



*Tours for the Discerning Traveler*

## **LIFEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH TRIP with PASTOR ELI HENDRICKS**

### **7 Churches of Revelation, Patmos & GREEK ISLANDS CRUISE**

**APRIL 14th – 23rd, 2027**

(Prepared on 4/30/2026)



## **ITINERARY**

### **Day 1 – Wednesday - April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2027 : Departure from US**

Today we embark on our Journey to the lands of ancient treasures and Christian history with an overnight flight to Turkey. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the flight; tomorrow you will be walking where the apostles walked!

### **Day 2 – Thursday - April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2027: Arrive Kuşadası**

Arrive Istanbul and connect with your flight to Izmir. Upon arrival in Izmir, meet our representatives and transfer to our hotel in Kuşadası. Overnight at the Hotel.

### **Day 3 – Friday - April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2027: Kuşadası - Ephesus - Kuşadası**

We travel to the nearby town of Selcuk for a visit of ancient Ephesus. Ephesus was once a thriving port town of 250,000 people. Today you can still see the spectacular excavations of the major streets in this ancient city. We view the Library, Agora, theatre, colorful mosaics in the aristocratic Terrace Houses, and a panoramic outlook of the surrounding ancient port area (including a wealth of church history and cultural insight). Then we continue with a visit to the Basilica Church of St. John, which houses an immersion baptismal and is believed to be resting place of John. From here we have an excellent overview of the Ephesus harbor, the Mosque of Jesus, and see the site of the Temple of Artemis, which is listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kuşadası. **(B-D)**

#### **Day 4 – Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2027: Kuşadası – Embark Celestyal Cruises – Patmos**

##### ***(Shore excursion: The Countryside with Chora and the Grotto of Apocalypse)***

This morning, we embark our cruise ship and sail for a visit to the beautiful Isle of Patmos. The lovely island of Patmos is a UNESCO World Heritage Monument. Our panoramic excursion begins in the port of Skala, heading to the centre of the island and the capital of Chora. Here we see the Monastery of St John the Evangelist and visit the Grotto of the Apocalypse. This is where, according to the biblical account, Jesus spoke to John and told him of the Apocalypse. It is mentioned in the Book of Revelation, the last book of the Christian Bible. It's no surprise that many people make their way to Patmos each year for pilgrimage. In the central area of Chora we find the silent windmills which stand sentry-like over the capital. Our tour continues as we head to some of the more desolate landscapes of the island, typical of the Dodecanese. Rocky hills, barren soil and promontories jutting into the sea creating dozens of coves and bays making up an intricate coastline. Here you might reflect on the legend of how the island lay at the bottom of the sea and how Zeus was prevailed upon to allow it to rise from the water, which he did. We end our exploration back at Skala. Coffee and other refreshments await you at the atmospheric cafe Arion. **(B-L-D)**

#### **Day 5 – Sunday - April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2027: Celestyal Cruises: Patmos – Crete – Santorini**

##### ***(Shore excursion: Minoan Palace of Knossos)***

The ancient city of Knossos, near Crete's capital Heraklion, was the place that 'gave birth' to the very first civilisation of Europe, the Minoans. We can say with some certainty that it is Europe's oldest city. Our excursion will open up the world of the Minoans as we visit one of the continent's most important archaeological treasures. The first excavations were undertaken in the 1870s by Minos Kalokairinos, a Cretan himself. A few decades later in the early 1900s, more work by Sir Arthur Evans from Britain brought to the world's attention the full impressive scale of the Palace of Knossos, according to legend the residence of wise King Minos. We will be able to explore the large Central Court, the wonderful Throne Room, the imposing Grand Staircase and see the fresco of the 'Prince of the Lilies.' As you stroll through the palace apartments and view the archaeological finds, we think you will be just a little in awe of the rich cultural heritage of the Minoan civilisation. You will undoubtedly hear the Cretan legend of the Minotaur, half man, half bull who lived in the Labyrinth and was slain by Theseus. But that's another story. Exploring from room to room we will relive time in the Hall of the Royal Guard and the King's Chamber, hearing about the extraordinary rule of King Minos. This afternoon visit the island of Santorini which is perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. You may choose to take an optional Santorini Cable Car, which offers a unique transportation experience unparalleled in the Aegean. The cable car provides a faster, more reliable, and environmentally friendly alternative to long and winding stairs or traditional donkey rides. **(B-L-D)**

#### **Day 6 – Monday - April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2027 : Celestyal Cruises: Santorini – Athens – Mykonos**

##### ***(Shore excursion: Athens Monuments and the Acropolis)***

A walk through the very heart of Athens brings us to one of the most recognisable, historic and most photographed sites in the world, the famous Acropolis with the Parthenon at its summit. It is a reminder of Ancient Greece's powerful civilisation and the greatest architectural complex bequeathed by Greek Antiquity. The monuments on the Acropolis (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) have survived for almost 25 centuries. On this hill that still dominates Athens, democracy and philosophy were born, so it is little wonder that a visit to the Classical Athens is quite simply awe-inspiring. The Parthenon is dedicated to the goddess Athena, protector of the city. At the foot of the Acropolis and its ancient temples lies the oldest neighbourhood of Athens, Plaka. Visitors are mesmerised and charmed by its beautiful houses, cobblestone streets and tiny shops, architecture, elegant atmosphere, neo-classical colours, the well preserved gardens and the Byzantine churches. As we head away from the Acropolis and Plaka, we pass the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in front of the Parliament with the familiar sentries or Evzones, synonymous with the city. We also see the 'Trilogy of Athens' which comprises the University of Athens, National Library and the Academy of Athens. Our three hour odyssey through ancient history ends appropriately at the Squares of Omonia and Syntagma, the very centre of modern day Athens. Return to the cruise and continue sailing to Mykonos, which uniquely combines luxury and

sophistication with the simple and yet charming life of a Cycladic Island. Instead of staying on the cruise, you can start your early evening on your own at the Old Port and lose yourself in the labyrinthine, whitewashed alleys of Chora, making sure to browse the boutiques of Matoyianni Street and photograph the iconic Panagia Paraportiani church. As the day cools, walk up to the Kato Mili windmills for a panoramic view before heading down to Little Venice to grab a waterfront seat for a world-famous sunset cocktail. To cap off the night, you may wish to enjoy a fresh catch at a seaside seafood spot like Kastro's or Kounelas Fish Tavern, where you can soak in the vibrant island energy and warm local hospitality. **(B-L-D)**

#### **Day 7 – Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2027: Mykonos – Disembark Celestyal Cruises at Kuşadası - Pamukkale**

Disembark from the Celestyal Cruise at the Kuşadası Port and drive to Hierapolis, meaning "Sacred City," which was an ancient center for pagan cults until it was transformed into a Christian center in the first century. According to tradition, the Apostle Philip lived and was martyred in Hierapolis. It was likely the hot springs of Hierapolis (in contrast to the cold mountain springs near Colossae) that combined to bring application to the "lukewarm" Laodiceans (Rev 3:14-22). This connection between the cities lies behind Paul's reference to Hierapolis and Laodicea in his epistle to the Colossians (Col 4:13). Laodicea contains many acres of ruins to visit including a stadium and remnants of a sophisticated water system. Nearby Colossae is well-known throughout Christian circles as the receiver of Paul's letter to the Colossians. Today, the town has fallen into obscurity, and nothing remains. Our lodging this evening will be in a lovely spa hotel in Pamukkale. **(B-D)**

#### **Day 8 – Wednesday - April 21st, 2027: Pamukkale – Philadelphia - Sardis - Izmir**

Today we visit Philadelphia from where we are challenged to "hold fast" and look forward to the coming of the "new Jerusalem" (Rev. 3:7-13) in the Book of Revelation. Not much is left of the city except for the ancient wall and the remains of a Byzantine Basilica in the modern city of Alasehir. Then, we travel to Sardis, which was be-rated by John for its facade of strength when it was weak (Rev. 3:1-6). Here coins were minted, and the dyeing of wool originated. We'll visit the gymnasium and synagogue. We continue south to Izmir, which is the third largest city in Turkey and a long-time center for Jews and Christians. In Paul's day, Izmir was known as Smyrna and was another of the Seven Churches (Rev. 2:8-11). In Izmir, see Polycarp's Church and visit the ancient roman agora. We spend the remainder of the day traveling through the Turkish countryside arriving to our hotel in Izmir for dinner and overnight. **(B-D)**

#### **Day 09 – Thursday - April 22nd, 2027: Izmir – Pergamum - Thyatira - Izmir**

Our first visit of the day is Pergamum. The church of Pergamum was praised for its forbearance; (Rev. 2:12-17) it was here that the first Christians were executed by Rome. We'll visit the fabled Acropolis, pass through the Royal Gates, view the foundations of the Altar of Zeus and visit the ruins of the library (which once held 200,000 volumes). Next, we travel east to Thyatira viewing the ancient roadway and period columns. Thyatira was once a busy trading center and famous as a "seller of purple," the most favored of the Seven Churches. Drive back to the Hotel in Izmir for dinner and overnight. **(B-D)**

#### **Day 10 – Friday - April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2027: Departure**

Morning check-out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for our flight back to the USA arriving the same day. **(B)**

**(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner**

Price: **\$5,895.00**

Single Supplement: \$1,100 (Those desiring to room alone) \*\*

*^ If the exchange rate fluctuates more than 5 % from the exchange rate as of April 23, 2026, we reserve the right to adjust the prices. Rates are subject to change for additional taxes or fuel surcharges.*

*\*\* Single-occupancy cabins may be allocated up to 10% of the total cruise cabins requested. Any additional single cabins are subject to availability and cruise company approval; and if approved, will be subject to a higher single supplement charge.*

**Suggested Hotels:**

City	Hotel	Category	Number of Nights
Kusadasi	KoruMar De Luxe	Standard Room	2 Nights
Celestyal Cruises	Iconic Aegean	Cat-IB Double Inside Cabin	3 Nights
Pamukkale	Adem Pira	Standard Room	1 Night
Izmir	Kaya Thermal	Standard Room	2 Nights

**INCLUDED in Land & Air:**

- Roundtrip flights From Atlanta to Izmir (Based on an estimated airfare of \$1175 inclusive of tax). \*\*\*  
*Should airfare be higher or lower, the price will be adjusted. \*\*\**
- Hotel Accommodations:  
2 nights in Kusadasi at the KoruMar De Luxe Hotel including Daily Breakfast and 1 Dinner on Apr.16  
1 night in Pamukkale at the Adem Pira Hotel including Breakfast and Dinner  
2 nights in Izmir at the Kaya Thermal Hotel including Daily Breakfast and Dinner  
*(Dinners at hotels include mineral water.)*
- Deluxe motor coach for sightseeing and transfers as per itinerary
- English speaking guide throughout in Turkiye
- Only 1 Group Arrival Transfer and 1 Group Departure Transfer with English speaking assistant
- Entrance fees to all sites and museums as per itinerary
- Porterage at the Airports and Hotels
- Tips to Hotel Restaurants
- Whispers during land tour only – not on cruise
- All current local taxes *(If any tax increase, price will be adjusted accordingly.)*

**INCLUDED in Cruise:**

- Inside Stateroom Cat-IB accommodations in double sharing.
- Shore excursions in Patmos, Heraklion (Crete) & Athens, utilizing cruise guides on sharing basis.  
*(No private guide during the cruise.)*
- Port charges and gratuities

- Full board meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
- Unlimited filtered coffee, tea, water, and juice during restaurant hours (opening hours usually 6:30 am-10:00 pm)
- Unlimited free-pour sodas with meals in main restaurants (Thalassa & Taverna)
- Entertainment and daily activities onboard.
- Complimentary Essential Wi-Fi. Essential Wi-Fi allows basic browsing, emails, and messaging. Social media and streaming require an upgrade, available onboard.

**NOT INCLUDED in Land:**

- ❖ Tipping (guides, drivers, assistant suggested at \$120 per person). Hotel chambermaid and portage to your room at own discretion.
- ❖ Lunches (except during the cruises)
- ❖ Drinks during meals

**NOT INCLUDED in Cruise:**

- ❖ Private tour guide/escort onboard
- ❖ Other shore excursions not listed in itinerary
- ❖ Tipping to Cruise guides and drivers (*above suggested amount includes these tips*)
- ❖ Alcoholic drinks during meals.

**Payments Per Person:**

- \$500 due at registration
- \$2000 second deposit by Nov 14, 2026
- Final Payment Due Jan 14, 2026

**Cancellation Fees Per Person:**

All cancellation requests must be received in writing and receipt will be acknowledged.

- Up to Nov 14, 2026: \$300 per person
- Nov 15-Jan 13, 2026: \$2500 per person
- Jan 14-Feb 1, 2026: 75% of tour cost
- Feb 1 until Departure: 100% of tour cost

**NOTE: Single occupancy rooms/cabins are limited and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Additional requests for singles, if confirmed, may carry a higher premium.**

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