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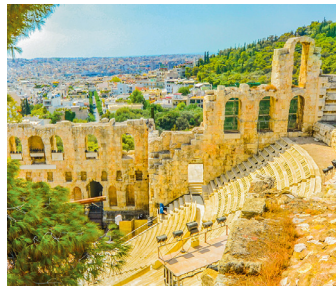


Celebrate the Holy Year with Father Leonard Smith on a
Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Paul
Greece & Turkiye

February 5 - 17, 2025



Host:
Father Leonard Smith



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ITINERARY

February 5 – Depart the USA

February 6 – Arrive in Athens

Arrive at the Athens airport this morning, where your guide will meet you. Enjoy the rich architectural splendor of the ancient city of Athens as your guide introduces you to the world-renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erectheum. Stand on Mars Hill as the Apostle Paul did when he proclaimed, “I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom, therefore, ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you” (Acts 17:23). As you stroll the agora, the ancient marketplace and center of Athenian public life, recall that this was where the Apostle Paul preached “Jesus and the resurrection” (Acts 17:18) to the skeptical Athenians. Also, see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Dinner and your overnight stay are spent in Athens.

February 7 – Corinth & Cenchrae

Journey to the city of Corinth, where the Apostle Paul met fellow tentmakers Aquilla and Priscilla and received a vision from the Lord saying, “I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city” (Acts 18: 10). As Paul spoke, Crispus (chief ruler of the synagogue) and many others believed and were baptized (Acts 18:8), establishing the church at Corinth to whom Paul later wrote his two epistles. Discover the archaeological museum, marketplace and temples. As you walk among the ruins, stand on the Bema, where the Apostle Paul stood before Gallio to face charges brought against him by the Jews. Stop briefly at the port town of Cenchreae, from which Paul later departed for Syria (Acts 18: 12-18). Return to Athens for dinner and your overnight stay.

February 8 – Thessaloniki & Veria

Fly from Athens to Thessaloniki this morning. Discover Thessaloniki, where Paul was accused of turning the world upside down with his preaching of Christ (Acts 17: 3-6). As you explore St. George’s Basilica, believed to be built over the synagogue where Paul preached, reflect on the two epistles the Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church here. Stroll through the archaeological museum and the beautiful basilicas of St. Sophia and St. Demetrios. St. Demetrios is dedicated to a distinguished Roman proconsul martyred for his Christian faith. Along the Via Egnatia stands the Galerius Arch, and you can look out over the second-largest city in Greece from the Old City Ramparts, some dating back to Roman times. Follow the path of Paul when he fled Thessaloniki for the safety of Veria (Berea), where Jews and some honorable Greeks accepted the new faith (Acts 17: 10 -12). Dinner and your overnight stay are in Thessaloniki.

February 9 – Amphipolis, Philippi & Neapoli

Follow in the footsteps of Paul and Silas to Amphipolis and explore the ruins of the many Christian basilicas there. In Philippi is a baptismal site commemorating where God opened the heart of Lydia (a seller of purple from Thyatira) to hear the words of Paul (Acts 16:13 -15). Lydia and her household were the first Christian converts baptized on European soil. View the Roman-era crypt thought to have served as a prison for the Apostle Paul, and explore Philippi’s famous acropolis, marketplace, the Basilica of Paul, and theater. Today’s last stop is Neapolis (Kavala), one of Greece’s most picturesque mainland ports, where Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. See the Roman aqueduct and acropolis before returning to Thessaloniki for dinner and your overnight stay.

February 10 - Journey to Istanbul

Today, you will cross the border into Turkiye. Upon arrival in Turkiye, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to Istanbul. Dinner and your overnight stay are in Istanbul.

February 11 - Istanbul

The bejeweled capital of Istanbul sits between two continents and is home to 450 mosques. You will visit the famous Blue Mosque with its six minarets and sparkling interior. Walk through Hagia Sophia, which was the largest church in Christendom for 1,000 years, built by Justinian (532-537 AD). The church has 107 columns, fossil-embedded, white marble floors, and beautiful glass mosaics. Enjoy the aroma of cinnamon, cloves, thyme, and other exotic spices as you explore the Grand Bazaar. Over 4,000 shops sell everything from herbs to gold. Dinner and your overnight stay are in Istanbul.

February 12 - Nicaea and Troy

Today, you will travel to the lakeside town of Iznik, known in Byzantine times as Nicaea and site of two ecumenical church councils. The year 2025 marks the 1700th year anniversary of the Nicene Creed. The ancient name is associated with the Nicene Creed that many Christians can recite from memory. You will see the ancient walls and the ruins of the Basilica of St. Sophia, the Baptistry, and the Christian Tombs on the outskirts of town. Continue for a stop at legendary Troy, which is immortalized in Homer’s Iliad. Walk the archaeological site and experience the saga of Troy’s siege. See the 46 levels of occupation and 9 cities, including a replica of the famed Trojan Horse. Check into your hotel overlooking the Dardanelles for dinner and an overnight stay.

February 13 - Pergamum, Thyatira

Explore ancient Pergamum, the bright light of the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse. Behold the fabled acropolis, which towers 1,000 feet over the town and has a spectacular panorama view. Enter the Royal Gates to the Great Altar of Zeus (mentioned in Revelation 2:13), the



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Temple of Athena, and the ruins of the library, which once held over 200,000 parchments. Ponder the remains of the Temple of Trajan, the grand theater, the gymnasium, and the renowned Asclepeion, the most famous hospital in antiquity. Visit Thyatira, located on a trade route southeast of Pergamum. Thyatira was home to Lydia (Acts 16). Continue to Izmir and check into the 5-star Radisson Park Inn Hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

February 14 - Smyrna, Sardis, Philadelphia, Colossae

Smyrna, Sardis, and Philadelphia are three of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Ancient Smyrna is modern Izmir, the third-largest city in Turkiye. Visit the agora, still adorned with colonnades and Roman statues. Next, travel to Sardis, the capital of the Lydian empire and one of the greatest cities of antiquity. Take in the massive Temple of Artemis, the white marble Royal Road and the gymnasium and synagogue. Next, ponder the extant ruins of Philadelphia, including the basilica and old city walls. Our last site is Colossae, the recipient of two of Paul's letters. Much of the ancient city is still buried in obscurity, though traces of the theater, necropolis, and basilica are visible. Retire for the day in Pamukkale, where we will have dinner and overnight at the 5-star Doga Thermal Health & Spa Hotel.

February 15 - Laodicea & Hieropolis

Discover the newly restored ruins of Laodicea, the most infamous of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Walk along the agora, with its columns and frescoes. Explore the Hellenistic and Roman theaters, stadium, town hall, water tower, gymnasium, baths, necropolis, and church. Next, behold the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hierapolis. Enjoy the beautifully preserved Roman ruins, including the city gates, colonnaded streets, amphitheater, and necropolis. End the afternoon with a plunge into the hot mineral springs. Check into your hotel in Kusadasi along the coast for dinner and your overnight stay.

February 16 - Ephesus

Begin the day with a tour of the archaeological treasure of Ephesus, the city where Paul spent two years. The restored city is stunning. Stand in the Great Theater, scene of the riot in Acts 19. Stroll through the colonnaded agora toward the magnificent façade of the Library of Celsus, the third-largest in the ancient world. Peek into the beautifully frescoed terrace houses of the wealthy. Visit the House of the Virgin Mary, where the Lord's mother spent her last days. Explore Justinian's 6th-century Basilica of Saint John, where John the Apostle was once buried. Enjoy a visit to a Turkish carpet factory, where you can buy some of the most beautiful carpets in the world. Return to Izmir and fly to Istanbul for dinner and your overnight stay.

February 17 - Return Home



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\$150 by March 5, 2024	\$125 by April 5, 2024	\$100 by May 5, 2024
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PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$500 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) • One-year membership to Museum of the Bible (see website for details)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$798 during the basic tour.

SAVINGS:

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$300	Upon registration
Second Deposit	\$1,500	10/13/24
Full Deposit	\$1,800	Payment received between 10/14/24 - 11/21/24 must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Final Payment	11/22/24. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.	
Travel Protection Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 10/13/24 to departure to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after October 13, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 10/13/24. Registrations received between 10/14/24 - 11/07/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 11/08/24 - 11/22/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 11/23/24 - 12/07/24 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received on 12/08/24 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOT, and EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 10/13/24. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit eocatholic.com/travel-info/airline-fees.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 05/01/24. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.eo.travel. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

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\$1501-\$2000	\$199	\$4501-\$5000	\$499	\$8001-\$9000	\$899
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