



Celebrate the 1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea  
where it happened and visit the Church of Revelation  
Light of the East 5 - Sponsored by the Orientale Lumen Foundation  
7 Days – July 20 – 26, 2025 (depart/return USA)

**\$4199.00 p.p. double**

\$4599.00 single

Tour Package with *AMI Travel* includes:

- Airfare from Washington Dulles Airport in economy class
- 5 Night Hotel Accommodations
- Continental buffet breakfast daily
- Dinners at hotels nightly
- Sightseeing in Deluxe Motorcoach with English-speaking tour guides
- Entrance fees to sights on itinerary
- Personal wireless earphones – “Whispers”
- All service charges and taxes
- Hosted by Jack Figel with a minimum of 20 guests



**VIKING TRAVEL SERVICE**

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## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### **Sunday, July 20**

Depart USA From Washington Dulles to Istanbul, Connect to flight to Izmir, Turkey.

### **Monday, July 21 – SMYRNA**

Afternoon stop at the ancient Smyrna Agora. Transfer to our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (D)

### **Tuesday, July 22 – PERGAMUM – SARDIS – THYATIRA**

Travel north to Pergamum, visit Acropolis, one of the most impressive archaeological sites in all of Turkey. Drive to Sardis, visit the remains of the magnificent temple of Artemis, the beautifully reconstructed gymnasium and public baths. Drive through the ruins of Thyatira and then back to Izmir for dinner and overnight. (B,D)



### **Wednesday, July 23 – EPHEBUS – FLY TO ISTANBUL**

Visit the impressive biblical site of Ephesus. Take a walking tour starting in the upper city at the State Agora and walking downward to the iconic Library of Celsus and Tetragonos Agora. End at the theater where 24,000 citizens shouted. In the afternoon, visit the Church of St. John, where tradition holds that the apostle and evangelist was buried. Evening flight to Istanbul for Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

### **Thursday, July 24 – NICAEA**

Drive to Nicaea. Visit Hagia Sophia Church, Constantine's palace, Roman theater, city walls and gates, archaeology museum, original city street, and the Underwater Basilica. Overnight Istanbul. (B,D)

### **Friday, July 25 – AUDIENCE and ISTANBUL**

Tour of the Phanar and Private Audience with Patriarch Bartholomew. Visit to the Iron Church, Hagia Sophia, Blachaerna and the Baloukli Monastery. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (B,D)

**Saturday, July 26 – FLY ISTANBUL to USA** Transfer to the airport for our flight home.



## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### PAYMENTS:

**First Deposit** \$800.00 per person, insurance premium, if chosen (both non-refundable) along with completed Reservation Form and copy of passport valid for six months from return date will be due on or before **December 1, 2024**.

**Final Payment: Due by February 24, 2025**

*~A \$50 per person late fee will be assessed for any payments not received by the dates listed above~*

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL TO:** Viking Travel Service, 700 E. Ogden Avenue, Suite 106, Westmont, IL 60559.

**FORM OF PAYMENT:** Checks made payable to Viking Travel or credit card. Note: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% processing fee.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cancellation/travel insurance, airline baggage fees, expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to passport fees, and entrance fees, gratuities, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, beverages not included in meals, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned.

**DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:** Valid Passport – must be valid for 6 months from return date. Names on reservations must match passports. Copy of passport required. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - MUST contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

**ETIAS VISA:** Entry requirement for travel into 30 European Countries starting in early 2025. You will need to apply on their website at [www.ETIAS.com](http://www.ETIAS.com). It will be linked to your passport. This is a new process, and more information will become available at the beginning of 2025.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION: Premium Seating and Business Class are available but limited.**

Seat requests cannot be guaranteed however every effort will be made to accommodate seat requests. Subject to baggage rules and restrictions. Note: Rate & taxes subject to change until trip is paid in full and air is ticketed.

**DOMESTIC AIRFARE:** For those who make independent domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, we strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

**TOUR MINIMUM:** Minimum 20 passengers for tour to operate.

**CANCELLATION/TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend travel insurance. The optional travel insurance coverage may cover trip cancellation for covered medical reason, interruption, accident, baggage and medical and covered unforeseen circumstances. As with all insurance policies, cost is non-refundable and subject to change at any time. Travel insurance may protect you from the penalties listed below. Insurance is based on a minimum of 10 passengers.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you must cancel, the following per person penalties apply. Without exception, all cancellations must be in writing (letter, fax or email) to Viking Travel Service and are effective the date of receipt. Any unused portions of the package are non-refundable. No shows or no written notice will result in 100% penalty.

**Date of Deposit to: February 24, 2025, \$800pp deposit + insurance premium is non-refundable.  
February 25, 2025, to date of departure: 100% of total charges.**

### Allianz Group Advantage Plan

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	Emergency Medical & Dental Expenses	\$50,000
Trip Interruption	150% Trip Cost	Emergency Medical Transportation	\$250,000
Travel Delay	\$750 (Maximum of \$150 per day)	Baggage Delay	\$500
Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1,500		

### Group Insurance Coverage Amount/Per Person

\$4199.00 Double Occupancy Rate: \$382\* pp      \$4599.00 Single Occupancy Rate: \$423\* pp

\*Insurance premiums based on Virginia residency. If you reside in a different state, premium/coverage may vary.



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**RESERVATION FORM**

Please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_ \$4199.00 pp., Double Occupancy \_\_\_\_\_ \$382.00 Insurance per person, double  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$4599.00 Single Occupancy \_\_\_\_\_ \$423.00 Insurance per person, single

**IMPORTANT: Please use legal names as it appears on your passport. A copy of your passport is required with your reservation form and deposit. Passports are taking much longer than normal to process. If you need to apply for or renew your passport, PLEASE send in your application right away, and consider expediting it! Your passport must not expire until 6 months after your return date home.**

**Passenger 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Title First Middle Last

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Can we text you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary or physical restrictions we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be celebrating a special occasion? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Occasion/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (not traveling with you): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Global Entry/TSA Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Roommate name if not traveling with spouse:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(fill out separate form)**

**Passenger 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Title First Middle Last

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Can we text you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary or physical restrictions we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be celebrating a special occasion? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Occasion/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Global Entry/TSA Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**ENCLOSED: (please check)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Deposit: \$800.00 per person deposit for \_\_\_\_\_ Person(s) Deposit amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Insurance: Yes, I have included my insurance Insurance amount for name 1. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Passport: valid 6 months from return date Insurance amount for name 2. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I decline the offered insurance. *Opt out of special group insurance.*  
By opting out, client is aware that they will not be protected against the  
cancellation charges, nor will they have any insurance protection while traveling.

**Credit Card Payments:** \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_ American Express **NOTE: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% fee.**

Name of card holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Viking Travel Service Terms and Conditions

**Reservation is not confirmed until this form is signed and received by Viking Travel Service.**

**Participation agreement:** The purchase/payment of any travel services offered constitutes a contractual arrangement between the Traveler ("you") and Viking Travel Service and its suppliers. As the lead traveler, you accept, and confirm you have authority and consent to accept, all Terms & Conditions for yourself and all members of your traveling party.

**Deposit:** The required deposit is due at time of booking along with signed Reservation Form and Terms and Conditions Form. Deposit and insurance (if purchased) are non-refundable.

**Final payment:** Reservations are subject to cancellation and late fee if final payment is not received by the due date. Rebooking's are subject to availability and new pricing. Subject to currency fluctuations until paid in full.

**Payments:** All credit card charges are subject to 3% non-refundable fee.

**Required Documentation:** All bookings are subject to the proper documentation required for travel. I.e.: driver's license, valid passport, visa, tourist card. It is the responsibility of the traveler to provide such documentation for booking and for travel. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from return date. All travelers must provide emergency contact details prior to travel.

**Airline Reservations:** Viking Travel Service is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. Routings are not guaranteed and are subject to change at any time. Seat assignments and upgrades may or may not be available and subject to additional fees. All airline terms and conditions, including baggage, departure taxes and fees and increases beyond our control are applicable. Frequent flyer miles may or may not be earned. Clients must retain boarding passes for any disputes.

**Change/Deviations:** In addition to any airline or tour/cruise-imposed change fees, an administrative fee of \$50 per person will be charged. Deviations are subject to availability. May not be applicable on group bookings. Note: Prices quoted during an inquiry cannot be guaranteed.

**Insurance Protection:** Optional insurance protection will be offered. Insurance is non-refundable and rates and features, are subject to change at any time. For specific questions or coverage details, please call Allianz Insurance at 866-884-3556 and inquire about their Group Advantage Plan.

**Cancellation Policy:** All cancellations must be received in writing and subject to penalties outlined.

**Documents:** Printed documents are subject to a \$35 shipping cost.

**Notice:** While every effort will be made to adhere to the specifics shown in this or any other publication, certain circumstances may necessitate alterations, therefore: all fares, taxes, fuel surcharges, schedules, hours of arrival and departure and all other information contained herein are subject to change. During local or national holidays or special events, peak seasons, on Sundays, and during religious occasions, certain facilities such as museums, churches, restaurants, sightseeing tours, hotels, and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible. Viking Travel cannot be held responsible for any closures, necessary itinerary changes, or curtails for any reason. Accommodations outside the United States of America may not accommodate wheelchairs or be wheelchair accessible. The Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable outside the United States of America. Room and bed preferences are not guaranteed. Check-in times vary worldwide/and cannot be guaranteed. Air-conditioning in hotels is not guaranteed and dependent upon local and national laws and regulations. Though hotels may have air-conditioning as a listed amenity, the usage of air-conditioning is often not available at night or in the off-seasons (October-May). Other restrictions may apply. Any unused portions of the package are non-refundable. Force Majeure- Viking Travel Service assumes no liability for any loss, damage, or entry of any nature in whole or in part resulting from an Act of God or any other force majeure condition, including, without limitation: fire, volcanic eruption, environmental pollution or contamination, inclement weather, earthquake, low or high water levels, flood, water or power shortages or failures, tropical storms or hurricanes, riots or civil commissions or disturbances, and any other acts of a similar nature, sabotage, arrests, strikes or labor disruptions, bankruptcy, restraint of rulers or peoples, expropriations, acts of terrorism, war, insurrection, pandemic, quarantine restrictions, government health advisories, or warnings or alerts of any kind of nature, government seizures, refusal or cancellation or suspension or delay of any government authority or any license, permit or authorization, damages to its facilities or the travel supplier and its facilities, or any other unforeseen circumstances or any other factors unforeseen by Viking Travel Service that impacts negatively on, or hamper, its ability to fulfill any of its contractual conditions. In the event that any of these conditions apply, Viking Travel Service shall be excused, discharged, and released from performance to the extent such performance is so limited or prevented, without liability of any kind. Some cancellations subject to Future Credit Vouchers only. Responsibility: Neither Viking Travel Service, its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns, own or operate any person or entity which provide goods and services for these trips does not maintain any control over the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers, Viking Travel Service assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident or delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or their employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party not under the supervision and control of Viking Travel Service. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expense due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. All service and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Viking Travel Service reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. We reserve the right to withdraw any tour announced. Viking Travel Service reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the tour manager to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. Viking Travel Service is not liable for any personal effects, same being the sole responsibility of the owner at all times. Payment constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Viking Travel Service or the organizer, accept no responsibility for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, bankruptcy, weather or any other cause beyond their personal control. No carrier shall be responsible for any act, omission or events during the time passengers are not on board its own conveyance. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries or substitute services without notice and to decline to accept or retain any passenger at any time. In view of statutory or contractual limitations that may apply to personal injury or property damage losses the purchase of accident, medical and baggage insurance is strongly recommended. It is understood that I have requested Viking Travel Service to arrange bookings on my behalf. As the worldwide COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic remains ongoing at this time, I acknowledge that for this reason, and other reasons not reasonably foreseeable at this time, these travel plans may be interrupted or cancelled by the supplier that is providing them, a government entity or other third party over which Agency has no control. I further acknowledge that the supplier's own cancellation, rebooking and refund policies, subject to any applicable law that is now or may later be in effect, will govern my rights and remedies, including my right to receive a refund, in such an event. Moreover, I understand that should I elect to purchase travel insurance, the terms of the policy will dictate whether, and to what extent, coverage for any financial loss may exist under the circumstances. By signing below, I hereby agree to hold Agency harmless and release it from any and all liability for any damages, including but not limited to monetary losses, I may incur as a result of such interruption or cancellation of these travel plans.



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Tour/Cruise: \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) have read, understand and do accept all the terms and conditions of this tour.