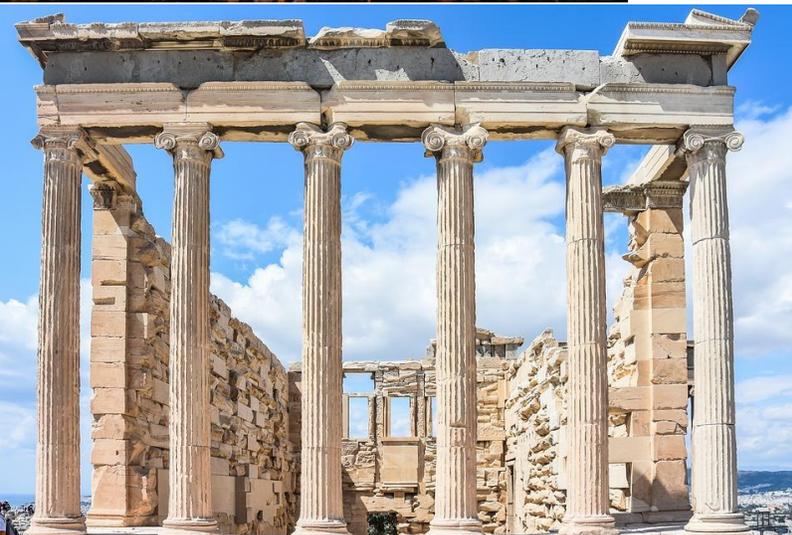


# SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION & IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL 13 DAYS

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**ISTANBUL - CAPPADOCIA - PAMUKKALE KUSADASI -  
CANAKKALE - GALIPOLI - TROY ATHENS - METEORA -  
CORINTH - VERGINA BERA - THESSALONIKA**

**GROUP ACCOMPANIED BY  
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Dhanan has 35 years' experience as an expository Bible teacher and preacher both in Sri Lanka and overseas. He is a member of the International Faculty of the Haggai Institute. He has published numerous books/audio books on Christianity and Law. His other passions are history and Geography. He has accompanied many pilgrim groups to the Holy Land as a Bible teacher. He has also led two tours to Turkey and Greece to the Seven Churches of Revelation and the Isle of Patmos and In the Footsteps of Paul. Dhanan will be responsible for the bible teaching and spiritual leadership on this tour.

## YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1 – 08<sup>th</sup> August 2019

#### CAPPADOCIA ARRIVAL

Arrive in Istanbul, connecting flight to Cappadocia.  
Our professional guide will welcome you at the airport.

#### Lunch at a restaurant

After lunch we explore the lunar landscape of Cappadocia and we visit **Pigeon Valley** and the fascinating frescoed rock churches.  
Arrive at the hotel in Cappadocia for Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 2 – 09<sup>th</sup> August 2019

#### CAPPADOCIA

Hot air balloon excursion with return transfers (Optional)  
Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

We depart to explore the lunar landscape of Cappadocia and we visit **Göreme Open Air Museum**; resembles a vast monastic complex composed of scores of refectory monasteries placed side-by-side, each with its own fantastic church.

Later, we go to **Avanos Pottery Village**, set on the banks of the Kizilirmak (Red River). The village is well known throughout Turkey for its production of clay products. Hundreds of the village men are skilled in making pots, plates, wine holders, and even ashtrays and chess sets.  
Then we will visit Pottery and Carpet factory.

#### Lunch at a restaurant

After lunch we visit **Kaymakli** Underground City, these troglodyte cave-cities were excavated as early as Hittite times and expanded over the centuries as various marauding armies traversed Central Anatolia in search of captives and plunder. There are 36 underground cities in Cappadocia and the widest one is Kaymakli underground city. a place of refuge for 15000 Christians. Witness the ancient bedrooms, church, meeting hall and food storage rooms on this eight storey city connected by 30km of corridors. Photo stops will be made at Uchisar “castle” village, a fantasy-land of strange structures.

Finally, we have chance to view semi-precious Turkish Turquoise (the name given by Marco Polo which means colour of Turks) in the Jewellery Store.

Arrive at the hotel in Cappadocia for Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 3 – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019

#### **CAPPADOCIA / PAMUKKALE**

Collect your packed breakfast from the hotel.  
Departure from the hotel. Drive to Pamukkale

#### **Lunch at a restaurant**

After lunch continue to Pamukkale

Proceed to Hierapolis ancient city -the greatest necropolis in Anatolia whose name means "sacred city," was believed by the ancients to have been founded by the God Apollo. The city also had a significant Jewish community and was mentioned by Paul in his Letter to Colossians. We move to Cotton Castle which is a natural site. The city contains hot springs and travertine, terraces of carbonate minerals left by the flowing water and enjoy walking on the hot spring waters on the snow white terraced ponds. Then transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 4 – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019

#### **PAMUKKALE / KUSADASI**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Departure from hotel to visit **Laodicea**, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation, later continue to Selcuk

#### **Lunch at a restaurant**

After lunch we will drive to **Ephesus**, the first of the Seven Churches, for a visit. You will see the amazing ruins of this great city: the theater, the library, the Temple of Hadrian and the newly excavated Roman Terrace Houses. Then we proceed to the Blessed Virgin Mary's House. St John the Apostle brought our Lady here, where She spent Her last years here on earth. Several Popes had been here, including Paul VI, John Paul II, and the recent visit of Pope Benedict XVI in last Nov. You will see the remains of the Temple of Artemis as well as a small Byzantine church, and the largest synagogue discovered outside of Israel.

Arrive at the hotel and check in for dinner and overnight.

### Day 5 – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019

#### **KUSADASI/PATMOS/ KUSADASI**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

Following breakfast, transfer to Pier and depart to **Patmos Island in Greece** from Kusadasi.

Apostle John received the Revelation of Jesus Christ while he was exiled there by Emperor Domitian. While on the island we will study parts of the Book of Revelation and explore the Island.

#### **Lunch at a local restaurant**

After exploring the Island, Proceed to Kusadasi by ferry boat  
Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kusadasi

## Day 6 – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### KUSADASI/IZMIR / CANAKKALE

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Departure from the hotel and drive to Izmir.

We travel to Philadelphia, now called **Alasehir**. We'll see remains of a Byzantine basilica as well as some eleventh century frescoes. **Philadelphia** and **Smyrna** were the only two churches among the Seven about which nothing bad was said by St. John.

#### Lunch at a restaurant

Then we will leave for **Sardis**, one of the most picturesque areas of any of the Seven Churches, **Thyatira**. Then depart to Bergama which is the site of ancient **Pergamos**, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. You will visit the acropolis there and see the impressive theater, the **Temple of Athena**, and other ruins of former civilizations.

You will continue to *Odun Iskelesi* to visit the site and the port of Alexandria Troas where Paul raised the boy from death, Eutychus. Paul visited this area at least twice. Later proceed to Canakkale for Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel in Canakkale

## Day 7- 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### CANAKKALE/ISTANBUL

Buffet breakfast at the hotel.

After having breakfast continue journey to Troy, the UNESCO listed World Heritage Site, where Greek and Trojan heroes fought the Trojan War for the honor of the beautiful Helen. Also visit its legendary walls, building and famous Wooden Horse.

#### Lunch at a restaurant

Drive to Istanbul and on the way, visit **Gallipoli** historically famous for being the site of many battles-particularly involving the Allied Forces including Australians and New Zealanders during World War I.

Continue to Istanbul, Arrive at the port for **Bosphorus cruise dinner**

Arrive at the hotel in Istanbul

## Day 8 – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### ISTANBUL

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

This morning we begin our tour by visiting, **Blue Mosque** with its beautiful **Iznik tiles**, Sultan Ahmet's beautiful Blue Mosque, a Wonder of the World. Then **Topkapi Palace**, the palace and residence of the Ottoman Sultans where you will be awed by the jewels of the empire.

**Hagia Sophia Museum**, One of the Wonders of the Worlds which alternately was a cathedral and mosque built by Emperor Justinian.

#### Lunch at a restaurant

After lunch we visit Famous **Grand Bazaar**, the biggest of its kind with 4000 shops. Haggle with the stallholders over an incredible variety of goods. Dinner at a restaurant and overnight at the hotel in Istanbul

**Day 9 – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**ISTANBUL / THESSALONIKI**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Morning at leisure in Istanbul for shopping and own explorations.

**Lunch at a restaurant**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Thessaloniki (Greece).

Arrive in Thessaloniki

Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 10– 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**THESSALONIKI / BEREIA / VERGINA / KALAMBAKA**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

The New Testament books of I & II Thessalonians will come alive to us today as we arrive in the delightful harbor city of Thessalonica.

Enjoy a sightseeing tour, view the old city ramparts; the newly excavated Forum, St. George Church, an ancient Roman monument was transformed into a church and the Galerius Arch which rises over the famous Via Egnatia. Walk to the White Tower and enjoy a 30 minutes floating cruise with a soft drink/ coffee / teas per person

**Lunch at a restaurant**

Depart Thessaloniki and continue driving to Meteora

A stop will be made in Berea to view the ancient synagogue where Paul spoke and the Bema surrounded by mosaics of Paul and the plaque of scripture regarding the "more noble" church. Driving through the town we will see remnants of the original Roman road that spanned the nation during Paul's time. We will also visit King Phillip's (Alexander's father) tomb in Vergina, one of the most outstanding finds in all of Greece.

Arrive in Kalambaka for dinner and overnight stay.

**Day 11– 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**KALAMBAKA / METEORA MONASTRY**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Visit the world famous Byzantine monasteries that are perched precariously on summits of gray rock pinnacles of varied and beautiful shapes. Their history goes back to the 14th century when the monks sought refuge in the Cliffside caves then fled higher to build the original wooden shelters, later transformed into monasteries

**Lunch at a restaurant.**

We continue through the mountains to Meteora to Athens our tour travels southward past Thermopylae where we learn of the famous Spartan battle of 300.

Dinner at a restaurant and overnight at the hotel in **Athens**.

## Day 12- 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### ATHENS

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

This morning begin your Athens sightseeing tour visiting the foundation of democracy. We visit the Acropolis, the Parthenon, and Erectheum before viewing Athens atop Mars Hill where Paul stood and preached the truth to the Gentile nation.

Additional sites include the Agora (ancient market place and center of Athenian public life), the House of Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Olympic Stadium, and Presidential Palace.

#### **Lunch at a restaurant**

Later this afternoon we travel west with a rest stop and photos at the Corinth Canal. We then travel to the ancient city of Corinth, another treat for the New Testament scholar. Corinth is the city that inspired many of Paul's most familiar letters. See the Archaeological Museum.

#### **Free time for Bible study and time of worship**

Later walk through the Market Place, the Bema, and the Temples. To enjoy a devotional in the midst of the ruins of the church of Corinth and see the pillars, steps, and public worship place where Paul preached, will enhance your understanding and love of I & II Corinthians. The ruins of this important cultural center are fascinating as we walk along the stone path that the Apostle Paul walked. The engineering skill and intellect of these people are evident in the water systems that still flow from ancient to modern day. Transfer back to **Athens Plaka area**

This evening our group will enjoy an Athens by night orientation tour with A/C coach and English escort.

Dinner at Greek restaurant followed by folklore dance show.

Overnight at the hotel in Athens

## Day 13- 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### ATHENS / DEPARTURE

Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Check out from the hotel and transfer to Athens Plaka area

For free time.

#### **Lunch at a restaurant.**

Transfer to the airport for departure flight to Colombo.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### TOUR RATES

Tour rates have been computed based on current exchange rates, negotiated airline rates as well as other factors and summarized below under 2 Options; -

**Option 1** – For passengers make their own flight arrangements from their home cities in Australia / New Zealand to Istanbul, Turkey and join the tour group other domestic airfares are included in the price quoted).

**Option 2** – for Passengers who prefer to travel via Colombo Sri Lanka and join the tour group departing from Colombo).

In addition, optional stop-over holidays can be organised in Sri Lanka and or Maldives, please provide your requirements when you complete the online booking form.

#### Option 1 - Ground Handling Services only - Turkey & Greece

(Passenger is responsible for organising their flights from their home country to Istanbul Turkey and return)

	<b>Rates in AUD</b>
Price per person DBL or TPL shared room	3,220.00
Price per Child (2 - 11 years) DBL or TPL shared room	2,695.00
Price per accompanying infant (Age 0 - <2)	260.00
Single room supplement (12 nights)	695.00

#### Option 2 - Tour from Colombo Sri Lanka

(Passenger is responsible for organising their flights from their home country to Colombo Sri Lanka and return  
Tour package cost includes airfares from Colombo Sri Lanka and other domestic flights on Turkish Airways )

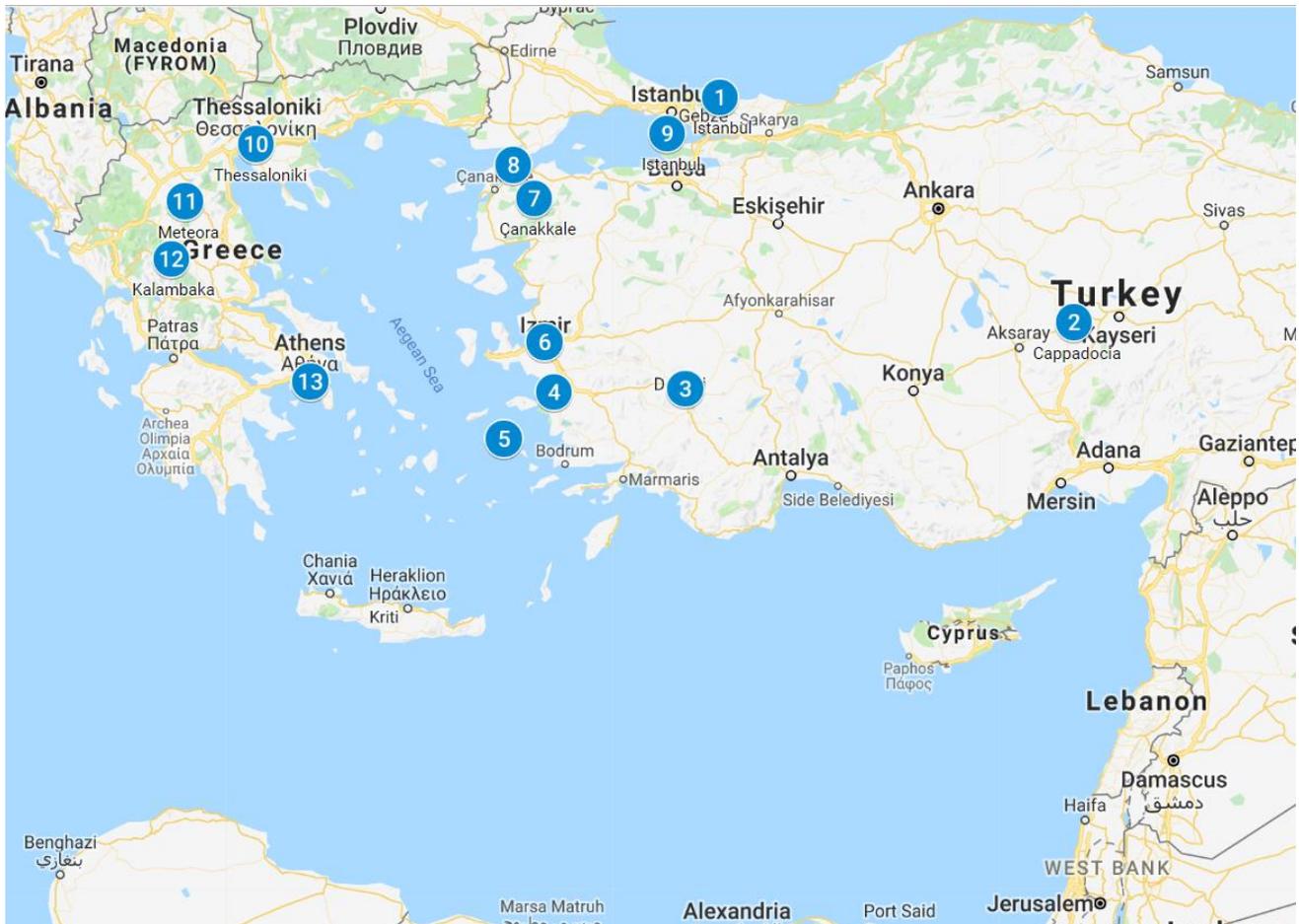
	<b>Rates in AUD</b>
Packaged price per person DBL or TPL shared room	3,920.00
Packaged price per Child (2 - 11 years) DBL or TPL room	3,220.00
Packaged Price per accompanying infant (Age 0 - <2)	525.00
Single room supplement (12 nights)	695.00

#### Flight information for the tour from Colombo Sri Lanka

Date	Flight #	DEP. Time	ARR. Time	Flight Sectors	Flight Type
07-Aug-19	TK731	2025	0500	Colombo/ Sri Lanka - Istanbul/ Turkey	International
08-Aug-18	TK2006	0635	0750	Istanbul / Turkey - Cappadocia/Turkey	Domestic
16-Aug-18	TK1893	1910	2030	Istanbul /Turkey - Thessaloniki/Greece	International
20-Aug-18	TK1844	2225	2355	Athens/Greece - Istanbul /Turkey	International
21-Aug-18	TK732	0405	1735	Instanbul /Turkey - Colombo / Sri Lanka	International

**[Booking form](#)** (Please click on this link to view and complete the online form)

**[Google Location Map for Seven Churches Biblical Tour in Aug 2019](#)** (Hyperlinked)



## **HOTEL Accommodation – 8<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019 - 3 Star**

### **Turkey:-**

- Cappadocia** - [Ramada Cappadocia](#) or similar (2 nights 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019)
- Pamukkale** - [Pam Thermal](#) or similar (1 night – 10<sup>th</sup> Aug)
- Kusadasi** - [Ada Class Hotel](#) or similar @ (2 nights – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Aug)
- Canakkale** - [Troia Tusan](#) Hotel or similar @ (1 night - 13<sup>th</sup> Aug)
- Istanbul** - [Clarion Golden Horn](#) or similar @ (2 nights – 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Aug)

### **Greece:-**

- Thessaloniki** - [Metropolitan Hotel](#) 4\* (1 night – 16<sup>th</sup> Aug)
- Kalambaka** - [Famishi Hotel](#) 3\* (1 night – 17<sup>th</sup> Aug)
- Athens** - [Best Western Museum Hotel](#) 3\* (2 nights - 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Aug)

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS - IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Please note that the above prices are subject to change without prior notice.
- Rates are as per current tariffs and are subject to change without prior notice.
- All rates are calculated as per current rates of exchange and will be subject to change in case of any increase.
- Airfares and reservations are always subject to change until paid in full and ticketed.
- Cancellation charges will apply.
- Group travelers will incur different cancellation policies, please inquire at the time of confirmation.

## **INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE RATES:**

- Economy Class Return Air Fare – See itinerary on page 7
- Accommodation 3 Star hotels in Greece & Turkey – see details on page 8
- Breakfast & Dinner at hotels as booked and lunch in good restaurants
- Arrival/Departures/Transfers in Turkey & Greece by deluxe A/C Coach
- Sightseeing will be by deluxe A/C coach
- English speaking guide/and Spiritual Leader throughout the tour
- Tips for Driver/ Guide/Airport Representative/ Hotel Staff/ Receptionist etc.
- 1L bottle of mineral water throughout the tour.
- Entry fees for various attractions and sites as per this itinerary.

## **NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE RATES**

1. Visa fees for Turkey (AUD 100/-) and Greece (AUD 140/-) per person subject to passport type
2. Any transportation costs to and from Colombo airport – Applicable for Option 2
3. Travel insurance – Please hold a valid travel insurance policy (Compulsory)
4. Transportation to / from any other airports in AU / NZ and airfare to Colombo or Istanbul
5. Excess baggage charges.
6. Liquor
7. Expenses of a personal nature
8. Any other taxes that may be implemented by either the Government of Sri Lanka or by any other including Visa formalities in Sri Lanka for option 2 Country or the Airline at the time of travel.
9. Meals other than those mentioned in the program
10. Drinks with meals
11. Additional Tips for waiters and other staff.
12. Laundry services
13. Hot air balloon ride on 09<sup>th</sup> Aug (approx.. USD 100 pp)

## PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS –

Passport should be valid for more than 6 months from the date of departure.

Any passengers travelling on non-Australian / New Zealand passport may require additional documentation and advance notice to process their visas. Please e-mail [info@sobiconsulting.com](mailto:info@sobiconsulting.com) for any further details

## PAYMENT

**Sobi Consulting** will coordinate the entire travel bookings for clients travelling from Australia and New Zealand on behalf of **Jet Wing Holidays** and partners with Fly Wings travels in Melbourne who handles the flight bookings from any city to provide a packaged travel solution.

Flights can be arranged from any city in Australia and New Zealand to connect with tour groups departing from Colombo with the stop-over holidays in Sri Lanka / Maldives or join the group directly in Istanbul, Turkey.

Advance payment of AUD 1,500/-per person payable at the time of booking. Balance payment to be made in full within the agreed period set by the airlines to secure the best rates and or offer any early bird discounts.

## Bank Account details for EFT

Name of Beneficiary:- Sobi Trading & Consulting Pty Ltd

Bank :- National Australia Bank

BSB :- 083-802

Account Number :- 83-442 4758

## Credit card payments

The following surcharge will be applied for any payments made by credit card:

Visa and Master 2.0%

Amex: 3.5%

## CONDITIONS GOVERNING VOLUNTARY CANCELLATION OF TOUR

Between (60) to (45) days prior to date of departure – AUD 750/-

Within (45) to (30) days prior to date of departure – AUD 1,500/

Within (30) days – **No Refund** on tour rates and airline ticketing subject to the conditions

Please e-mail [info@sobiconsulting.com](mailto:info@sobiconsulting.com) or Contact Dilki on (61) 0408 535 655 for any further details

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** It is a condition for booking with us that you take out insurance at the time of or prior to making your booking. It is the responsibility of the passenger to ensure that the insurance cover they purchase is suitable and adequate for their particular needs.

Please note that you would have a direct contractual relation with the insurer. You shall directly submit claims to your Insurance Company.

The Insurance Company shall directly pay the entitlement amounts to you and any disputes in regard to rejection of claim or adequacy of settlement amount shall be settled by you directly with the Insurance Company.

<-----END OF TOUR ITINERARY----->