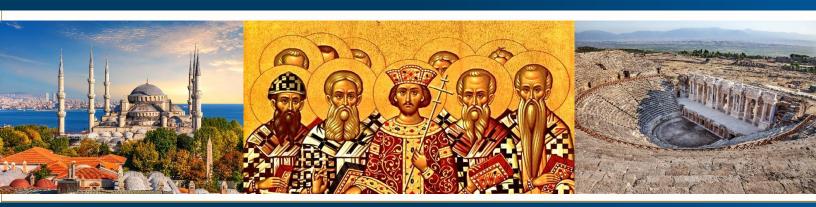


# A Pilgrimage to Turkey: The Cradle of the Church



# TURKEY

September 18 – October 2, 2025

Especially designed for:

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

St. Louis, Missouri



The Rev. David Hodges
Pilgrimage Host

Space is limited. Register Today!



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Dear Friends,

I am excited to have this opportunity to invite you and others who may want to participate

on a pilgrimage to Turkey. The spiritual practice of pilgrimage has been important to Christians

for centuries as people have traveled to many sacred places around the world. This pilgrimage to

a place that is called "the second Holy Land" will begin and end in Istanbul which has become one

of the most visited cities in the world. From there we will visit and explore places across Turkey

that helped shape the Christian faith and spend time reflecting on the historical and spiritual

significance of those places.

I hope you will join me on this pilgrimage that will provide an opportunity to learn, to have

fellowship and fun, to worship and pray together, and that will help to deepen our relationship with

God. Please look at the itinerary and feel free to contact me should you have any questions. All

the information is included about how you can reserve your spot on the trip.

Every blessing,

David+

# A Pilgrimage to Turkey: The Cradle of the Church

# 15 days / 13 nights

# Day 1: Thursday, September 18, 2025: Departure from the USA

Departure on a scheduled airline departure flight. The destination is Istanbul, Turkey.

#### Day 2: Friday, September 19: Istanbul

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We arrive mid-morning in Istanbul, greet our full-time Tour Manager, and transit to our hotel. Founded in 330 as Constantinople, the first great Christian city, Istanbul straddles Europe and Asia, and is filled with architectural monuments and 450 mosques. With a population of over 15 million, it is Europe's largest city and a center of world culture. Unpack for our four-night stay and enjoy some rest or explore the local neighborhood. We share a festive early dinner, with time to connect and talk about the sites we will explore together.

# Day 3: Saturday, September 20: Istanbul

(R D)

After a hearty breakfast, we transit to the heart of the ancient city for a full-day tour. We begin with the Hippodrome, scene of frenetic chariot races; the evocative fifth-century Basilica Cistern; and the Blue Mosque, named for its delicate ceramic tiles. We explore the Hagia Sophia, the symbol of the Byzantine Emperor and the world's largest church for a thousand years, standing beneath its dramatic domes and viewing a series of stunning mosaics in the galleries. We finish the day with a tour of Topkapi Palace, home of the Ottoman sultans. The site is full of elegant pavilions and treasure chambers, and includes the Church of Hagia Irene, the city's oldest church and site of the Second Ecumenical Council in 381. We return to our hotel for dinner.

# Day 4: Sunday, September 21: Istanbul, Chalcedon

(B,D)

We begin with a tour of the region around Taksim Square, the heart of cosmopolitan Istanbul. Associated with foreign trade for millennia, the district is filled with elegant 18th- and 19th-century homes, exclusive shops, embassies, and most of the city's churches. We join the congregation at the Crimean Memorial Church, Istanbul's Anglican parish, for Mass, and then learn more about its rich history and unique witness. After lunch, we travel by ferry across the Bosphorus to Kadikoy (ancient Chalcedon), a charming neighborhood famous for its fish markets. We visit the Church of St. Euphemia, a third-century martyr. The Fourth Ecumenical Council, which proclaimed Christ as one person in two natures, was held here in 1453. We cross back to the old city for a visit to the 17th-century Spice Market, whose 85 shops specialize in aromatic spices from across the world, dried fruits, and Turkish delight.

# Day 5: Monday, September 22: Istanbul

(B,D)

We begin with a visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, seat of Bartholomew I, spiritual leader of the Orthodox world. The Patriarchal Church of St. George contains many holy relics and icons brought from former churches across the city. We will learn more about the patriarch's ministry and the plight of Christians in modern Turkey, and share in the daily Morning Prayer service. We continue with a cruise up the Bosphorus, the strait that divides Europe and Asia, and provides the passageway from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean. Enjoy views of Ottoman palaces, the dramatic city skyline, and a series of historic bridges. We visit the Chora Church, an 11th-century church with remarkably preserved late Byzantine mosaics and frescoes that tell the infancy story of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the ministry of Jesus. We continue to the massive fourth-century Theodosian Walls, a marvel of ancient military construction that helped the city withstand numerous sieges. We round off our time in Istanbul with a visit to the medieval Grand Bazaar, the world's largest covered market, with 4,000 shops. Browse the famed Turkish textiles, jewelry, and antiques, look for a bargain in the clothing stalls, and enjoy a cup of Turkish coffee or tea and a baklava at the legendary Sark Kavehsi coffeehouse.









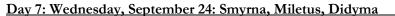






# Day 6: Tuesday, September 23: Nicaea, Pergamum

After breakfast, we depart our hotel and drive to Iznik (ancient Nicaea), a walled city that hosted the First Ecumenical Council in 325, which gave us the Nicene Creed. We will visit the lakeside ruins of Constantine's Palace, where the council was held, as well as the Church of Hagia Sophia, where the seventh Ecumenical Council gathered in 787. Remnants of frescoes and mosaics survive in the former church, which was converted into a mosque in 2011. We continue to Bergama (ancient Pergamum), one of the ancient world's largest cities, visited by St. Paul and one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. We will visit the Acropolis, which contains the ruins of the famed Temples of Zeus and Athena, as well as a Library that once contained 200,000 volumes, all written on the parchment invented here in the second century B.C. We continue to Izmir for dinner and a one-night stay.



(B,D)

We visit Izmir (ancient Smyrna), a great port city in antiquity (Homer was a native). St. Paul founded the church there, which is also among the seven addressed by Christ in the Book of Revelation. The record of the martyrdom of an early bishop, St. Polycarp, is among the earliest complete saints' lives. We will visit the ancient Agora, or marketplace, and meet with fellow Anglicans at St. John the Evangelist Church, whose ministry dates from 1626. We continue to Miletus, where St. Paul preached a message of encouragement to the Ephesian elders and later founded a church. Highlights include the Baths of Faustina and the Theater, which was already 400 years old in St. Paul's day. We push on to nearby Didyma to visit the massive Temple of Apollo, one of only two in the ancient world with its own oracle. We transit to our seaside hotel in Kuṣadası for dinner and a two-night stay.

# Day 8: Thursday, September 25: Ephesus

(B,D)

It's a short trip from our hotel to the ruins of Ephesus, one of the Mediterranean world's best-preserved archaeological sites. St. Paul visited the city twice and based his ministry there for two years. His Epistle to the Ephesians is addressed to the struggling church that thrived in the shadow of the great Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Later, St. John the Evangelist came here with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and according to legend, he is buried in the nearby hills. We will spend the morning in the ancient ruins, whose highlights include the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, the Odeon, and the single remaining column of the Temple of Artemis. After lunch, we continue to the ruins of the Basilica of St. John, the great church built around the apostle's tomb by Justinian in the sixth century, as well as the House of the Virgin Mary, where our Lord's mother spent her final years, and share in the Eucharist at this holy place. We return to our hotel for dinner and, perhaps, a dip in the Mediterranean Sea.

# Day 9: Friday, September 26: Sardis, Philadelphia, Aphrodisias

<u>(B,D)</u>

We leave the coast after breakfast to head for the interior, first visiting Sardis, famous for its wealth and decadence (coinage was invented by its fabled king, Croesus). St. Paul visited Sardis, and it is among the seven churches addressed by Jesus in Revelation, with a word of warning. A well-preserved Synagogue attests to the prominence of its Jewish community. Other highlights include a large Gymnasium and the Temple of Artemis. We push on to nearby Philadelphia, another of the seven churches. The ruins of the impressive Byzantine Church of St. John are all that remain of a cosmopolitan center once known as "little Athens." Our final destination is Aphrodisias, a small city dedicated to the goddess of love and famous for its sculptors. Despite earthquake damage, the ruins are remarkably well-preserved, and include the Temple of Aphrodite, later a church; the Odeon or council house, the Sebasteion, and an outstanding Stadium. We continue to our hotel in Pamukkale for dinner and a two-night stay.

#### Day 10: Saturday, September 27: Pamukkale, Hierapolis, Laodicea

(B,D)

After breakfast, we explore Pamukkale's calcium-rich hot springs, which spill over a series of terraces creating dramatic "cotton castles." We continue to Hierapolis, the home of St. Paul's companion Epaphras. The city was evangelized by St. Philip the Apostle, whose Martyrion, or

















martyr shrine, has been recently restored. We will worship together there. Large portions of the ancient and Byzantine cities survive, including a fine Roman Theater, several Nymphaea, or fountains, a Temple of Apollo, and an extensive Necropolis, or city of the dead. We will make a quick stop at nearby Laodicea, whose struggling ancient congregation was also among the seven churches of Revelation. Highlights are its Aqueduct and Nymphaeum, which transmitted its infamous water supply, which was "neither hot nor cold." We return to our hotel for dinner.



# Day 11: Sunday, September 28: Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium

(**B,D**)

We depart early for a scenic tour of the Turkish countryside, heading first for Antioch of Pisidia. In St. Paul's time, the city had been recently refounded as a Roman colony and was among the largest in Galatia. The Book of Acts preserves a sermon he preached in the synagogue here, now the Byzantine St. Paul's Church, where we will celebrate the Sunday Eucharist. Other highlights of the city include its Temple of Augustus and the Triumphal Arch. We continue to Konya (ancient Iconium), a city visited by Paul three times, which is best known today for its majestic medieval mosques and the Mevlevi Order, disciples of a famous Sufi master known for their whirling dances during meditation. If time permits, we will visit the Mevlana Museum, the burial place of several Sufi mystics, including the poet Rumi. We check into our hotel for dinner and a one-night stay



# Day 12: Monday, September 29: Cappadocia

(B,D)

We depart after breakfast for a drive into Cappadocia, a region famous for its dramatic landscape and spiritual fervor. Jewish Cappadocians were present in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, and large numbers of Christians fled there to escape persecution in the third century. St. Basil, the Bishop of Caesarea, its capital, founded a series of monasteries and the first hospital there a century later. Volcanic eruptions and wind erosion created dramatic rock formations called fairy chimneys across the region, and Byzantine monks carved hundreds of chapels out of the soft local stone, decorating them with striking frescoes. We will travel through several valleys that abound in these unusual rock features, the Devrent and Pasabag Valleys, and then will explore the many frescoed chapels of the Goreme Open Air Museum. We continue to Zelve, which features an extensive monastery and numerous cave dwellings, some of which were inhabited until the 1950s. The day's final destination is Uchisar Castle, a huge rock cone with dozens of houses carved into its sides. The view of the landscape from here is spectacular. We head for our hotel for dinner and a two-night stay



# Day 13: Tuesday, September 30: Cappadocia

(B,D)

We begin the day before dawn with an optional ascent over Goreme in a hot-air balloon (cost additional). After breakfast, we will head for Kaymakli Underground City, a vast complex of dwellings, storehouses, and churches that burrows eight levels into the rock. It's one of dozens of similar cities across the region. We will hike and explore cave churches in Pigeon Valley and Gulludere Valley, and close our time together with worship in the fourth-century Church of St. Mary in Avanos. We return to the hotel for an early dinner, and those who aren't too tired can venture out to Red Valley for a spectacular sunset view over the sandstone rocks



# Day 14: Wednesday, October 1: Istanbul

(B,D)

We depart for transit to Kayseri Airport and a quick flight to Istanbul. We will enjoy the remainder of the day in Istanbul at leisure. Dinner and overnight will be at our hotel in Istanbul.



# Day 15: Thursday, October 2: Return Home

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We depart for the Istanbul airport to catch our return flight.

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# TURKEY FAITH JOURNEYS Cost Estimates ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY!

Pilgrimage price with self-arranged airfare (Land-Only): \$4,322

# Pilgrimage price including airfare from St. Louis, MO: \$6,095

(U.S. government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges up to \$550 included – pricing is based on a minimum 20 pilgrims, staying in double occupancy; private room \$945 additional)

Payment Schedule		Cancellation Penalty	
Payment constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions		Cancellations on or after the dates listed below	
		In addition to Section 4 under Terms & Conditions	
\$500 per person	With Registration Form	\$100 per person	Upon Receipt
\$1,500 per person	March 22, 2025	\$300 per person	March 20, 2025
\$1,500 per person	May 6, 2025	\$900 per person	April 21, 2025
		<b>\$2,800</b> per person	June 20, 2025
Balance	July 20, 2025	Full Tour Cost	July 30, 2025

Space is available on a first come basis, and registrations are processed in the order they are received by Faith Journeys.

These costs are based on payments made by check or cash-equivalent to qualify for our lowest discounted prices. If you choose to pay by credit card a 3% (non-refundable) accounting fee applies. All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements herein are based on rates (including foreign exchange rates) in effect at the date of this offer and are subject to change. Adjustments may be made if the exchange rate varies more than 5%.

To Register, visit: portal.myfaithjourneys.com Group Number: 25032



# TURKEY

# **FAITH JOURNEYS**

**Cost Inclusions & Exclusions** 

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

#### **COST INCLUSIONS**

- ➤ **AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip transportation by scheduled airline carrier from **St. Louis, MO**. Air fares are subject to change pending space availability at the time of group booking.
  - Includes up to \$550 for U.S. Government airline taxes, fees, and estimated fuel surcharge.
- ➤ **COACH TRANSPORTATION:** Local modern deluxe motorcoach transportation within Turkey upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- ➤ **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel accommodations in superior tourist-class (3 & 4-star) hotels chosen for location, reputation, cleanliness, and service. The price is based on <u>double occupancy</u>, all rooms with private facilities. All hotels mentioned in this quote are used as reference only and are subject to availability at group rates at the time of booking. <u>City centre accommodations are available at a supplement upon request</u>. This offer is based on staying at the following accommodations, or similar:

Istanbul:Titanic City TaksimIzmir:Kaya Thermal HotelKusadasi:Charisma HotelPamukkale:Doga ThermalKonya:Bayir Diamond HotelCappadocia:Dilek Kaya Hotel

- ➤ **MEALS:** Two meals per day (as noted in the Tour itinerary) including breakfast and dinner. Please note that breakfast is not included on day of arrival and dinner is not included on day of departure.
- **ENTRANCE FEES:** Entrance fees are included based on inclusions on the itinerary.
- > TOUR ITINERARIES: Electronic versions of the tour itinerary are available listing hotel addresses, telephone and fax numbers.
- ➤ TOUR MANAGEMENT: One full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager will be on each motorcoach through the entire tour. Faith Journeys' office staff is easily available 24 hours daily (even on weekends) to render assistance whenever needed.
- **EXCURSIONS**: Conducted by licensed, professional guides utilizing personal headsets as outlined in the day-by-day Tour itinerary.
- ➤ **GRATUITIES**: Tips to hotel personnel (including meals) are included. <u>Tips to tour manager(s)</u>, <u>licensed guides</u>, <u>and motorcoach driver(s)</u> are included.
- EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES:
  - 2 Luggage tags
- TRAVEL NOTES: Pre-departure Travel Notes are available to each participant containing useful information about travel preparation, destination information, useful packing and cultural conditioning suggestions.
- LIABILITY INSURANCE: \$3M Faith Journeys Tour Liability Insurance coverage.

#### **COST EXCLUSIONS**

- ➤ Single Occupancy Supplement: \$945
- Travel Visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- > Travel Insurance
- > Transportation to and from departure airport.
- > Drinks at dinners.
- ➤ Meals not mentioned in the Pilgrimage Itinerary.
- ➤ Airline luggage fees, if applicable.
- > Difference between current and actual costs for the airline taxes and the estimated fuel surcharge, if applicable.



# TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

Sometimes it happens - an emergency at home or a sickness causes people to cancel their vacation or interrupt their trip. We hope this doesn't happen to you, but if it does, what about the financial costs involved? And what about losing your personal belongings or becoming ill while on your trip?

Because these unfortunate events can occur, a travel protection plan offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc. is available with all Faith Journeys International travel arrangements. This high-quality travel insurance plan covers your vacation investment, your belongings, and most importantly, you. This travel protection plan covers you even if you must cancel or interrupt your trip due to a pre-existing medical condition - if you purchase the plan within 21 days of your initial deposit/payment for your trip.

Outlined below are the major benefits of the plan. A "Travel Insurance Certificate" which provides complete details of the plan, including conditions, exclusions and limitations is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan

#### CANCELLATION/INTERRUPTION - TRIP COST

If you cancel your Trip for a covered reason, you will be reimbursed up to 150% of the amount in the Schedule, for the amount of unused non-refundable prepaid expenses for Travel Arrangements, forfeited, non-refundable Payments or Deposits that you paid for your Trip. If you have to cancel or interrupt your Trip due to a covered injury, sickness or death - your own or that of a Traveling Companion or Family Member - or for Other Covered Reasons, as defined, you will be reimbursed up to the Trip cost for unused land or water travel arrangements, plus additional transport charges paid to return home or to rejoin your Trip.

#### TRAVEL DELAY

Provides reimbursement up to \$300 per day (maximum \$4,200) for reasonable accommodation and traveling expenses until travel becomes possible if you are delayed for 12 hours or more due to a covered reason such as: any carrier delay; Injury, Sickness or death of you or your Traveling Companion; quarantine; loss of passport, travel documents or money; or natural disaster.

#### **MISSED CONNECTION - \$1,500**

If your arrival at your trip destination is delayed for 3 hours or more due to a certified delay of a Common Carrier, inclement weather, unannounced strike, natural disaster or terrorism, you will be reimbursed for the cost of your unused land or water arrangements, plus the additional transportation expense incurred to join your trip.

#### ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT - \$25,000

These benefits are paid if loss occurs within 180 days of a covered Injury that occurs while on your Faith Journeys Trip.

#### MEDICAL EXPENSE/EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE -\$50,000

Provides reimbursement for reasonable and customary medical expenses incurred within 52 weeks of a covered Injury or Sickness that occurs while on your Faith Journeys Trip, or for emergency dental treatment received during your Trip not to exceed \$750; the cost of emergency transport to Home or an appropriate Hospital, including escort expense (both, if deemed necessary by the attending Physician), for a covered Injury or Sickness that occurs while on your Trip, or the cost of homeward carriage if deceased.

#### **BAGGAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS - \$1,500**

Coverage for direct physical loss or damage to your Baggage, passports or visas while on your Trip. A \$600 maximum limit applies to jewelry, watches, cameras and camera equipment, and furs — a \$300 per article limit applies to all other items. If, while on your Trip, your Baggage is delayed for 24 hours or more, we will pay up to \$100 for the purchase of necessary additional clothing and personal articles.

#### CANCEL FOR ANY REASON - 75% of Non-Refundable Cost

You will be reimbursed up to 75% of the unused non-refundable prepaid payments. 1) Payment for this plan must be received within 21 days of your initial deposit/payment for your trip 2) cancellation must be prior to two (2) days prior to the scheduled departure.

# **Conditions & Limitations**

Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the "Travel Insurance Certificate". For example, coverage does not apply to: any sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (this exclusion is waived if your premium is received within 7 days of your initial deposit/payment for your Trip), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of the government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; involuntary job termination (must be employed with same employer for 1 year); a Terrorist Incident which occurs in a city listed on your itinerary for the trip and occurs within 30 days prior to Your Scheduled Departure Date or revocation of military leave due to war.

The Travel Protection Plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc.\*, 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri, 64114, 800-888-7292 (\*In CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency)



#### **Terms & Conditions**

#### 1. PAYMENT TERMS

- 1.1. Payment. Client shall strictly comply with the Payment Schedule on or before the due date. Faith Journeys ("FJ") accepts payment by check or, with a non-refundable 3% surcharge, Visa and MasterCard. Checks should be made payable to Faith Journeys LLC.
  1.2. Additional Deposits. From time to time, FJ may request one or more deposits over and above those set forth in the Payment Schedule (the
- 1.2. Additional Deposits. From time to time, FJ may request one or more deposits over and above those set forth in the Payment Schedule (the "Additional Deposits"). Additional Deposits may be required because of travel during peak periods, the unique nature of the facilities, or any other matter which, in FJ's sole opinion, requires an additional deposit. FJ will consult with Client's tour organizer before making a request for an Additional Deposit, but FJ's decision whether and Additional Deposit is necessary is final. Client shall pay an Additional Deposit within thirty (30) days of the request by FJ.

#### 2. DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF FJ

- 2.1. Scope and Exclusivity. FJ shall have the duties and obligations set forth in this Section 2 and no others.
- 2.2. **Services Supplied by FJ**. FJ will provide the transportation, transfers, airfare, lodging and services specified in the attached tour brochure on the terms provided herein. FJ reserves the right to vary itineraries and/or destinations and to substitute hotels if circumstances beyond its control necessitate such change(s). FJ reserves the right to use any photos submitted to Group Travel Video's for promotional purposes as it sees fit.
- 2.3. **Services Excluded by FJ.** All transportation, charges, services or other items not specifically identified in the tour brochure for this trip are <u>not</u> covered and must be paid by Client separately. Excluded services and items include, but are not limited to, tips to local guides; meals and beverages other than those noted in the tour brochure; expenses of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone, valet, etc.; porterage for hand-carried luggage; passport and visa fees; free time activities; optional excursions and coach driver and guide/escort gratuities.
- 2.4. **Special Equipment and Excess Luggage Needs.** Special technical equipment (including musical instruments), excess or oversize luggage and the transportation for such are not included. Any piece of luggage/equipment over 50 pounds or exceeding 62 inches (length+ width + height) is subject to additional charges.

#### 3. LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 3.1. **Limitation on Liability of FJ.** FJ, its agents and cooperating organizations expressly disclaim all responsibility and/or liability of any nature for loss, damage or injury to property or person due to any cause whatsoever occurring during a tour under its management, except damaged caused by the gross negligence of FJ.
- 3.2. Client's Indemnification. Client shall hold FJ, its agents, employees, contractors and affiliated organizations harmless from, and indemnify and defend same against, any and all claims or liability for any injury (including death) or damage to any person or property whatsoever occurring during the tour, or any part thereof, when such injury or damage has been caused in part or in whole by the act, neglect, fault, or omission of Client, its agents, servants, employees, or invitees. The provisions of this Paragraph 3.2 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any claims or liability occurring prior to such expiration or termination.

#### 4. CANCELLATION

- 4.1. Right to Cancel. Client shall be entitled to cancel this Agreement only upon the terms set forth in this Section 4.
- 4.2. Cancellation Schedule. Subject to the terms of the remainder of this Section 4, and provided that Client has made all payments required under the Payment Schedule, Client may cancel this Agreement by providing written notice of the cancellation to FJ. Upon providing such notice, Client is entitled to return of deposits, if any, in accordance with the Cancellation Schedule set forth in the attached tour brochure. The balance of any deposits made by Client, including any Additional Deposits, shall be retained by FJ.
- 4.3. **Limitations on Cancellation.** Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding Section 4.2, upon providing notice of cancellation to FJ, Client shall not be entitled to refund of any deposits which have been used by FJ to reserve space or fares if the deposits for space or fares are non-refundable to FJ from the providers. Further, in the event that the payments or deposits made by Client are less than the amounts paid by FJ to reserve space or fares which are non-refundable, Client shall not receive any funds pursuant to the Cancellation Schedule and shall remain liable to FJ for any shortfall. Client shall remain liable to FJ for any actual damages to FJ resulting from Client's cancellation of the Agreement.

#### 5. CLIENT'S BREACH AND DEFAULT

- 5.1. **Breach.** Upon the breach of any term of this Agreement, including but limited to failure to strictly comply with the payment terms, failure to timely make Additional Deposits, or violation of any of the rules and regulations of FJ, FJ may, at its option, declare the Client in default and terminate its obligation to perform further under this Agreement. Upon any breach of this Agreement, by failure to make payments or otherwise, FJ may, in its sole and absolute discretion, allow the Client to remedy the breach by making the required payments or deposits, or by otherwise performing as required. However, all late payments, if accepted by FJ, will be charged a late fee of one and one-half percent (1 1/2 %) of the unpaid balance per month
- 5.2. **FJ's Remedies.** Upon any breach this Agreement, by failure to make a payment, or otherwise, Client forfeits its entire deposit and FJ may attempt to reschedule, resell or reuse any goods or services previously purchase or reserved for Client's benefit including, but not limited to, air or other transportation and hotel accommodations.

#### 6. JURISDICTION AND GOVERNING LAW

Any dispute of any kind arising out of or from a claimed breach of this Agreement shall be resolved in the Superior Court of Maricopa County, Arizona, and Client consents to venue and jurisdiction in that Court. Client further agrees that all disputes arising from this Agreement shall be resolved in accordance with Arizona law.

#### 7. ATTORNEY'S FEES

In the event of any legal action or proceeding arising out of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs incurred in such action and such amount shall be included in any judgment rendered in such proceeding.

#### 8. WAIVER

No waiver by FJ of any provision of this Agreement or of any breach by Client hereunder shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other provision hereof, or of any subsequent breach by Client of the same or any other provision. FJ's consent to or approval of any act by Client requiring FJ's consent or approval shall not be deemed to render unnecessary the obtaining of FJ's consent to or approval of any subsequent act of Client.

#### 9. NOTICES

All notices, demands or other communications in this Agreement provided to be given, made or sent by either party to the other shall be deemed to have been duly given, made or sent when made in writing and deposited in the United States mail, certified or registered, postage prepaid, and addressed to the respective party at the appropriate address set forth in the Initial Terms.

#### 10. INTEGRATION AND AMENDMENTS

The provision of this Agreement, including these Terms and Conditions and any rules and regulations of FJ, supersede any oral or written agreement between the parties, and any such oral or written agreement is hereby integrated into this Agreement. To the extent it conflicts with this Agreement, any information found in any advertising material, brochure, or web site is hereby superseded by this Agreement. Any amendment to or revision of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

#### 11. ACTS OF GOD

If the tour is canceled by reason of Force Majeure, as defined in this paragraph, FJ's liability to Client is expressly limited as set forth in this paragraph. For purposes of this Agreement, "Force Majeure" means any event or circumstances that FJ or the supplier of the services in question could not foresee or avoid. Such events and circumstances include, without limitation, acts of God, actual or threatened; war, terrorist activity or the threat thereof; labor disputes, industrial actions, or strikes; martial law; state of emergency; earthquake, adverse weather conditions, tsunami, hurricane, or other natural activity; civil actions; technical or maintenance problems with transport; changes of schedules or operational decisions of air carriers, providers of ground transportation, hotels, amphitheaters, or other venues; nuclear activity; epidemic, pandemic, illness, physical injury, quarantine, medical or customs or immigration regulation, delay, or cancellation; fire; and any similar events outside FJ's control. In the event that there is a cancellation or delay by reason of Force Majeure, Client shall have the option of (a) taking a refund pursuant to the provisions for cancellation above, or (b) selecting an alternate program through FJ, provided that, given the circumstances of the Force Majeure, FJ is able to offer an alternate program at a time that is mutually agreeable to both Client and FJ.

#### 12. TRAVEL CONDITIONS

- 12.1. **Hotels.** Hotels utilized are doubles/twins. Each room will have private facilities, including shower or bath. A supplement surcharge is applicable to participants in single accommodations.
- 12.2. **Fluctuations, Substitutions with Group.** Client may, under certain circumstances, substitute another person in their stead. Substitutions on flights are allowed subject to the terms of the airline contract. The addition of a new person is charged at the best price available. FJ will use its best efforts to keep the new person at the group rate.

The following fees apply for substitutions:

On or after 180 days before departure the substitution fee is \$50

On or after 120 days before departure the substitution fee is \$100

On or after 90 days before departure the substitution fee is \$150

On or after 60 days before departure the substitution fee is \$350

On or after 45 days before departure the substitution fee is \$1000

Substitutions are not possible less than 5 days before departure

\*FJ must receive the substitution deposit/payments before making a refund to the Client.

- 12.3. **Rooming List and Late Changes.** FJ must receive the rooming lists no later than 45 days prior to departure from Client's tour organizer. Late changes in the rooming list, including name changes, additions and deletions are subject to a late change/penalty of \$25.00 per person. This charge covers the costs of administrative expenses, long distance telephone calls, over-night mail charges, etc.
- 12.4. Flight Arrangements: All flights will be by scheduled I.A.T.A. carriers with the routing and scheduling at the discretion of FJ. Tour price is based on mid-week travel and air fare flying round trip from the location stated in the tour brochure. Any increase in air fare shall be borne by the participant. Airline taxes and fuel surcharges are not included in price. The operators providing transportation are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not on board their aircraft or conveyances. FJ has no responsibility or liability of any nature whatsoever for loss, damage, or injury to property or person resulting from the provision of air or motorcoach transportation. The price of a vacant seat and the cost of segments of the program lost due to missing scheduled departure or absences during the tour cannot be refunded. If Client misses any included transportation segment (e.g. flight, transfer, bus or train departure), Client is responsible to make arrangements for and to pay the cost of rejoining the group.
- 12.5. **Deviations:** Late return deviations are sometimes permitted from the original city of departure, for a minimum fee of \$150, if the class of service is still available at time of booking and if the carrier's fare rules permit the change. All deviations must be applied for by writing, faxing or emailing your request to Faith Journeys. When a deviation is confirmed by the airline, passengers will be notified and invoiced for all charges incurred for their deviation. Each subsequent change is subject to an additional \$50 processing fee, plus airline fees once confirmed. Deviations are difficult, especially during high season, so requests must be made as early as possible. Clients who deviate must arrange for their own ground transportation to and from the airport.

# 13. FREQUENT FLYER PROGRAM MEMBERS

If Client desires to use frequent flyer miles for free tickets, Client will need to book its flights directly with the airline and purchase a "Land Only" package from Faith Journeys. Faith Journeys is unable to provide ticket copies after departure for mileage credits. Client should check with their preferred carrier to determine if Client qualifies for any mileage accrual.

#### 14. LAND ONLY

Any Client choosing the 'Land Only' package after their initial full-tour reservation has been made in writing, faxing or emailing, is subject to a \$50 change fee up to 60 days prior to departure. Anyone changing to a 'Land Only' option 60 to 0 days prior to departure will be subject to a \$1,000 change fee. If Client chooses the 'Land Only' option must arrange for their own ground transportation to and from the airports and any mid-tour flights.

#### 15. TOUR PRICES

The services specified are based on a minimum of number of passengers. If this quota is not reached, the price of the tour will be increased proportionately. All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements are based on rates (including foreign exchange rates) and taxes in effect at time of publication and are subject to change. Adjustments will be made when the exchange rate varies more that 5% at 120 days prior to departure. Confirmation of final air and land prices and taxes will be advised at that time.

#### 16. TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is highly recommended. Faith Journeys offers TRIP MATE travel insurance. Coverage includes Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance, Pre-Departure Trip Cancellation due to illness, Post-Departure Trip Interruption, Travel and Baggage Delay and loss of Baggage and Personal Effects. The non-refundable premium must be paid at the time of the initial deposit to include any pre-existing medical conditions that do not disable you from travel at the time the premium payment is made. A detailed copy of the Faith Journeys Travel Protection Plan Summary is provided with the tour brochure. All cancellations are subject to the terms and conditions stated therein unless the U.S. State Department bans travel to the countries included in the itinerary. Claims for refunds will be handled expeditiously and will be made within 60 days following the termination of the tour program.



# Flight contracts – Frequent Flyer numbers – Seat changes/requests – "Land Only" packages

#### Group Air

Faith Journeys is a faith based tour company that specializes in exclusive group travel. We negotiate and secure *group air contracts* with all major airlines departing from the designated airport for each Faith Journeys group. This allows us to keep all passengers within the group traveling together, in most cases.

Group air contracts differ from individually purchased airline tickets in many ways. When group air contracts are negotiated, we are able to hold a large number of seats at the same rate until we ticket the group approximately 45 days prior to departure. We are limited in what types of deviations are allowed from the group contract and in some cases need to look at published, individual tickets. Taxes and fuel costs are subject to change until the tickets are issued.

All airlines require valid passport information including full name (first, middle and last), date of birth, gender, country, in which your passport has been issued and passport expiration date. To ensure that we are able to provide this information accurately, we require a photo copy of each person's passport traveling on each tour. Faith Journeys will apply each registered passenger's name to the group air contract approximately 60 days prior to departure. Communication is made with the group tour host to review passenger information before group ticketing is finalized with the airline.

#### Frequent Flyer Numbers

Frequent Flyer #'s are not always accepted in group air contracts at time of ticketing, however you may apply your FF# to your flight at the ticket counter on the day of your departure. Please make sure to have this information with you when you check-in upon arrival at the airport.

# Seat Requests & Seat Changes

Faith Journeys makes every effort to honor each request received by our passengers regarding seating preferences. Please understand that although requests are being made directly with the airline, not every request is guaranteed or granted by the airline. If you would like to make any changes to your seat, you are welcome to contact the airline directly or change your seats upon check-in at the airport prior to departure.

# "Land Only" Tour Package

Faith Journeys understands that some will wish to arrange their own air transportation for their tour. Arranging transportation on your own gives you the ability to use your flight miles for your ticket, secure the seat you desire/require, or upgrade to business class or an extra leg room seat. However, because our group air contracts allow us to hold space with the airline, we are able to limit cancelation penalties in the event of a group or passenger cancelation. Faith Journeys also reserves the right to search alternative flight schedules to better accommodate the group until shortly before ticketing. If the flight schedule you purchase arrives or departs at a time different from the group, it is your responsibility to join the group either at the airport or at the first hotel.



For More Information and to Register for this Pilgrimage, visit: portal.myfaithjourneys.com

**Group Code: 25032** 

