

RESERVATIONS

A \$300 deposit and completed reservation form are required to secure a reservation for your tour due no later than February 2, 2015. Your reservation will be confirmed only upon our receipt of your deposit. Please complete the reservation form (payable to "Central College") and mail to Central College, Attn: Blaire Modic, 812 University Street, Pella, IA, 50219. Individuals must apply to the Central College Abroad website at www.central.edu/abroad/apply.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due March 16, 2015. Payments can be made directly to Central College. Payments not received on time will result in reservation cancellation without refund.

INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

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Transportation to and from Chicago airport from Pella, Students only – ISIC (International Student Insurance Card), Central College Tuition for 3 Credit Hours, roundtrip air from Chicago (ORD) including air taxes & airport fees, 14 nights lodging Turkey 3 Star Superior & 4 Star hotels, Breakfast and dinner daily at hotel, Full time English speaking tour guide, Services of long distance deluxe motorcoach as appear on itinerary, Private boat during cruise in Antalya & Istanbul, All guides and transportation as appear on itinerary, All entrances as appear on itinerary (Fatih University Excluded), Tips to drivers, guides, and hotel staff: \$112.00 currently

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

All lunches, Fatih University Visit & Lecture Arrangements, Optional Credit Card Payments (Additional 3% of total bill). For Alumni, Faculty & Staff: Optional Travel Insurance (Additional 7% of total bill), Turkish Visa (can be purchased online at www.evisa.gov.tr)

CANCELLATION

Cancellation in writing must be received by Pilgrim Tours for appropriate refund minus the following fees and any non-refundable services purchased. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy at the time of ticket issue. Travel insurance is non-refundable.

- 7 Days Prior or less: 100% of tour cost

INSURANCE

Pilgrim Tours strongly suggests purchasing Trip Cancellation insurance. Be sure to check with your healthcare provider as most U.S. medical coverage will not cover your outside of the country. Insurance costs are based on the total tour cost, including air taxes and charges listed under "Not Included." These charges are added to the final billing. Approximate amounts can be given at time of reserva-tion in order to purchase the appropriate amount of insurance.

Quoted tour prices include planning, handling and operational charges and are based on the current rate of exchange and tariffs. In the event of a marked change in foreign exchange rates, fuel costs or tariff rates, tour costs are subject to revision. Such increases will be added to the client final billing. Pilgrim Tours reserves the right to vary itineraries and prices, and to substitute facilities and hotels of equal or better quality if necessary.

DEPARTURE TAXES, SECURITY FEES, FUEL CHARGES

are not included in the airfare. Such fees are subject to increase and will be the responsibility of the client at any time.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Pilgrim tours will arrange for the best-priced airfare available at the time of booking. Passengers wishing to cancel or change their air reservation may be subject to cancellation penalties. Airlines air reservation may be subject to cancellation penalties. Airlines involved in tours are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for unforeseen flight delays, charges due to changes required during political unrest, or schedule changes imposed by the airlines. Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline. When purchasing air transportation from Pilgrim Tours, fue charges and security fees are not quaranteed until tickets are charges and security fees are not guaranteed until tickets are issued. Such fees are subject to change and any increase will be added to your final payment invoice. Please Note: We do not have the ability to assign seating for flights. Most seat assignments will be done at airport check in. All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change based on the ticketing date.

It is the passengers responsibility to provide positive identification in the form of a passport or other required identification at the time of airport check-in.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP

Tour membership is available to all travelers and will not be withheld if the tour operator can furnish special requirements that an individual may need. Should meeting these requirements materially add to the tour operator's cost, the Tour Member would be expected to pay these additional costs. The Tour Director retains the right to terminate the membership of any member displaying disruptive behavior, endangering fellow members or interfering with the operations of

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP, PASSPORT, VISA & MINOR CHILDREN REQUIREMENTS

Minors traveling with either one parent or no parents must have a certified letter of permission from the parent or parents who is/are not traveling. This letter must be presented at airport check-in. All



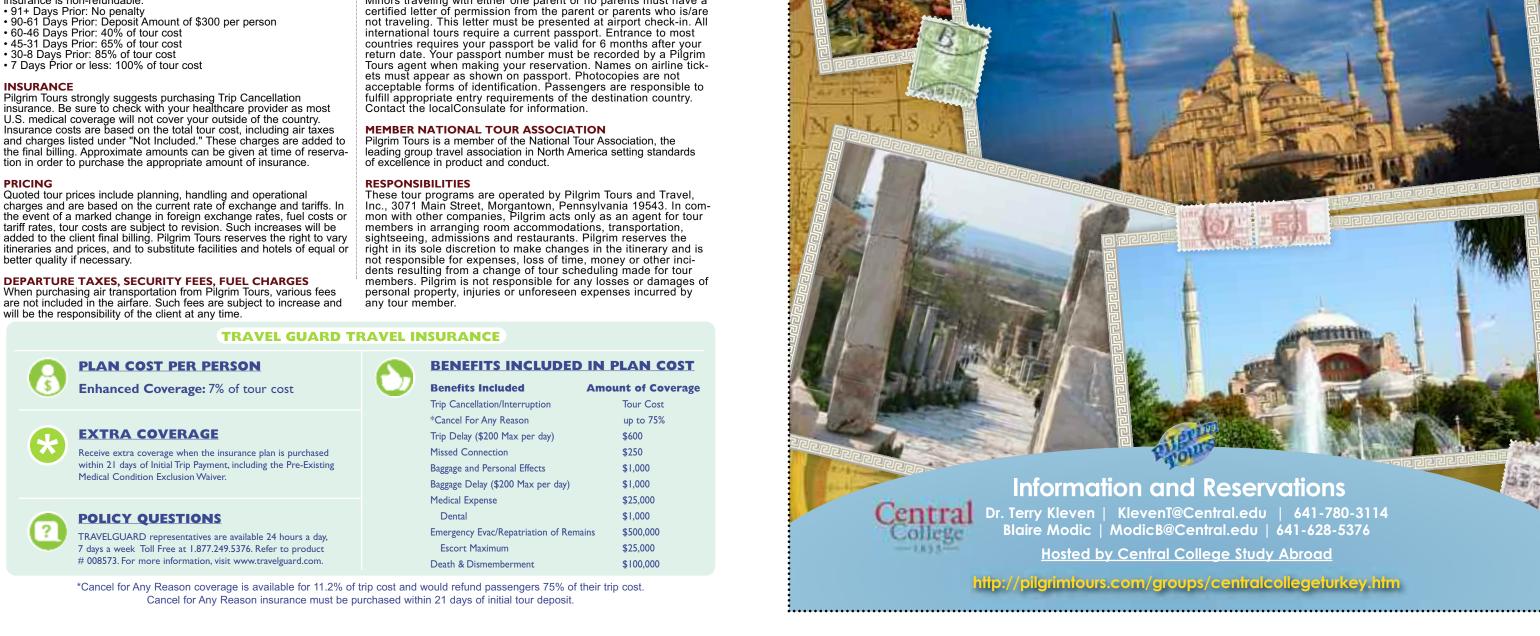


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CENTRAL COLLEGE

TURKEY FIELD TRIP

16 DAY TOUR

May 25 – June 9, 2015

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A Life-Changing Experience



May 25: DEPART USA to ANKARA

Today we embark on our Journey to the lands of ancient treasures of Greek, Christian and Islamic history with an overnight flight to Turkey. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the flight.

May 26: ARRIVE in ANKARA

Arrive, transfer to Ankara, have dinner and get some rest. Tomorrow you will be walking where the apostles walked! (Ankara, 1 night)

May 27: ANKARA / CAPPADOCIA

Today begins with a visit to the Museum of Anatolian Civilization to view various artifacts from the Paleolithic Age to Greco-Roman times. Our next stop is Anit Kabir and Atatürk's Mausoleum for a lesson on why the Turkish people revere this First World War hero and revolutionary leader. Lunch will be on your own. On the way to Nevshehir in the heart of Cappadocia, we will stop at Hacibektas, the monastery of the Bektasi dervishes who were the official religious leaders of the Ottoman Janissary Corp. The Janissaries were conscripts from the Christian populations and were part of the taxes (devshirme) the Christians paid to the ruling Muslim Ottomans: they served as an elite army for the Ottomans. In fact, these Janissaries fought on behalf of the Ottomans against Christian city of Constantinople in a battle in which the Ottomans defeated the city in AD 1453. (Nevshehir, 2 nights).

May 28: CAPPADOCIA

We will spend the day exploring the history and scenery of Cappadocia. First, we will visit the gently folding volcanic rock formations and "fairy chimneys"

of the Goreme Open Air Museum. These rock formations are not only beautiful, but functional as well. Many early Christian communities lived and worshipped deep in the rocks and crags, leaving their frescoes and paintings to be marveled at centuries later. We will visit nearby the Natural Citadel of Uchisar, Cavusin, where we will also see a small Seljuk mosque. Next, we will travel to one of the underground cities where communities lived in order to protect themselves from Roman persecution and marauding bandits. These underground "cities" reach a depth of up to 7 stories below the surface. On our return to Nevshehir, we will visit the small, picturesque village of Avanos - famous for its red clay pottery. In Avanos we will visit "The Potter's Place: Gift Shoppe and Cultural Center" and have time to watch a demonstration of a local craftsmen and women and maybe try your own hand at the potter's wheel. This evening we will view a Whirling Dervish performance before we return to relax at our hotel in Nevshehir.

May 29: CAPPADOCIA/ IHLARA VALLEY / CATALHUYUK / KONYA

We will begin our day with a beautiful excursion down the Ihlara valley to see the cave churches and home dwellings in this area, and also to enjoy a refreshingly cool break next to the stream that flows through the lush valley floor. We will have lunch at one of the restaurants along the stream. We will then travel westward along a highway which was part of the ancient silk route that connected China with Europe and we will stop at the Sultanhani Caravanserai, west of Aksaray, just like travelers from Turkey's bygone era. Founded for military and trade purposes, the Caravanserai's Inn was built in 1228 and reflects Selcuk Turkish style of architecture. We will visit Catal Huyuk on our way to Konya. Catal Huyuk is the most famous Prehistoric site in Turkey, dating back to 7000 BC. As we witness evidence of human rather than animal culture at Catal Huyuk, we will also ask the great question that was so central to Greek, Jewish, Christian and Muslim philosophy from earliest times. This question was: Is the notion of the eternity of the world inimical to or consistent with the notion of the generation of the world, perhaps eternal generation of the world, by a Good God? We will then travel to Konva (biblical Iconium). the city that Paul and Barnabas visited during Paul's first missionary journey (Acts 14: 1-6). We will visit the Mevlana (Rumi) Mosque in Konya. Mevlana is the

founder of the mystic sect of the spectral Whirling Dervishes. We will have an opportunity to learn more about this influential Sufi order. We will stay the night in this medieval Seljuk capital, which even today is both a conservative Muslim and a very modern city. (Konya, 1 night)

May 30: KONYA/PISIDIAN ANTIOCH / PERGE / ASPENDOS / ANTALYA

We will continue our journey to the ancient ruins of Pisidian Antioch, an important city in Paul's first missionary journey. Although only 10% of has been excavated, the ruins from the Roman period are noteworthy along with the scenery in general. We will see Septimus Severus's triumphal gate, Augustus's Temple, the Roman baths, a theater, synagogue, and a church dedicated to Paul. Our route this afternoon through the coastal mountains will bring new understanding of the rugged terrain that Paul traveled on his missionary journeys. Next, we travel to the impressive excavations in the Graeco-Roman city of Perge, which is not far from the Mediterranean coast. It was in Perge that John Mark decided to part company with Paul and Barnabas, while they continued on their missionary journey. Ruins of the city's streets, baths, gates, and theater are still visible. We will also visit the Graeco-Roman city at Aspendos. Then we will travel to Antalya. Founded on the "Turquoise Coast" of the Mediterranean. Antalva has boasted a mild climate and beautiful beaches and harbors for centuries. In fact, Paul and Barnabas sailed from Antalya harbor in the 1st Century on the first missionary journey. Considerable stretches of the Hellenistic and Roman town walls on the east side of the Old Town of Antalya have been preserved, sometimes incorporated into later buildings. The most notable part is the well-preserved Hadrian's Gate, erected in honor of the Emperor Hadrian on the occasion of his visit to the town in A.D. 130. (Antalya, 1 night)

May 31 (Sunday): ANTALYA/ HIERAPOLIS / LAODICEA/PAMUKKALE

In the morning we will start the day with a boat tour on the Mediterranean. We will enjoy a private boat ride out of Antalya harbor on the Mediterranean. As we travel along the coast, we will see scenic diffs and waterfalls. We will stop to enjoy a swim in the warm sun and water, and the brave of heart will dive into the beautiful waters from the boat. Next we travel north to the region of Denizli and visit the calciumtravertines and hot thermal springs at Pamukkale, a name which means in Turkish "cotton castle." We will be able to enjoy the warm sun and the springs. At the same location we will visit the Graeco-Roman city of Hieropolis (City of the Sun), complete with a huge theater. St. Philip was martyred here. Nearby we will also visit for a short period of time the massive, mostly unexcavated ruins at Laodicea, one of the seven churches spoken of by St. John in the book of Revelation. Laodicea occupies at least forty acres of land and there is evidence of three theaters, again all unexcavated. (Pamukkale, 1 night)

June 1: PAMUKKALE/ EPHESUS /KUSADASI

After breakfast we drive to Kusadasi. Upon arrival we begin the day with a visit to the archaeological site of biblical Ephesus. Ephesus was once a thriving port town of 250,000 people. Today we can still see



spectacular excavations of the major streets in this ancient city. We will view the Library of Celsus, the agora, the theater, the colorful mosaics, and a large ancient port area. We will also walk through the oftneglected Church of St. Mary in which the Fourth Ecumenical Council was held in AD 431, and at that time the bishops of the Church ruled that it was proper to call Jesus's mother, Mary, "the mother of God," theotokos. We will also visit the Church of St. John the Evangelist, where it is likely that John is buried beneath the altar. We will also see several baptismal rooms in the church where new believers were immersed. We will also see the rather modest archaeological remains of the glorious ancient Temple of Artemis of Ephesus. Artemis is another name for Diana of the Ephesians (Acts 19:24-41). We will see the nearby Mosque of Jesus; Jesus is one of the most-revered prophets in Islam, although of lower rank than Muhammad. From the Church of St. John the Evangelist, we there is a scenic overview of the surrounding area. The day would not be complete without a visit to a local Turkish rug cooperative for a description of the silk harvesting and rug making process. The evening will entail a visit to the Mediterranean for a swim and perhaps a visit to the market to bargain with some rug dealers in the modern city of Seljuk! (Kusadasi, 1 night).

June 2: KUSADASI/PERGAMON / ASCLEPIEION/ASSOS

We will end out time in Ephesus with a visit to the House of Mary, the reputed place of Mary's burial, or according to Roman Catholic teaching, the place of her assumption to heaven. This shrine of Mary is visited regularly by both Muslim and Christian pilgrims. We will travel next to Pergamun. This city was once a busy trading center and is famous for its sale of purple cloth. It is the most well-known of the seven churches of St. John's book entitled Revelation. John praises the church of Pergamum for its forbearance (Rev. 2:12-17). It was here that the first Christians were executed by Rome. We will visit the magnificent Acropolis, pass through the Royal Gates, view the foundations of the Temple of Zeus and visit the ruins of the library, which once held 200,000 volumes of the best of Greek science and philosophy. We also visit the Asclepieion which was a sanctuary and a healing center built in the name of the god of healing, Asclepius. (Assos, 2 nights)

June 3: ASSOS

In the morning we visit Assos where you can see Temple of Athena, the marketplace, and the city walls dating from the time of

Hermias and Aristotle. St. Paul passed through Assos on his way between Alexandria Troas and Miletus at the end of his third missionary journey. From Assos he sent a message back to Carpus in Alexandria Troas asking him to forward his cloak and notebooks. His friends had taken a boat from Alexandria Troas while Paul travelled overland. He met them in Assos from where they sailed together to Mytilene. We continue our sightseeing in Alexandria Troas, which was once a city with tall buildings and a major port on the Aegean. The city was visited twice by Paul on his second journey. Paul had wanted to go to north into Bithynia, but instead he and his companion Timothy were deflected to the Aegean coast. In the night, a Macedonian appeared to Paul calling him to cross the Aegean to Neapolis and Philippi. This is noted as the inspiration and beginning of the spread of Christianity into Europe. Next we drive to Troy, the immortal city of the legend of Troy and the Trojan horse.

June 4: ASSOS/ GALIPOLI / ISTANBUL

This morning our bus boards a ferry for the scenic crossing of the Dardenelles to Thrace, which is the European portion of Turkey. We will visit the WWI battlefield at Gallipoli at which the Allied forces of Great Britain and France sought in 1915 to defeat the Ottomans and the Germans and to bring an early end to the war - to no avail. The victory of Ottomans over the Allied armies was and remains a defining moment in the emergence of the modern Republic of Turkey, and the great war hero for the Ottomans, Mustapha Kemal, known later as Atatürk, emerges later to become the first President of Turkey. We will visit Anzac cove, named after the Australian and New Zealand Army Corp which fought at the fiercest points of the battle and suffered heavy casualties. The Allied forces had to evacuate, regroup in Egypt, and defeat the Ottomans three years later from the east via Jerusalem and Damascus. We will visit the bunkers on the hillside and see what kinds of battles took place in WWI. The Sea of Marmara, with its thousands of summer homes, will provide the scenery as we travel to Istanbul. (Istanbul, 5 nights)

June 5: ISTANBUL

We will visit the famed St. Sophia Church (Hagia Sophia or Aya Sofya), the Blue Mosque, and the Hippodrome which is the place of Roman chariot racing. We will also visit the Grand Bazaar. There will be time for shopping.



June 6: ISTANBUL

Today we will visit Topkapi Palace, including the Haram or "forbidden" section, which is the Ottoman sultan's living quarters. We will also visit the Chora Museum with its beautiful colorful Greek mosaics and frescoes. This church is considered to be one of the finest examples of a Byzantine church. In the 16th century, it was converted into a mosque by the Ottomans, and it became a museum in 1948. We will also visit the Eyup Sultan mosque, and see some of the walls breached by Mehmet II in AD 1453. If we have time, we will also visit the Fener area of the city in which the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate resides.

June 7 (Sunday): ISTANBUL

We will have a visit to Fatih University to see a modem Turkish university. We will have a lecture on Ottoman and Turkish political history and the future of Turkey. We will visit with some Turkish students. In the afternoon we will visit the Spice Market, the Rustempacha Mosque and the Dolmabahcie Palace. We will take a cruise on the Bosporus.

June 8: ISTANBUL

Today we will journey to Iznik to visit the remains of a second church called Hargia Sophia. Iznik is ancient Nicaea, the place where the Council of Nicaea drew up the Nicene Creed which became the most important statement of faith for Eastern and Western Christendom, although not Oriental Christendom. We will return to Istanbul for some shopping and night life.

June 9: ISTANBUL to USA

An early morning flight is scheduled for our return to the U.S.

Students are expected to complete either HIST-221 Biblical Archaeology – New Testament (WRT) or REL-235 Islam (WRT and GPN). WRT is our abbreviation for Writing Intensive credit and GPN is an abbreviation for Global Perspective International. The price includes one course. If you want to obtain credit for both, there is an additional charge.

PRICE PER PERSON: (Based on Double Occupancy)

Student Price: \$4,454.00*
(Price based on package price of \$5454.00 minus a \$1,000.00 scholarship = \$4454.00.
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Alumni, Faculty & Staff Price:\$5,432.00
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