

Andrews University

Department of Religion and Biblical Languages Greco-Roman World: The Classics & Faith Study Tour

Mission & Humanitarian work at ADRA-Tunisia

Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Tunisia

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ITINERARY

May 6 Sun Andrews University

Leave AU–ORD. Departure from PMC Parking Lot at 17:00. Arrive to Chicago at 19:30. Depart from Chicago by Turkish Airlines TK 6, departure at 21:50.

GREECE

May 7 Mon Arrive in Istanbul at 16:25 – Take connection flight TK 1843 19:55/20:25 to ATHENS.

Your tour guide will meet you after customs and the baggage claim with an “**ANDREWS UNIVERSITY – TUTKU TOURS**” sign. Meet and transfer to the hotel in city center Athens. Dinner and overnight stay in Athens. (D)

May 8 Tue ATHENS

Follow your guide to the world-renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erechtheum. View Mars Hill where the apostle Paul stood and spoke to the Athenian people and shared the Gospel (Acts 17:15-34). See the Agora, the ancient market place and center of Athenian public life, where the apostle Paul preached “Jesus and the resurrection” to the skeptical Athenians (Acts 17:18). In the afternoon, visit the New Archaeological Museum and walk at the Plaka district. See the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Overnight stay in Athens. (B, D)

May 9 Wed CORINTH, CENCHRAEAE, SPARTI, NAFPLION

Drive through Corinth. See the ancient city where Paul met Aquila and Priscilla, the tent makers, and where the apostle spent eighteen months sharing the Gospel (Acts 18: 1-18). Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place and Temples. Walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood before Gallio, facing charges brought by the Jews. Visit the ancient port of Cenchrea where Paul departed from when he returned to Syria (Acts 18:12-18). Drive south to visit Sparta, which was recognized as the overall leader of the combined Greek forces during the Greco-Persian Wars between 431 and 404 BC. Visit Sparta and the Archaeology Museum. Return to Nafplion for dinner and overnight stay. (B,D)

May 10 Thu MYCENAE, EPIDAUROS, ELEUSIS, ATHENS

Drive to Mycenae to see the prehistoric citadel, remains of the Mycenaean Palace and the Tomb of King Agamemnon. Continue to Epidaurus, the sanctuary of Asclepius. See the best-preserved ancient theater in Greece. Later we will visit the site of Eleusis where the sacred rites of the Eleusinian mysteries were performed. Return to Athens. Dinner at local restaurant. Then, take the Overnight Ferry from Pireus, Athens to Heraklion, Crete based on sharing inside cabins. (B,D)

May 11 Fri HERAKLION, CRETE

Arrive in Crete in the early morning. Meet and Crete Tour: Knossos Palace, and the Archaeology Museum in the morning. We will enjoy a panoramic tour of the city before a *late* lunch. Visit and shop in the Centre of Heraklion for 1-2 hours, then visit a nearby beach. Dinner and overnight stay at a Hotel by the sea. (B, D).

May 12 Sat CRETE (Sabbath - Rest day)

Sabbath Morning: Visit our SDA Church in Crete - Lunch Boxes.

Free afternoon at the hotel. After dinner, walk the streets of the coastal town of Agios Nikolaos. (B,D)

May 13 Sun FLY ATHENS, DELPHI, KALAMBAKA

Early morning flight to Athens by Olympic Airways #301 06:35/07:25. Travel to the scenic and historic oracle at Delphi, the religious center of the ancient Greek world. Walk the Sacra Via to the Athenian Treasury, the Theatre, and the Temple of Apollo where the oracle enacted its prophetic rituals. Visit the Museum at Delphi. Short *stop* at the monument of King Leonidas and the 300 Spartans. Continue to Kalambaka for dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

May 14 Mon METEORA, BEREIA, THESSALONIKI

See the famous Byzantine monasteries perched precariously on the summits of soaring sheer cliffs. Visit one of these monasteries. Lunch and drive to Pella/Vergina-Bereia area to visit the Tomb of Philip. Dinner and overnight stay at the El Greco Hotel in Thessalonika. (B, D)

May 15 Tue THESSALONIKI, AMPHIPOLIS, PHILIPPI, KAVALA

In the morning, visit Thessaloniki, the city where Paul shared the gospel message and experienced much opposition (Acts 17: 1-9). Here Paul established a church to which he addressed his Thessalonian epistles. Visit St. George's Basilica, which tradition claims is built over the synagogue where Paul preached. A quick visit to the Old City Ramparts and the Galerius Arch that rises over the Via Egnatia. Drive to Amphipolis, a city that Paul visited on his second mission. Continue to Philippi, where Paul met and converted Lydia, a woman from Thyatira who sold purple garments (Acts 16:13-15). Lydia was the first Christian to be baptized on European soil. See the theater, agora, latrines and several early Byzantine basilicas of the city. Also visit a cistern, which was thought to have served as a prison for the apostle Paul. Dinner and overnight stay in Kavala. (B, D)

TURKEY

May 16 Wed BORDER OF TURKEY, TROY, TROAS (Acts 16:8- 11; 20:5, 6, II Tim. 4:13, II Cor. 2:12), ASSOS

MORNING cross to TURKEY – Meet with your Turkish guide Macit. Drive to Çanakkale. Cross the Dardanelles Strait by car ferry. Early Afternoon: Proceed to Troy to see the legendary city of Homer's Iliad. Continue to Alexandrian Troas, the important port founded by Alexander the Great. Paul visited here at least twice (Acts 16:8-11, 20:5-13). We will enjoy late afternoon morning tour of Assos. Dinner and overnight stay in Assos. (B, D)

May 17 Thu ASSOS, PERGAMON (Rev. 1:11; 2:12), SMYRNA

Complete Assos if necessary – lower part and drive to Pergamum and visit to the Acropolis with the steepest theater of the ancient world and the Temple of Trajan and the Asklepiion – Lunch Bergama. Drive to Izmir. Visit to Smyrna Agora. Dinner and overnight stay in Izmir. (B, D)

May 18 Fri IZMIR, SARDIS, PAMUKKALE

Visit St. Policarp Church in the morning and drive to Sardis. Lunch in Sardis. Drive to Pamukkale for time to relax at the Thermal Pools. Early Arrival. Dinner and overnight stay at the new Doga Thermal Hotel. (B, D)

May 19 Sat HIERAPOLIS, COLOSSAE, LAODICEA, PAMUKKALE

Sabbath Worship in Laodicea - Lunch Boxes. Drive to Colossae for a short visit. Afternoon visit to the Hierapolis ruins (Philip's Tomb, Theater, Necropolis). Dinner and overnight stay at the new Doga Thermal Hotel. (B, D)

May 20 Sun APHRODISIAS, MILETUS, KUSADASI

Morning visit to Aphrodisias and its museum. Lunch. Afternoon visit to Miletus Theater. Drive to Kusadasi (beach time). Dinner and overnight stay at the Ramada Resort Hotel in Kusadasi. (B, D)

May 21 Mon EPHESUS, KUSADASI

Ephesus, Terraces Houses, Virgin Mary, lunch and shopping opportunity. Afternoon visit to the Archeological Museum, Basilica St. John, and Artemis Temple. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel in Kusadasi. (B, D)

May 22 Tue IZMIR AIRPORT – FLY TO NORTHERN CYPRUS

Early afternoon flight to Northern Cyprus (flight times can be changed). Your tour guide will meet you after customs and baggage claim with an “**ANDREWS UNIVERSITY – TUTKU TOURS**” sign. Meet and transfer to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay in Northern Cyprus (Girne). (B, D)***According to the flight time, we may add sightseeing in Izmir or Cyprus.*

May 23 Wed SALAMIS, CYPRUS (GIRNE)

Visit the Salamis archaeological site, St. Barnabas Church, Bellapais Monastery, and Famagusta. Dinner and overnight stay in Northern Cyprus (Girne). (B, D)

May 24 Thu PAPHOS, CYPRUS (GIRNE)

Depart for Paphos by bus at around 10:00 am. Drive to the Southern/Greek side of the island to visit the archaeological site of Paphos. Lunch. Afternoon visit to the Byzantine Church in Nicosia. Transfer to ERCAN Airport. Fly Istanbul **TK 0963 20:55-22:40**. Dinner and overnight stay in Istanbul. (B, D)

May 25 Fri ISTANBUL

Full day tour in Istanbul: visit Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Archaeology Museum, Underground Cistern, and the Grand Bazaar. Dinner and overnight stay in Istanbul. (B, D)

May 26 Sat ISTANBUL

Sabbath Worship at SDA Church in the MORNING – Lunch boxes. Afternoon Bosphorus Boat Tour and Spice Market in the late evening. (B, D)

May 27 Sun ISTANBUL

Full day tour in Istanbul: visit Topkapi Palace and Harem, Chora Church, Phanar Patriarchate, Galata Tower, and walk the Beyoglu Streets. Dinner and overnight stay in Istanbul. (B, D)

TUNISIA

May 28 Mon ISTANBUL – FLY TUNIS

Transfer to Istanbul Airport for TK 661 08:30/09:25 flight to Tunis. Our representative will meet you after customs and baggage claim with an “**ANDREWS UNIVERSITY – TUTKU TOURS**” sign. Meet and transfer to the hotel in Tunis. Overnight stay in Tunis. (B, D)

May 29 Tue TUNIS – Mission and ADRA Humanitarian Work

Dinner and overnight stay Tunis. (B, D)

May 30 Wed TUNIS

Full day tour (9:00-17:00) to **Carthage**, the centre or capital city of the ancient Carthaginian civilization, **Sidi Bou Said** and **Bardo Museum**. Dinner and overnight stay in Tunis. (B, D)

May 31 Thu TUNIS – FLY ISTANBUL

Transfer to Tunis Airport for TK 662 10:55/15:40 flight to Istanbul. Dinner and overnight stay in Istanbul. (B, D)

Jun 01 Fri FLY BACK TO CHICAGO

Morning visit to the Fortress of Seven Towers (Yedikule) in Istanbul. Transfer to Istanbul Airport for TK 5, 15:00 flight to Chicago 19:50. End of our services. **Andrews Bus 21:00 – Arrive at Berrien Springs: 00:00.**

STUDY TOUR COST:

Six undergraduate Religion/Music credits plus a travel fee of \$1,490 paid in three installments.

Critical DEADLINES are as follows:

- **September 29, 2017** - Interview and Registration: \$400. Please schedule an interview with any professors. This fee is refundable until Nov 1, 2017.
- **December 1, 2017** - Airline ticket reservation: \$600 (Non-refundable).
- **February 28, 2018** - Final payment: \$490 and financial clearance signed by the Finance Office. Costs above include tickets, hotels, insurance (Adventist Risk Management), museum entrance fees, guided tours and more, and per person double occupancy. Additional fee of \$1,190 for a Single Room Supplement.

Classes to be registered for summer 2018

- ENGL255 Studies in Literature (3), Dr. Scott Moncrieff – Elective for Fine Arts/Humanities.
- HIST117 Civilization and Ideas I (3), Dr. Stephanie Carpenter.
History Majors should register for HIST437 Topic: Greco-Roman World
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- RELT250 Personal Spirituality and Faith (3), Prof. Davide Sciarabba.
- RELB210 Jesus in His Time and Ours (3), Dr. Rubén Muñoz-Larrondo.
Theology/Religion Students may take: RELG360-040 Biblical Backgrounds (3), Dr. Rubén Muñoz-Larrondo. This course may apply to RELB111 or RELB112 Introduction to the OT and NT.

The cost includes the following itemization per country:

Including:

- 2 Nights at **Philippos Hotel in Athens** <http://philippos.athens-greece-hotels.net/en> or similar
- 1 Night at **Hotel Rex in Nauplion** <http://www.rex-hotel.gr> or similar
- 1 Night on the **Overnight Ferry** from Pireus, Athens to Heraklion, Crete based on sharing inside cabins.
- 2 Nights at **Hotel** in Heraklion or similar
- 1 Night at **Antoniadis Hotel in Kalambaka** or similar
- 1 Night at **El Greco Hotel in Thessaloniki** <http://www.hotelesgreco.gr> or similar
- 1 Night at **Galaxy Hotel in Kavala** <http://www.airotel.gr/en/Galaxy-Hotel-790.htm> or similar
- 1 Night at **Dove Hotel in Assos** <http://www.assosdovehotel.com> or similar
- 1 Night at **Karaca Hotel Izmir** www.otelkaraca.com.tr or similar
- 2 Nights at **Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale**
http://www.dogathermalhotel.com/eng/doga_thermal.html or similar

- 2 Nights at **Ramada Hotel in Kusadasi** or similar
- 2 Nights at **Oscar Hotel in Girne, Cyprus** <http://www.oscarresort.com/en/about-oscar/c/1313> or similar
- 5 Nights at **Grand Halic Hotel in Istanbul** www.grandhalic.com or similar
- 3 Nights at **Golden Tulip El Mechtel Hotel** in Tunis city <http://www.goldentulipelmechtel.com> or similar
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Daily open buffet breakfasts at the hotels as seen in the itinerary (B: breakfast)
- 25 dinners as seen in the itinerary (D: dinner)
- All Airport-Hotel-Airport, and Port-Hotel-Port transfers in private basis
- English speaking escorted transfers between Airports/Ports and Hotels by private fully a/c buses
- All land transportation by private fully A/C bus with driver throughout the tour
 - Tolls, parking fees, fuel, driver's expenses
 - Local professional licensed English speaking tour guides for the tours
 - All Entry fees to the mentioned sites & museums
 - Service charges & local taxes
- Tips to the tour guides and drivers in Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, and Tunisia (total \$120 per person)

Excluding:

- Lunches and drinks
- All personal expenses and any other service which are not mentioned above

Flight plan (may be changed):

AIR SCHEDULES CAN BE CHANGED BY THE AIRLINES BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

- **International air fare between Chicago–Athens & Istanbul–Chicago**
- **Flight from Heraklion to Athens (OA 301 06:35am/07:25am)**
- **Flight from Izmir to Ercan (Cyprus)**
- **Flight from Cyprus to Istanbul (TK 963 20:55/22:40)**
- **Flight from Istanbul to Tunisia (TK 661 08:30/09:25)**
- **Flight from Tunisia to Istanbul (TK 662 10:55/15:40)**

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