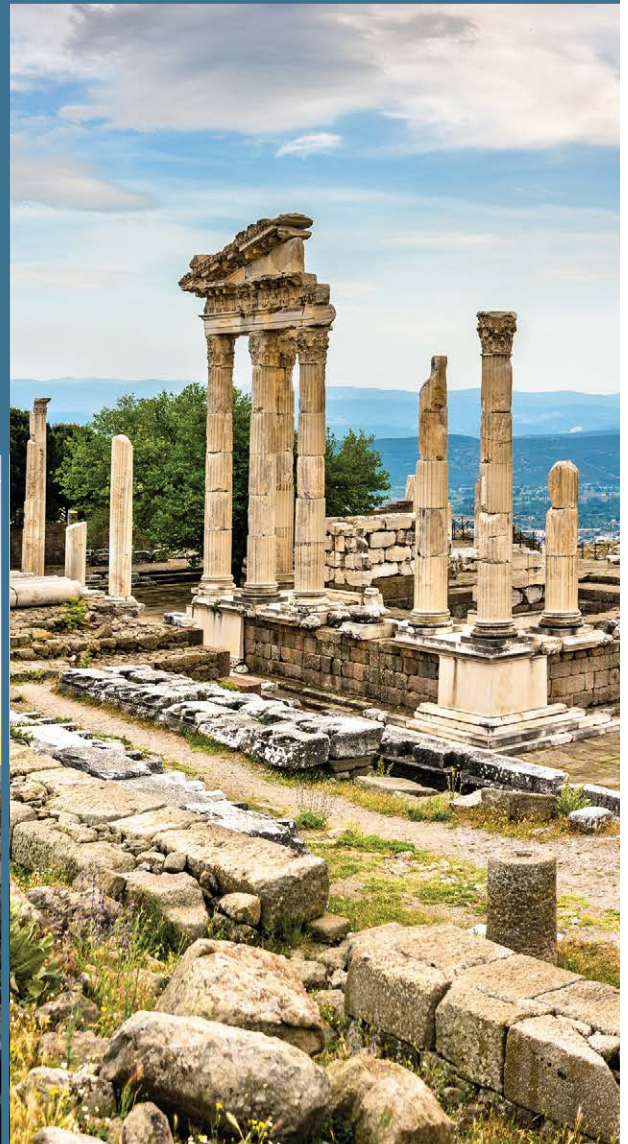




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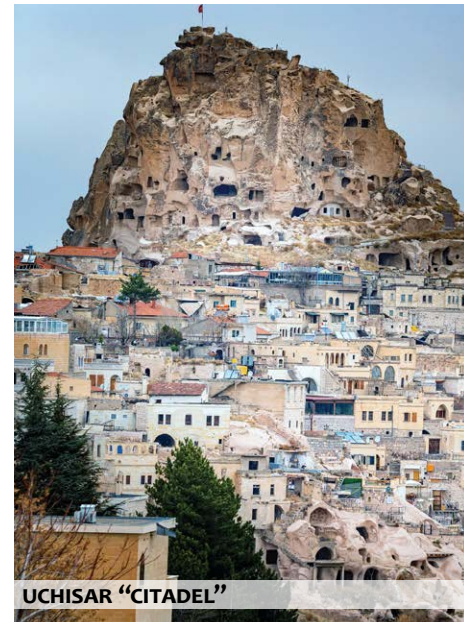
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October 17-30, 2026





CAPPADOCIA "FAIRY CHIMNEYS"



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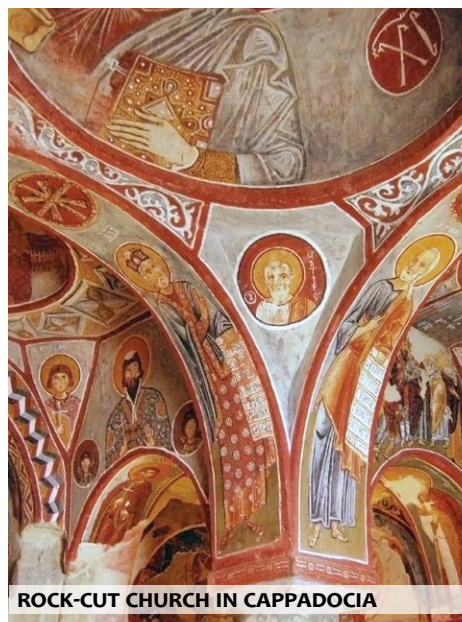
PAMUKKALE



EPHESUS



DERINKUYU UNDERGROUND CITY



ROCK-CUT CHURCH IN CAPPADOCIA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 –
 Depart Chicago with Turkish Airlines flight #186 nonstop to Istanbul leaving at 11:35am.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 – CAPPADOCIA (D)
 Arrive Istanbul at 5:45am. Connect to Turkish Airlines flight #2012 leaving at 8:20am and arriving Kayseri at 9:55am. On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for a free afternoon, dinner and overnight. BARCELO CAPPADOCIA HOTEL is in the picturesque village of Ortahisar. The hotel offers contemporary-style guest rooms as well as cave rooms carved into the natural rock. www.barcelo.com/en-us/barcelo-cappadocia/

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 – CAPPADOCIA (B,D)
 Begin your tour by exploring Cappadocia, with homes hidden in windswept landscapes and cities buried in stone. Once the heart of the Hittite Empire, then a vast Roman province, Cappadocia's bizarre landscape was shaped by the erosion of deep deposits of volcanic ash. We'll explore the natural Citadel of Uchisar, a traditional village surrounded by rock pinnacles, and see the underground city of Derinkuyu, built in the 7th century as refuge for Christians fleeing persecution. Tens of thousands of people lived in this four-story maze of caves, tunnels and rooms deep in the earth. There are signs of life everywhere – storage jars for oil, wine and water, communal kitchens blackened by smoke, stables and deep wells. The subterranean cities of Cappadocia were so well hidden that they went undiscovered until the 1960s. Proceed to the pottery town of Avanos where the Kızılırmak, the longest river in Turkey, deposits the red clay that has been the raw material of local pottery for centuries. Next we'll visit Goreme and Zelve Valleys to see rock-cut churches with 11th and 12th-century frescoes. Return to your cave hotel for dinner and overnight.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 – CAPPADOCIA (B,D)
Optional (\$330 per person paid on the spot): early morning Hot Air Balloon ride for 60 minutes.

Visit the Soğanlı Valley, an open-air museum in a wild natural setting with a variety of rock-cut churches and frescoes. The scenery is spectacular, with villages tucked in the valley surrounded by the "tabletop" mountains. Near Cemil village, Keşlik Monastery hides its frescoes behind a very thin smoke layer which we can only see by torch light. The Seljuk medrese (theological school) in Taşkınpaşa is evidence of a prosperous, early Turkish settlement. Continue to Mustafapaşa (Sinassos), an ancient Greek town with fine examples of late Greek settlements and architecture. Then on to Red Valley, one of the most attractive valleys of Cappadocia with fabulous volcanic rock formations. Return to your hotel for overnight. Dinner tonight will be served in a typical cave restaurant.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 – PAMUKKALE (B,D)
 Drive along the Silk Road and stop at the Caravanserai of Sultanhanı, once a safe haven for the traders that frequently traveled this road. Continue to the city of Konya. One of the world's most ancient cities and one of Turkey's most religious sites, it is the resting place of the prolific spiritual teacher known as Mevlana (or Rumi). Konya is also a teaching center and home to the Karatay Medrese, one of the first in Turkey to teach astronomy, mathematics and theology. Visit the 12th-century building, now a museum housing a fine collection of early Seljuk tiles. Visit the Church of St. Paul at Psidian Antioch, the oldest and largest of all the Roman military colonies. Antioch was one of the first Anatolian cities to accept Christianity and Paul chose the

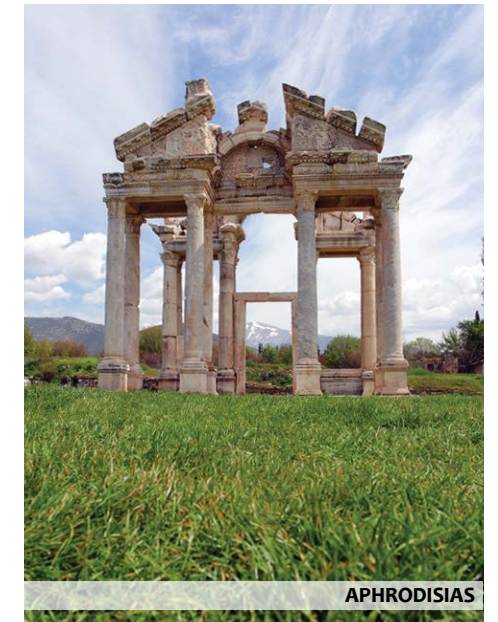
city as a center for his missionary activities. See the Roman bath, the Temple of Augustus and the museum. Continue to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight in the 4-star COLOSSAE HOTEL www.colossaehotel.com

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 – KUSADASI (B,D)
 Drive to Pamukkale, known as the Cotton Castle because of its white, terraced hot-spring pools. Visit the ancient site of Hierapolis, one of the largest Roman cities in Asia Minor. Paul introduced Christianity to the local population. See the amphitheater, the city gates, and the colonnaded streets. Continue to Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation. Jesus said to the Laodicean church, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Visit the ruins, including the stadium and colonnaded streets. Drive to Aphrodisias, the city of marble and the center of worship of the Goddess Aphrodite until the 6th century. See the temple, one of the largest and best-preserved archaeological sites in Turkey. Late in the afternoon, arrive in Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. ELITE WORLD HOTEL is just a 3-minute walk to Kusadasi Marina and an 8-minute walk to Kusadasi Beach. www.eliteworldhotels.com.tr/hotels/elite-world-kusadasi

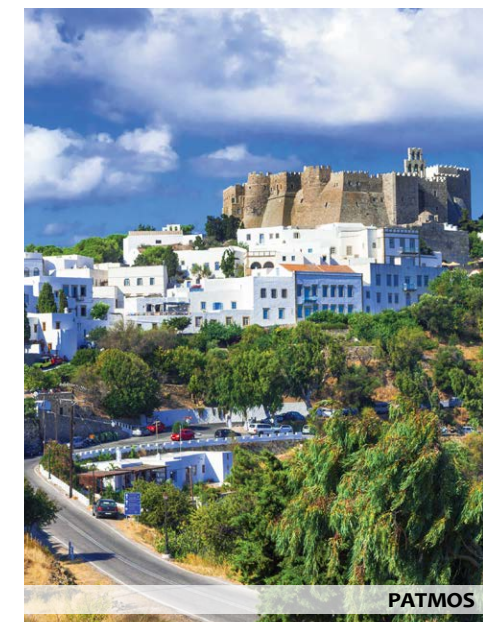
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 – KUSADASI (B,L,D)
 Visit Ephesus, another city of the Seven Churches of Revelation and an ancient large port with a population of over 250,000. The city played a major role in the development of architecture, religion and arts. Paul visited Ephesus and his Letter to the Ephesians was addressed to the church there. The Third Ecumenical Council was held in Ephesus in 431. Tour the ancient city with its legendary marble streets, the magnificent theater, Hadrian's temple and the Library of Celsus. Then visit the sixth-century ruins of the Basilica of St. John. Continue to the village of Sultankoy for lunch. Relax in a charming, pine-shaded garden while your locally-sourced, organic meal is prepared. Olive oil and wine are made on site and served during lunch with an oral presentation about their production. After lunch, you will have the opportunity to see the weaving looms and some of the finished carpets that are the pride of the region. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 – KUSADASI (B,L,D)
 You will be transferred to the pier early in the morning to board your private ferry to Patmos leaving at 6:00am and arriving at 11:00am. Refreshments will be served on board, courtesy of Ya'lla Tours USA. Meet your local Greek guide and visit St. John Monastery, where John wrote the Book of Revelation. Also see the Apocalypse Cave and the museum. Lunch is included. Return to the pier and sail back to Kusadasi, leaving at 3:00pm and arriving at 7:45pm, for dinner and overnight.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 – KUSADASI (B,D)
 Drive south to Priene, a moderately important commercial city throughout the Byzantine era, before alluvial soil cut off all access to the sea. Visit the ancient theater. Continue to Miletus, where Paul met with the Elders of the Effusion Church during his third missionary journey. Paul visited the city, some thirty-five miles from Ephesus (a two day journey on foot), to encourage the Milesian faithful, and to prepare for a reunion with his beloved disciples arriving from Ephesus. Among the remains of the city is an impressive theater which originally seated approximately 15,000 people. During excavation, an inscription was found between the third and sixth row of seats that reads: "Place of Jews also called the God fearing." Return to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.



APHRODISIAS



PATMOS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 – ASSOS (B,D)

Drive to Pergamum, the most favored of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Christianity reached Pergamum very early and its church was praised for forbearance in times of persecution. It was here that the first Christians were executed by Rome. The stunning acropolis of the Hellenistic city is perched 1,000 feet above the modern town. Remains include the Altar of Zeus, palaces, the temples of Trajan and Dionysus, and the world's steepest amphitheater. Then drive to Assos which was visited by Paul during his third missionary journey through Asia Minor, between 53-57 AD, on his way to Lesbos. Ruins around Assos continue to be excavated. Arrive at your hotel for dinner and overnight. ASSOS KERVANSARAY sits in a stunning waterfront location just a short drive from the ancient Theater of Assos and the Temple of Athena. www.assoskervansaray.com

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 – ISTANBUL (B,D)

Continue to Troy, the legendary city-state in Homer's *Iliad*. The first excavations were made by German archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann in 1871 and revealed that Troy was not just a myth. See the excavations showing several layers of this civilization and the replica of the infamous Wooden Horse. Cross the Dardanelles Strait by ferryboat and drive to Gallipoli, the site of many World War I battles - particularly involving the Allied Forces including Australians and New Zealanders. Continue to Istanbul through the European lands of Turkey for dinner and overnight. ARTISAN ISTANBUL MGALLERY is a boutique hotel located in the Taksim area, near an abundance of restaurants, shops, and entertainment. www.theartisanistanbul.com

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 – ISTANBUL (B,D)

Visit the legendary Blue Mosque, decorated with beautiful 17th-century Iznik tiles. Continue to the 5th-century underground cistern

Sultanahmet Camii. It was known as the Basilica Cistern during the Roman period. After the conquest of the city by the Ottoman Turks, it was forgotten. Re-discovered in 1545, it was used to water the gardens of Topkapi Palace. Today it has a rather eerie and mystical ambiance. Stroll around the historical Hippodrome where chariot races were held. Continue to the world-class Istanbul Archaeological Museum, which exhibits artifacts from the many civilizations that have left their mark on the area of modern Turkey. Besides spectacular collections, the architecture and green spaces of the museum are of historical and natural importance. Enjoy some free time at the Grand Bazaar of Istanbul. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 – ISTANBUL (B,D)

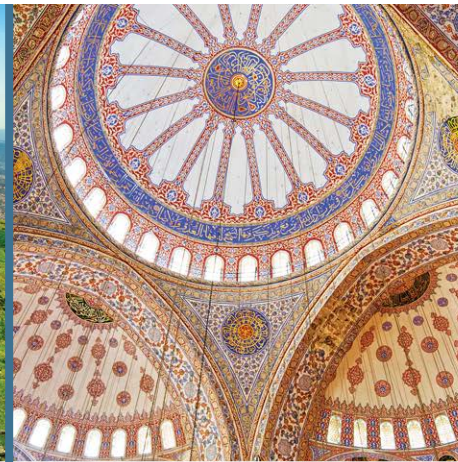
Visit the Chora Mosque, with remnants of 12th and 14th-century Christian frescoes and mosaics. The Turks converted the Holy Savior in Chora Church into a mosque during the reign of Bayezit II (1481-1512). Above the front door, you can still make out a kneeling Theodosius offering Christ a model of the church. The whole story of the beginnings of Christianity is told on these walls. Continue to Topkapi Palace, legendary residence of the Ottoman sultans. See the treasury and the kitchens. Continue to Hagia Sophia, a magnificent 6th-century Christian basilica that was converted to a mosque during the Ottoman Empire. Visit the Egyptian Spice Bazaar, used as the spice market since 1665. Our farewell dinner will be at a fine local restaurant.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 – (B)

You will be transferred to Istanbul Airport for your departure flight. Depart Istanbul with Turkish Airlines flight #5 nonstop to Chicago, leaving at 3:25pm and arriving at 7:25pm.



PERGAMUM THEATER



THE BLUE MOSQUE



UNDERGROUND CISTERN



CHORA MOSQUE



HAGIA SOPHIA

Price per person in a double room: \$7,289

Price per person in a single room: \$8,289

Business Class air supplement: \$3,990
(limited availability)

TOUR INCLUDES: roundtrip airport transfers from Peoria or Bloomington to Chicago O'Hare / roundtrip, economy airfare from Chicago to Turkey with Turkish Airlines / airline departure and fuel tax, subject to change / private airport transfers in Turkey / 12 nights of hotel accommodations with daily buffet breakfast and dinner / 2 lunches / 11 days of touring in a private, luxurious, air-conditioned motor coach with a licensed, English-speaking guide / site entrance fees per the itinerary / personal headsets / roundtrip private ferry from Kusadasi to Patmos / baggage handling at airport and hotels in Turkey / tips to guide, drivers, restaurants and hotels / service fees and local taxes

TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE: Turkish entry visa (As of September 13, 2024, Turkish entry visa is not required for U.S. passport holders. If this changes, please purchase online at <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>) / meals and drinks other than specified / personal expenses / tips to bellmen / travel insurance: \$703.99 per person in a double room, \$799.89 in a single room, highly recommended

IMPORTANT NOTE: Air schedules are subject to change. / A \$900 per person deposit is due with registration. / The deposit is refundable up to 90 days prior to departure. / Final payment is due July 17, 2026. / Passports must be valid for at least 6 months past your return date.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PRICE:

- The price of the tour is based on a minimum size of 20 passengers. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond Ya'lla Tours USA's control our suppliers increase the price, Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. will adjust the price accordingly.
- Price of the airfare portion of the tour is subject to change until the air ticket has been issued.
- Should a single traveler wish to share a room with another traveler, and Ya'lla Tours is unable to match him/her with a roommate, the single room supplement will apply.
- Should the number of participants 90 days prior to departure be lower than the published minimum number of participants to operate the tour, the price will be adjusted accordingly or the tour will be canceled.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:

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- Final payment is due July 17, 2026.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- For cancellation 90-45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost will apply.
- For cancellation 44-30 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the tour cost will apply.
- For cancellation 29 or fewer days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost will apply.
- No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, accommodations, entrance fees, and others listed in the program.
- If Ya'lla Tours USA cancels the trip/tour for reasons beyond its control, a credit voucher will be offered for the land services good for use up to 18 months from the original travel date to any Ya'lla Tours USA destination. Any refund or credit of airfare included by Ya'lla Tours USA in the trip/tour will be determined by the policy of each individual airline.
- Travel insurance is NONREFUNDABLE.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, Ya'lla Tours will do its best to maintain the content of the tour. The Tour operator reserves the right to change the listed hotels to others of similar quality.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

Whereas Ya'lla Tours USA and the participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage, nonperformance, general risks of travel, government regulations or acts of god occurring in connection with suppliers of these tours. The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled 'Cancellations & Refunds'. The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven. Venue for any dispute is Multnomah County Circuit Court, Oregon. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon.

PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY: Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/she fully understand each of them. Specifically passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the 'Cancellations & Refunds' section.

PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION: Passports must be valid for at least six months following your return date from your travel destination. For more specific visa requirement, please contact the relevant consulate for current information.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY: This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by both Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance is not included in your tour price but is highly recommended.

Peoria Charter Travel ~ The Glory of Turkey

October 17 – 30, 2026

Last name _____ First name _____ Nickname _____

Last name _____ First name _____ Nickname _____

(Please provide a copy of your passport(s) prior to final payment.)

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Tel _____ email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Tel _____

Room type: DOUBLE SINGLE Sharing a room with _____

Upgrade flights to **Business Class @ \$3,990 /person: Yes _____ No _____**

If yes, please add \$500 per person to the deposit. Seats are limited and not guaranteed.

Do you wish to purchase travel insurance? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please add the applicable amount to your deposit: \$703.99 per person in a double or \$799.89 in a single room. Travel insurance is **nonrefundable**.

If no, "I understand that I will be fully responsible for any fees or costs associated with the tour due to cancellation/medical necessities/lost baggage/delayed flights, etc."

Signature X _____

I hereby sign and agree to the terms and conditions attached to this form:

Signature X _____

Please sign this form and return it with a check or credit card deposit of \$900 per person. Make checks payable to **Ya'lla Tours USA**. Send the deposit to:

Peoria Charter Travel, Attention Marci McCarrey or Amanda Schott

1503 E College Ave, Unit D, Normal, IL 61761

Phone: (309) 662-6951, (309) 266-8000 // Email: travel@peoriacharter.com

For credit card charge (VI, MC, DS, AX):

Credit card type _____ Name on the card _____

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I hereby authorize Ya'lla Tours USA to charge my credit card \$ _____ as a deposit for the **Peoria Charter Travel Group to Turkey**. By signing this form, I further state that I have personally read the attached terms and conditions and agree to each of them. Specifically, I understand that should I cancel my trip for any reason, I will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the "Cancellations & Refunds" section.

Signature for the credit card X _____ **Date** _____