



TREASURES OF THE AEGEAN

With Don and Nancy Bassett

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YOUR TOUR HOSTS

Don and Nancy Bassett first visited Turkey and Greece with Fowler Tours in 1996 and have returned several times since, leading tour groups themselves. Don has been touring Bible lands for many years, including Israel, Jordan, Egypt, and Italy. His master's degree in Biblical studies from Harding University Graduate School of Religion included work in Israel in Biblical Archaeology. Since becoming Director of the Biblical Resource Center & Museum in Collierville, Tennessee, in 1995, his special interests have been the development of a museum of Biblical archaeological artifacts and replicas, and leading tours for interested students of the Scriptures.

Nancy is the former Director of the Carter House Museum in Franklin, Tennessee, and is currently a museum evaluator for the American Association of Museums. She and Don have visited Biblical and archaeological museums in several countries as part of their development of the Biblical Resource Center & Museum.

AN INVITATION

The beautiful Aegean Sea is ringed by some of the most interesting and inspiring sites of the ancient world. With the careful professional assistance of Hulin Fowler of Fowler Tours, we have planned a special journey to the best of these treasures of biblical and classical times.

In Istanbul where Europe and Asia meet we'll see St. Sophia and the Blue Mosque and visit the grand bazaar. We'll visit fabled Troy and then proceed to Alexandria Troas where Paul broke bread with the disciples on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

We'll spend a night on the beautiful harbor at Assos to which Paul walked, alone, to meet the ship his companions had boarded in Troas (Acts 20:13-14). Some of our past tour guests have said they would make the journey to Turkey again, if only to see Assos.

Moving down the eastern Aegean coast, we'll view, one by one, the absolutely stunning biblical sites of Pergamum, Ephesus, and Miletus. From Kusadasi we'll sail to Patmos, Crete, Santorini, and Rhodes, a magnificent combination of biblical and classical southern Aegean island treasures.

Landing at Piraeus in Greece, we'll proceed to Athens, the heart of western Aegean civilization, to see the Parthenon and stand on Mars Hill where Paul delivered his famous address to the philosophers of the city. We'll visit the fascinating site of ancient Corinth, then see Mycenae whence the Greeks embarked for Troy to rescue Helen, and then go to Epidaurus to hear a coin drop throughout the best preserved theatre of the ancient world.

We so hope you will join us for this journey to Treasures of the Aegean. I believe it is going to be our finest tour yet. If you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to call us at 901-854-9578 (BRC&M office) or 901-854-9882 (home).

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DAILY ITINERARY

TUESDAY, MAY 6—ATLANTA, NEW YORK: Depart Atlanta by Delta Airlines to New York and thence by a connecting Delta wide-bodied jet non-stop to Istanbul. Dinner and breakfast will be served en route.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7—ISTANBUL: Arrive Istanbul in the morning, and following check in at the Lady Diana Hotel, visit St. Sophia, Topkapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar for shopping. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

THURSDAY, MAY 8—ISTANBUL, CANAKKALE: Following breakfast at the hotel, visit the Hippodrome, the famous Blue Mosque and the Underground Cistern. Then continue out of Istanbul by motor coach and ferry to Canakkale for dinner and overnight at the Akol Hotel.

FRIDAY, MAY 9—CANAKKALE, TROY, ALEXANDRIA TROAS, ASSOS: Visit legendary Troy in the morning. Continue to

Alexandria Troas where Paul preached and broke bread with the disciples (Acts 20:7) and thence to Assos for dinner and overnight at the Assos Kervansaray Hotel.

SATURDAY, MAY 10—ASSOS, PERGAMUM, KUSADASI: This morning we drive to Pergamum, whose antiquities are nearly as impressive as Ephesus. We see the Temple of Aesclepius and Red Basilica, then atop the acropolis, the steepest theater anywhere in the ancient world and the beautiful Temple of Trajan. Drive on to Kusadasi for dinner and three nights at the Richmond Ephesus Resort.

SUNDAY, MAY 11—KUSADASI, MILETUS, DIDYMA: We tour Miletus, where Paul preached to the Ephesian elders (Acts 20), then ten miles south to the Temple of Apollo at Didyma.

MONDAY, MAY 12—KUSADASI, EPHEBUS: We spend the day at Ephesus, where Paul lived for three years on his third journey, and where

John lived later. Ephesus may be the most spectacular archaeological site anywhere in the Roman world. We walk streets where Paul, John, and the Ephesian Christians walked. We see the Library of Celsus, the recently opened Slope Houses, the great theater, Church of John, Ephesus museum, and much more. An unforgettable day.

TUESDAY, MAY 13—KUSADASI, PATMOS: We board our Monarch Cruise Lines cruise ship at Kusadasi, set sail, and visit Patmos in the afternoon. Patmos is the barren, but beautiful, little island where John wrote Revelation. We visit the historic Greek Orthodox monastery and the cave where, according to tradition, John received the Revelation.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14—RHODES: We visit the island of Rhodes today, where the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, once stood. We see the medieval crusader city and visit ancient Lindos and its acropolis and Temple of Athena.

THURSDAY, MAY 15—CRETE, SANTORINI: We visit the island of Crete in the morning and tour Knossos, capital of the great Minoan civilization in early Greek history—a very important archaeological site. We will be at the beautiful volcanic island of Santorini in the afternoon and will take a cable car (or mule if you prefer) up to the white-washed town of Thera. Some of the most beautiful views anywhere.

FRIDAY, MAY 16—ATHENS: We disembark from our cruise ship at Athens and have three days in Greece. This morning, we have a city tour of Athens that includes the acropolis and Parthenon, Mars Hill, Olympic stadium, and downtown Athens. The afternoon will be free for shopping in the world-famous Plaka, which is only three or four blocks from our hotel.

SATURDAY, MAY 17—ATHENS, CORINTH, MYCENAE, EPIDAUROS: We have a day's trip to Corinth and Mycenae. New Testament Corinth, where Paul lived and preached, has been uncovered, and there are many interesting buildings and inscriptions to be seen. Then on to Mycenae, whose king, Agamemnon, led the Greek armies in the Trojan War c. 1200 B. C. Visit the spectacular theatre at Epidaurus before returning to Athens.

SUNDAY, MAY 18—ATHENS: We have a free day in Athens. You may do additional sight seeing on your own. And the shoppers will have more time to browse through the picturesque Plaka. We will attend Sunday evening services at the Church of Christ in downtown Athens.

MONDAY, MAY 19—ATHENS, NEW YORK, ATLANTA: Transfer to the airport for an early afternoon departure by Delta wide-bodied jet to New York. Clear U. S. Customs and continue by connecting Delta flight to Atlanta.

TOUR CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

For payment by check or cash, the tour cost is \$4358 from Atlanta. A surcharge applies for payment by credit card. Features included in the tour price are:

TRANSPORTATION: Air transportation is included from Atlanta by economy class jet based on the advance purchase excursion fare. Cancellation fees are imposed by airlines if the air reservations are cancelled within 30 days of departure. Land transportation is by private motorcoach.

HOTELS: Accommodations are in first class hotels based on sharing twin bedded rooms with private bath. Supplement for a single room is \$825.

MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily are included throughout the tour. Also, three lunches are included during the cruise.

TRANSFERS: All transfers between airports and hotels are included as well as the handling of one average sized suitcase per person.

SIGHTSEEING: All sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary is included with the services of excellent English speaking guides.

CRUISE: Cruise accommodations are based on inside cabins with private bath. Supplement for an outside cabin is \$98.

TIPS AND TAXES: Baggage handling tips at airports and piers and hotel service charges and taxes are included.

NOT INCLUDED IN COST: U.S. passport fee, visa fee for Turkey, personal and baggage insurance, tips to guides, drivers and hotel staffs, lunches each day except during the cruise, items of a personal nature and any other items not specifically mentioned as being included. A charge of \$140 will be made on the final billing to cover the tips to guides, drivers, hotel staffs, and ship staff. Tour host will then care for all such tipping.

RESERVATIONS: A deposit of \$400 per person is required to secure space on the tour. Balance of the tour cost is due 75 days before

departure. The deposit is fully refundable until final payment is due after which time cancellation penalties will apply.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: The free air allowance is two bags per person totaling no more than 106 inches (length + height + width) and neither of the bags may be more than 62 inches nor weigh more than 50 pounds. However, due to motorcoach capacity, it is highly recommended that baggage be limited to one checked piece and one carry on per person.

CANCELLATIONS: The deposit is fully refundable until February 1, 2008. From February 2 to to March 2, a \$200 penalty will apply. All monies paid are subject to forfeiture after this time. Trip cancellation, travel accident and baggage insurance is recommended and can be secured through Fowler Tours.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Tour prices are based on rates in effect August 1, 2007, and are subject to adjustment should rates change.

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