

**Aug/Sept 2010/11 or just before Easter 2011 (Or to tie in with Anzac Day)
(Africa Tour date may be moved to 2009 or early 2010 instead of Sept 2010 as currently planned)**

DAY 1

Depart for Istanbul on Singapore Airlines

DAY 2 - Singapore to Istanbul

After check-in to Hotel, Day at leisure / Half day Bosphorous cruise Morning visit to Spice Market near the Golden Horn. Then cruise up the Bosphorus by ferry. See the summer homes, wooden houses from the 18th century and summer palaces. Lunch at own expense. Visit Sadberk Hanim Museum, a beautiful mansion turned into a museum on the shores of the Bosphorous with fine ethnographic displays.

DAY 3 Istanbul

This morning after breakfast, head into the old town to see the Hippodrome, the Obelisk of Theodosius and Serpentine Column. Visit the Blue Mosque; unique for



its six minarets and interior tile decoration. Visit Hagia Sophia



Museum, which was the greatest sanctuary of its time. Enter Topkapi Palace through the main gate. Visit the Royal Kitchens including the remarkable China and Porcelain Collection, which is well preserved. See the Throne Room and the library of the palace. Visit the Treasury section; here see the most remarkable ornamentations, jewels, gifts

and the Kaftans of the Sultans, the largest Emeralds and the Spoonmakers Diamond.

DAY 4 - Istanbul to Cappadocia

Depart from Hotel this morning for flight TK260 departing Istanbul at 07.45am, Arrive at Kayseri at 09.10am.

Upon arrival start full day tour of the Cappadocia area. The unique lunar landscape of the region has been processed by nature, the soft volcanic rock eroded through wind & water, leaving behind the pillars, cones and the fairy chimneys in the valleys. Arrive at Hotel Avanos Irmak, check-in and start discovering the sites. Visit the Derinkuyu Underground City that was a refuge carved out in the early Christian era as a safe-haven from persecutors. See the main town of Nevsehir. In the afternoon drive to Ortahisar Village and see one of the oldest natural apartments. Visit Mustafapasa (Sinassos), an ancient Greek town with its spectacular old Greek Houses, very fine examples of late Greek settlements and architecture. Drive to Red Valley, with its fabulous volcanic rock formations in the heart of Cappadocia.



DAY 5 - Cappadocia

Start the day with a visit to the natural citadel of Uchisar, to enjoy the panoramic view of the region from this point, continue to Goreme Valley, which is the highlight of the day: the valley houses, the

Goreme open-air museum with its churches hewn out of rock and the colourful frescoes, which decorate them. Visit the town of Urgup and view the wonderful scenery of the landscape. In the afternoon visit Cavusin and Avanos villages. Visit Zelve Valley and walk through and enjoy the scenery of the fair chimneys and see the dwellings and caves of this ancient site. Afterwards enjoy the local arts and the handicrafts – kilims, carpets, pottery and onyx carvings – manufactured in the region.

DAY 6 - Cappadocia to Konya

Depart early in the morning from Cappadocia, drive through the plateau, and en route see Sultanhan Caravan Lodge and Obruk formations. Drive to Konya, the former capital city of the Selcuk Turkish Empire. Visit the tomb of Mevlana, who was the father of Whirling Dervishes, the Karatay Museum and the highlights of Konya.

DAY 7 - Konya – Yalvac (Psidian Antioch) – Pamukkale

In the morning drive to Psidian Antioch (Yalvac) where St Paul said, "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles" and opened Christianity to the world. Visit the ancient city and continue to Pamukkale.

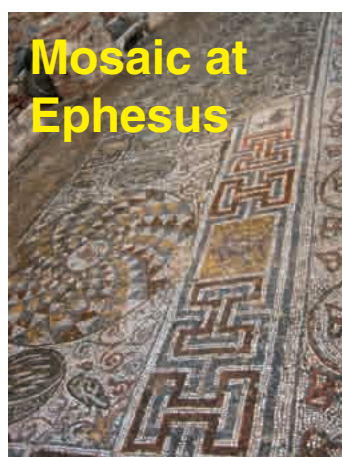


DAY 8 Pamukkale – Hierapolis – Laodicea – Colossae – Pamukkale

In the morning visit the healing centre of Hierapolis and the natural pools with calcium deposits. Then drive to Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches who were chastised for being "neither cold nor hot" (Rev 3:14). Today there are many acres of ruins to see. Including the stadium and water tower. Continue to Colossae. While the town has fallen into obscurity, you can still see traces of the theatre, necropolis and the church.

DAY 9 - Pamukkale – Aphrodisias – Miletus – Kusadasi

After breakfast drive to Aphrodisias, another town whose name has been obscured by time. This city of marble thrived as the major centre of worship for the Goddess Aphrodite until 500 years after Christ. See the magnificent Stadium from the 2nd Century BC and the wonderful marble reliefs. Drive through the fertile Meander Valley to Miletus, where lies the finest Roman period theatre. On several of the front row seats you will see inscriptions, marking reserved seats for named individuals. See the 3-storey fountain built by Titus. Then drive to Kudassi.



DAY 10 - Kusadasi – Ephesus – Izmir

Ephesus is one of the Seven Churches of Asia. Formerly a bustling port town of 250,000 people, graced with wide colonnade-bordered streets. Today the major streets of Ephesus have been excavated. See the library, the huge agora and the Temple of Artemis. declared one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Today only a single column remains at the site. Visit the Basilica of St John, traditional site of his grave. From the basilica, you can enjoy a commanding view of the area. Visit to the Museum of Ephesus housing many artifacts from this ancient city. After the tour drive to Izmir.



DAY 11 - Izmir - Pergamon – Assos

After breakfast drive to Bergama. Visit the ruins of Pergamon, one of the Seven Churches of Asia.

The ruins of this formerly powerful city consist of various sites: an acropolis or upper city, the middle city, Roman city, the so-called Red Courtyard (temple of Serapis) and the Asclepion (temple of Asklepios). Continue to Assos, where Paul walked with Barnabas to Troas.

DAY 12 - Assos – Troas – Canakkale

After breakfast start our tour of Assos, where Paul walked with Barnabas to Troas. Visit Troas. Here on his second missionary journey, Paul had a vision in which he was called to Macedonia. Later during his third journey, Paul spent a week in Troas preaching. Here he resurrected Eutychus.



DAY 13 - Cannakkale – Gallipoli – Kavala

Visit Gallipoli sites of Anzac landings including Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Drive and other sites. Drive to Greek border via Dardanelles for transfer to Kavala in the late afternoon. From the Greek side of the borders (Kipi), drive to Kavala.

DAY 14 - Kavala – Philippi – Thessalonica – Kalambaka

View the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy first set foot in Europe. Some ten miles northwest of Kavala is Philippi, where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe. Here Paul baptized Lydia, the first Christian convert in Europe. The Roman Forum, completely excavated, was built after Paul's time. Among the ruins, located on the rocky ledge above the town's main road, is the "prison" into which Paul and Silas were thrown. In the rocks are inscriptions and carved reliefs of deities. It was in Philippi that Octavian and Antony defeated Brutus and Cassius, last defenders of the Roman Republic in 42 BC. Drive via Thessaloniki, valley of Tembi, Larissa to Kalambaka.

DAY 15 - Kalambaka to Delphi

In the morning visit Meteora, among striking scenery, perched on top of huge rocks, which seem to be suspended in mid-air, stand two ageless monasteries, containing priceless Byzantine art. In the afternoon depart from Kalambaka and drive via Trikala and Lamia to Delphi.

DAY 16 - Delphi to Athens

In the morning visit the museum with its renowned bronze sculpture, "The Charioteer" and other famous pieces. At the archaeological site visit the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios, the Athenian Treasury and the Temple of Apollo. Then drive through the picturesque town of Arachova for a short stop and continue southward to Athens, the cradle of democracy.

DAY 17 - Athens

Start the day with a sightseeing city tour of Athens, including a visit to the world renowned Acropolis with the ruins of the Parthenon, Erectheum, Propylia as well as the museum of the Acropolis. Thereafter ascend Mars Hill, where Paul preached. Also view the Agora (Ancient market place), Parliament House, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Presidential Palace, the Panathenaic Stadium, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, and Hadrian's Arch. Afternoon free.

DAY 18 - Cruise to Egina – Poros – Hydra – Athens

Day cruise to the islands of Aegina-Hydra-Poros. Overnight: Hotel Divani Palace Acropolis

DAY 19 - Athens – Corinth – Mycenae – Epidaurus – Athens

Leave Athens and drive along the coastal road to the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea. Drive to Ancient Corinth and visit the archaeological site, including Bema of St Paul, the market place and museum. Continue to Mycenae, the Homeric city of the Atreides – the city "rich in gold" of the ancient poets. Visit the Lion's Gate, the Cyclopiian Walls and the Royal

Tombs. Drive through the picturesque town of Nauplion nestling at the foot of a cliff and crowned by the mighty ramparts of Palamidi fortress and on to Epidaurus. In Epidaurus visit the theatre (4th century BC) famous for its astonishing acoustics. Return to Athens.

DAY 20 Depart Athens for Singapore, departing at 2pm.

DAY 21 - Singapore

Your flight arrives into Singapore at 0555am. Enjoy a day at leisure in Singapore for shopping. Day use of a centrally located hotel has been arranged for your comfort and convenience. Your return flight departs this evening.

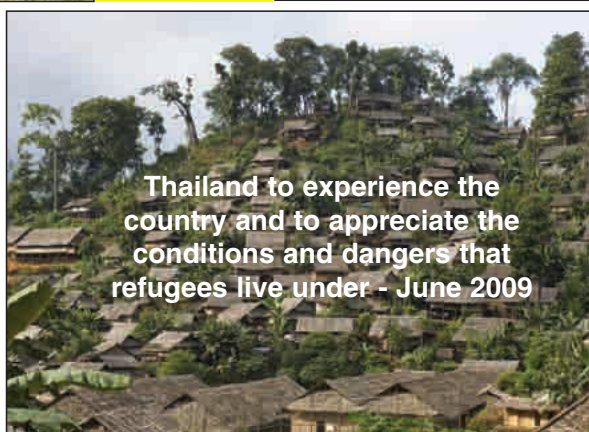


Trojan Horse at Troy

DAY 22 - Arrive Melbourne



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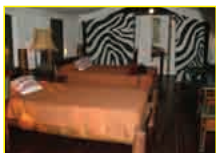
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