

FAITH TOURISM · THE FEAST OF ST PAUL · TARSUS 2027

The Complete Way of St Paul — 11 Nights

From Constantinople to Tarsus, and on to Ephesus — the Feast of St Paul, 29 June 2027

Feast Day Mass in Tarsus

Licensed Guide Throughout

Private Coach

Land Only

3★ & 4★ Options

At a Glance

Routing	Istanbul → Tarsus → Antioch → Cappadocia → Iconium → Hierapolis → Ephesus → Smyrna
Nights	2N Istanbul · 3N Mersin · 2N Cappadocia · 1N Konya · 1N Pamukkale · 2N Izmir
Board	Bed & breakfast, plus lunch on every touring day (half board in Pamukkale)
Transport	Private air-conditioned coach with a licensed driver, and a licensed guide, throughout · domestic flight Istanbul → Adana included
The Event	Full delegate access to St Paul Global Week, 28–30 June 2027 — the Feast Day Mass at the St Paul Memorial Museum, the prayer programme, and the Ancient Tarsus Market
Basis	Land only, per person, twin share, in Euro

Accommodation

City	3★ Hotels	4★ Hotels
Istanbul	4★ (upgrade)	4★
Mersin	3★	4★
Cappadocia	3★	4★
Konya	3★	4★
Pamukkale	4★ thermal (upgrade)	4★ thermal
Izmir	3★	4★

Hotel names are confirmed at the time of booking. Where the table shows an upgrade, you are accommodated in a higher category at no additional cost.

The Feast Day, 29 June 2027, is the fixed point of this pilgrimage. The Mass at the St Paul Memorial Museum in Tarsus is celebrated in two services and broadcast live. Places are limited and allocated in the order bookings are confirmed.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

- 01

Arrival — Istanbul
 Arrival at Istanbul Airport, where you are met by your licensed guide and private coach and transferred to your hotel. The evening is free to rest before the pilgrimage begins. Overnight in Istanbul.
 Airport transfer Licensed guide + coach Overnight Istanbul
- 02

Istanbul — The Old City & Sunday Mass
 Morning Mass at the Church of St Antoine of Padua on İstiklal Avenue, the largest Catholic church in Istanbul. Continue to the Old City for Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque, and descend into the sixth-century Basilica Cistern. Overnight in Istanbul.
 Sunday Mass at St Antoine Hagia Sophia Basilica Cistern Lunch included
- 03

Istanbul → Adana → Mersin · 28 June
 Morning transfer to the airport for the domestic flight to Adana. On arrival you are met and driven to Mersin. In the evening the pilgrimage gathers for prayer in Mersin, followed by the welcome reception that opens St Paul Global Week. Overnight in Mersin.
 Domestic flight Prayer in Mersin Welcome reception Overnight Mersin
- 04

TARSUS — The Feast of St Paul · 29 June
 The heart of the pilgrimage. Travel to Tarsus, birthplace of the Apostle, for the Feast Day Mass at the St Paul Memorial Museum — celebrated in two services and broadcast live to the world. Visit St Paul's Well and the Ancient Tarsus Market that runs beside it. Overnight in Mersin.
 Feast Day Mass St Paul's Well Ancient Tarsus Market Live broadcast
- 05

Antioch — Where They Were First Called Christians · 30 June
 Drive to Antakya, the Antioch of the Acts of the Apostles, where the disciples were first called Christians and from which Paul set out on his missionary journeys. Visit the Cave Church of St Peter and the Hatay Archaeology Museum. Return through Mersin for the Church of St Anthony of Padua and the Mersin Orthodox Church. Overnight in Mersin.
 Cave Church of St Peter Hatay Archaeology Museum Churches of Mersin
- 06

Mersin → Cappadocia
 Leave the Mediterranean and climb north across the Taurus Mountains into Cappadocia, the land of the Cappadocian Fathers. Afternoon at leisure among the valleys. Overnight in Cappadocia.
 Scenic drive Taurus Mountains Overnight Cappadocia

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Cappadocia — Full Day

A full day among the rock churches: the Göreme Open-Air Museum with its frescoed chapels and the Dark Church, the Devrent and Paşabağ valleys, the pottery village of Avanos, Uçhisar Castle, and the underground city of Kaymaklı. Overnight in Cappadocia.

Göreme Open-Air Museum Dark Church Kaymaklı Underground City Optional balloon

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Cappadocia → Konya (Iconium)

Drive west along the old Silk Road with a stop at the Sultanhanı Caravanserai. Arrive in Konya — the Iconium of Acts, where Paul and Barnabas preached and where a great number came to believe — and visit the Mevlana Museum. Overnight in Konya.

Sultanhanı Caravanserai Iconium · Acts 13–14 Mevlana Museum

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Konya → Laodicea → Pamukkale

Continue into the Lycus Valley. Visit Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation and named in Paul's letter to the Colossians, then the white travertine terraces and the ancient city of Hierapolis. Overnight in Pamukkale.

Laodicea Hierapolis Travertine terraces Half board

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Pamukkale → Ephesus → Izmir

Drive to Selçuk for Ephesus, where Paul lived and taught for three years — the marble street, the Library of Celsus, and the Great Theatre where the silversmiths raised their riot against him. Continue to Izmir. Overnight in Izmir.

Ephesus Ancient City Great Theatre · Acts 19 Overnight Izmir

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Ephesus Environs & Smyrna

Return to the hills above Ephesus for the House of the Virgin Mary, then the Basilica of St John, raised over the Apostle's tomb. Back in Izmir, walk the Agora of Smyrna — the Church of Smyrna of the Book of Revelation. Overnight in Izmir.

House of the Virgin Mary Basilica of St John Agora of Smyrna

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Departure — Izmir · 7 July

After breakfast, transfer to Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport (ADB) for your onward flight. End of our services.

Breakfast Departure transfer

RATES · PER PERSON · TWIN SHARE · EUR · LAND ONLY · 11 NIGHTS

Package	3★ Hotels	4★ Hotels
Per person, twin share	€1,850.00	€2,051.00
Single supplement (whole stay)	€457.00	€625.00

OPTIONAL SERVICES · QUOTED ON REQUEST

Hot-air balloon flight at sunrise over Cappadocia (weather permitting)	On request
Quad-bike (ATV) tour through the Cappadocian valleys	On request
Ephesus Terrace Houses — entrance supplement	On request
Topkapı Palace, Istanbul — entrance	On request
Turkish Night — folklore show with dinner and local drinks	On request
Extra nights before or after the pilgrimage, in any city	On request

Included

- ✓ 11 nights hotel accommodation (2N Istanbul · 3N Mersin · 2N Cappadocia · 1N Konya · 1N Pamukkale · 2N Izmir), twin/double sharing
- ✓ Daily breakfast, and lunch on every touring day
- ✓ Half board in Pamukkale (the thermal hotel is half board)
- ✓ Private air-conditioned coach with a **licensed professional driver** throughout
- ✓ A **licensed tour guide** accompanying the group throughout
- ✓ Domestic flight Istanbul → Adana (economy, including taxes and checked baggage)
- ✓ All entrance fees listed in the itinerary
- ✓ Full delegate participation in St Paul Global Week, 28–30 June 2027
- ✓ All airport transfers, road tolls, parking and local taxes
- ✓ Bottled water on the coach every day

Not Included

- ✗ All flights to and from Türkiye, including your onward flight home from Izmir (ADB) at the end of the pilgrimage — quoted separately for your city of departure. The Istanbul → Adana domestic flight on 28 June is included.
- ✗ Dinners (except in Pamukkale, where the hotel is half board) and all drinks
- ✗ Single supplement — see the rate table
- ✗ Optional services listed above
- ✗ Tips for the guide and driver · travel and medical insurance
- ✗ Personal expenses and anything not listed under “Included”

Booking Terms & Conditions

Rates	Per person on twin/double sharing, in Euro, land only . Based on a minimum of 30 travellers per departure. Reconfirmed at the time of booking.
Flights	International air travel is not included and is quoted separately for each city of departure. The domestic flight Istanbul → Adana on 28 June is included.
Guide & driver	Turkish law requires that every touring day be accompanied by a licensed tour guide and a licensed driver on a licensed tourism vehicle. Both are included in these rates.
Hotels	Quoted by category. The hotel is confirmed at the time of booking and we reserve the right to substitute a property of the same or higher category. Rooms are held on allotment and confirmed on deposit. Tarsus and Mersin have limited capacity on the Feast Day — early confirmation is strongly advised.
Booking	Final rooming list and full passenger names required at least 30 days before arrival.
Payment	25% deposit to confirm; balance due 30 days before arrival. Bank transfer in EUR, bank charges on sender.
Cancellation	60+ days before arrival: free of charge (less bank charges) · 59–30 days: 25% · 29–15 days: 50% · 14–00 days / no-show: 100%.

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