

TURKEY AND GREECE

TERMS & CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE

- **Air Transportation:** round trip tickets in economy class from Chicago. **Airline taxes are subject to change without notice and surcharges until received the final payment.** Reservations in executive class or first class is the responsibility of the participant (additional cost).
- **Accommodations:** hotel category five-star class in Turkey and Greece superior four-star hotel; based on double occupancy with private bathroom. Gospel Travel and tour director/leader the right to substitute hotels in similar categories if necessary.
 - **Single Accommodations:** Gospel Travel and the tour director/leader will attempt to arrange for a congenial roommate if you are traveling alone. If this is not possible or recommended, then an \$495 supplement will be required.
- **Meals:** breakfast and dinner buffet style. Buffet or set meal dinner daily throughout the tour. Lunches are included only on Saturday and will be indicated on the itinerary. Food in Turkey & Greece will be primarily Middle Eastern cuisine. An extra charge may be applied for beverage not included in the menu of the day. If a passenger chooses not to have a meal, there will be no refund for unused meals.
 - *Please note that while we will provide vegetarian options for meals, we cannot accommodate other special dietary needs including gluten free, dairy free, allergy free, or other specific dietary needs.*
- **Transfers:** International arrival and departure transfers are provided in conjunction with tour flights.
- **Sightseeing/Transportation:** All sightseeing tours described in the itinerary include transportation by the best available air-conditioned motor coaches or other vehicles depending upon the circumstances at the time of the tour operation. A cruise ship with IA Interior cabins are one of the features on this tour. All entrance fees to the sites listed on the itinerary are included.
- **Lectures/Guides:** The group leader will provide background lectures at all the sites visited. Local guides will also be employed for the duration of the tour and will give expert talks on site as well.
- **Baggage:** Includes the transportation and handling of 1 piece of luggage per person throughout within the limits of airline regulations. Each person is responsible for ensuring that their luggage has been loaded onto the plane, bus, cruise ship, or other transportation.
 - **Each person should be prepared to pay for extra baggage fees if two bags per person are brought on the tour.**
- **Gratuities and Taxes:** All local/government taxes on hotels, meals, and services listed included. Tips to drivers, security, escorts, boat staff, and local guides are included, extra will be collected by group leader.
- **Tour Price & Arrangements:** The tour price is based on international tariffs and rates in effect as of the date of the tour proposal and includes planning, handling, and operating charges. The tour price is based on a minimum of 30 participants. An additional fee of \$250 may be charged for any deviation from the printed itinerary when requested in writing up to 60 days prior to departure and are not accepted after this time. All deviations are subject to the terms and conditions stated herein. In the event that the tour does not fulfill the minimum number of passengers within 45 days of departure, Gospel Travel and the tour director/leader reserves the right to cancel or re-cost the tour. Late booking or changes may result in an additional fee.
- **Water:** Please note that you will need to purchase additional water to ensure you are properly hydrated throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE

- Cost of personal/trip cancellation and baggage insurance and transportation of excess baggage.
- All items of a personal nature such as the cost to do laundry, beverages, extra gratuities, optional excursions, souvenirs, or deviations from the scheduled tour.
- Individual transfers to join or leave the group once the tour has commenced.
- Meals not shown as included or menu items not on the table/buffet.
- Travel insurance.
- Extra baggage fees.

PASSPORTS/MISAS

- A valid passport is required for all members of this tour. If you do not have a passport, please contact your local passport office (available through most US post offices) or consulate to ensure that you are eligible for a passport and apply right away. Passports can take months to process. It is the responsibility of each tour participant to check their eligibility and apply for a passport. **Passports must be valid 6 months after the return date of the tour.** If your current passport is near expiration, please renew it.

INSURANCE

- Gospel Travel and the tour director/leader are not responsible or liable for loss, damage, or theft of personal baggage and belongings. Gospel Travel and the tour director/leader are also not liable for personal injury, accident, or illness (see *Assumption of Risk and Hold Harmless Agreement* form). We strongly suggest you purchase a trip cancellation insurance. You can purchase travel insurance through Gospel Travel, or you can purchase through other recommended travel insurance companies. You can contact us for more information as well.

CANCELLATION, REFUND, & UNUSED PORTIONS

- All cancellations must be in writing by letter or e-mail to Gospel Travel and will be in effect on the date of receipt by Gospel Travel. There is no exception to the cancellation fee. Any exceptions must be made in writing from Gospel Travel and the tour director/leader. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy at the time the ticket is issued. Cancellations are subject to the following charges:
 - Up to 6 months before departure: \$350 per person
 - Between 6 to 3 months: \$400 per person
 - Between 89 to 61 days: \$450 per person
 - Between 60 to 45 days: \$500 per person
 - Between 44 to 15 days: 25% of the package price + non-refundable airline ticket.
 - Between 14 days to departure date: Full package price
- **For these and other reasons mentioned herein, you are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance.** A cancellation by a shared room occupant could result in the need to accommodate the other person in single accommodations, and this cost will be deducted from refund that might be due to the person canceling. Gospel Travel and the tour director/leader do not assume responsibility for cancellation fees imposed by air carriers and ground operators due to itinerary departure changes, and cancellations made after ticketing. Nor are we responsible for any individual air arrangements made in connection with group flights.
- A deposit of \$350 non-refundable per person is required to secure reservations and will be applied to the price of the tour. The balance is to be paid in full no later than 45 days prior to the departure of the tour. Thereafter, a \$100 late payment fee will be assessed. Reservations made within 30 days of departure are subject to a \$75 late reservation charge.
- The prices quoted are based on group participation; there will be no refund for unused services, airline tickets, or portions of the tour not taken.
- Refunds cannot be made to tour members who for any reason, do not complete the tour.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

- Land arrangements including surface transportation: Gospel Travel, the tour director/leader, and the participating local tour companies operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the car rental contractors, cruise ship, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors, and others which provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, or damage or non-performance occurring in connection with these land arrangements (see *Assumption of Risk & Hold Harmless Agreement* form).
- International air carriers and other IATA carriers, cruise ship lines, and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS

- Foreign currency exchange rates fluctuate daily. It is often difficult to set the price of a tour when we cannot predict what exchange rates will do. We price our tours at a set exchange rate and adjust for fluctuations at final billing. If the rate drops below the original rate, we pass the savings on to our passengers. If rates increase, then we must pass those costs on as well.

HEALTH

- We suggest that tour members contact their personal physician. By forwarding a deposit the passenger certifies that he/she does not have a physical condition that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.
- **We consider this a moderately strenuous tour. Walking on rough terrain and climbing stairs are part of several excursions. All tour participants are expected to be in good health, enjoy traveling as part of a group, and be ready to experience cultural differences with grace and patience.**

TOUR PHILOSOPHY

- This tour is designed to explore the relationship between the Bible, the ancient Near East, and archaeology. While all Christians of any denomination are warmly welcome, **we will generally follow traditional Seventh-Day Adventist practices which may include a worship activity on Saturday.**
- We work hard to ensure that Saturday/Sabbath activities on the tour reflect Seventh-Day Adventist traditions. However, given the diversity of Adventist practices, the tour directors reserve the right to plan activities that reflect the best interests of the group within the context of our environment. If you have any issues, please contact the tour leaders with your concerns and we will consider them with all due diligence.
 - Sabbath activities may involve traveling by bus, hiking to selected historical and archaeological sites, eating at restaurants, and horse-pulled carriage rides.

CULTURAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Gospel Travel and the tour director/leader have great respect for the culture and people of the Middle East. The director/leader has developed this tour in order to introduce you to the people and places that hold a special place in our hearts. Therefore, as a condition for going on this tour all participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is in harmony with the values of the Christian faith which include respecting the beliefs of the people of Turkey. It is therefore understood that tour participants will conduct themselves in ways that will be harmonious with the sensibilities of local people, even if those sensibilities seem unfamiliar to one's own.
- Turkey is a Muslim country. To this end, all tour participants are expected to do their best to approach the tour with an open mind and a cooperative spirit. This assumes that you will take personal responsibility for any offensive behavior that includes but is not limited to the following:
 - Making off-handed remarks that reflect negatively on Islam.
 - Commenting on the "primitive" or "terrorist" ways of all those of Middle Eastern or Arabic decent.
 - Making statements that can be misconstrued as racist, sexist, or demeaning.
 - Overtly proclaiming your American citizenship by wearing clothing with pictures of our flag, military branches, or similar types of outward expressions of American patriotism.
 - Wearing clothing that is too revealing or clingy.
 - Engaging in excessive discussions with the locals about political events including the war in Syria, ISIS, Palestinians, or American politics, especially Trump or Obama, in general

As a condition to the acceptance on this tour, each applicant must agree to and sign the statement set forth below.

I have read carefully the itinerary for this tour, and I understand the *Terms & Conditions* and refund policies set forth within. My signature below and my deposit constitutes my acceptance and agreement of the above items. I represent that I am physically and mentally fit to be able to participate in this tour and recognize and accept any risks thereof and the conditions set forth therein, including the refund policy. I also understand and hereby agree on behalf of myself, my dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and agree to abide by the conditions set forth under this *Terms & Conditions*, to release, defend and hold harmless Gospel Travel, the tour director/leader, local tour companies and guides, any of their officers, agents, licenses or representatives from any and all liability for delays, illness, injuries or death, or for the loss of or damage to my property, however it may occur, during any portion of, or in relation to the tour.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

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