

PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY: ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS ~ PART I ~

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- ◎ <http://www.holylandphotos.org/>
 - Includes most biblical cities and towns

- ◎ <http://www.sacred-destinations.com/turkey/>
 - Antioch, Aphrosisias, Ephesus, Konya, Pergamum, Istanbul, etc.



KEY PLACES IN PAUL'S MINISTRY

0 200mi

GROWTH OF ROMAN DOMINIONS UNDER THE EMPIRE



- At the death of Caesar, 44 BC
- To death of Augustus, 14 AD
- To death of Marcus Aurelius, 180 AD

0 Miles 500



Asia Minor II

(before the outbreak of the Mithradatic Wars, 90 B.C.)

- Roman provinces
- Roman protectorates
- Kingdom of Mithradates VI (Eupator)
- Allies of Mithradates

Scale 1:25 000 000



Early Ecumenical Councils

1. **Nicea 325**
2. **Constantinople I 381**
3. **Ephesus 431**
4. **Chalcedon 451**
5. **Constantinople II 553**
6. **Constantinople III 680-681**
7. **Nicea II 787**
8. **Constantinople IV 869**

Seven Churches of Revelation

- ⦿ Ephesus
- ⦿ Smyrna
- ⦿ Pergamos
- ⦿ Thyatira
- ⦿ Sardis
- ⦿ Philadelphia
- ⦿ Laodicea



MON, MAY 13, DAY 1:

◎ AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FROM LAX

- 3:20 p.m. – Check-in
- 6:20 p.m. – Turkish Airlines #10



TUES, MAY 14, DAY 2:

◎ AFTERNOON ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL

- 5:10 p.m. – Arrive in Istanbul
- Transfer to our hotel; Dinner at our hotel.



Istanbul



WED, MAY 15, DAY 3:

● Flight from Istanbul to ANTAKYA:

- After breakfast we transfer to the Istanbul Airport
- 10:00 a.m. – Turkish Airlines #2252
- 11:45 a.m. – Arrival in Antakya



WED, MAY 15, Afternoon:

- ◎ **VISIT OF ANTAKYA/ANTIOCH & SELEUCIA:**
 - Capital of Seleucid-Greek Kingdom (as of 281 B.C.)
 - Here, disciples first called “**Christians**” (Acts 11:26)
 - Church leaders include **Paul and Barnabas**; their missionary journeys begin here (Acts 13:1-4; 15:36).
 - Early local traditions also report extensive activity by **St. Peter** in Antioch
 - **Grotto/Church of St. Peter**, on slopes of Mt. Staurion
 - **[Roman] Mosaics Museum**
 - Seaside Samandag (**Seleucia**; Acts 13:4).
 - We return to hotel for dinner and relaxing evening.

Antioch on the Orontes River



Antioch on the Orontes River



St. Peter's Church & Bishop's Throne



St. Peter's Church



St Peter's Church: Bishops' Throne



Antioch: Archaeological Museum



Seleucia Pieria (near Samandag)



Seleucia Pieria: Roman Tunnel



Seleucia: Vespasian/Titus Tunnel



Seleucia: Vespasian/Titus Tunnel

- Latin inscription on north wall: mentions “Divine Vespasian” & “Divine Titus”
- Greek graffiti in lower right



Latin Inscription on Southern Wall



Seleucia: Rock Tombs



THURS, MAY 16, DAY 4:

◎ From ANTAKYA to TARSUS , CILICIAN GATES, ESKI GUMUS MONASTERY, and CAPPADOCIA:

- Morning departure to **Tarsus**, birthplace of Paul.
 - Capital of Roman province of Cilicia.
 - Center of Greek culture and philosophy.
 - “Free City” - people born there had legal rights & privileges as “Roman citizens” (see Acts 21:39; 22:25; and 25:10-12).
 - St. Paul’s Well, in a courtyard thought to be site of St. Paul’s house. Archaeological layers from Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman periods.
- We continue through the Taurus Mountains via **Cilician Gates**, a route taken by Paul and Silas going through Syria and Cilicia.
- Heading north toward Cappadocia, we stop to visit **Eski Gumus Monastery**, carved from rock in Gumusler.
 - 10th-century monastery, entered via a vaulted door, contains scenes from Jesus’ Infancy, portraits of Mary, saints, and angels.
- We arrive at our hotel in Cappadocia for dinner.

TARSUS (along Cydnus River)



TARSUS (St. Paul's Well)



TARSUS (Cleopatra's Gate)



TARSUS: Roman Road



TARSUS



TARSUS: Roman Road



TARSUS: Roman Temple (Donuktash)



TARSUS: Donukdash



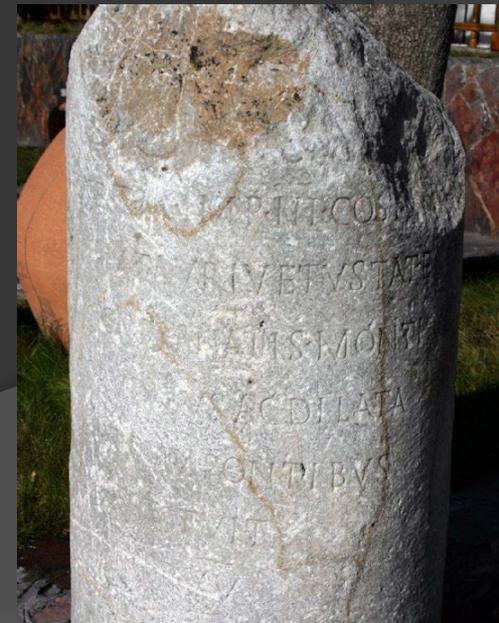
CILICIAN GATES



CILICIAN GATES



CILICIAN GATES: Pelit Tesisleri (a service stop)



ESKI GUMUS MONASTERY



<http://hollybibletoours.com/Eski-Gumus-Monastery>

FRI, MAY 17, DAY 5: Cappadocia

- ◉ **GOREME: ZELVE VALLEY: KAYMAKLI UNDERGROUND CITY: MONKS' VALLEY:**
- ◉ Today in Cappadocia, we tour one of the most surreal and strange landscapes on earth, formed by thousands of years of erosion. We focus on the vicinity of **Goreme Open Air Museum**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1984, and the **Zelve Valley**, one of the greatest Christian centers from the 4th to 10th centuries (although Christians probably have lived here since the 1st century).
- ◉ This area has more than 600 so-called “cave churches,” hollowed out from the volcanic rock formations. Many of these churches are lined with frescoes dating back to the 11th and 12th centuries. Highlights of our visit include **Tokali Kilise** (“Church of the Buckle”), the largest church in Göreme; **Karanlik Kilise** (“Dark Church”), an 11th century monastic compound with newly restored frescoes that are the best preserved in all of Cappadocia; and **Yilanli Kilise** (“Snake Church”), a simple barrel-vaulted church named for the frescoes of St. Theodore and of St. George slaying the dragon (or snake, as depicted in the fresco).
- ◉ Next, we visit **Kaymakli Underground City**, located within the citadel of Kaymakli. The houses in the village are constructed around the nearly 100 tunnels of the underground city. The ancient tunnels are still used today as storage areas, stables, and cellars.
- ◉ Our final stop today is **Pasabag or Monks' Valley**. The name was derived from some cones carved in tuff stones which stand apart. Some of these cones split into smaller cones in their upper sections, in which the Cappadocian hermits once hid. They hollowed out the chimneys from bottom to top, creating rooms high above the ground.
- ◉ After our visit, we return to our hotel for dinner and the evening.

CAP.: Goreme Open Air Museum



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CAPPADOCIA: ZELVE VALLEY



KAYMAKLI UNDERGROUND CITY:



MONKS' VALLEY / PASABAG:



SAT, MAY 18, DAY 6:

- ⦿ Morning departure from Cap. toward Ankara
- ⦿ Stop at 13th cent. Seljuk Caravanserai “Agzikarahan.”
 - Trade along the Silk Road required roads, caravans, and inns where traders would stop for the evening.
 - **Agzikarahan** is one of most beautiful, best preserved inns. These fortified inns always had mosques.
- ⦿ Evening Flight from Ankara to Antalya:
 - Turkish Airlines #7026 (dep. 7:00; arr. 8:10 pm)
 - To hotel for dinner and quiet evening.

Caravanserai “Agzikarahan”



See also http://www.pbase.com/denise_jtl/caravanserai_of_agzikarahan

Ankara Airport: Flight to Antalya

mehmeteskici.com



Fly Over: Iconium/Konya



Fly Over: Lystra



Lystra: “Spring of St. Paul”



Lystra: Shaduf (Arabic “Well”)



Lystra: ???



Fly Over: Derbe



Derbe: ???



Evening Arrival in Antalya

- We are flying over Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe, since very few ancient archaeological remains can be seen today.
- To learn about the activities of Barnabas and Paul in these cities, read Acts 13—14.
- For Days 7-10 of our Pilgrimage, see Part 2.
- For Days 11-16 of our Pilgrimage, see Part 3.