

ITINERARY AEGEAN TRADITIONS
INCLUDING MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE
 Hosted by Archdeacon David and Mrs Helen Lunniss
 St Thomas's Anglican Parish, Beaudesert

- DAY 1 Sat 21 May Please arrive at Brisbane International Terminal no later than 1230 for check-in
 Brisbane Dep: 1445 SQ236 Singapore Airlines
 Singapore Arr: 2045
 Dep: 2335 SQ490 Singapore Airlines via Dubai
- DAY 2 Sun 22 May **Istanbul** Arr: 0740
 Upon arrival in Istanbul we shall be met at the airport and transferred to our city hotel for check-in.
 The remainder of the day is free – you may decide on an optional cruise of the Bosphorus.
 Dinner today at the hotel. **(D)**
- DAY 3 Mon 23 May **Istanbul**
 Today we plan to visit the Church of St. Saviour in Chora, originally part of a Byzantine Monastery
 and boasting some of the most beautiful mosaics and frescoes depicting the story of the Virgin
 Mary. We then visit the Spice Market and have lunch at a local Hamdi restaurant. After lunch we
 visit the Rustem Pasha Mosque and the Underground Cisterns before returning to the hotel for
 dinner. **(B,L,D)**
- DAY 4 Tue 24 May **Istanbul**
 A full day of sightseeing is planned including visits to the Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, and the
 impressive Topkapi Palace. Lunch is at Konyali Restaurant in the Palace grounds. Afterwards we
 continue St Sophia, constructed in 532 as a basilica by the Emperor Justinian, and then to the
 Grand Bazaar, the biggest souk in the world with nearly 4000 shops. An optional Istanbul by Night
 tour, including dinner, will be offered this evening. **(B,L)**
- DAY 5 Wed 25 May **Istanbul / Gallipoli / Canakkale**
 Travel south this morning, along the peninsula. After lunch we arrive at Gallipoli where we spend
 time visiting the sites, including the War Museum at Kabatepe, North Beach, Anzac Cove, Beach
 Cemetery, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair. Continue on to Canakkale for overnight. **(B,L,D)**
- DAY 6 Thu 26 May **Canakkale / Pergamon / Izmir**
 We proceed this morning to Pergamon and visit the Acropolis which has the steepest theatre of the
 ancient world, the ruins of the Temple of Trojan and the Library. After lunch we continue to the
 Asklepion, the ancient healing centre, and also the remains of the Red Basilica, which was one of
 the seven Churches of the Revelation. Continue on to Izmir for overnight. **(B,L,D)**
- Day 7 Fri 27 May **Izmir / Ephesus / Izmir**
 Drive to Ephesus this morning visiting the shrine of the Virgin Mary en route. After exploring the site
 of Ephesus we shall have lunch and then continue to the Archaeological Museum and St John's
 Basilica. (*Time permitting – if we are permitted to have a Eucharist at Virgin Mary House we may
 not have time to include the Archaeological Museum.*) Return to Izmir for overnight. **(B,L,D)**
- DAY 8 Sat 28 May **Izmir / Bursa**
 We now drive north to the spa centre of Bursa, the first capital of the Ottoman Empire. We shall visit
 the Green Mosque, Yesil Turbe, the tomb of Memet I who died in 1421, the Ulu Cami, the first
 congregational mosque erected by the Ottomans and continue to the Bazaar for shopping. Bursa is
 renowned for the beautiful silks available in this bazaar. **(B,L,D)**
- DAY 9 Sun 29 May **Bursa / Istanbul**
 After breakfast we drive back to Istanbul in time for embarkation on *MV CRISTAL*. Ship sails in the
 late afternoon. **(B,D)**
- DAY 10 Mon 30 May **Sailing – visit to Mykonos**
 Ship will arrive at the port of Mykonos in mid afternoon. Time to go ashore and explore the exciting little
 township before the ship sails at midnight. **(B,L,D)**

TOUR COST: Land/Cruise Only: **AUD 6650** (share twin throughout)
Land/Cruise/International airfares: **AUD 8550** (share twin throughout)

INCLUSIONS:

- **Accommodation** – hotels are mainly locally graded 4/5* with private facilities. (Tour based on share twin accommodation. Ship accommodation is in inside twin-bedded cabins – Category IC Superior Inside.) Supplement is payable for passengers requiring single rooms on land or on the cruise.
- **Meals** – breakfasts (Continental) throughout. Additional meals will be provided as detailed above: **L = Lunch, D = Dinner**. All meals are provided on the cruise component – except when passengers choose to go ashore and not return at meal times.
- **Entrances** – we have arranged for pre-payment of entrances as follows:
Istanbul – Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, S.Sophia, Topkapi Palace, Underground Cisterns,
Gallipoli sites; Pergamum, Asklepion, Ephesus, Green Mosque, Yesil Turbe,
Greece – Acropolis, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia, Acropolis Museum
- **Touring** – in air-conditioned coach or mini-bus (depending on group size) with driver and English speaking guide. This is a private tour.
- **Shore Excursions** – private excursions will be provided in Patmos and Rhodes.
- **Port Taxes / Fuel Surcharges** – in relation to the cruise component.
- **On board tips and gratuities** – in relation to the cruise component, as required by the cruise line. Additional private tipping is at your discretion.
- **Airfares** – Australia/ Istanbul and Athens/Australia economy class airfares with Singapore Airlines. Canterbury Tours reserves the right to change bookings to an alternative carrier if necessary, depending on costs and schedules. Upgrades to Business and/or First Class may be available – we are happy to provide details of additional costs required.

NOT INCLUDED:

- **Airline taxes / airport charges.** These taxes change daily and the payment of them is as will prevail on the date of payment. It is expected that an amount of A\$450+ should be allowed to cover these taxes – this is an approximation only.
- **Tips** – to driver and guide, and anywhere else you have received good service.
- **Insurance** – Travel Insurance is extremely important. You are at liberty to arrange this through your own insurance provider. However, Travelmarket, in association with Canterbury Tours, will be happy to arrange this on your behalf.
- **Passport and visa fees.** At time of publication an entry visa is required for Turkey – approximate cost is AUD25, payable on arrival.
- **Drinks** with meals
- **Items of a personal nature** – this goes without saying!

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS:

The following supplements are available if required, and if available:

- Single Supplement Land Only: **AUD 950 - Please Note: limited single rooms are available in Turkey and Greece. Single rooms are on application and the numbers available are limited by local legislation. An additional surcharge may be payable if the group limit on single rooms has been reached at the time of your booking.**
- Single Supplement Cruise Only, Inside Cabin: **\$830**

We have a limited number of outside cabins on the ship which attract a further supplement to be paid:

- Outside cabin supplement, share twin : **AUD 160pp** (on application)

Please Note: it is acceptable to pay the basic tour cost (\$6650) and include a single supplement for your hotel accommodation, without requiring a single cabin on the ship or vv. Please ask for clarification of your individual requirements.

OPTIONAL SIGHTSEEING:

Additional sightseeing tours, during this tour, will be available as follows:

- Bosphorus Cruise in Istanbul
- Istanbul by Night – dinner and show
- Epidaurus / Mycenae Tour – full day including lunch
- Visit to Ancient Corinth – *depending on numbers*
- One day cruise to Aegina, Hydra and Poros

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Travelmarket, in association with Canterbury Tours, will be happy to arrange any extensions to your tour. Hotels, touring, flight reservations, car hire, rail travel, cruising etc may be booked at the end of your tour. Your airline ticket is valid for 12 months, and you may return from alternative European cities, subject to availability.

Should you require a stopover on your return journey to Australia, Singapore Airlines offers attractive stopover packages in Singapore for one day or several days.

Additional nights in Athens and extensions to the Greek Islands may be booked to allow for personal sightseeing.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE:

While every effort has been made to assess the cost of this tour as a whole, should there be variances to currency exchange rates and/or increases in airline fares, Canterbury Tours reserves the right to impose a surcharge to the quoted cost.

Should the tour numbers not reach the minimum required to obtain the quoted price, the tour may have to be cancelled. In this case a full refund of monies paid would be offered, or alternatively, the group as booked would be offered the option to proceed with the tour at a price to cover the reduced numbers.

Deposit

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm a place on the tour. Please consider Cancellation Insurance at this time, as this deposit is non-refundable except under extreme circumstances.

Balance of Payment

Full payment of the balance of the tour cost will be due and payable by 10 March 2011. After that date all unused accommodation will be released to the overseas suppliers, and late applications to join the tour will be possible only upon request and consultation with the various overseas suppliers and the airline concerned.

Airline Schedules

As the operation of airline schedules is beyond our control, should we be notified of a change to our reserved flights we will immediately advise all passengers and either (a) arrange bookings with an alternative carrier; or (b) make adjustments to the itinerary to accommodate the flight changes.

Health

This tour is not strenuous, though there are days when quite a deal of walking is required, and often on cobblestoned streets, or over ancient stoney sites – please consider your individual capabilities in this regard. The tour is not rushed and will be conducted to please all passengers if possible. The nature of the touring determines that we have a number of one-night only stopovers (Canakkale, Bursa, Kalambaka, Delphi, Olympia). We are not planning very early morning starts, though there are days when several hours will of necessity need to be spent in travelling.

If you require any information regarding the performance of sightseeing etc on this tour, we would be happy to clarify.