**The Master’s Seminary**  ● **Turkey & Greece Study Tour** ● **May 8–24, 2023**

Visit many of the locations where the Apostle Paul proclaimed the gospel during his 30-yr ministry.

Deepen your understanding of the book of Acts and Paul’s letters.

Expand your knowledge of New Testament geography, topography, history, and culture.

Enjoy fourteen full days of study in Turkey and Greece (May 10–23, 2023).

Trip Host/Professor: Dr. Brad Klassen, Associate Professor of Bible Exposition

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| **MAY 2023 TRIP ITINERARY** | | | |
| **Day** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Overnight** |
|  | May 8 | Depart Los Angeles (early afternoon) |  |
|  | May 9 | Arrive in Istanbul (early afternoon) | Istanbul |
| 1 | May 10 | *Morning/Afternoon:* Old city Constantinople; Istanbul Archaeological Museum; Hagia Irene; Hagia Sofia; Hippodrome  *Evening:* Flight to Antalya | Antalya |
| 2 | May 11 | *Morning:* Perga  *Afternoon*: Antalya Museum  *Evening:* Boat Cruise on the Mediterranean | Antalya |
| 3 | May 12 | *Morning:* Travel to Antioch; Roman roadin the Taurus Mountains  *Afternoon:* Pisidian Antioch | Antioch |
| 4 | May 13 | *Morning*: Travel to Pamukkale; Colossae  *Afternoon:* Laodicea; Hierapolis | Pamukkale |
| 5 | May 14 | *Morning*: Travel to Izmir; Philadelphia  *Afternoon:* Sardis | Izmir |
| 6 | May 15 | *Morning*: Ephesus; Roman boats  *Afternoon*: Ephesus Museum; Temple of Artemis | Izmir |
| 7 | May 16 | *Morning:* Didyma  *Afternoon:* Miletus | Izmir |
| 8 | May 17 | *Morning:* Smyrna  *Afternoon:* Pergamum; travel to Assos | Assos |
| 9 | May 18 | *Morning:* Assos; Roman road and column quarry  *Afternoon:* Alexandria Troas | Çanakkale |
| 10 | May 19 | *Morning:* Enter Greece; travel to Kavala  *Afternoon:* Free time | Kavala |
| 11 | May 20 | *Morning:* Philippi  *Afternoon:* Thessalonica | Thessaloniki |
| 12 | May 21 | *Morning/Afternoon:* Travel to Athens | Athens |
| 13 | May 22 | *Morning*: Isthmian canal; Diolkos; Corinth  *Afternoon*: Cenchrea | Athens |
| 14 | May 23 | *Morning:* Athens acropolis; Areopagus; Roman agora  *Afternoon/Evening*: Free time | Athens |
|  | May 24 | Depart Athens; return to Los Angeles |  |

**COST PER PERSON:** $3,190/person in double occupancy room (add $950/person for single occupancy).

**Cost excludes:** Turkish visa (approx. $50/person); international airfare [e.g., LA🡪Istanbul; Athens🡪LA]; travel insurance; lunches on most days; personal expenses such as souvenirs.

**Payment plan:** Deposit ($200/person) due December 1, 2022; final/full payment due February 13, 2023.

**Group size:** Minimum of 20 people; maximum of 30 people.

**Primary audience:** TMS students, alumni, and their wives.

**Secondary audience:** Friends of TMS who value the convictions and mission of the seminary and are hungry to learn.

**International travel plans:** Participants will need to arrange and pay for their own Turkish visas and international airline tickets (instructions will be provided). Although most participants will depart from LAX and return to LAX together, it is possible to arrange your own travel plans before and after the trip, provided you arrive in Istanbul no later than mid-afternoon on May 9, and leave Athens no earlier than the morning of May 24.

**Additional travel plans:** Participants are welcome to arrive in Istanbul before the trip begins, or to stay in Athens after the trip concludes, but these arrangements and costs will be the sole responsibility of the individual.

**Scholarship opportunity:** Generous donors have provided funds to cover between 30% and 60% of the total cost of the trip for residential MDiv students, depending on level of qualification (the scholarships are not available to distance-location MDiv students). Full-time ThM students also can qualify for this scholarship. That means the 2-week trip to Turkey and Greece could only cost approx. $1400 in total. Specific qualifications will be listed on the scholarship application.

**Receive elective credit:** Students who wish to take the trip for two units of academic credit can register for “BI 627—Life and Mission of Paul: Field Studies” (tuition cost to be covered by the student, according to the tuition rate of a summer school course). The special elective requires extra reading prior to the trip and a series of site reports after the trip.

**Physical expectations:** Participants will walk an average of 4–5 miles/day. The walkways are generally well maintained but at times include a lot of stairs and dirt-path inclines. The average temperature in Turkey and Greece in May is between 75F and 85F, with minimal chance of rain. There is usually lots of sun.

**Daily schedule:** The days will be rigorous since it is a study trip! Breakfasts are at 7:00am. We leave the hotels around 8:15am. The days are full of travel and site visits, with lunch inserted around 12noon. We return to the hotels around 5:30pm, with dinner usually at 6:30pm. Evenings are typically free for rest or personal exploration in the difference cities where we stop. There are a couple of days with additional free time added during the afternoon and evening.

**Food:** Mediterranean cuisine. Very good breakfasts and full dinners are included in the cost. Lunches and mid-day coffee/snacks are at the expense of the participants. (If you have dietary restrictions, be sure to investigate to see how a mediterranean diet affects your health.)

**Cancellation policy:** A non-refundable deposit of $200 is due by December 1, with the remainder of the cost due by February 13, 2023. If a participant must drop out after Febuary 13, the refund policy is as follows: - 89-60 days prior to departure: no penalty

- 59-45 days prior to departure: 10% penalty

- 44-30 days prior to departure: 50% penalty

- 29-15 days prior to departure: 75% penalty

- 14 days and less prior to departure: no refund

**How to apply:** Trip and scholarship applications will soon be available through the TMS website (the page is not currently accessible). Stay tuned for an email to alert you to when the applications are ready.

**Contact:** Direct all inquiries and questions to Dr. Klassen at [bklassen@tms.edu](mailto:bklassen@tms.edu).

Join us for an unforgettable time of studying Scripture on location, with the added blessing of rich fellowship!