

2006 Feast of Tabernacles – Biblical Tour of Turkey



We are pleased to announce the custom-designed 2006 Feast of Tabernacles Tour in Turkey. This opportunity to visit a treasure chest of ancient ruins will begin in Istanbul, followed by a flight to Izmir (formerly known as Smyrna), where we will begin our tour of six of the seven churches of Revelation.

We hope you can join your United Church of God friends and family for this spiritual journey through the land so familiar to John and Paul. It is sure to inspire you.

The fully escorted 10 nights, plus extension, group Feast program includes:

- Round-trip airfare from New York to Istanbul in coach class.
- Round-trip airfare between Istanbul and Izmir.
- All hotels including taxes from Oct. 6 through Oct. 15.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coaches for group transfers and sightseeing.
- All meals included on the itinerary as indicated Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), and Dinner (D).
- English-speaking guides throughout and escorted by United Church of God staff.
- Transfers and baggage handling between airports and hotels for those traveling on the group flights.
- All sightseeing, entrance fees, and visits as included on the itinerary.
- All gratuities to guides, drivers, hotel and restaurant staff, and porters as on the itinerary.
- Group photo at one of the ancient sites.
- Luggage and name tags.

Not included on the group Feast program:

- Round-trip airfare to New York.
- Airport transfers for those not taking group flights.
- Beverages with meals except as indicated on the itinerary.
- Meals not included on the itinerary.
- Travel insurance.
- Passport and visa fees.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, telephone calls, or Internet access.

COST PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Package Price Including Round-Trip Air From New York	\$2,975
Land Only (Includes Round-Trip Air Between Istanbul and Izmir)	\$2,175
Single Supplement	\$670
Istanbul Extension	\$595
Single Supplement for the Extension	\$385
Children's rate to be determined soon	

OCT. 5 – Thursday**DEPART FOR ISTANBUL**

Depart hometown cities for New York, and from New York's JFK Airport to Istanbul's Ataturk International Airport.

On flight

OCT. 6 – Friday**ARRIVAL**

Welcome to Istanbul. The group will be transferred from the airport to the modern Marmara Pera Hotel in downtown, bustling Istanbul. Along the drive, you will have an opportunity to view the marvelous, exhilarating city where East meets West. Istanbul straddles the Bosphorus, which runs from the Marmara Sea to the Black Sea, with Europe on one side of and Asia on the other. Spend the afternoon at leisure or exploring. Within walking distance of the hotel there are many restaurants and shops. The opening service for the 2006 Feast of Tabernacles will follow dinner at the hotel.

D

Marmara Pera

OCT. 7 – Saturday**HOLY DAY**

The morning begins with a leisurely buffet breakfast followed by the Holy Day service in the Marmara Pera's meeting room. After services, enjoy lunch at the hotel. The remainder of the day is free.

B, L

Marmara Pera

OCT. 8 – Sunday**FLIGHT TO IZMIR**

Following the morning service, we will transfer to the Istanbul Airport for a one-hour flight to Izmir's Adnan Menderes Airport. In Izmir we will transfer to our hotel for leisure time before dinner at the hotel.

B, D

Korumar Hotel

OCT. 9 – Monday**APHRODISIAS**

After our morning service, we will depart for the ancient city of Aphrodisias. Along the way, we will stop for an alfresco Turkish lunch. The incredible city of Aphrodisias flourished under the Greeks, Romans, and Byzantines. Layers of settlements date back to the Bronze Age. Around the time of Paul, Aphrodisias was a cultural and artistic hub known for its exquisite marble sculptures. The stadium, completed in 27 B.C. and remodeled in A.D. 200, is one of the best-preserved structures of its kind from the classical era. The ruins at Aphrodisias are numerous and include the Temple of Aphrodite, the Baths of Hadrian, and two agoras. Following our tour, we will continue on to Pamukkale "Cotton Castle" where our hotel is located.

B, L, D

Richmond Pamukkale Thermal

OCT. 10 – Tuesday**LAODICEA, PAMUKKALE & HIERAPOLIS**

After the church service, tours will begin in nearby Laodicea. We will make a short stop to view the ruins and then return to the hotel for lunch on your own. In the afternoon we will depart for Pamukkale and the ancient city of Hierapolis, known for many millennia as a place of healing. Hierapolis was first mentioned by name in 183 B.C. It is believed that Philip was martyred here and Christianity first came here via Paul as indicated by the book of Colossians. As we approach the mineral-rich thermal springs of Hierapolis we will see the startling white travertine terraces formed by thousands of years of limestone deposits. They appear as white curtains of solidified water suspended in midair. Along with the terraces and spa, we will view the extensive necropolis (an ancient graveyard with more than 1,200 tombs from the Roman, Hellenistic, and Christian periods); the main thoroughfare accented by the Arch of Domitian; the ruins of a temple dedicated to

Apollo; and the impressive, well-preserved theater built in A.D. 2. Following our visit, you have the option to return to the hotel for a dip in the hotel's thermal pool and leisure time, or on your own, time permitting, stay in Hierapolis and take a swim in the clear thermal waters of the Sacred Pool, which contains a number of submerged Roman columns.

B, D

Richmond Pamukkale Thermal

OCT. 11 – Wednesday

PHILADELPHIA & SARDIS

Following the morning church service, we will head toward the city of Alasehir where the ancient ruins of Philadelphia are located. Philadelphia was an important place in the spread of Christianity. After a short visit to see the site, we will stop for lunch and then continue to Sardis, one of the oldest cities in Turkey. Sardis was the ancient capital of Lydia, once the world's richest city, and it has extensive ruins. The first coins in history were minted here. The highlight is a synagogue and a large gymnasium complex that we will view. Following our tours, we will continue on to our hotel in Izmir. The third largest city in Turkey, Izmir is known as the "Pearl of Aegean." The original city was established in the third millennium B.C. and was the site of the advanced culture of Smyrna.

B, L, D

The Izmir Hilton

OCT. 12 – Thursday

EPHESUS

After morning services, we will visit some of the most unforgettable and best preserved ruins in the Western world at Ephesus. Under the Romans, Ephesus was founded in 10th century B.C. and was one of the chief ports along the Aegean Sea with an estimated population of 250,000. Most of the surviving grand structures date from this period. After a guided walk down the main, marble street in the footsteps of Paul, Luke and John, we will conclude our tour, time permitting, with a group photo in the great 24,000-seat theater where a riot against Paul started. We will also see one of the seven ancient wonders of the world—the Temple of Artemis—which is located near here. Following our lunch, there will be the option of an afternoon and evening of leisure at the hotel or going to nearby Kusadasi for shopping. After returning to the hotel, dinner is on your own at the Hilton or one of the local restaurants.

B, L

The Izmir Hilton

OCT. 13 – Friday

SYMRNA & PERGAMUM

Following the morning service and a short look at Smyrna, we will visit the ancient city of Pergamum with its unique, panoramic view from a hilltop 1,000 feet above the modern city of Bergama. The great acropolis of Pergamum is one of the most dramatic sights in Turkey. Originally settled in the 8th century B.C., Pergamum is noted as the place where parchment paper was first produced. For a time, the city was the capital of the Roman province of Asia. Pergamum was a place of persecution for Christians who denied imperial worship. Remaining today are parts of the white marble Temple of Trajan; the narrow, steep theater, constructed in 3 B.C. with seating for 10,000; the remains of the second largest library; and the area where the Altar of Zeus was found.

B, L, D

The Izmir Hilton

OCT. 14 – Saturday

IZMIR – LAST GREAT DAY

There will be two Holy Day services and to conclude the Feast, we will have a special Gala Dinner on the 32nd floor of the Izmir Hilton.

Following the Gala Dinner, those who were on the pre-Feast Istanbul extension will depart for the Izmir airport to return to Istanbul.

B, D

The Izmir Hilton or Marmara Pera

OCT. 15 – Sunday**ISTANBUL**

For those who were on the pre-Feast Istanbul extension, you will depart, following breakfast, for the Istanbul airport to catch your homebound or continuing flight.

For those still in Izmir, following breakfast, we will transfer to the Izmir airport for our flight to Istanbul. From the airport, we will transfer to the Marmara Pera Hotel, where you will have the rest of the day to explore the fascinating city of Istanbul at your leisure.

B**Marmara Pera****OCT. 16 – Monday****ISTANBUL DEPARTURES**

Following our breakfast, we will transfer to the Istanbul airport for homebound or continuing flights.

B**On flight****PRE-FEAST ISTANBUL EXTENSION****OCT. 3 – Tuesday****DEPART FOR ISTANBUL**

Depart hometown cities for New York, and from New York's JFK Airport to Istanbul's Ataturk International Airport.

On flight**OCT. 4 – Wednesday****ARRIVAL**

Welcome to Istanbul, the marvelous, exhilarating city where East meets West. Spend the afternoon at leisure or exploring. Within walking distance of the hotel there are many restaurants and shops.

D**Marmara Pera****OCT. 5 – Thursday****TOPKAPI PALACE MUSEUM, HIPPODROME,
BLUE MOSQUE, ST. SOPHIA MOSQUE**

We will begin our tours in the old section of Istanbul. Between 1459 and 1465, Sultan Mehmet II built Topkapi Palace as his principal residence. In 1924 it was opened to the public as a museum. You will have an opportunity to tour many of the rooms including the treasury, which houses many precious objects from the sultans. We will eat lunch at the Palace in the Konali Restaurant, overlooking the beautiful waters of the Marmara Sea.

Following lunch, we will visit the Hippodrome, which was once the place of chariot and horse races and public celebration, with seating for 100,000. Although the seating is gone, the Hippodrome now holds the Obelisk of Theodosius (from Egypt), the Serpentine Column (from Delphi) and the Stone Pillar dating back to Constantine. Since we will be in Turkey during Ramadan, there will be a number of stalls set up around the Hippodrome that will open following sunset to help the Muslim population end their daytime fast. We will visit the Blue Mosque, built for Sultan Ahmet I. This is still an active mosque and features 20,000 beautiful local tiles and impressive architecture. We will also visit St. Sophia built by Justinian in approximately A.D. 532 and for over 1,000 years was the largest building in the world.

B, L, D**Marmara Pera****OCT. 6 – Friday****BOSPORUS, GRAND BAZAAR**

One of the great pleasures of a visit to Istanbul is a cruise up the Bosphorus. It is relaxing and offers an excellent vantage point from which to view the city's landmarks. After our cruise, we will stop for lunch at a restaurant along the Bosphorus. After lunch we will visit the Grand Bazaar. The Grand Bazaar has close to 4,000 shops selling everything from leather goods and carpets to souvenirs and jewelry. Following shopping, we will return to the hotel for dinner and the opening service of the Feast of Tabernacles.

B, L, D

Marmara Pera

POST-FEAST GREECE EXTENSION

Athens/Corinth or Greek Island Tour

If interested, please check the desired option on the registration form. We will provide you with more information on your selected option(s).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There are three ways to register for the 2006 Feast of Tabernacles in Turkey:

Online Registration

You can register online:

1. Go online to www.goldreg.com/ucgturkey
2. The password is: feast06
3. Type in the password on the login page and this will take you to the registration page. Complete the fields as indicated.

If mailing a check, please send to the address below and make checks payable to UCG 2006 Turkey FOT

Mail in your Registration Form

1. Complete the Registration and Deposit Form and mail to:
UCG 2006 Turkey FOT
P.O. Box 90632
San Bernardino, CA 92427

Make checks payable to UCG 2006 Turkey FOT

Fax your Registration Form

1. Complete the Registration and Deposit Form and fax the form to:
(626) 355-1080

If mailing a check, please send to the above address and make checks payable to UCG 2006 Turkey FOT

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Please read the Terms & Conditions pages for details regarding payment.

A deposit of \$350.00 and registration form is due by Feb. 6, 2006. A second payment of \$1,000 is due by May 5, 2006. The final balance is due on or before Aug. 4, 2006.

CONTACT INFORMATION

By mail: UCG 2006 Turkey FOT
P.O. Box 90632
San Bernardino, CA 92427

By phone: (909) 473-7913
By email: dmurray@mtminc.biz
By fax: (626) 355-1080

By phone: (970) 484-5878 Charles Melear
By email: USFestival@ucg.org

TRAVEL INSURANCE INFORMATION

It is highly recommended that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance that includes, but is not limited to, trip cancellation, delays, and/or interruption; lost, stolen or damaged baggage or travel documents; and personal health, injury, emergency transportation, and death.

There are many insurance companies with this type of insurance. You can obtain an insurance quote for your trip through Travel Guard by calling (800) 826-4919 or the insurance company of your choice.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Air

Airfare is not included to or from New York. If you would like assistance with air tickets to and from New York or would like to extend your trip, please check the box on the registration form, and we will contact you. Additionally, if you have special airline preferences, every effort will be made to accommodate your request, however, it may not always be possible.

Cancellation and Refund Policy and Change Fee

All cancellation or change requests must be received in writing by UCG 2006 Turkey FOT.

Cancellations received from the day of deposit until July 6, 2006 (90 days before the date of departure) are subject to a fee of \$350. From July 7 until Aug. 6, 2006 (89 to 60 days prior to departure) - 50% of per person tour rate refunded. From Aug. 7 until Oct. 6, 2006 (fewer than 60 days prior to departure) - **100% of the per person tour rate**. All cancellation fees are per person.

Children

Please indicate on the registration form if you are traveling with anyone under the age of 18. Those under the age of 18 must be with both parents or guardians, or have a notarized letter of consent signed by the parent(s) not traveling. If one parent is deceased, or if the child only has one legal parent, a notarized statement may be needed.

Health

Good health and stamina will be needed to enjoy this Feast tour. Some of the sites we will visit will include a great deal of walking. Turkey has very limited handicap facilities.

Hotel Accommodations

Hotels were chosen based on a combination of their location, service, atmosphere and price. Please note that hotel rooms in Turkey can be small in comparison to American standards. If you are single and are requesting a roommate, every effort will be made to accommodate your request. However, due to final attendance, this may not always be possible.

Insurance

It is highly recommended that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance that includes, but is not limited to, trip cancellation, delays, and/or interruption; lost, stolen, or damaged baggage or travel documents; and personal health, injury, emergency transportation, and death.

You can obtain an insurance quote for your trip through Travel Guard by calling (800) 826-4919 or the insurance company of your choice.

Itinerary Changes and Price Increases

The itinerary is subject to change and may be altered or cancelled specifically because of weather conditions, political conditions, and other factors beyond our control without consulting participants. Such decisions will be made in the best interest of the group with regard to the safety of the tour. Participants will not receive a refund in the event of such itinerary changes. Rates are given in good faith and are based on signed contracts, but they are subject to change or revision. Airfare is subject to change due to fuel surcharges after deposit received and until time of final payment.

All arrangements are on an all-inclusive basis, and no refund can be given for any missed days, meals, tours, or hotel stays during the tour.

Meals

Those meals indicated on the itinerary are included in the price. We will work with the hotels and restaurants to ensure the group's dietary requirements are met. If you have any additional dietary needs, please indicate them on the registration form. Every effort will be made to accommodate you, however, it may not always be possible.

Passport and Visa

A passport is required by all U.S. citizens, including infants, visiting Turkey. The passport must have an expiration date that is at minimum three months after the return date. Additionally, a visa is required to visit Turkey and can be obtained through a regional Turkish embassy or consulate. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please check with the nearest Turkish embassy or consulate for entry requirements. It is the responsibility of all participants to be in possession of valid travel documents required by the Turkish government. Please allow for an extended amount of time to process passport and visa documents.

Registration, Deposit, and Payment Schedule

A Registration and Deposit Form, with \$350 per person, is required by Feb. 6, 2006 to confirm your 2006 Feast of Tabernacles Turkey group tour reservation. After the initial deposit, a second payment of \$1,000 per person is due on or before May 5, 2006. The final payment, for the remaining balance, is due on or before Aug. 4, 2006. Please make checks payable and mail to UCG 2006 Turkey FOT.

The payment of a deposit for this group tour acts as your agreement to the provisions of all terms and conditions.

Upon receiving your Registration and Deposit Form, we will mail you a confirmation letter with information on future mailings, which will help you plan and prepare for the trip.

Rates

All rates are based on double occupancy. Single occupancy has a supplemental charge (please refer to page 1).

All rates are in U.S. dollars payable to UCG 2006 Turkey FOT. No other currencies will be accepted. Deposit and payments may be made by check, money order, or credit card. If paying by credit card, a 3% surcharge will be incurred. Please note that handling charges may apply for reservations made within 30 days of departure. Any revisions to the original reservation will incur a \$50 handling fee in addition to any fees that may be assessed by the airline carrier or other suppliers.

Responsibility and Limitation of Liability

United Church of God and More Than Meetings, Inc. (MTM) serve only to assist in making necessary travel arrangements for participants, and in no way represent, or act as agents for, transportation carriers, hotels, and other suppliers of services connected with this tour.

United Church of God and MTM are not liable, and the participant waives any claims against them, for personal injury, death, property damage or accident, delay or irregularity arising out of any act or omission of these suppliers. United Church of God and MTM cannot be held responsible for property loss or damage and/or damages resulting from illness, personal injuries, or death that may be sustained by reason of, or while engaged on any tour, whether due to ownership, maintenance, use, operation, or control of any aircraft, automobile, bicycle, boat, coach, hotel, common carrier, or any other conveyance used in carrying out these tours.

United Church of God and MTM take no responsibility for any injury, whether or not resulting in death, or losses or expenses due to illness, injury, weather, worker strikes, hostilities, acts of war, insurrections, terrorism, revolt or civil uprising, natural disasters, bankruptcy, delays, or any other such causes. In the event of a medical emergency arising during the trip, all payment belongs solely to the participant. Any costs not covered by travel insurance are still the responsibility of the participant.

United Church of God and MTM reserve the right to cancel the tour or to make changes from the written itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour group participants. United Church of God and MTM reserve the right to decline or accept or retain any person whose health, mental condition, physical infirmity, or general deportment impedes the operation of the tour or the rights, welfare, or enjoyment of the other participants.

Participants are encouraged not to purchase airline tickets until after receiving a confirmation letter, and neither the United Church of God nor MTM accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline ticket to the tour departure city and return. Baggage and personal items are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times.

United Church of God and MTM are not responsible for failure of the participant to follow instructions given in the travel documents including, but not limited to, check-in and check-out times, luggage handling, and failure to obtain required documents such as passports and visas. In all such cases, participants will not be entitled to a refund.

All claims against United Church of God or MTM must be written and received within 30 days after the end of our services. Any legal proceedings on behalf and against United Church of God or MTM must be instituted only in the U.S. state court under the jurisdiction of Los Angeles County, California, and such claim will be decided using the laws of the government of the United States of America.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Register No Later Than February 20th, 2006

Upon receipt of your application and deposit, we will send a confirmation letter or email.
Please complete this form for each applicant.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Prefix: Mr. Mrs. Miss Dr Other: _____
(circle one)

Last Name (*match passport*): _____

First Name (*match passport*): _____

Gender: Male Female Child between the ages of 0-18 Age: _____
(Please note we will contact you with reduced children's rates.)

First & Last Name for Nametag: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Evening Phone Number: _____

Best Time to Reach You: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

AIR INFORMATION

NO Air Requested

YES Return Airfare from New York - JFK to Istanbul is requested.

Seating Preference: _____

Meal Preference: _____

YES, I would like additional airfare information to extend my trip or from my home city.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Single Room

Double Room sharing with: _____

I am Single and would like a roommate assigned.

MEDICAL OR OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Please indicate any special requirements you may have: _____

PASSPORT INFORMATION

If you do not have a passport yet – please go ahead and complete and submit the application form.

Passport Number _____

Country of Issuance _____

Date of Issuance _____

Date of Expiration _____

Country of Citizenship _____

Date of Birth _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name _____

Phone and/or Cell Number _____

Relationship _____

TOUR OPTIONS

- Istanbul Extension (pre Feast)
- Tuesday, October 10th, Hierapolis Spa Option – Additional \$20 per person.
- Sunday, October 15th, Afternoon Istanbul Tour – Please send tour information and pricing.
- Yes, I'm interested in visiting Athens/Corinth after the Feast – Please send tour information and pricing.
- Yes, I'm interested in a Greek Islands Extension after the Feast – Please send tour information and pricing.

DEPOSIT FORM

Please Send Deposit No Later Than February 20th, 2006

Name(s): _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION – Due by February 20, 2006

Only needs to be completed once for those paying together.

I am attaching a check (made payable to UCG 2006 Turkey FOT) for \$350 per person.

Total Amount of Check: \$350 x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____

I authorize my credit card to be charged for the deposit of \$350 per person. I understand an additional 3% finance charge will be added to the total.

Total Amount to Charge:

\$350 x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____ x .03 = TOTAL: _____

Visa

MasterCard

American Express

Name as it appears on the Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____