

7 CITIES OF THE REVELATION TOUR

June 6-17, 2012 (12 days)

“Overcoming the World in Christ!” *That’s our theme for this tour. As we explore the Book of Revelation & visit the 7 Cities we’ll learn what this means for our day-to-day lives.*

DAY 1 Istanbul, Turkey: We’ll meet at our hotel at 5 PM for a “Welcome to Turkey” get-together. Afterwards, we’ll enjoy our first Turkish meal together on the famous Istiklal Caddesi pedestrian way in the Beyoglu district.

DAY 2 Historical Seeds: Each day we’ll begin with a devotion, prayer and song. Our tour will start with an historical introduction at the **Archaeological Museum**. And then we’re off for a visit to a couple of the most important sites of the early church, the **Hagia Sophia** and **Chora Church**.

DAY 3 St. John’s Island: After a short flight from Istanbul to Izmir, we’ll enjoy a beautiful 2 ½ hour private ferry ride from the port city, Kusadasi, to the Greek island, **Patmos**.

DAY 4 The Book of Revelation: Our retreat on the island of Patmos will be a mixture of study of the Book of Revelation, reflection and prayer, touring the island, and great food! Today, we’ll get into the Word with the afternoon free to lounge around, shop, or write postcards home.

Faith walks hand-in-hand with history as God’s people immerse themselves in the places of His revelation.

DAY 5 Sunday on Patmos: We’ll enjoy a time of worship to start out the day followed by a tour of **St. John the Divine’s Monastery** and its **library**. We’ll also stroll through the white-washed, maze-like streets of the town, **Chora**. But best of all we’ll experience the **Cave of the Apocalypse**, St. John’s home-sweet-home.

DAY 6 Revelation & Beaches: This morning we’ll continue our study of the Book of Revelation with the afternoon to explore the island, especially the beaches!

DAY 7 Seven Cities, Here We Come! Today, we’ll ferry back to Turkey, preparing for our tour of the 7 Cities. We’ll spend two nights in Izmir.

DAY 8 Smyrna, Pergamum & Thyatira: First, we’ll explore **Smyrna** (Rev 2:8-11), famous for its agora, the Velvet Castle, and the medieval Church of Polycarp. We’ll also see **Pergamum** (Rev 2:12-17), for its ancient library, acropolis, and theater, and **Thyatira** (Rev 2:18-29), for its basilica and ancient portico.

DAY 9 Sardis, Philadelphia & Laodicia: Beginning with **Sardis** (Rev 3:1-6), we’ll see the Temple of Artemis, gymnasium, and the Great Synagogue. In **Philadelphia** (Rev 3:7-13) we’ll explore the Church of St. John. And in **Laodicia** (Rev 3:14-22) we’ll see the recently excavated church and theater in addition to the Roman aqueduct. We’ll spend the night in the town of Pammukale (Pom-**OOK**-a-lay), where we’ll have the chance to wade in the pools of the famous milk-white travertine terraces and take a dip in the mineral springs.

DAY 10 Hieropolis & Aphrodisias: After breakfast and devotions, we’ll see two sites which are wonderful ruins with well-preserved artifacts from biblical times. First, **Hieropolis**, with its necropolis (city of tombs), churches, baths, and the Martyrium of St. Philip. Next, we’ll explore **Aphrodisias**, taking in its stadium, theater, agora, Temple of Aphrodite, and Baths of Hadrian. Tonight, we’ll enjoy hospitality in Seljuk.

DAY 11 Ephesus: We’ve been saving the best for last! **Ephesus** (Rev 2:1-7) is one of the world’s most important and best preserved cities of antiquity. We’ll take in all of the sites, plus the Basilica of St. John, the traditional site of St. John’s grave. This is the last night of our tour. We’ll celebrate everything we’ve learned together over dinner.

DAY 12 Blessed Travels! This morning we’ll fly to Istanbul, where you’ll either continue your flight home or remain in the city for a day or two or more. We’ll arrive in Istanbul by 10 AM. Additional days in Istanbul may be arranged upon request.

TOUR SUMMARY

12 days * Wednesday, June 6 – Sunday, June 17, 2012

\$2595 + air

Single Supplement \$280

Begin & end in Istanbul

WHAT YOU’RE GETTING! We

want to give you a unique opportunity for a Bible-based journey with a whole bunch of great features:

- Focused, theme-based itinerary
- Great fellowship
- First-rate teaching by a professional instructor
- Small, flexible tour group
- Daily devotions and Bible studies
- Excellent hospitality at family-run establishments
- Great guides who care about you
- Delicious, authentic local meals
- Upfront pricing—No surprises!

The price for this tour INCLUDES

travel guides; accommodations for every night on the tour; all group transportation & excursions in the itinerary; all breakfasts & half of your dinners; & tips for guides, drivers & hotel staff.

The price for this tour does NOT

include airfare to & from our meeting location; passport & visas; half your dinners; drinks; free-time sightseeing; travel insurance; personal expenses.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

REGISTRATION, PAYMENT & AIRFARE

Forms: The first form to complete and send to us is the Tour Application with your deposit. After we've received your deposit we'll mail/email you the Waiver Agreement and a Traveler Information Form. These forms need to be completed and returned to us before the tour begins.

Deposits & Payments: To reserve a seat on one of our tours, please make a deposit of \$400 per person. You may pay by personal check or money order, or you may pay using a credit/debit card or with PayPal. A PayPal account is not required for the use of this service. If you pay by check or money order you will save approximately 3% on your tour price.

The balance due for a tour is required at least 90 days before departure. More information about payments is available on the [Tour Application](#) and on the tour purchase page on this website.

Please note, if a payment is returned unpaid for any reason, such as an overdrawn bank account, we will assess a \$35 fee per item, per occurrence.

Single Room Supplement: If you're traveling alone, you will NOT be required to pay the usual "single supplement" if you're willing to have a roommate. However, if you prefer to have a private room, we do offer that opportunity for an additional fee, as noted in the pricing for each tour, subject to availability.

International Airfare: There are two options for arranging a flight to a tour starting point:

(1) You may book an [individual fare](#) with Educon Travel for a service fee of \$25. However, you may take care of this yourself very easily using one of the many airfare search engines available online. Please see our [International Airfare](#) page for more information and links to these sites.

PLEASE NOTE: Before purchasing a fare, please confirm with us the tour's itinerary and your intended arrival time. In addition, you need to plan to leave at least one day before the tour begins (i.e., if you're departing from the USA).

(2) You may book a [group fare](#) with us if you have a group of 10 or more persons from your church, school, etc. We will book group fares for our tours for no extra charge.

Travel Insurance: We encourage travelers to consider insurance. For more information, please see our [Travel Insurance](#) page.

Packing: Pack light! We recommend that you bring just one carry-on-bag (approx. 21"x 14"x 9") plus a small shoulder bag. Checked luggage will probably cost you extra, and it's something you'll spend a lot of time and energy worrying about. You will always carry your own bags from the bus to your room, which may include carrying them up flights of stairs. Please see the [Travel Tips](#) page for more info about how to travel light creatively and effectively.

PASSPORTS, VISAS & VACCINATIONS

Passports: A passport is required with a minimum of 6-months validity from the day of departure. If you do not have a passport or if you need to renew your existing passport, you may inquire at a post office or go online to the Department of State at http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html

Visas: Educon Travel will work with you to acquire the necessary visa(s) for the country or countries we'll visit either before or during the tour.

Vaccinations: Vaccinations are NOT required for any of our tours. However, for RECOMMENDED vaccinations and general healthcare, please speak to your family doctor or visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel>

CANCELLATIONS, CLAIMS, ETC.

Cancellations: A full refund will be made to you upon written request up to 90-days prior to departure. A refund less the \$400 deposit and any non-recoverable amounts from independent providers of land services and internal air and water travel may be requested up to 30-days prior to departure. Per group air travel, a request for a full refund of any payments made must be received at least 97-days before the day of departure. After 97-days refunds and/or additional charges for cancellations, the number of seats booked and names changes will be handled according to the terms and conditions of the airline under contract.

Pricing: The prices quoted for this tour are based on exchange rates in effect with the initial offering. If there is a dramatic fluctuation in such rates before the tour date, price adjustments may be made. In the event of unforeseen circumstances such as a natural disaster, political turmoil, or other conditions outside of our control, parts of the tour may be modified accordingly.

Children: Children under 18-years of age must room with and be accompanied on the tour by a parent/guardian in all of their tour activities.

Participation: From time-to-time a client will do something that is inappropriate concerning the safety and/or comfort of other members of the tour. We retain the right to remove such a person from a tour at his own expense without any claims against us.

Claims: Transactions between Educon Travel and its clients are covered by the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund (TCRF) if said clients are located in California at the time of sale. Eligible clients may file a claim with the TCRF if they are owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which the seller of travel has failed to forward to a proper provider or such money was not refunded when required. The maximum amount which may be paid by the TCRF to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to the seller of travel, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRF within 12-months after the scheduled completion date of travel. A claim must include sufficient documentation to prove a client's claim and a \$35 processing fee. Claimants must agree to waive their right to other civil remedies against a registered participating seller of travel for matters arising out of a sale for which he filed a TCRF claim. A person may request a claim form by writing to, TCRF, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001. Educon Travel's registration number is 2097400-40. Educon Travel has a trust account in accordance with state law.

Yes, I want to tour with Educon Travel!

Please complete this application and mail it with your deposit of \$400 to Educon Travel, 2417 N. Park Blvd., Santa Ana CA 92706. (Note other payment options below.) Please attach additional copies of this form if more than two persons are signing up for a tour. Upon receiving your registration we will send you more information about how to prepare for the tour! Can't wait to see you!

Please reserve a spot for me on the following TOUR: _____

First Traveler

Name _____ male female

Birth date _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Second Traveler

Please note relationship for room assignments: couple roommates

Name _____ male female

Birth date _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

I have read & I agree to the Terms & Conditions of tours with Educon Travel.

Signature Traveler #1 _____ Date _____

Signature Traveler #2 _____ Date _____

Optional Single Supplement: If you choose a single supplement, you'll be billed accordingly. Please see the website tour pages for prices.

Check here to reserve a single room. (We will inform you of availability upon receiving this registration form.)

Payments: There are three ways to pay:

1. Use a credit card, debit card, or PayPal at our Shopping Cart Page. Don't forget to mail-in this registration form!
2. Mail your credit card information to us with this registration form to the address below. Please note that we cannot receive credit card information by email.
3. Mail your check or money order. You'll save about 3% on your tour if you pay in this way. Please check the website tour pages for price differences.

Payment Type: Check/Money Order Credit Card PayPal (On PayPal you may use a credit or debit card or a PayPal payment)

Deposit \$ 400 per person

Number of people x

Total payment \$ _____

Credit Card Information & Authorization: By completing the information below & signing, I am authorizing Educon Travel to charge my credit card for the total payment noted above.

You may use VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

Credit card # _____ Expiration date _____ Security code: _____

Name on card _____ Daytime telephone _____

Billing address (must match) _____

City/State/Zip _____ Signature (required) _____

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