

JOIN US FOR THIS EVENT WHICH HAPPENS ONLY ONCE EVERY CENTURY



CELEBRATE THE 1700TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA

Istanbul • Nicaea (Izmit) • Nicomedia (Izmit) • Cappadocia

June 12-21, 2025



STUDY TOUR WITH LECTURES



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7 ecumenical councils (all in Turkey)

- 1. Nicaea (325)**
- 2. Constantinople (381)**
- 3. Ephesus (431)**
- 4. Chalcedon (451)**
- 5. Constantinople (553)**
- 6. Constantinople (680-681)**
- 7. Nicaea (787)**

Key Dates in 325

- 1. May 20 Council opens**
- 2. June 14 Constantine arrives**
- 3. June 19 Nicene Creed adopted**
- 4. August 25 Council adjourns**

1700 years ago history was made in the Bithynian city of Nicaea, modern İznik. There the emperor Constantine gathered hundreds of bishops and their assistants from the Eastern and Western parts of the empire. Why? To resolve a controversy raging in the church. Arius, a presbyter in Alexandria, was teaching that Jesus was created and not equal in essence with the Father. Constantine realized that this matter needed resolution to bring unity to his empire. In 325 the council decided that the teaching of Arius was incompatible with the teaching of Scripture, hence heretical. The bishops then issued a confession of faith today known as the Nicene Creed. Christians are gathering in Nicaea in 2025 to remember this historic moment and its ongoing spiritual significance for the global church. The other six ecumenical councils also took place in Turkey so our visit will include not only Nicaea, where the 7th council took place as well, but also Constantinople and Chalcedon (İstanbul) where four other councils were held. Lectures by historians and theologians will explain the background of each council and its importance in church history. Join us for this event which happens only once every century.



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Underwater Basilica, Nicaea



Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

June 14 Sat Drive to Nicaea (modern İzmit)

Visit Hagia Sophia Church; Constantine's palace, Roman theater, city walls and gates, archaeology museum, original city street, funerary obelisk (Beştaş). Dinner and overnight at Wellborn Luxury Hotel Kocaeli. (B,D)

June 15 Sun Nicaea - Lectures by professors on 1st and 7th councils.

Afternoon visit to the Underwater Basilica area with local archaeologists. Dinner and overnight at Wellborn Luxury Hotel Kocaeli. (B,D)

June 16 Mon Nicomedia - Istanbul

Drive to Nicomedia (modern İzmit): visit the archaeology museum, Diocletian's palace, Roman theater, city walls. PM drive to Chalcedon (modern Kadikoy) to see the excavations at Haydarpaşa, and St. Euphemia Church (by appointment). Dinner and overnight at the Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel. (B,D)

June 17 Tue Istanbul - Lectures by professors on 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th councils.

Afternoon private Bosphorus boat tour seeing both Asian and European shores of Istanbul. Dinner and overnight at the Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel. (B,D)

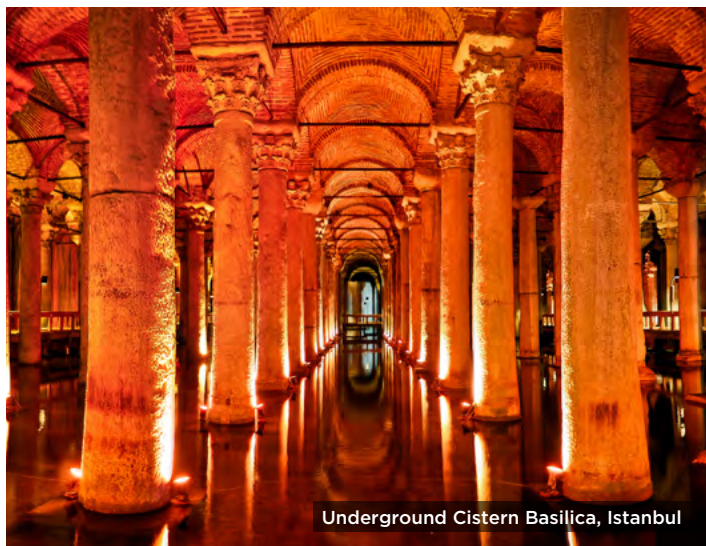
TOUR ITINERARY

June 12 Thu Arrive Istanbul Airport

Meet with "NICAEA 1700 - TUTKU" sign. Transfer to hotel in Istanbul for dinner and overnight. (D)

June 13 Fri Istanbul Tour of Constantinople (modern İstanbul)

Hagia Sophia, Hippodrome, Hagia Eirene, archaeology museum, Basilica Cistern, Fener Orthodox Patriarchate (by appointment). Dinner and overnight at the Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel. (B,D)



Underground Cistern Basilica, Istanbul



Hagia Irene, Istanbul



Pammakaristos Church, Istanbul

June 18 Wed Istanbul - Morning Lectures by professors on 3rd council

Forum and Column of Constantine, Church of Sergius and Bacchus, Pammakaristos Church (Fatih Mosque), Theodosian walls and Golden Gate. Dinner and overnight at the Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel. (B,D)

June 19 Thu Morning flight to Cappadocia

Meet and transfer to Ihlara valley to see the painted churches, visit Guzelyurt, and Caesarea (Kayseri). Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Cappadocia. (B,D)

June 20 Fri Cappadocia - Closing

Early morning Optional Hot Air Balloon Trip in Cappadocia. Visit Goreme rock painted churches, Underground City of Kaymakli, monastic Zelve Valley. Shopping opportunity before dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Cappadocia. (B,D)

June 21 Sat Morning flight to Istanbul - END



Istanbul Archaeology Museum

LAND ONLY

\$1,990

Per Person in Double Occupancy

\$860

Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- Istanbul-Kayseri-Istanbul roundtrip domestic flights
- 2 Nights at Movenpick Golden Horn Hotel in Istanbul *or similar*
- 2 Nights at Wellborn Luxury Hotel in Kocaeli *or similar*
- 3 Nights at Movenpick Golden Horn Hotel in Istanbul *or similar*
- 2 Nights at Barcelo Hotel in Cappadocia *or similar*
- Daily breakfast at the hotels (all open buffet)
- 9 Dinners at the hotels
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Transportation by private A/C Deluxe Bus with driver throughout the tour
- Bible Oriented, Government-Licensed English speaking professional tour guide throughout the tour
- All Entry fees to the sites & museums
- Service charges & local taxes

EXCLUDING

- Roundtrip international air between USA - Istanbul - USA
- Lunches and all drinks
- Tips to driver and guide (Suggested tipping; \$5 per person per day for the guide and \$2 for the driver)
- Turkish Visa Fee to be paid online before arrival www.evisa.gov.tr
- Optional Hot Air Balloon Trip in Cappadocia

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- **Deposit:** \$200 Per Person on or before October 1, 2024 (refundable until April 1, 2025)

- **Full Payment:** April 1, 2025

Cancellation Penalty:

- 90-60 days prior to departure : No Penalty
- 59-45 days prior to departure : 25%
- 44-30 days prior to departure : 50%
- 29-15 days prior to departure : 75%
- 14 days & After : No refund

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Ecumenical Patriarchate, Istanbul



Roman Theater, Nicaea



Galata Tower, Istanbul



Dark Church, Cappadocia



MAP OF NICAEA (IZNIK)

İZNIK LAKE



Nicaea 1700 PROGRAM MAP

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Hot Air Balloon Trip, Cappadocia

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