

JOURNEY TO BIBLICAL TURKEY WITH MARY AND ALEX HO 2026 士耳其「初期教會」之旅

18TH - 28TH MAR / 04TH APR 2026

MARY CHOI & ALEX HO

DAYS

PACKAGE PRICE:

per person (twin share)

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:

OPTIONAL: 7 DAYS SERBIA MISSION TRIP FROM MARCH 27- APRIL 3 ORGANISED BY REV ALEX & MARY (NOT OLIVE TREE TRAVEL)
(ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED COST \$1,000 : AIRFARE + ACCOMMODATION + MISCELLANEOUS)

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- Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Alex & Mary, Olive Tree Travel or by Clicking here
 To secure your place on the trip, a deposit of AUD\$500 per person is required by 12th September 2025 (unless sold out 2.
- The final balance will be due in Mid-January 2026











DAY 1 18 MAR 2026: DEPART AUSTRALIA 3月18日-3月27日 從墨爾本出發

Depart Melbourne tonight on your Emirates flight to Dubai. Transfer to your onward Emirates flight to Istanbul.

DAY 2 19 MAR 2026: WELCOME TO ISTANBUL 第1天 - 歡迎來到伊斯坦堡

Arriving at Istanbul Airport, you will meet your tour guide for the transfer to your hotel and do the check-in. The tour guide will give a briefing at the hotel for the itinerary. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

抵達伊斯坦堡機場後,導遊將接您前往飯店並辦理入住手續。導遊將在飯店為您講解行程安排。晚餐後,在伊斯坦堡過夜。

DAY 3 20 MAR 2026: ISTANBUL 第2天 - 伊斯坦堡

Breakfast at the hotel and meet your tour guide at the lobby at 09:30 am. Your first visit will be the Hippodrome. Hippodrome: It was the former center of sportive and political activities of Constantinople. The Hippodrome was built by the Roman Emperor Septimus Severus in 203 AD. Constantine the Great enlarged and adorned it with beautiful works which were collected from different parts of the Roman Empire when he chose Byzantium as his new capital. The Hippodrome was not only used for races but also for public meetings.

在飯店享用早餐,上午9:30在大廳與導遊會面。第一站將是競技場。Hippodrome. Hippodrome 競技場,它曾是君士坦丁堡體育和政治活動的中心。競技場由羅馬皇帝塞普提米烏斯·塞維魯於西元203年建造。君士坦丁大帝在選擇拜占庭作為新都後,擴建了競技場,並用從羅馬帝國各地收集的精美藝術品對其進行了裝飾。競技場不僅用於賽馬,也用於公眾集會。The

Blue Mosque: is the place where the land meets the sky in peaceful harmony. The Blue Mosque, which is one of the most famous monuments of Turkish and Islamic Art, is located in Istanbul, Turkey. It is in the European part of the city in the Sultanahmet area, near to Hagia Sophia. The Sultan Ahmed Camii, its real name in Turkish, is open to visitors every day, just closed during the prayer timings (approximately half an hour during each five daily prayers and for a longer period Friday noon, the Muslims' holy day). The mosque is also famous for its blue tiles and 6 minarets. 藍色清真寺:是天地和諧交融之地。藍色清真寺是土耳其和伊斯蘭藝術最著名的紀念碑之一,位於土耳其伊斯坦堡。它位於伊斯坦堡歐洲區的Sultanahmet area蘇丹艾哈邁德區,靠近聖索菲亞大教堂。其土耳其語原名蘇丹艾哈邁德清真寺(Sultan Ahmed Camii),每日對遊客開放,僅在祈禱時間關閉(每日五次祈禱中,每五次祈禱約半小時,以及穆斯林聖日週五中午的開放時間更長)。座清真寺以其藍色瓷磚和六座宣禮塔而聞名。

St.Sophia: is a magnificent Byzantine Church; one of the finest architectural works in the world. It has been nomineted as the 8th wonder of the world by many historians. St.Sophia is a former Orthodox patriarch basilica, later a mosque, and now a museum. From the date of its dedication in 360 until 1453, it served as an Eastern Orthodox cathedral and seat of the Patriarchate of Constantinople, except between 1204 and 1261, when it was converted to a Roman Catholic cathedral under the Latin Empire. The building was a mosque from the 29th of May 1453 until 1931, when it was secularized. It was opened as a museum on the 1st of February 1935. After the visit, we will walk to Underground Cistern; one of the biggest water cisterns of the city, dating back to the 6th Century.

聖索菲亞大教堂:是一座宏偉的拜占庭教堂,是世界上最精美的建築作品之一。它被許多歷史學家提名為世界第八大奇蹟。聖索菲亞大教堂前身是東正教教宗主教大教堂,後來成為清真寺,現在是一座博物館。從公元360年落成之日起到1453年,它一直是東正教大教堂和君士坦丁堡宗主教區的所在地,除了1204年至1261年期間,它在拉丁帝國統治下被改建成羅馬天主教大教堂。該建築從1453年5月29日起成為一座清真寺,直到1931年世俗化。它於1935年2月1日作為博物館開放。參觀結束後,我們將步行到地下蓄水池Underground Cistern;這是該市最大的蓄水池之一,其歷史可追溯至6世紀。

The Grand Bazaar (Kapalicarsi in Turkish) is one of the largest covered markets in the world with its 4400 shops, 3000 firms, some 17 hans (separate inns for a specific type of product), 64 streets, 25.000 employees, 4 fountains, 2 mosques and 22 gates. The Grand Bazaar is located inside the walled city of Istanbul, in the Fatih district. The construction of the Grand Bazaar started during the winter of 1455/56, shortly after the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople. Sultan Mehmet II had an edifice erected, devoted to the trading of textiles. After the visit of the Grand Bazaar, drive back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

大巴扎(土耳其語: Kapalicarsi)是世界上最大的室內市場之一,擁有4400家商店、3000家企業、約17個商舖(專門經營特定商品)、64條街道、25000名從業人員、4座噴泉、2座清真寺和22個大門。大巴扎位於伊斯坦堡城牆內的Fatih district法提赫區。大巴扎始建於1455/56年冬天,即奧斯曼帝國征服君士坦丁堡後不久。蘇丹穆罕默德二世下令建造一座建築,專門用於紡織品貿易。參觀大巴扎後,驅車返回飯店享用晚餐並過夜。

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DAY 4 21 MAR 2026: İSTANBUL - PERGAMON - SARDES 第 3 天 - 伊斯坦堡 - 別迦摩 - 薩爾德斯

After check-out early morning bus departure to Izmir by highway to visit Pergamon, The highlight of the day will be an extended visit to the hauntingly beautiful town of Pergamum, founded in 399 BC. We will ride the cable car to the upper city and there see the Temple of Trajan (Trajaneum), the Altar of Zeus, the Temple of Dionysus, the ancient theatre, and the 200,000-volume library which was surpassed only by that found in Alexandria at the time. Later we descend to the lower city and visit the Asclepium, which was a famous health centre where methods of treatment included blood transfusions, music therapy and meditation. After the visit, proceed to Sardes for dinner and overnight.

退房後,清晨搭乘巴士經高速公路前往伊茲密爾方向Izmir,參觀別迦摩Pergamon。當天的亮點將是深入遊覽別迦摩這座始建於西元前399年、美得令人窒息的古城。我們將搭乘纜車前往上城,參觀圖拉真神殿(Trajaneum)、宙斯祭壇、狄俄尼索斯神殿、古劇場以及藏書量達20萬冊的圖書館,當時僅次於亞歷山大圖書館。之後,我們將下到下城,參觀阿斯克勒庇俄斯神廟,這是一個著名的醫療中心,提供輸血、音樂療法和冥想等多種治療方法。參觀結束後,前往薩爾德斯Sardes享用晚餐並過夜。

DAY 5 22 MAR 2026: SARDIS - EPHESUS - KUSADASI 第 4 天 - 撒狄 - 以弗所 - 庫薩達斯

After breakfast we depart the hotel for Sardis, which holds a prominent place in mythology. Sardis felt the influence of the Seven Churches of Revelation and highlights include the third century AD synagogue, gymnasium, House of Bronzes, and, of course, the church. Later we proceed to the Selçuk for Ephesus; The best-preserved ancient site in the world, which extends back into the third millennium B.C., was one the most important centers of ancient times. The harbor city Ephesus was the point of departure for the famous royal highway that led through Sardis into Lydia. Due to its location, Ephesus developed into an important political and economic center and became the capital city of the Roman province of Asia. The remains of this important Ionian city still stand miraculously today, as vivid witnesses of a glorious past. You will visit the gymnasium, the beautiful Celsus Library and the Grand Theater. We will explore the magnificent ruins of this ancient city and will visit the Basilica of St. John, "the Evangelist" who is reported to have come here with the Virgin Mary and later wrote his Gospel here. After the tour of Ephesus, we drive to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.

早餐後,我們離開飯店前往撒狄Sardis,,這座城市在神話傳說中佔有重要地位。撒狄深受《啟示錄》七教會的影響,其亮點包括公元三世紀的猶太教堂、體育館、青銅宮,當然還有教堂。之後,我們前往塞爾丘克the Selçuk,參觀以弗所。這座世界上保存最完好的古代遺址,其歷史可追溯到公元前三千年,是古代最重要的中心之一。港口城市以弗所是著名的皇家大道的起點,這條大道穿過薩迪斯通往呂底亞。由於其地理位置,以弗所發展成為一個重要的政治和經濟中心,並成為羅馬帝國亞洲行省的首都。這座重要的愛奧尼亞城市的遺跡至今仍奇蹟般地屹立著,生動地見證著它輝煌的過去。您將參觀體育館、美麗的塞爾蘇斯圖書館和大劇院。我們將探索這座古城宏偉的遺址,並參觀聖約翰大教堂。據說,這位「福音傳道者」曾與聖母瑪利亞一同來到這裡,後來在這裡寫下了他的福音書。遊覽以弗所後,我們將驅車前往庫薩達斯,享用晚餐並過夜。

DAY 6 23 MAR 2026: HIERAPOLIS - LAODICEA - PAMUKKALE 第5天 - 希拉波利斯 - 老底嘉 - 棉花堡

After breakfast, departure from the hotel for Hierapolis tour, Near the city of Denizli. The Hierapolis is blessed mineral springs and some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in Asia Minor. Christianity came to Hierapolis via Paul (Colossians 4:13). The ruins cover more than a mile. You will see the impressive amphitheater with seats still in perfect condition. You will see the city gates, column-lined streets and arches, which have stood through time and earthquakes. Today, the area is known as Pamukkale, meaning 'Cotton Castle'. It is named for the limestone-laden hot springs, which cascade from one white-edged terrace pool to the next. Famous as the receiver of Paul's Letter to the Colossians, the town of Colossea has fallen into obscurity. While you can still see traces of the Theatre, the Necropolis and the church, the ancient city is in mostly indistinguishable ruins. Not far away is Laodicea, another town whose fame has been obscured by time. This city of marble thrived as the major center for worship of the Goddess Aphrodite until 500 years after Christ. The Christians of Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches (Rev 3:14:22) and for being lukewarm, 'You are neither cold nor hot' (Rev3: 14) and for being too comfortable incorporating pagan Christian beliefs. In the famous scripture from the Revelation (3:20-21), Jesus says to the Laodicean church: 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock...' Today, there are many acres of ruins to see, including the stadium and columned streets. After the visit we will drive to our hotel in Pamukkale where we will stay overnight.

早餐後,從飯店出發前往希拉波利斯,希拉波利斯位於代尼茲利市附近。希拉波利斯擁有豐富的礦泉水和小亞細亞保存最完好的羅馬遺址。基督教透過保羅傳入希拉波利斯(歌羅西書 4:13)。遺址綿延一英里多。您會看到令人印象深刻的圓形劇場,座位仍然完好無損。您會看到城門、兩旁排列著柱子的街道和拱門,它們經歷了時間和地震的考驗。今天,該地區被稱為帕穆克卡萊,意思是「棉花城堡」。它因富含石灰岩的溫泉而得名,溫泉從一個白邊梯田水池傾瀉而下流向另一個。歌羅西鎮因接

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收保羅寫給歌羅西人的書信而聞名,但現在它已變得默默無聞。雖然您仍然可以看到劇院、墓地和教堂的痕跡,但這座古城大多只剩下難以辨認的廢墟。不遠處是老底嘉,另一個名聲已被時間淡忘的城鎮。這座大理石之城曾是崇拜女神阿芙羅狄蒂的主要中心,直至西元後五百年。老底嘉的基督徒是七教會之一(啟3:14:22),他們不冷不熱,卻也樂於接受異教基督教信仰。在《啟示錄》中著名的經文(啓3:20-21)中,耶穌對老底嘉教會說:「看哪,我站在門外叩門…」如今,這裡有許多遺址可供參觀,包括體育場和立著柱子的街道。參觀結束後,我們將開車前往棉花堡的酒店,並在那裡過夜。

DAY 7 24 MAR 2026: PAMUKKALE – PISIDIAN ANTIOCH - CAPPADOCIA 第 6 天 – 棉花堡 - 西安提阿 - 卡帕多西亞

Depart Pamukkale this morning and drive to Pisidian Antioch, where St. Paul opened Christianity to the world, with a history dating back to 280 BC. During Paul's time, the population was a mixture of Jews, Romans, and Greeks. Visit the Old Synagogue, where Paul preached. Continue to Sultanhan Caravanserai. After the visit, dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

今早從棉花堡出發,驅車前往皮西迪亞的安提阿,聖保羅在此向世界宣揚基督教,其歷史可追溯到西元前280年。在保羅時代,安提阿的人口由猶太人、羅馬人和希臘人組成。參觀保羅曾經傳教的舊猶太會堂。之後前往蘇丹汗商隊旅館。參觀結束後,在卡帕多西亞享用晚餐並過夜。

DAY 8 25 MAR 2026: A DAY TO EXPLORE SPECTACULAR GOREME - CAPPADOCIA 第 7 天 - 探索壯觀的格雷梅

After breakfast, departure from the hotel for a full day area tour, real encounter with Cappadocia's almost Martian landscape is in the Dervent valley, where the rock formations are amazing. A walk through the Zelve Valley is a journey into the past, with its troglodyte houses. This is one of the earliest inhabited and latest abandoned monastic settlements in Cappadocia. After Zelve, we visit Pasabag's "fairy chimneys", where the voice of the wind harmonises with the songs of the fairies. From here we pause at Avanos, a centre of terracotta art since 3,000 BC, for a demonstration in a traditional pottery workshop. After in Avanos, we shall visit the famous Goreme Open Air Museum to see the best examples of Byzantine art in Cappadocia. These are found in rock-cut churches with frescoes and paintings dating from as early as the 10th century. We complete the tour with a viewpoint at the Uchisar Rock-Castle, giving you a panoramic view of the valleys of Cappadocia. At the end of the day, we will come back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Optional: Cappadocia Balloon Ride: 可選:卡帕多西亞熱氣球之旅

早餐後,我們將從飯店出發,開啟一整天的當地導覽。在德文特山谷,我們將真正體驗到卡帕多西亞宛如火星般的地貌,那裡的岩層令人嘆為觀止。漫步在澤爾維山谷,彷彿回到了過去,那裡有穴居人的房子。這是卡帕多西亞最早有人居住、最後被廢棄的修道院聚落之一。離開澤爾維山谷後,我們將參觀帕夏貝格的「仙女煙囪」,在那裡,風聲與仙女的歌聲交相輝映。從這裡出發,我們將在阿瓦諾斯稍作停留,這裡自公元前3000年以來一直是陶土藝術的中心,我們將在傳統陶藝作坊觀看陶藝演示。離開阿瓦諾斯後,我們將參觀著名的格雷梅露天博物館,欣賞卡帕多西亞拜占庭藝術的最佳典範。這些藝術作品都出自岩石教堂,教堂裡的壁畫和繪畫可追溯到10世紀。我們將在烏奇薩岩石城堡(Uchisar Rock-Castle)的觀景台上結束旅程,欣賞卡帕多西亞山谷的全景。行程結束後,我們將返回酒店享用晚餐並過夜。

DAY 9 26 MAR - CAPPADOCIA - ÖZKONAK UNDERGROUND CITY 第8天 - 奧茲科納克地下城 After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit the Özkonak Underground City. There will be panoramic stops in the region.

The rest of the program will be at leisure. After the visit, we will drive back to the hotel for dinner and overnight. 飯店早餐後,我們將參觀奧茲科納克地下城。沿途將有全景停留,欣賞該地區的壯麗景色。剩餘行程自由安排。參觀結束後,我們將驅車返回酒店享用晚餐並過夜。

DAY 10 27 MAR – FULL DAY AT LEISURE & TRANSFER DAY 第9天 – 休閒自由活動及回程

After breakfast at the hotel, full day at leisure. In the afternoon departure for Kayseri Airport to catch our flight to Istanbul which will connect the group flight with Emirates from Istanbul via Dubai and on to Melbourne. 早餐後,全天自由活動。下午前往機場,搭乘航班飛往伊斯坦布爾,並接駁從伊斯坦堡飛往墨爾本的團體航班。

DAY 11 28 MAR – ARRIVE BACK IN AUSTRALIA

Arrive back into Melbourne this evening OR participate in the optional Serbia extension (arriving back on 4th April)

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PRICE INCLUSIONS:

- Emirates Economy Class flights from Melbourne Dubai – Istanbul (and return) 阿聯酋航空經濟艙機票:墨爾本 → 杜拜 → 伊斯坦堡 (含回程國內航班)
- 8 Breakfasts at the program 行程中共包含8頓早餐
- 8 Dinners at the program 行程中共包含8頓晚餐
- Luxury Bus throughout the 全程豪華巴士接送
- Cantonese Speaking Guide throughout the program 全程廣東話導遊
- Ferry boat and highway charges 渡輪及高速公路費用

- **Museum Entrance Fees** 博物館門票
- **Parks** 公園門票
- Headsets throughout the program 導覽耳機設備
- All tips and gratuities 所有小費與服務費
- Portage Fees at the Airports 機場行李搬運費
- Portage Fees at the Hotels 酒店行李搬運費

PRICE EXCLUSIONS:

- Lunches
- Drinks with meals
- Travel insurance

- Spending money
- Turkey visa (currently USD\$67 for Australian passport holders)

PROPOSED HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (OR SIMILAR):

4**** Hotel - ISTANBUL 2 Nights NIDYA HOTEL GALATAPORT or similar 4**** Hotel - MANİSA 1 Night LIDYA SARDES THERMAL HOTEL or similar 5**** Hotel - KUSADASI 1 Night KORUMAR HOTEL or similar 5**** Hotel - PAMUKKALE 1 Night DOGA THERMAL HOTEL or similar 5**** Hotel - CAPPADOCIA 3 Nights AVRASYA HOTEL or similar



NEXT STEPS

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