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Christian pilgrimages to Turkey
The Early Church and Voyages of Paul

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**Special Date:
June 16, 2009
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June 16, Tuesday; Arrival day – Over Night in **Istanbul (D)**

Transfer to hotel from ATATURK airport
free time until dinner for optional interest;

· **Optional - Traditional Turkish bath & Royal Massage experience**

· **Optional - Grand Bazaar**

· Welcome cocktail & dinner at sunset on Bosphorus cruise boat (cruising is between Asian & European continents) or Monday.

June 17, Wednesday; Over Night in **Istanbul (B/D)**

After breakfast departure to visit

· Topkapi Palace,

· Blue Mosque,

· Hipodrome

· Little Hagia Sophia and Turkish & Islamic fine Art quarter.

Meet the world know Calligraphist to learn more and experience about Calligraphy, Illumination, and Marbling

Gala dinner at the Turkish night club with traditional Turkish folk groups, belly dancers, singers, Zenne dancers

June 18, Thursday; Over Night in **Istanbul (B/D)**

After breakfast departure to visit

· Spice Market

· Dolmabahce Palace

· Nakkas 6th C. Underground water Cistern

· Nakkas Traditional Hand Arts shopping center (Royal Rugs, Royal Iznic Ceramic & Jewelry collection of Hitites, Trojan, Byzantine & Ottomans antique designs).

· Lecture from the expert about the art of the magic fingers and meaning of the symbols coming from the past

· Dinner at Nakkas breathtaking terrace

June 19, Friday; Free Day Istanbul (B/D)

optional: all day tour: Check-out and early departure to Troy via Marmara sea shore & Gallipoli visit;

· Hero's land of WW1 battlefields/Gallipoli national park

· Cross the Dardanelles channel by ferry

· Troy ancient city

optional; *Prince's island tour by boat Free time for Horse carriage ride, bicycling, trekking, swimming*

optional; *Nicea/Iznic (one of the most important Biblical site)*

June 20, Saturday;

We will sail a simple route and enjoy the sites. We will no longer have wake up calls. You will have the same bed for the next week.

Please note that following sample Itinerary may be adjusted by the Captain for any reasons deemed necessary, and also to allow for Dylan River, Caunos optional excursion on Friday. You will be served 18 meals, sail on deluxe class yacht. You will have plenty of water toys. On two evenings you will eat out at local restaurants at your own expense.

Sail Across the Gokova Gulf to the ancient port of Knidos (centre of art and culture in the 4th C. BC) Drop anchor in the larger of the two harbors and go ashore to visit the site of Knidos itself which includes city walls, two theatres, terraced streets and the remains of several temples including the temple of Aphrodite

June 21, Sunday; Leaving Knidos we sail for Palamut Buku where we enjoy watersports and lunch at anchor. A short bay-hop via Ince Burun takes us to Kargi Bay. Arriving into Datca harbor in the early evening, we take a stroll through the streets of this quaint little town with its rug merchants and colorful souvenir shops.

June 22, Monday; Leaving Knidos we sail for Palamut Buku where we enjoy watersports and lunch at anchor. A short bay-

hop via Ince Burunu takes us to Kargi Bay. Arriving into Datca harbor in the early evening, we take a stroll through the streets of this quaint little town with its colorful souvenir shops.

June 23, Tuesday; A leisurely sail along the southern side of the Datca peninsula takes us to Kuruca Bay, excellent for swimming, snorkelling and waterskiing. Sailing to Bencik, a long pine-fringed inlet which winds up into the peninsula, we find a quiet anchorage for the night.

June 24, Wednesday; Sail for the Bay of Orhaniye, set amid forested slopes and perfect for all manner of watersports. Here we explore the ruins of a Byzantine fort sitting on a top a small island in the bay. Orhaniye is only a short distance from the waterfalls of Turgut where one can enjoy an icy dip in the height of summer. Overnight in the bay of Selimiye with perhaps dinner ashore in one of the fine fish restaurants for which the town is renowned.

June 25, Thursday; Sail around the Cape of **Kara Burun** takes us into a large land-locked bay known as **Bozukkale**. We anchor beneath the **Hellenistic citadel of Ancient Loryma** which was primarily used as a harbour of refuge for trade ships heading north and south along the coast.

June 26, Friday; After breakfast it's a leisurely cruise to our lunch stop at **Gerekse Creek**. Here we can explore the ruins of a Byzantine trading station. Heading for our evening destination of Marmaris, we make a swimming stop at **Kadirga or Kumlubuku**. Tonight enjoy the night time attractions of Marmaris

June 27, Saturday; Transfer back to Bodrum. Check into hotel. On your own visit the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, the Castle of St. Peter, or relax at the resort. Many dining options from which to choose.

Over Night in **Bodrum (B)**

June 28, Sunday Over Night in **Kusadashi (B,D)**

Check-out and departure after breakfast departure to Ephesus and visit;

· Apollo's Temple of Didyma, Miletus

-**June 29, Monday** Over Night in Istanbul

· Ephesus ancient city (with remarkable Odeon, Fountains, Temples, Library, Great Theatre for 24.000 spectators, double church and Stadium)

· Temple of the Artemis

· St. John's basilica

· Blessed Virgin's last home and monastery

· Kusadasi Town

Afternoon flight for Istanbul.

June 30, Tuesday Over Night in Istanbul

· Fly to USA, morning departure

-Optional extra days in Istanbul

Estimated price of \$1699 to \$1899 depending on group size.

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