

2025 TURKEY AND GREECE WITH DANN HONE OUR CHRISTIAN AND WESTERN HERITAGE TOUR



August 23 - September 1, 2025

Embark on a transformative journey through Turkey and Greece with master teacher, Dann Hone. This tour will trace the footsteps of early Christianity and Western civilization's profound legacy. Starting in Istanbul, the ancient crossroads of East and West, you'll experience the city's rich heritage, from its Byzantine architecture to its bustling bazaars. From there, venture into the heart of Asia Minor, where early Christian communities flourished, setting the stage for a journey that interweaves spiritual heritage with ancient cultural marvels. This tour combines faith, history, and culture in an unforgettable exploration of the ancient world, connecting the past's significance with today's reflections.

Date	Daily Schedule
08/23 - Sat	Depart Home Cities - Flight to Istanbul, Turkey
08/24 - Sun	Arrive in Istanbul, Turkey
08/25 - Mon	Istanbul
08/26 - Tue	Izmir
08/27 - Wed	Izmir • Bergama (ancient Pergamum) • Izmir
08/28 - Thu	Sardes • Thyatira • Philadelphia
08/29 - Fri	Pamukkale • Laodicea • Izmir
08/30 - Sat	Izmir • Athens
08/31 - Sun	Athens • Corinth
09/01 - Mon	Athens • Flights Home to USA or Begin Royal Caribbean Cruise to Greek Isles and Rome

Price from **\$3,339**
per person/double occupancy
(11 Days/10 Nights)

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Your Tour Host:



Dann Hone has over 49 years of travel to the Near East and is one of the founding members of the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies. He held virtually every position at the Jerusalem Center, including Academic Coordinator where he was responsible for training and teaching all Jerusalem Center faculty in history, archaeology, geography, and scriptures. His studies include 13 modern and ancient languages and scripts. Dann lived in Israel for many years and received his graduate degree in Biblical History/Historical Geography from the Jerusalem University College. A published author, Dann has written study guides and books on the Near East and recently finished two volumes of a planned eight volume set, *Scriptural Reference & Exploration Series*. Dann holds emeritus status with the BYU Jerusalem Center and taught for many years as an instructor for the BYU Department of Ancient Scripture. After thirty years at BYU, he entered back into teaching as adjunct faculty in the Department of History and Political Science at Utah Valley University. He serves as the Managing Director and faculty for the School of International Studies. ([HTTP://www.travelstudiesinstitute.org](http://www.travelstudiesinstitute.org))

Highlights:

- 1 tour-bus experience for the whole tour
- LDS Tour Director on for the whole trip along with local guides for in-depth location detail and history
- Advance timed entry tickets to attractions included = less time waiting in lines

Included:

- Local Licensed guides & Historians with your experienced LDS Tour Director, Dann Hone
- Accommodations at 4 Star hotels throughout
- Sightseeing tours as outlined on the itinerary
- Meals as outlined - breakfast and dinner daily
- Entrance fees to all noted locations and museums
- Deluxe/Air-Conditioned motor coach transportation
- Boat ride on the Bosphorus by private boat
- All flights throughout the tour with luggage and carry-on allowance (2 flights - Istanbul to Izmir, Izmir to Athens)
- Audio system headsets throughout the tour
- Document package

Not Included:

- International airfare to Istanbul and home from Athens ** See Add On Cruise Options, Athens to Rome with Royal Caribbean below
- Any private sightseeing not included on the itinerary during free time
- Tour gratuities for tour guides and special LDS Host
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance - highly recommended!
- Meals not included in tour outline

Optional Pricing:

- Double Occupancy - \$3,299 per person
- Single Occupancy - \$4,179 for private room
- Triple Occupancy - On Request Only
- Cash Discount of \$100 per person - please inquire for details

Payment Terms:

- A deposit of \$500 per person is due at the time of booking
- Full Payment due May 23, 2025

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Day 1: Saturday, August 23, 2025

Depart Home Cities - Flight to Istanbul, Turkey

We will take a morning flight from our various homes to arrive in Istanbul, Turkey, tomorrow morning. Travel safe!

Meals: In-flight

Day 2: Sunday, August 24, 2025

Arrive in Istanbul, Turkey

Welcome to Turkey! Depending on your arrival time you will enjoy a panoramic city tour before arriving to your hotel to check in and rest from your travels. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 3: Monday, August 25, 2025

Istanbul

Istanbul is the largest city in Turkey and is generally regarded as the most important city in terms of cultural and historical interest. After an early breakfast, start the day transferring to Sultanahmet, effectively Istanbul's old town and is the home of many of Istanbul's iconic sites, including Hippodrome and Egyptian obelisk near the Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmet Mosque), the Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, the Basilica Cistern, and a short cruise on the Bosphorus Strait. Our day will end at our hotel with dinner and overnight. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 4: Tuesday, August 26, 2025

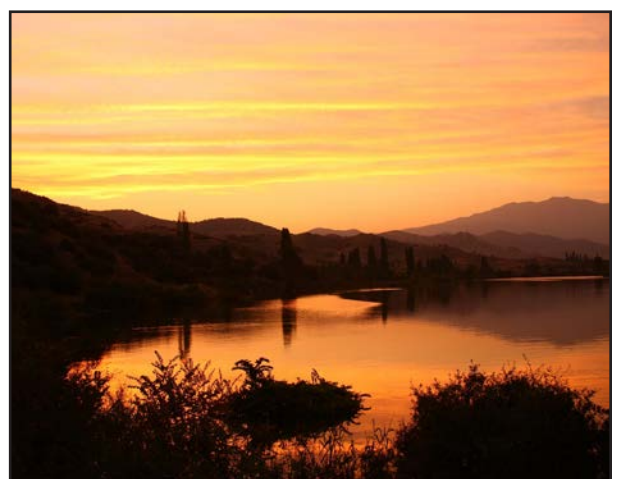
Izmir

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and we are going to visit a historic and vast indoor market, as well as explore a different part of the city and take in many more wonderful sights before going to the airport for an evening flight to Izmir (ancient Smyrna and one of the seven cities of the Apocalypse), Sites and experiences will include: Istanbul's Grand Bazaar (61 streets and over 4,000 shops), the Süleymaniye Mosque, the Spice Bazaar (Mısır Çarşısı), and, as time permits, the Dolmabahçe Palace. We will head to the airport to take an evening flight to Izmir, arrive at our hotel, and have dinner before retiring for the night. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 5: Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Izmir • Bergama (ancient Pergamum) • Izmir

We will visit Smyrna, "the suffering church" and the ("Do not be afraid of anything that you are going to suffer. Indeed, the devil will throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will face an ordeal for ten days"); also, home of great 2nd century Bishop Polycarp who was a disciple of John, the Revelator and was burned alive at the age of 85 for his testimony. Then we will continue to Pergamum, "the compromising



church”; Revelation 2:12-16 describes the city as “where Satan’s seat is”, a reference to the altar of Zeus. After the tour, we will return to Izmir for dinner and overnight at our hotel in Izmir. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 6: Thursday, August 28, 2025

Sardes • Thyatira • Philadelphia

Depart for the visit to Thyatira, “the adulterous church” that, as mentioned in the Revelations, tolerated the false prophets, Jezebel (Rev. 1: 11; 2: 18-29). Proceed to Sardes (“the dead church”, another of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Jesus told Sardes, “I know thy works, that thou hast a name, that thou livest, and art dead” (Rev. 3: 1-6). After visiting “the faithful church” of Philadelphia, we will stay overnight in Pamukkale. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 7: Friday, August 29, 2025

Pamukkale • Laodicea • Izmir

We will visit Pamukkale and Laodicea, the church chastised for being lukewarm, "You are neither cold nor hot" (Rev. 3: 15), and for being too comfortable incorporating pagan and Christian beliefs. After the tour transfer to our hotel in Izmir for dinner and overnight. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 8: Saturday, August 30, 2025

Izmir • Athens

After breakfast, depart for our flight to Athens, Greece. Depending on the flight time of arrival, visit the National Archaeological Museum of Athens. The National Archaeological Museum of Athens is the largest archaeological museum in Greece and one of the most important museums in the world devoted to ancient Greek art. It was founded at the end of the 19th century to house and protect antiquities from all over Greece, thus displaying their historical, cultural, and artistic value. Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight in Athens. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 9: Sunday, August 31, 2025

Athens • Corinth

After breakfast, we will meet our bus and travel to ancient Corinth, the Athens Acropolis, and Mars Hill. Our first stop will be in the ancient city of Corinth to discuss the work of Paul where he spent more than 2 years of his missionary journeys. We will walk through the market and see one of the earliest Greek temples as well as the museum. Following the Corinthian Canal on our return to Athens, we will retrace Paul’s footprints onto Mars Hill, where Paul gave his sermon to the Athenians. We will continue on to the Acropolis, where Athena was given her temple robes. We will see



the Erechtheum, commemorating the site where legend claims Athena had a contest with Poseidon. Our dinner and overnight will be in our Athens hotel. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 10: Monday, September 1, 2025

Athens • Flights Home to USA or Begin Royal Caribbean Cruise to Greek Isles and Rome

After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport for flights home, or for those who have chosen to join the Royal Caribbean Greek Isle Cruise, we will have time to tour other sites and shop in Athens before boarding the Royal Caribbean Cruise ship before 5:00 pm. At the port of Piraeus near Athens. Dinner and overnight is on-board the Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship. **Meals: Breakfast**

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