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# JOIN FR. MIGUEL CAMPOS IN THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE TURKEY (The Seven Churches of Revelation) AND GREECE (with St. Paul in Athens and Corinth). FOR 11 DAYS 9 NIGHTS PROGRAM From April 15-25 of 2024 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH, DELANO, CA

April 15: USA – ISTANBUL

## April 16: USA – ISTANBUL – IZMIR

Arrive at Istanbul International Airport; connect to your domestic flight to Izmir. Arrive Izmir, transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## April 17: EPHESUS



After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Ephesus. Visit the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Then proceed to the Ancient City of Ephesus where you will explore some of the best-preserved theatres, fountains, and buildings in the world. A definite must while in Turkey. Then, not to be forgotten is the House of the Virgin Mary on top of Mountain. A pilgrimage site for many people of all denominations. Dinner and overnight at Kusadasi.

## April 18: SMYRNA - PERGAMON / (Pergamum).

Early depart from hotel after breakfast for Pergamon via Izmir. Red Hall, Asclepieon and Acropolis are the sites to be visited at Pergamon. In the afternoon, depart for Izmir. We will visit St. Polycarp Church at Izmir (Smyrna). Dinner and over-night at Kusadasi.

## April 19: THYATIRA – PHILADELPHIA – SARDES.

After breakfast, depart from Selcuk to Thyatira whose remains include a temple and large church. Visit Philadelphia with its famous church of Philadelphia which was an important place for the spreading of the Christian faith. In the afternoon, continue to Sardes, the wealthy capital of the ancient Lydian Empire and one of the most amazing sites in Turkey. After our visits at Sardes, we will head to Pamukkale, where we will spend this night. Dinner and over-night at Pamukkale.

#### April 20: LAODICES – DENIZLI – ISTANBUL.

Breakfast is served at the hotel. Depart from the hotel and visit what remain of the Ancient City of Hierapolis and the travertines. In the afternoon, drive to Laodicea which is mentioned in Revelations by St. John and in ancient times was known as "The City of Compromise". After visiting Laodicea, <u>transfer to Denizli Airport to take</u> your domestic flight to Istanbul.

#### April 21: ISTANBUL



After breakfast, a full day dedicated to exploring the capital city of Turkey and its major monuments: The Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque, St. Sophia, the Top Kapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

#### April 22: ISTANBUL – ATHENS

After breakfast, transfer to Istanbul airport to board your <u>flight to Athens – Greece</u>. Upon arrival at Athens airport, you will be met by our representative and escort. Transfer to your hotel in Athens for dinner and overnight. (*If time allows and the arrival is before noon time, then a city tour of Athens will be given to include all important monuments of the Greek Capital: The Acropolis were stood once St. Paul to preach about the unknown God. The tour will pass also by the Parliament, the Arch of Hadrian, the Olympic Stadium, the Syntagma Square with possibility to walk through the typical Plaka quarter.* 

#### April 23: ATHENS – ANCIENT CORINTH

After breakfast, leave to Ancient Corinth. Stop first at its famous canal, a project that started back in the 7<sup>th</sup>. Century BC but could be completed only in the 19<sup>th</sup>. Century AD. It connects the Gulf of Corinth with the Aegean Sea. Then visit to the ruins of ancient Corinth, where St. Paul lived for almost two years, getting acquainted there with Priscilla and Aquila and dedicated two of his extraordinary epistles to the people of Corinth. Walk through the remains of the city, namely the cardo, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Fountain and visit the museum which contains valuable findings of several periods from the long history of this city. Back to our hotel in Athens for dinner and overnight. (*In case that the city tour of Athens was not done on day 15, then it will be realized in the morning before leaving for Corinth.* 

## April 24: CRUISE TO THE ISLANDS OF THE SARONIC GULF

After breakfast, we will be transferred to the Piraeus Port to board our ONE DAY CRUISE boat to the picturesque islands of the Saronic Gulf: HYDRA, POROS & AEGINA. Each one with a unique character and atmosphere. We will be served a lunch on board. Back to the port around 0700 pm and transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### April 25: ATHENS – USA

After breakfast, transfer to Athene's airport to board our flight back home.