

**ANDREWS UNIVERSITY**  
**Faculty & Staff Professional Development**  
**Turkey Tour**  
**March 11-22, 2015**  
**Religion and Biblical Languages Department**  
**Rubén Muñoz-Larrondo, PhD – Tour Coordinator**

**TOUR ITINERARY**

**Mar 11 Wed ANDREWS UNIVERSITY**

Depart PMC Parking lot by AU-Bus 5:30 pm to O'Hare Airport – Chicago; TK6 22:30.

**Mar 12 Thu ARRIVE ISTANBUL AIRPORT**

Our representative will meet you after the customs and baggage claim. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight. Optional Free Evening Galata Tower (13<sup>th</sup> c.) & Istakli Cadassi, (D).

**Mar 13 Fri ISTANBUL**

Full day Istanbul tour: the **Roman Hippodrome Square**, **Blue Mosque** with its beautiful blue tiles, **St. Sophia Church**, built by Constantine the Great and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, one of the world's greatest architectural marvels and a designated World Heritage site. Then visit the church of **Hagia Eirene** where the second ecumenical, also known as the First Council of Constantinople council took place. Then visit the **Istanbul Archaeology Museum**. Dinner and overnight (B, D).

**Mar 14 Sat ISTANBUL**

Sabbath Worship at the SDA Church *if they meet*. Half Day Tour to **Topkapi Palace**. Included: Lunch Box – Rest of Afternoon & Evening Free, (B, D).

**Mar 15 Sun ALEXANDRIA TROAS - ASSOS (Acts 16:8-11; 20:5, 6, II Tim. 4:13; II Cor. 2:12, Acts 20:13-14)**

Drive to **Çanakkale**. Cross the Dardanelles Strait by car ferry. Proceed to **Alexandria Troas** where Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia during his second missionary journey and also visited later during his third journey. Then continue to **Assos**. Dinner and overnight, (B, D).

**Mar 16 Mon PERGAMUM (Rev. 1:11; 2:12) - SMYRNA (Rev.1:11; 2:8)**

Departure for Pergamon. Visit the **Acropolis** with the steepest theater of the ancient world and the **Temple of Trajan**. Then visit the **Red Basilica** which was an Egyptian Temple, later converted to a church. Continue to Izmir. Overnight. (B, D).

**Mar 17 Tue EPHESUS (Acts 18:19-24; 19:1-35; 20:16-17; 21:29, 1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8, I Tim. 1:3 II Tim. 1:18; 4:12, Rev. 1:11, 2:1) - IZMIR**

Visit the famous **ancient city of Ephesus**, and its **Terrace Houses** and the **Ephesus Archaeological Museum** and the **Basilica of John**. Dinner and overnight in Izmir (B, D)

**Mar 18 Wed SARDIS (Rev. 1:11; 3:1-4) – PHILADELPHIA (Rev. 1:11; 3:7) – HIERAPOLIS - PAMUKKALE**

Drive to Sardes capital of the ancient Lydia where first coin of the world is invented. See the remaining of the early church. Continue to Alasehir to see the Philadelphia Church which is another one of the Seven Churches of the Revelation. Then proceed to Hierapolis visit the archaeological site. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B, D)

**Mar 19 Thu LAODICEA (Col 2:1; 4:13-16, Rev. 1:11; 3:14; Acts 13) – PSIDIAN ANTIOCH - KONYA**

Morning short visit to the newly excavated Laodicea. Drive to Yalvac to visit Psidian Antioch, place of Paul's first sermon in Acts. Overnight in Konya (B, D)

**Mar 20 Fri ICONIUM (KONYA) – CAPPADOCIA**

Drive to Cappadocia. Afternoon visit to **Uçhisar**, another of these early Christian communities and local carpet and ceramic shops for shopping opportunity. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia. (B, D).

**Mar 21 Sat CAPPADOCIA**

**Optional Hot Air Balloon Ride** in Cappadocia in early morning (05:00am-07:00am).

Today, we will visit the **Göreme** where you will see remains of several hundred early churches, with rooms hollowed out of the cones of volcanic ash. Some of them are decorated with scratched frescoes depicting scenes from the Bible. Then visit the **Kaymakli** underground city which was an early Christian center that extended downward in the earth for at least eight floors and housed several thousand people in the eighth and ninth centuries. Afternoon visit to the monastic **Zelve Valley** for Sabbath Worship, Lunch Boxes, Meditation & optional light hike. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B, D). Optional Turkish Bath or Whirling Dervish Show in the evening.

**Mar 22 Sun CAPPADOCIA – FLY TO CHICAGO VIA ISTANBUL**

Transfer to Kayseri Airport for **TK 2011 08:50/10:20** flight to Istanbul. Take the connection flight to Chicago **TK 5 13:40/17:50** Arrive CHICAGO at 17:50 same day. Travel by AU-Bus to Berrien Springs, estimated arrival 9:30 pm.

**Sponsored and Subsidized Discount Rates:**

**\$2,490** per person in double room for Andrews University Faculty & Staff.

**\$2,690** for non-faculty & staff spouses in double room.

**\$2,990** for community associated with Andrews University in double room.

**\$435** Single room supplement

**Registration and Payment Options:**

**Applications are available at the Religion Department.** See Ms. Melissa Butler, Secretary, Dr. Paul Petersen or Dr. Muñoz-Larrondo.

**Registration:** Pay the registration fee of \$300 to Dr. Laren Kurtz, at the Financial Office, before Nov 15, 2014. This deposit is included in the total price and covers the airline reservation. \$200 of the \$300 deposit is non-refundable after Dec 10, 2014. Bring the receipt and the signed application to the Religion Department.

**AU Faculty & Staff must pay *half* of the total cost before Dec 10, 2014 in order to qualify for the University benefit of paycheck deductions for the second half between the months of Nov/Dec 2014 – April 30, 2015.**

**Full Payment** is due by Jan 5, 2015 for those opting out of the deductions.

**Cost is tax-deductible for professional development.**

**Departmental Professional Development Account may be used with authorization by Chair & Dean.**

**Cancellations after Jan 15, 2015 will be insured and processed by Adventist Risk Management policy.**

**Space is preferential and limited to Faculty-Staff. Community will be able to secure seats only after Oct 30, 2014.**

### **TOUR FEATURES:**

- Round-trip International flights from Chicago based on Turkish Airlines Economy Class.
- Kayseri-Istanbul Domestic Flight in Turkey.
- Short Travel Insurance from Adventist Risk Management.
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- **10** nights at good 4 star hotels in Turkey.
- Daily breakfast and **10** dinners.
- **2** Lunch boxes on Saturday March 14, and on Saturday March 21.
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing.
- Guiding services.
- Tips to tour guide and driver.
- Transfers & transportation by private A/C motorcoach.
- Transportation by AU-Bus from/to Berrien Springs-O'Hare Airport. A service of the University.
- Biblical documents, Tips to hotel and restaurant staff, Portage for one piece of luggage at the hotels.

### **EXCLUDING:**

- Lunches and drinks.
- Turkish Visa Fee \$20 to be obtained online prior to arrival [www.evisa.gov.tr](http://www.evisa.gov.tr)
- Personal Expenses, any other item which is not included above.

### **TOUR COMPANY:**

- Tutku Tours
- Head Office: Gaziosmanpasa Bulvari 3/303 Izmir – Turkey 35210
- Phone: +90 (232) 441-8676 /77 / 35;
- Fax: +90 (232) 441-8636
- Email: [info@tutkutours.com](mailto:info@tutkutours.com)
- <http://www.tutkutours.com/index.asp>
- This is the same company that provides all the services for the Bible Lands Study Tours to the Religion Department. In addition Dr. Muñoz-Larrondo has been working with them for the last 10 years.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION: Religion and Biblical Languages Department.**

- Melissa Butler – Religion Secretary, 269-471-3177; [religion@andrews.edu](mailto:religion@andrews.edu).
- Dr. Paul Petersen, Chair Religion, [ppetersen@andrews.edu](mailto:ppetersen@andrews.edu);
- Dr. Rubén Muñoz-Larrondo, Tour Director; 269-471-3185; [rmunoz@andrews.edu](mailto:rmunoz@andrews.edu).
- Dr. Keith Mattingly, Dean College of Arts and Sciences, [matt@andrews.edu](mailto:matt@andrews.edu).

For more information and pictures about the tour.

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Coming soon: Religion Department Bible Lands Study Tour Webpage.