

# Seven Churches Of Revelation Tour

We are excited to invite a select group of up to four esteemed travel agents to a unique event showcasing the seven churches of revelation in Asia Minor, alongside the incredible offerings of us-Anatolian Pathways Travel. This exclusive opportunity is designed not only to provide firsthand experience of our exceptional services but also to foster meaningful connections and expand our network of travel partners. As our guests, you will immerse yourselves in the breathtaking landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and unparalleled hospitality that define this enchanting area, all at no cost but your plane tickets. Join us for an unforgettable journey that promises to inspire your future travel endeavors and elevate your business collaborations.



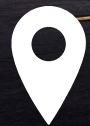
# HOW TO GET TO TURKIYE?

To embark on an aerial journey to Turkey, a myriad of airlines offer convenient connections from cities across the globe. The primary gateway for international flights is **Istanbul Airport (IST)**, located on the outskirts of Istanbul, Turkey's bustling metropolis. This colossal aviation hub boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including multiple terminals, a vast duty-free shopping area, and an array of dining options.

Istanbul Airport serves as a central hub for Turkish Airlines, the national carrier of Turkey, which offers a comprehensive network of flights to and from destinations worldwide. Other prominent airlines with direct flights to Istanbul include Lufthansa, British Airways, Air France, and Emirates.



# other airports you may consider to fly



Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen  
airport

For those seeking to explore other Turkish cities, direct flights are available to major airports such as

- Sabiha Gökçen International Airport (SAW)** in Istanbul
- Adnan Menderes Airport (ADB)** in Izmir
- Antalya Airport (AYT)** on the Mediterranean coast
- Ankara Esenboğa Airport** in the middle Anatolia

These airports cater to both domestic and international flights, providing travelers with convenient access to Turkey's diverse regions and attractions. There are other airports where you can fly directly depending on the period of year.

**Feel free to contact us for further information  
and assistance with booking your flight**

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# Our promise to you...

Turkey is a country known for its warm hospitality and welcoming nature. As a guest in Turkey, you can expect to be treated with great care and respect. From the moment you arrive, you will be greeted with open arms and a genuine smile. Our culture places a strong emphasis on taking care of our guests and making them feel at home. Whether you are visiting for business or pleasure, we understand the importance of making you feel comfortable and ensuring that your stay is enjoyable.

As you settle into your accommodations, you will notice that every detail has been carefully taken care of. From the cleanliness of your room to the amenities provided, we want to make sure that you have everything you need. Our staff is trained to be attentive and helpful, always ready to assist you with any request or inquiry. We understand that traveling can be tiring, so we want to make sure that you have a comfortable and relaxing stay.

During your stay, we will also introduce you to the delicious and diverse cuisine of Turkey. Our meals are prepared with fresh and locally sourced ingredients, and we take pride in our traditional dishes. As our guest, you will have the opportunity to try a variety of dishes and experience the rich flavors of Turkish cuisine. We also take dietary restrictions and preferences into consideration, so you can enjoy your meals without any worries.

Aside from the accommodations and food, we also want to make sure that you experience the best of Turkey. Our country is filled with a rich history and culture, and we are eager to share it with you. Our staff will be happy to recommend places to visit, local activities to try, and events to attend. We want you to leave with a deeper understanding and appreciation for our country.

Throughout your stay, we will do our best to make you feel like a part of our community. You will be welcomed with open arms and invited to join in on local customs and traditions. Whether it's celebrating a holiday or attending a cultural event, we want you to feel like you are a part of our family.

on behalf of Anatolian Pathways family

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# THE DOORS ARE WIDE OPEN WITH US

One of the most frustrating aspects of visiting museums is the long queues that often form at the entrance. Not only does waiting in line waste precious time, but it can also be physically draining and can take away from the overall experience of exploring a museum. Fortunately, in Turkey, there is a solution to this problem: museum passes. These passes allow visitors to skip the ticket queues and gain direct entrance to some of the most popular museums in the country.

One of the main benefits of having a museum pass in Turkey is the convenience it offers. With a pass, visitors can bypass the long lines and head straight to the entrance, saving valuable time and energy. This is especially beneficial during peak tourist seasons when the queues can be particularly long. With a museum pass, visitors can make the most of their time in Turkey by avoiding wasted hours waiting in line and instead focus on immersing themselves in the rich history and culture of the country.

**When you book a tour with us, rest assured that you won't have to worry about purchasing museum passes. We take care of everything and provide our guests with museum passes prior to their arrival, all included in the tour price. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the full experience without any added stress!**

Moreover, having a museum pass also offers a sense of freedom and flexibility in planning one's itinerary. With a pass in hand, visitors can choose which museums they want to visit and when, without having to worry about buying individual tickets or waiting in line. This allows for a more personalized and stress-free experience, as visitors can explore the museums at their own pace and spend time in areas that interest them the most.

Another major advantage of having a museum pass in Turkey is the cost-effectiveness. These passes often offer discounted or even free entry to multiple museums, making them a great value for money. This is especially beneficial for those who plan on visiting several museums during their trip, as the cost of individual tickets can add up quickly. With a museum pass, visitors can save money while still being able to fully immerse themselves in Turkey's rich cultural heritage.



more information is available at  
[muze.gen.tr/MuseumPasses](https://muze.gen.tr/MuseumPasses)



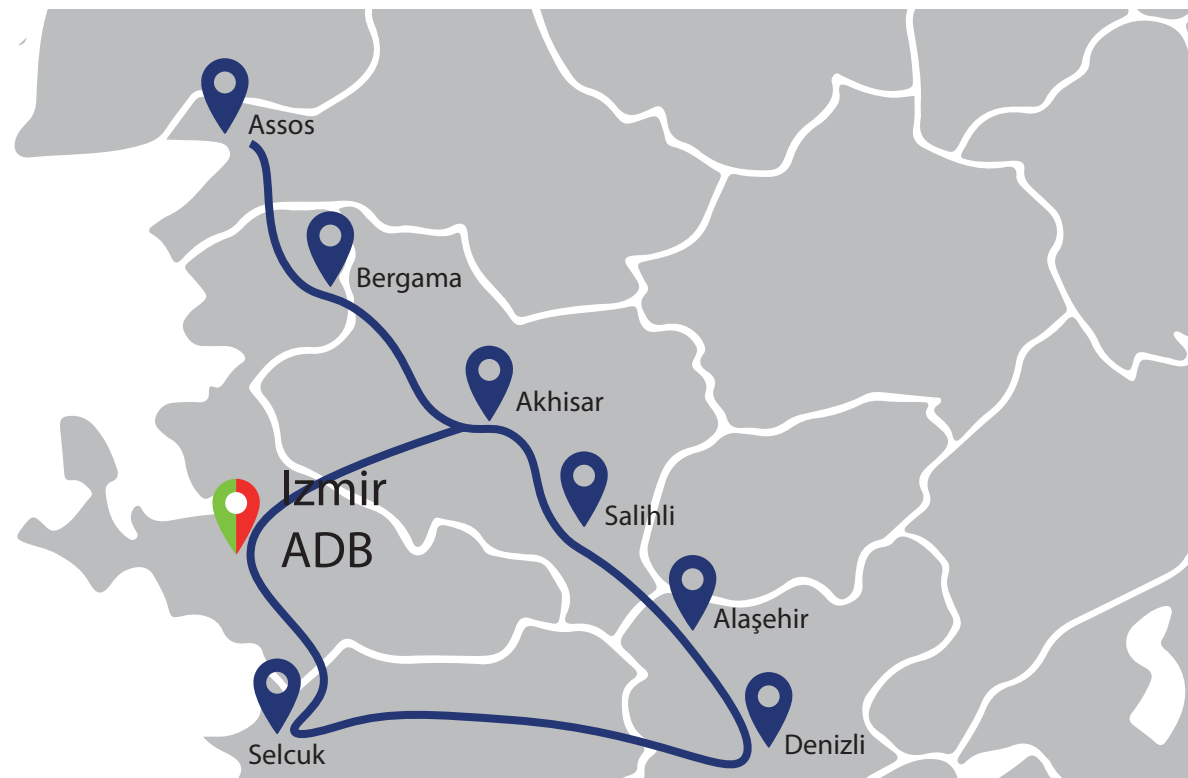
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## SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION TOUR

4 Days - 3 Nights

**Smyrna - Ephesus - Laodikeia - Hierapolis - Philadelphia - Sardis - Thyateira - Pergamon - Assos**

The Seven Churches in Revelation tour is a pilgrimage to visit the religious sites mentioned in the book of Revelation in the Bible. The seven churches are located in Turkey, specifically in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. The tour includes visits to ancient ruins of these churches, as well as other significant landmarks like the House of Virgin Mary and the Temple of Artemis. This tour provides a unique opportunity for religious travelers to connect with their faith and explore the culture and history of Turkey.

In depth cultural - Relaxed physical activity - Suitable for ages between 6 - 99

NOT suitable for wheelchair

### What's included?

- Health Insurance covering your stay in Turkey
- Airport - Hotel transfer on the first day
- 3 nights accommodation at three or four star hotels
- 4 breakfast and dinner meals
- Guidance in English throughout the programme
- Transportation with air conditioned luxury vehicles
- All beverage and drink services in the vehicle
- Drinking water throughout the programme
- All entrance fees
- Hotel-Airport transfer on the last day

### What's NOT included?

- Visa costs (if necessary)
- Arrival and return tickets to/from Izmir
- Lunch meals
- All personal expenses



### DAY 1 : Smyrna - Ephesus - Virgin Mary House - Denizli

Meet at Adnan Menderes Airport early in the morning ( if you can't book an early morning arrival flight to Izmir, please book a flight for one day before. We will meet you at the airport upon your arrival in Izmir. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.) Izmir was a center for Jewish and Christian communities for a long time. In Paul's day, Izmir was known as Smyrna.

Upon your arrival in Izmir, start the day with breakfast at a seaside restaurant. A short visit to Konak Square and a walking tour in Kemeraltı ancient bazaar. Izmir is an ancient settlement. See what is left behind from the ancient civilizations here by visiting Smyrna ancient city. Smyrna Church was one of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor and it is the second city in the Seven Churches of the Book of Revelation to receive messages from St. John (Rev. 1:11;2:8). We will observe the remains of basilicas and architectural works from the Roman period. Afterwards, visit Saint Polycarp Church. This church was built in the name of the bishop of Smyrna and a student of St. John, who was martyred here in the 2nd century.

Taste a very unique street food - söğüş- (other options are available if lamb meat is not a compliment to your taste) in Kemeraltı bazaar. After the lunch break, set off for Ephesus.

Our next stop is Ephesus - the most important of the Seven Churches in Asia Minor. It is thought that the Gospel of John was written here. (Acts 18: 19-24; 19: 1-35) Moreover, Apostle Paul preached to the Ephesians and lived here for three years. The Church of Ephesus also received an epistle from Saint Paul. We will see the spectacular ruins where excavations continue in this once great and important city founded in the 10th century BC. We will walk through history along the marble streets lined with wonderful public buildings, including the Baths of Scholastica, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, and the Grand Theatre, with a capacity 25,000.



We'll visit the House of the Virgin Mary, a small, modest stone house in the forest on the side of a mountain 9 km from Ephesus. St. John brought her here, following Jesus Christ's advice to his mother. It is believed that She spent the last years of her life here. Afterwards, we'll have a lunch break at Selçuk. After regaining our energy, we will visit Sirince Village, which is 200 years old, and taste the delicious, famous wines.

As the sun starts to set, we will head to Denizli for a relaxing thermal hotel overnight. On our way to Denizli, we will stop at the St. John Church, built on the tomb of Saint John the Evangelist, who is considered the writer of the Book of Revelation and the author of the Gospel of John. The Church of St. John was built by the Byzantine Emperor Justinian and his wife Teodora on John's tomb in 565 B.C. Ayasuluk Hill, where St. John lived, is very special because three important places of worship of the three major religions exist here in the same place: Temple of Artemis for Paganism, St. John Church for Christians, and Isabey Mosque, the place of worship for Muslims. The distance between the temples of these three religions is 100 - 300 meters as they face each other. Dinner will be served at our hotel.



## DAY 2 : Pamukkale - Hierapolis - Laodikeia - Philadelphia - Sardis

Have a very delicious breakfast hotel and pack for the day ahead. First thing on the list to do is to visit Pamukkale - often referred to as the "Cotton Castle". Pamukkale is a mesmerizing destination renowned for its stunning white terraces and mineral-rich thermal waters. This UNESCO World Heritage site attracts travelers from around the globe, eager to witness the natural beauty and historical riches it has to offer. This mineral rich water source has been serving humanity as a healing center for centuries. There is an ancient city that is called Hierapolis here. Hierapolis, meaning the holy city, was an ancient centre of Pagan Culture. The Apostle Philip lived here. The Dominicans martyred him, and later, Hierapolis became one of the centres of Christianity. We will see the Gate of Domitian, the Arcadian Street, the ancient 2nd century Roman Theater, the Nymphaion, the Temple of Apollo, the Plutonium, the Necropolis, and the grave monuments built to honour heroes.



Next, we will visit Laodicea (present name Denizli), which is one of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor [Rev. 1:11; 3:14; Column 2: 1; 4: 13-16], established in a vast area. We will see two ancient theatres, an agora, marble streets lined with columns, ancient water channels, and, most importantly, the ruins of the Laodicea Basilica, one of the seven holy churches. Paul's letter addressing the church in Laodicea is the sternest of the seven letters, containing many reprimands but no praise.

Our next stop will be Philadelphia, known as Alaşehir, today. It is known that the Church of Philadelphia was active until 600 AD. Quoting from the words of Yıldırım Beyazıt Khan: "Whoever wants to practice his religion should go to the mosque, and whoever wants to should go to the church; no one should interfere with anyone else's religion and beliefs." Opposite the church is the mosque named after Yıldırım Beyazıt Khan.

Our last stop today will be in Salihli (Sardis), once the capital of the Lydian Kingdom, where the first coin was invented. The church at Sardis had a few devoted members, but it was essentially a dead church (Revelation 3: 1,4). We will visit the Sardes Holy Church, the ancient sports hall, the ruins of the Artemis Temple, and the ancient Sardis Synagogue.

We will transfer to Akhisar for our dinner to be served at a museum restaurant. Overnight in Akhisar.







### DAY 3: Thyateira - Pergamon - Assos

Have soup as breakfast at “Paçacı Muhammed” and start the day with Thyateira which is the fourth of the seven Churches of Revelation in Akhisar town. Thyatira Church, one of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor [Rev. 1:11; 2:18 - 24; Acts 16:14]. Paul's sermons in the Philippi city of Macedonia mention Akhisar (Thyatira) and the church there. He describes Thyatira as the hometown of a wealthy purple dye merchant named Lydia, who worshiped God. (Acts 16:14)

Next, drive to Pergamon, an ancient city. View is mesmerizing from the ancient theater. Learn the story of the snake - the symbol of medicine while exploring the city. The Christian congregation in Pergamon also included one of the Seven Churches of Asia mentioned in the New Testament Book of Revelation by the Apostle John. When the Book of Revelation was written, Pergamon was one of the most critical cities in Anatolia. Founded in the 3rd century BC, it rose to prominence following the death of Alexander the Great in 323 BC. Temples in Acropolis were the worship centers of Dionysus, Zeus, and other pagan gods, and the first Christians were executed here by the Romans. For this reason, it is defined as "The Seat of Satan" (Revelation 2: 12-16). Afterwards, we will visit Asklepion, the famous medical center of antiquity, and the Red Basilica. We will visit Acropolis, the city's administrative center on the hill offering a magnificent view. Here, we will see the ruins of the Temple of Trajan, the Temple of Athena and the Altar of Zeus, the Temple of Demeter, the Pergamon Library, and ancient water ducts.



After our visit to Pergamon is over, we will have visited all the seven sacred places mentioned in the Bible, but while we have come this far, we could not do without visiting Assos, which has hosted very important figures in history. The last visiting point today is Assos. Here we will experience the mesmerizing scene at the ancient temple of Athena. Visit the ancient port of Assos and learn about the philosopher Aristotle who tutored Alexander the Greatest. After watching the sun set, we will transfer to Akhisar. Dinner will be taken on the way to Akhisar. Overnight in Akhisar.



### DAY 4 : Departure

Today is our last day together but there are still things to share with you before you leave. Enjoy your traditional Turkish home breakfast. After breakfast, we set off for İzmir. We couldn't wave you goodbye without enjoying a day at hamam - traditional Turkish bath. After an exciting journey exploring the Aegean region of Türkiye, there's no better way to unwind and prepare for your flight home than by experiencing a traditional Turkish bath, or hamam. As you step into this modernized public bath, the soothing ambiance envelops you, transporting you to a world of relaxation and rejuvenation. The gentle sound of water and the faint aroma of essential oils create a serene atmosphere, inviting you to leave behind the stresses of travel.

A trip is never complete without shopping for souvenirs for loved ones, as these tangible reminders of our adventures serve to strengthen our connections to both the places we visit and the people we care about. After we fill our luggages with very beautiful items and tasty Turkish delights, we are ready to go home with lots of memories, new friendships and hopefully a completely different Türkiye image in our minds.

We will deliver you to the airport whenever your flight departs. We want you to make the most of your time in Türkiye, so make sure you book an evening flight from İzmir to your home.



