



## The Master's Seminary • Turkey & Greece Study Tour • May 7–24, 2024

Visit many of the places 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 and culture. Fifteen full days of study in Turkey and Greece (May 9–23, 2024)  
Trip Host: Dr. Brad Klassen, Associate Professor of Bible Exposition, The Master's Seminary

### MAY 2024 TRIP DETAILS

**Tour audience:** The tour is designed as an educational study trip for TMS students and alumni, but their wives and other friends of the seminary are encouraged to join as well. The mixture provides a wonderful context for Christian study, worship, and fellowship.

**Official tour dates:** May 9–23, or fifteen full days of touring and study.

Two days are added on the front end for travel from the US to Istanbul (May 7–8), and one day on the back end for travel from Athens back to the US (May 24). For more information, see the tour itinerary.

**Tour cost:** For TMS students, alumni, and their wives: \$3,990/person in double occupancy room (add \$1,250/person for single occupancy).

For TMS friends: \$4,190/person in double occupancy room (add \$1,250/person for single occupancy).

Payment will be processed through TUTKU Educational Travel. A deposit of \$200/person is due December 1, 2023; final/full payment due February 12, 2024. Included in this price:

- Fifteen full days of touring in Turkey and Greece
- Istanbul-Antalya domestic flight on Turkish Airlines
- 1 Night at Kent Hotel (or similar) in Old City Istanbul
- 2 Nights at Best Western Khan Hotel (or similar) in Antalya
- 1 Night at Ramada by Wyndham (or similar) in Isparta
- 1 Night at Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale
- 1 Night at Korumar Hotel (or similar) in Kusadasi
- 2 Nights at Kordon Cankaya Hotel (or similar) in Izmir
- 1 Night at Eden Gardens Hotel in Assos
- 1 Night at Kolin Hotel Canakkale
- 1 Night at Galaxy in Kavala
- 1 Night at Capsis Hotel (or similar) in Thessaloniki
- 1 Night at Amalia Hotel (or similar) in Delphi
- 3 Nights at Herodian Hotel (or similar) in Athens
- Daily breakfasts and 16 dinners at the hotels
- All transportation in climate-controlled buses and by professional drivers.
- English-speaking, government-licensed, guides in Turkey and Greece
- Instruction from Scripture at each site by Dr. Brad Klassen
- All tolls and entry fees to the sites and museums
- Service charges and local taxes

**Additional costs:** A Turkish tourist visa (approx. \$50/person); international airfare (e.g., Los Angeles to Istanbul; Athens to Los Angeles); travel insurance; lunches and snacks; souvenirs. Guidance on paying for these expenses will be provided, but participants will be required to arrange the payment on their own.

**Additional travel plans:** Since we spend minimal time in Istanbul, participants are welcome to arrive in Istanbul before the trip begins, or to stay in Athens after the trip concludes. However, 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 and ThM students, depending on the student's level of qualification. Scholarships are not available to distance-location MDiv students or part-time residential MDiv students.

To apply, request a scholarship application form.

**Receive elective credit:** MDiv 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." The tuition cost for these two units must 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.

ThM students may also receive two units of credit for the trip, with the completion of additional assignments.

**An elective preparatory course:** In the spring semester of 2024, Dr. Klassen will be teaching the two-unit elective, "BI 626—Life and Mission of Paul." Those students registering for the study trip are encouraged to enroll in this elective as it will provide a detailed overview of Paul's travels, the cities where he ministered, and the nature of his ministry in those locations.

**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.

**Expected weather:** 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. The climate is very similar to southern California.

**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 enjoyed around 12noon. We return to the hotels around 5:30pm, with dinner usually at 7:00pm. Evenings are typically free for rest or personal exploration in the different 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 refundable deposit of \$200 is due by December 1, with the remainder of the cost due by February 12, 2024. If a participant must drop out after February 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 are available through the TMS website: [Turkey & Greece Study Tour | The Master's Seminary \(tms.edu\)](https://www.tms.edu/tour).

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