

A FAITH JOURNEY THROUGH TURKEY AND GREECE

TIMES OF TRIAL AND TIMES OF JOY: THE ADVENTURE OF FOLLOWING JESUS

14 DAY TOUR - OCTOBER 1-14, 2026



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Join us on a discovery of the faith life of Jesus followers in the early church. We begin in the landmark city once called Byzantium, then Constantinople, and now Istanbul, to discover how the followers of Jesus shaped the culture and eventually had to go underground. We fly to Cappadocia, where the faith life of believers under Roman persecution created an underground community that shaped their calling to reach people with the gospel. Our hotel is built into that part of the earth where those early believers once lived.

Then onto Smyrna, now called Izmir, where good friends of ours have been serving our Lord in a church for over two decades in a public proclamation of the gospel. We will experience their times of trial and times of joy firsthand as we walk with them in the world in which they are called to be followers of Jesus. We will also visit those ancient sites from the book of Revelation that are now historic landmarks of communities of vibrant faith. We will recall the times of trial and times of joy that early followers experienced in Pergamum, Thyatira, and Ephesus.

After three days here, we board a comfortable ship that will bring us to islands of faithful followers like John who was exiled on Patmos but God used his exile to write the book of Revelation. Then to Crete where Titus was a pastor. And Santorini (Saint Rene) because you can't visit this part of the world without a delightful stop there. Finally we reach Athens where Paul proclaimed hope on Mars Hill and helped shape the life of Jesus followers in Corinth. We will also see the port of Cenchrea where Paul boarded his "cruise" ship for Ephesus.

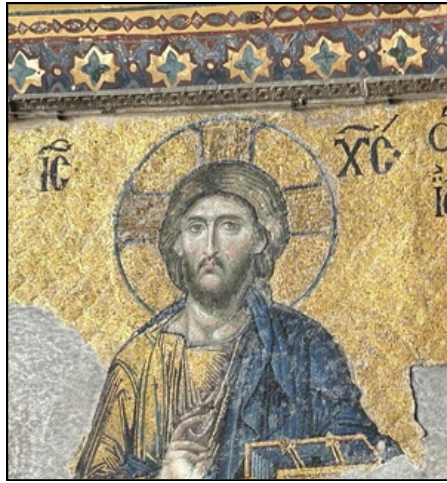
As we head home we will carry with us a new assurance for following Jesus in both trials and joy. We encourage you to join us in this spiritual adventure that will shape our faith for years to come.



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Day 1: Thursday, October 1, 2026: Depart / Pre-tour night

We will depart from the USA on our flights to Turkey. Group and individual air is available through Reformation Tours. **(IF)**

Day 2: Friday, October 2, 2026: Arrival in Istanbul

On arrival in Istanbul, we will transfer to our centrally located hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure, but activities can be arranged depending on arrival time. We will dine together this evening in the hotel. **(B/D)**

Day 3: Saturday, October 3, 2026: Istanbul

We will begin our tour of Istanbul at Hagia Sophia, which for centuries was the largest church in Christendom. The current basilica was commissioned by Emperor Justinian I. At the opening ceremony in 537, he is reported to have said, "My Lord, thank you for giving me the chance to create such a worshipping place." After spending many years as a museum, it's currently a mosque. Our tour will also include the Hippodrome, where chariot races and Byzantine riots took place, as well as the Blue Mosque. After a stroll through the Grand Bazaar, with its myriad shops, we will dine in a restaurant this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 4: Sunday, October 4, 2026: Istanbul

This morning we will explore Topkapı Palace, including a visit to Hagia Irene, one of the oldest surviving Byzantine churches in Istanbul. It's now used as a museum and concert hall. We will have a group lunch in a restaurant, followed by a visit to the Basilica Cistern. We will end the day with a sunset cruise on the Bosphorus. **(B/L)**

Day 5: Monday, October 5, 2026: Cappadocia

We will take a morning flight to Cappadocia (10:10 AM – 11:35 AM). This is a region known as the home of the Basil, Bishop of Kaisareia, his brother Gregory of Nyss, and Gregory of Nazianzus. We will visit the Göreme Open Air Museum, where we will see churches cut into the rock, frescoes and a monastery. We will stay in a cave hotel for two nights. **(B/D)**

Day 6: Tuesday, October 6, 2026: Cappadocia

Today we will explore one of the underground cities, where Byzantine Christians lived to escape Roman persecution. These cities were built in the soft volcanic rock of the region. We will also see how pottery is made in Avanos. This evening we will dine in a restaurant. **(B/D)**

Day 7: Wednesday, October 7, 2026: Izmir

After breakfast, we will return to the airport and fly to Izmir. Our hotel for the next three nights is in central Izmir. We will dine in our hotel. **(B/D)**

Day 8: Thursday, October 8, 2026: Smyrna, Bergama, Izmir

This morning we will visit Smyrna (modern day Izmir), a principal city of the Roman Empire, home to a large Jewish community who were hostile to Christians. The Lord commended the church for its spiritual wealth and their courage during persecution. From there we will drive to Pergamon. This city was renowned for pagan practices, which had affected the church. We'll see the Acropolis with the steepest theater of the ancient world and the Temple of Trajan. After time for lunch, we will spend time with friends in Izmir and assist with a project. We will dine in our hotel with invited guests. **(B/D)**

Day 9: Friday, October 9, 2026: Ephesus, Izmir

Ephesus is one of the best-preserved archaeological sites in the world. The Apostle Paul was based in Ephesus for several years. We will tour the spectacular ruins in the city founded in the 10th century B.C. and hear about the church in Ephesus and Paul's ministry. The terraced house exhibit will give us an idea of how Roman homes were built and decorated. In nearby Selçuk we will visit St. John's Basilica, the reputed burial site of the Apostle John. The basilica also includes an early baptismal. **(B/D)**

**Day 10: Saturday, October 10, 2026: Board ship, Patmos**

We will say goodbye to mainland Turkey and board our cruise ship, Celestyal Discovery. We will disembark in Patmos for our included excursion (Religious visit to St. John's Monastery – Grotto of Apocalypse) which includes the village of Chora, where we will visit the Monastery of St. John. This dates back to 1088 and see the artefacts in the museum. Our next stop is the Grotto of St. John, a 17th century monastery built around the cave where John is said to have written the book of Revelation. **(B/L/D)**

Day 11: Sunday, October 11, 2026: Crete, Santorini

We will arrive in the port of Heraklion, Crete, early in the morning. There are a range of excursions, including a visit to Knossos, the legendary home of the Minotaur. Prices vary. Santorini, an island in the Cyclades, has one of the most spectacular landscapes in all Greece. The traditional villages are built on tall cliffs and offer breath-taking views over a former volcanic crater. We can ride up the cable car to Fira town, spend a day on the beach, or take an island tour. Prices vary. **(B/L/D)**

Day 12: Monday, October 12, 2026: Corinth, Athens

On arrival in Athens, we will disembark, meet our guide and driver, and depart for our tour of Ancient Corinth. Driving along the Saronic Gulf, we will enjoy a quick photo stop at the historic Corinth Canal. We will then tour the archaeological site where St. Paul lived and worked, establishing a thriving church, subsequently sending two of his epistles, now part of the New Testament. Here, we see all of the sites associated with his ministry: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Odeon, the Bema (Gallio's Seat). The small local archaeological museum is an absolute must! We will return to Athens after a quick stop at Cenchrea port, where Paul sailed for Ephesus. We will dine in our hotel. **(B/D)**



Day 13: Tuesday, October 13: Athens

After breakfast, we will climb up to the marble-capped Acropolis Hill and visit the famous Parthenon and Erechtheion Temples. On nearby Mars' Hill (Areopagus) we will remember where Paul delivered his soul-stirring sermon to the giants of philosophy, logic and learning and spoke about the inscription: "to an unknown god". We continue our tour with a panoramic sightseeing of the city highlights. The afternoon is a t leisure in Plaka, the oldest and most picturesque district of Athens. We'll end our tour with a Farewell dinner and folklore show. **(B/D)**

Day 14: Wednesday, October 14: Return

We will transfer to Athens airport, for return flights to the USA. **(B/IF)**

HOTELS

Istanbul, Turkey

October 2-5, 2026

Grand Yavuz Hotel (4*)

Piyer Loti Caddesi, Dağhan Sk. No: 51,
34126 İstanbul

Cappadocia, Turkey

October 5-7, 2026

Melis Cave Hotel (4*)

No: 75, İstiklal Cd.,
50400 Ürgüp/Nevşehir

Izmir, Turkey

October 7-9, 2026

Kaya Prestige Hotel (4*)

İsmet Kaptan, 1371. Sk. No: 7
35210 Konak/Izmir

Mediterranean Cruise

October 9-11, 2026

Celestyal Discovery

Athens, Greece

October 11-14, 2026

Royal Olympic Hotel (5*)

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Athens, 117 43



PRICING

The land price of \$5,999 is based on double occupancy and a minimum number of 30 travelers. These rates are subject to change if there is a significant fluctuation in the exchange rate.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Airport transfers as a group
- Double occupancy accommodations in 4 and 5-star hotels
- Double or single occupancy cabins in chosen category
- Free Wi-Fi and unlimited beer, wine, and cocktails on board
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- Professional Tour Director throughout the land tours in Turkey and Greece
- Local guides for city tours
- Cruise excursions to Patmos
- Guides will use Whisper Headsets throughout the tour
- Cruise tips and taxes
- Tips for local guides, restaurants, hotels etc.
- Full color personalized tour diary
- Travel app

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Air transportation and related taxes and fees (group air available soon)
- Airport transfers separate from the group
- Single supplements \$600 (inside cabin) or \$1,200 (balcony cabin) and \$800 for the hotels.
- Meals, other than as indicated above
- Additional cruise excursions
- Tips for tour directors and drivers
- Items of a personal nature, such as passport fees
- Travel insurance

TERMS & CONDITIONS

SIGN UP: Please click the registration link on the website: www.ReformationTours.com/package/RSH26

PAYMENT METHOD: Payments can be made directly on the registration platform, using a credit card (3.5% fee), or a bank debit. You can also send checks made payable to "Reformation Tours" at 12316 244th St., Chisago City, MN 55013-9688.

FIRST DEPOSIT: \$500 per person + insurance

SECOND PAYMENT: \$1,000 due by March 30, 2026

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by July 3, 2026

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We highly recommend insuring your tour and there are two options (see below). Standard Enhanced insurance needs to be paid within two weeks of paying the deposit.

ROOMING and DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: All passenger details including, rooming preferences, dietary needs and any medical conditions are collected at registration, or via email.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be received in writing or by email by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the last business day of the applicable period. The postmark date will determine the refund amount due.

From time of deposit until 100 days before departure	\$350 per person
From 99 - 30 days before departure	\$1,500 plus any non-refundable deposits
Less than 30 days before departure	No refund

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Trip Cancellation** Single Supplement	up to 100% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost included	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Trip Interruption** Single Supplement	up to 100% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost included	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Additional Trip Interruption Travel Companion Hospitalization	Included under Trip Interruption benefit Maximum up to \$150 Per Day Limited to 5 Days	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Missed Connection	\$500	✓	✓
Trip Delay	up to \$150 Per Day, to a Maximum of \$750	✓	✓
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense Dental Expense Sublimit	\$25,000 \$750	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains Additional Medical Evacuation: Transportation Of Children/Child Bedside Visit Transportation to Join You	\$100,000 included included included	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Political or Security Evacuation & Natural Disaster Evacuation	\$25,000	✓	✓
Baggage and Personal Effects Passport, Visa or Other Travel Documents Replacement Credit Card Charges and Interest Per Article Limit Items Subject to Special Limitations	\$1,500 \$100 \$50 up to \$300 \$600 Maximum Combined	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Baggage Delay	\$300 Up to \$50 to expedite the Return	✓	✓

PLAN	RATE
Standard (F561S)	4.55% of Trip Cost
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