE/KUSADASI

A free day to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities, stroll along the sea front, or do some shopping.

Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi



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Day 7

Monday 22nd Sep.

MIGHTY EPHEBUS/MILETUS

Ephesus

We spend the morning in perhaps one of the greatest cities of antiquity, famous for the Temple of Artemis, designated one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The library of Celsus contained 12,000 scrolls.

The theatre where St. Paul spoke, seats 25,000 people.

Ephesus was the site of several 5th-century Christian Councils.

Endurance, First Love, Tree of Life.
Revelation 2:1-7



Ephesus

Miletus

This former major port became one of the twelve Ionian city-states of Asia Minor, but the harbour was silting up and its economy was in decline.

Paul's successful three-year ministry in nearby Ephesus resulted in the evangelisation of the entire province of Asia. It was at Miletus that Paul knelt and prayed with the elders of Ephesus before sailing on his way to Jerusalem.

Acts 20:17



Miletus

Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi

Day 8

Tuesday 23rd Sep.

IZMIR/LONDON

Morning flight departure after breakfast from Izmir direct to London GATWICK.

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Ephesus Theatre



Ephesus Cardo



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Asia Minor in St. Paul's time - now Turkey.

PROJECTED FLIGHTS (GATWICK)

OUTWARD:

Gatwick/Izmir

Flight EZY8571

Depart 06.10

Arrive 12.00

easyJet

INWARD:

Izmir/Gatwick

Flight EZY8572

Depart 12.45

Arrive 14.55

SECURED HOTELS



MANISA

Hilton Double Tree Hotel

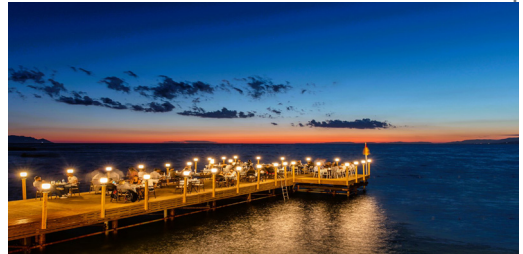
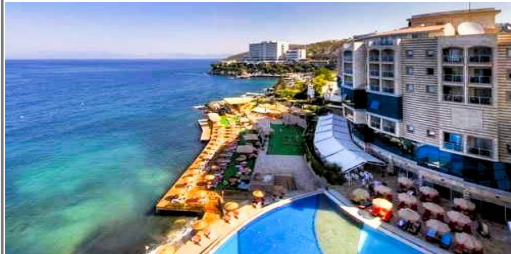
3 Nights



PAMUKKALE

The Doga Thermal Hotel

1 Night



KUŞADASI

The Charisma Hotel

3 Nights

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Ephesus Main Street





Booking Form



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Duration 8 Days
Depart Tuesday 16th September 2025
Return Tuesday 23rd September 2025
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INCLUSIVE PRICE £1818 PER PERSON

Departure from GATWICK Airport

**TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING
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INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- 01/ RETURN FLIGHTS FROM GATWICK AIRPORT.
- 02/ PRIVATE TRANSFER FROM/TO AIRPORTS ON ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE.
- 03/ QUALITY HOTELS BASED ON SHARING TWIN-BEDDED ROOMS, WITH PRIVATE FACILITIES.
- 04/ HALF-BOARD ACCOMMODATION - BREAKFAST & EVENING MEALS.
- 05/ ALL TOURING IN MODERN AIR-CONDITIONED COACHES.
- 06/ ALL ENTRANCE FEES AND LOCAL PROFESSIONAL GUIDE SERVICES.
- 07/ UK/TURKISH AIRPORT TAXES AND SECURITY CHARGES.
- 08/ 23 KILOS LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE.
- 09/ LOCAL SUPERVISION BY MARANATHA OFFICE IN ISTANBUL.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- A/ TRAVEL TO AND FROM GATWICK AIRPORT.
- B/ SINGLE-ROOM SUPPLEMENT = £350
(HOTELS ALLOCATE A TWIN ROOM FOR ONE PERSON - HENCE THIS SUPPLEMENT).
- C/ TRAVEL INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, AND IS AVAILABLE FROM MANY OUTLETS. IF YOU REQUIRE ADVICE, PLEASE CONTACT THE MARANATHA OFFICE.
- D/ TIPS & GRATUITIES (DRIVERS, GUIDES, HOTELS ETC).

BOOKING NOTES/TERMS

BR Maranatha

01. Please make deposit cheques payable to BR MARANATHA. The deposit will be held against final payment of your Holiday.
02. Kindly note that final payment is required around 10 weeks before departure from the UK You will be invoiced accordingly.
03. Other than a material price change, if you cancel your booking before final invoicing, you may forfeit 50% of your deposit to cover airline cancellation charges.
04. If you cancel your booking in writing after final payment, we reserve the right to apply the following cancellation charges:

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| More than 60 days before departure date, | 50% deposit forfeited |
| 60-50 days before departure date, | 20% cancellation charge; |
| 49-39 days before departure date, | 30% cancellation charge; |
| 38-28 days before departure date, | 40% cancellation charge; |
| 27-18 days before departure date, | 60% cancellation charge; |
| 19 days to departure date or after, | 100% cancellation charge. |
05. Insurance is strongly recommended - if you require assistance please contact us and we will suggest approved providers.
06. Visas to enter Turkey for British/EU passport holders are secured by on-line (details will be given).
Other nationalities may require a visa prior to arrival in Israel - appropriate advice will be given.
07. All passport holders require passports valid for the dates of travel and for **at least 6 months after the return date of this holiday**.
08. Final departure flight details, along with other helpful information, will be sent to you approximately 10 weeks before departure from the UK.
09. There are no medical requirements to enter Turkey. If this changes you will be notified.
10. All prices are based on the exchange rate of the UK Pound to the US Dollar at 1.25.
11. If you are in doubt about any of the above details or wish clarification on any point, please make contact with the Maranatha office.

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