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A Theological Exploration of

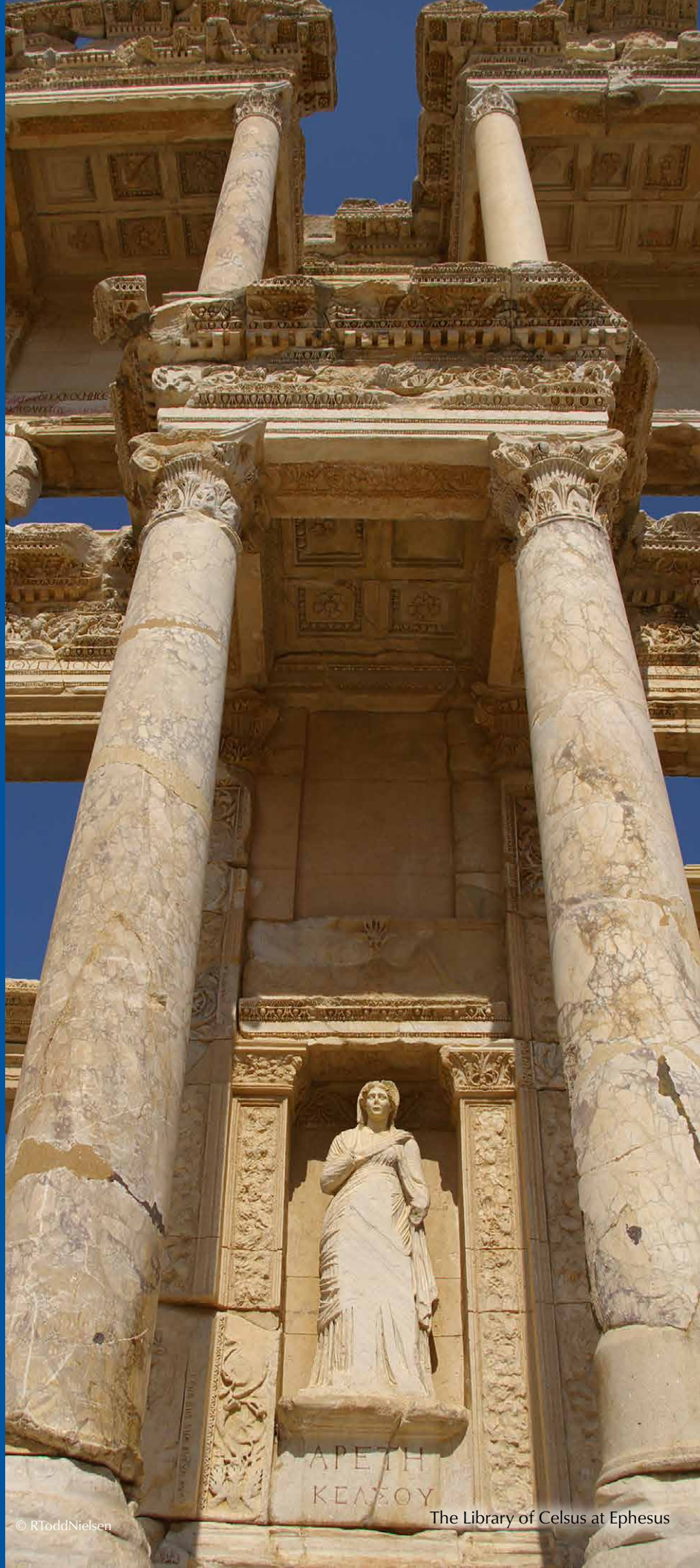
TÜRKIYE

May 15-25, 2025 (11 days)

**Optional post-tour extension to
the Greek islands of
Samos, Patmos & Kos**

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**Travel with
Dean of Duke Divinity School
Edgardo Colón-Emeric &
Professor of Historical Theology
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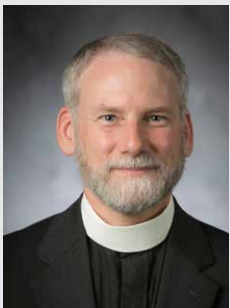


Duke Study Leaders



Edgardo Colón-Emeric is dean of Duke Divinity School, Irene and William McCutchen Professor of Reconciliation and Theology, and director of the Center for Reconciliation. Colón-Emeric's work explores the intersection of Methodist

and Catholic theologies, and Wesleyan and Latin American experiences. His teaching covers a broad range of theological areas: systematics, Wesleyan theology, ecumenism, and Latin American theology. Colón-Emeric's research brings theologians like Thomas Aquinas and Hans Urs von Balthasar into conversation with voices from the theological periphery like Bartolomé de las Casas and Saint Óscar Romero, guided by the conviction that Christian theology sounds best when it is symphonic.



J. Warren Smith, professor of historical theology, is interested in the history of theology broadly conceived from the apostles to the present, but his primary focus is upon patristic theology.

His book *Passion and Paradise: Human and Divine Emotion in the Thought of Gregory of Nyssa* (Crossroad, 2004) is a study of Nyssen's ascetic theology as the intersection of his anthropology, soteriology, and eschatology. Central to this project is Nyssen's view of the sublimation and transformation of human emotions and their role in his theory of *epectacy*, i.e. the soul's eternal movement into God's infinite and eternal being. The impetus behind the book was Dr. Smith's concern for the question of realized eschatology: how can we in the present age live into the eschatological reality inaugurated by Christ's resurrection?



- # Overnight stays
- Itinerary stops
- ✈ Flights
- ✈ In-program flights
- Optional extension
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Highlights:

- Travel with Edgardo Colón-Emeric, Dean of Duke Divinity School, and Warren Smith, Professor of Historical Theology.
- Celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the First Council in Nicaea in A.D. 325, which was attended by 300 bishops and resulted in the first Nicene Creed, the defining statement of belief of mainstream Christianity.
- Visit ancient Nicaea, today's Iznik, which is situated on the eastern shore of Lake Iznik.
- Spend four nights in Istanbul (ancient Constantinople), a remarkable historic city that spans two continents. Visit many extraordinary sites in this city that was capital of the Byzantine Empire for 1,000 years and then capital of the Ottoman Empire for 400 years.
- Fly to the Cappadocia region in central Türkiye, where early Christian settlers carved chapels, churches, and dwellings into the soft rock that was formed, over time, from volcanic ash.
- End your adventure in Izmir (ancient Smyrna) and visit Ephesus, one of the seven churches of Asia to which the Revelation of John was addressed. It was one of the greatest cities in the ancient Roman and early Christian world.
- Stay in centrally located hotels that provide generous comfort, savor delicious cuisine, and benefit from expert tour management and the knowledge of an expert local guide.
- An optional post-tour extension to the Greek islands of Samos, Patmos, and Kos is available to visit the Cave of the Apocalypse and the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and its Ecclesiastical Museum.



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul



Maiden Tower on the Bosphorus, Istanbul

ITINERARY

(B)=Breakfast, (L)=Lunch, (R)=Reception, (D)=Dinner

Thursday, May 15, 2025: Depart home for Istanbul, Türkiye

Friday, May 16: Arrive Istanbul | Optional Hippodrome walk | Welcome reception

Upon arrival at Istanbul Airport (IST), you are met and transferred to our hotel in Sultanahmet, the oldest district of Istanbul and the center of the ancient Greek colony of Byzantium, founded in 700 B.C. This became Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine Empire, and later Istanbul, capital of the Ottoman Empire. Almost all of the major sites in Istanbul that we will see are within a short walking distance of our hotel. In mid-afternoon there is an optional guided walk around the Hippodrome, a Byzantine era chariot racing arena. We gather in the early evening for a casual reception with cocktails and mezes at our luxurious hotel's rooftop lounge that overlooks iconic Hagia Sophia. *Overnight at the 4-star [Armada Hotel in Istanbul](#) for four nights.* (R)

Saturday, May 17: Istanbul | Iznik (ancient Nicaea) | Istanbul

After a morning lecture/discussion, we drive across the Bosphorus Strait that separates Europe and Asia and see the extraordinary building boom of skyscrapers in eastern Istanbul. We continue driving through lush farmland to Iznik, ancient Nicaea, situated on the eastern shore of Lake Iznik. As a result of doctrinal controversies, the Byzantine Emperor Constantine the Great convened the First Council in Nicaea in A.D. 325, which was attended by 300 bishops. The result was the first Nicene Creed, the defining statement of belief of mainstream Christianity. This was also the capital city of the Empire of Nicaea following the Fourth Crusade in 1204, until the recapture of Constantinople by the Byzantines in 1261. We will drive around the extensive ancient city walls, visit the new archaeological museum with a curator, and visit the church, constructed in the 4th century, where it is claimed the First Council of Nicaea was held. We will also see the kilns where the famous Iznik tiles were made, and a contemporary tile workshop with shops. We will enjoy lunch overlooking Lake Iznik, where nearby is an ancient sunken Christian basilica. We return to Istanbul, freshen up, and gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Sunday, May 18: Istanbul: Sunday worship, Hagia Sophia, Bosphorus cruise, Robert College

We have the opportunity to attend Sunday morning worship at a Protestant church a short drive from our hotel. Afterward, we will meet and dine with the pastor and some of the congregation (pending confirmation). We then walk through Istanbul's famous Hippodrome, admiring the Blue Mosque's splendid exterior with its graceful cascade of domes, semi-domes, and six slender minarets. Continue our stroll to majestic Hagia Sophia, which was first a church, then a mosque, then a museum, and now again a mosque. Hagia Sophia was built by Byzantine Emperor Justinian in the 6th century and reigned as the grandest church in Christendom for



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Photos from top: church in Iznik; Blue Mosque and wares in the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul

nearly 1,000 years until the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople in 1453. Then we enjoy a private cruise up the Bosphorus Strait including an early cocktail dinner onboard, admiring historic buildings on both sides on our way to Robert College, the oldest continually-operated American school founded outside of the United States. Have a tour of the school and perhaps meet either with current students or former students (pending availability) on the campus called Bizim Tepe. We then transfer to our hotel by motorcoach. (B,L,D)

Monday, May 19: Istanbul: Topkapi Palace, PM at leisure OR guided visit of the Grand Bazaar OR guided visit of the Istanbul Archaeological Museum

This morning we stroll to the imperial residence of the Ottoman sultans, Topkapi Palace. Here, in the outer courtyard of the palace, we find the Church of Saint Irene, the first church built here and the meeting place of the Council of the Seven Churches in A.D. 381. Topkapi is the most extensive and fascinating monument of Turkish civil architecture in existence in that, besides its historical and architectural interest, it houses extraordinary collections of porcelain, armor, fabric, jewelry, miniatures, calligraphy, and many other precious objects that once belonged to the sultans and their court. After lunch at Topkapi, overlooking the Bosphorus, you have three choices: returning to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure; a guided visit of the Grand Bazaar, with time to wander on your own through its enormous labyrinth of covered streets lined with shops selling hand-woven carpets and kilims, gold and silver jewelry, hand-painted ceramics, leather goods, and more; or a guided visit of the Istanbul Archaeological Museum, which features one of the world's richest collections of Greco-Roman antiquities, including an extraordinary collection of sarcophagi. Return to our hotel for an evening that is free for independent activities, such as packing for tomorrow's flight and dinner. (B,L)

Tuesday, May 20: Fly to Cappadocia | Göreme Valley

This morning we fly to Cappadocia to explore a lunar-like landscape of soft, porous rock called tuff, or tufa, that was formed over time from volcanic ash. Erosion over the centuries created fantastic geologic shapes, and early Christian settlers carved chapels, churches, dwellings, and numerous other structures into the soft rock. In the Göreme Valley, explore the Göreme Open Air Museum, comprising more than 30 rock-carved churches and chapels with some superb frescoes dating from the 9th to 11th centuries. Unremarkable from the outside, the interiors are in a typically Byzantine style, with a central dome and a floor plan in the shape of a cross or a rectangle. Check-in to our unique, cave-style hotel. *Overnight at the 4-star [Utopia Cave Cappadocia Hotel](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 21: Cappadocia: Kaymakli Underground City OR Mustafapaşa Village, Ihlara Canyon, Whirling Dervish ceremony

Optional, early morning, hot-air balloon rides are available (additional cost) to admire the extraordinary landscape of Cappadocia at sunrise. This is one of the most popular morning activities in the Göreme Valley. Typically, these rides last about an hour and a half and literally go wherever the

wind may blow in the valley. The balloon carriages hold approximately ten people with the pilot, following the air currents and floating along the valleys, often below the ridge line and close to the famous natural phenomena: the chimney rocks. Return to land and transfer back to our hotel for breakfast.

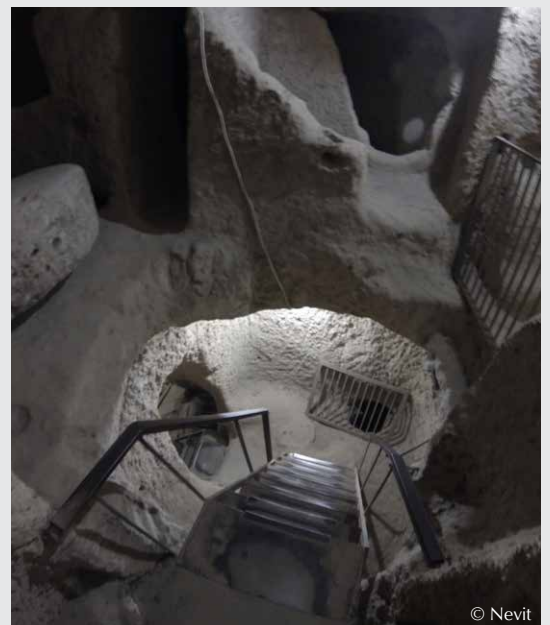
After breakfast you have a choice of either exploring the Kaymakli Underground City or Mustafapaşa Village. Kaymakli Underground City is one of the deepest and most fascinating multilevel settlements of Cappadocia, with underground courtyards, stables, churches, and wineries all intertwined in an extensive network of tunnels. (This option is for those who are not claustrophobic and are quite physically flexible and fit, ready to stoop through low, narrow tunnels.) Alternatively, one can explore the open-air museum of Mustafapaşa, an old Anatolian Greek Orthodox village with a fascinating, multi-cultural history. Visit magnificent historical mosques, madrasas, churches, monasteries, and stone mansions. The entire group will continue on to visit scenic Ihlara Canyon, once the site of more than 4,000 residences (“troglodyte dwellings”) and 100 cave churches decorated with frescoes that are very different from those elsewhere in Cappadocia. Late this afternoon we enjoy a Whirling Dervish ceremony and then have dinner. (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 22: Cappadocia: Zelve Valley, Pasabag Monks Valley, Avanos

This morning we will explore cliff dwellings in the three valleys of Zelve, which have chimney rocks formed in the volcanic tufa. The chimney rocks have large pointed tops and large trunks. Many such settlements were used for hiding by the first Christians trying to escape from the Roman soldiers. In these settlements, there are many abbeys and churches. We will visit the two most interesting churches: The Church of Grapes and the Fish Church. Next to Zelve stands Pasabag Monks Valley, where Saint Simeon lived and where are the highest of the fairy chimneys. We continue to the village of Avanos, famous for its beautiful old houses, pottery, and onyx. Avanos has been the center of terracotta work since 3000 B.C. In the village we visit a workshop in a traditional family-owned pottery house and watch artisans hand-paint the pottery and see a potter at work. Before returning to our hotel, there may be an optional stop at an art and handicraft center to see craftspeople, possibly including a traditional rug workshop. Dinner is at our hotel. (B,L,D)

Friday, May 23: Fly to Izmir | Izmir: Roman Agora, Kemeralti Bazaar, Kizlaragasi Hani

Take a morning flight to Izmir (ancient Smyrna), Türkiye’s third-largest city, a melting pot of historical heritage and a 21st-century metropolis with a young population, a lively art scene, and a very Mediterranean Europe feel. Along with Ephesus, it was one of the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse mentioned in the Book of Revelation. Visit the Roman Agora, the open-air museum of Izmir which was used as a square-shaped marketplace during the Roman rule of the city, followed by a visit to the historic Kemeralti Bazaar and Kizlaragasi Hani, one of the best places to understand Turkish culture, where one can taste a great variety of delicious street food and local food. Nearby is the Clock Tower, the symbol of the city located in the heart of town, in Konak Square. Check-in to our hotel, located along the famous, seaside Kordon Promenade. *Overnight at the 5-star [Swissotel Buyuk Efes Izmir](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)



Photos from top: Cappadocia, Church at Göreme Open Air Museum, Whirling Dervishes, Kaymakli Underground City



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MODERATE: Must be able to walk one to three miles per day on mostly flat, but often uneven, terrain.

What to Expect

This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants who are not able to walk, sit, or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. At the time of our visit you can expect pleasant weather, with daytime temperatures ranging from the low 70s F to the mid-80s F, and cool evenings in the 50s to 60s F. Accommodations and restaurants have been carefully selected to offer the authentic experience of true Turkish culture, ambiance, and hospitality. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*

Saturday, May 24: Ephesus | Basilica of St. John | Izmir | Farewell reception and dinner

Spend the day exploring Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, which provides compelling insights into life in Hellenistic and Roman times. Ephesus was the recipient city of one of the Pauline epistles, the Epistle to the Ephesians, the tenth book of the New Testament. At its peak, it was the largest Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor with a population of 250,000 and an infrastructure that included street lights, running water, a huge stadium and theater, and the marble-paved Arcadian Way leading down to the magnificent Library of Celsus. Ephesus has been extensively excavated and restored. Take a private tour of its Terrace Houses—villas of the wealthy, filled with colorful wall frescoes and intricate mosaic floors. After lunch, drive past the one remaining column from the gigantic Temple of Artemis, and then visit the ruins of the Basilica of St. John. Time permitting, we will also visit the Ephesus Archaeological Museum and the Church of Mary. Return to our hotel and gather this evening for our farewell reception and dinner. (B,L,R,D)

Sunday, May 25: Fly home OR begin extension to the Greek Islands

Transfer to Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport (ADB) for flights homeward, or begin the optional post-tour extension. (B)

Pricing and program details will be sent to confirmed participants when available.

Optional Post-tour Extension to the Greek Islands of Samos, Patmos & Kos

May 25-29, 2025 (5 days)

On May 25th, we will take a ferry from Kuşadası, Türkiye, to the island of Samos, Greece, where we overnight. Samos is the birthplace of Pythagoras, the ancient Greek philosopher and mathematician. The following day we take a ferry to the Greek island of Patmos, where we spend two nights. Here we will visit the Cave of the Apocalypse where, according to the Bible, St. John the Apostle received the visions that he recorded in the Book of Revelation. We also visit the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian and its Ecclesiastical Museum that house a significant collection of historic documents and manuscripts, as well as valuable icons, ecclesiastical utensils, sacred relics, and vestments. The cave, the monastery, and the town of Chora are together a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The following day we take a ferry to the Greek island of Kos, and overnight. Kos is the birthplace of the ancient Greek physician Hippocrates, who is considered the “father of medicine.” On May 29th, we will fly to Athens to connect with flights homeward. *Please note that this itinerary and in particular the overnights on Samos and Kos may change for operational reasons, due to ferry schedules.*



Kos

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Main Tour Price per person (9 nights)

Double Occupancy (16-34 participants)	\$6,345
Single Occupancy (limited availability)	\$7,590

Main Tour Price Includes:

- Leadership of **Dean Edgardo Colón-Emeric** and **Professor Warren Smith**, plus a professional **tour manager/guide**
- **Nine nights' accommodations** in best available, 4- and 5-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- **Breakfast daily, 8 lunches and 7 dinners**, as noted in the itinerary (with water, tea, and coffee at all meals), plus a special welcome reception with cocktails and a farewell reception and dinner with wine or beer
- **Group airport transfers** on program arrival and departure dates
- **All ground transportation** by private, air-conditioned motorcoach as per itinerary, with bottled water
- **Two in-program flights:** Istanbul to Cappadocia and Cappadocia to Izmir; and tickets for a **private cruise** on the Bosphorus Strait
- **Personal listening audio devices** during excursions
- **All sightseeing and entrance fees** as per itinerary
- **Gratuities** to tour manager/guide, drivers, waitstaff for included meals, and porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels and airports where available
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- Complete **pre-departure materials** including a suggested reading/media guide, luggage tags, name badge, and packing suggestions

Flights & Transfers

Airfare to Istanbul Airport (IST) and from Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport (ADB) is not included in the tour price. In-program flights are included in the tour price and will be booked for you. Complimentary group arrival and departure airport transfers (times TBD) are provided. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

Main Tour Price Does Not Include:

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Church of Göreme

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Name 2 _____

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I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Please send me/us more information about the optional post-tour extension when available.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single

I will be sharing with: _____

Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

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Mail this form to: **Eos Study Tours - PO Box 938, 47 Main Street, Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608**

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Check payable to: Eos DUKE-Turkiye5/25 (Checks may be mailed to Eos Study Tours at the address above.)

Visa/Mastercard/AMEX: (Eos Study Tours will contact you to arrange your deposit payment by credit card.)

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to all Terms & Conditions delineated throughout.

Signature (participant #1) _____ Date _____

Signature (participant #2) _____ Date _____

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participation, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **PRICES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. **FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to dispute resolution in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:** Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> and <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. **APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted by other travelers and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. **ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.