

# POST NETWORK SEVEN CHURCHES TOUR

27 - 30 MARCH 2020



## FRIDAY 27 MARCH

**17:00** - Departure from the NETWORK Hotel, drive inland over the Taurus Mountains to Pamukkale (approx. 3.5 hours), dinner and overnight at Pam Hotel.



## SATURDAY 28 MARCH

**09:00** - Begin sightseeing by visiting Hierapolis, a Roman settlement where the Apostle Philip is believed to have been martyred. Enjoy the calcium travertines Pamukkale is famous for then continue to Laodicea, the 7th of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation. It has substantial remains of theatres, a stadium and gymnasium, with ongoing excavations adding to the site's significance. Stopping en-route for lunch continue to Philadelphia, the 6th of the churches then visit Sardis, the 5th church. This was the capital of the Lydian kingdom in the 6th century BC. It is noted for the remains of its large synagogue due to the large Jewish community that lived there in Hellenistic times. Continue westwards to Smyrna, 2nd of the churches, and stop for the panoramic view of the huge gulf of Izmir from the Velvet Fortress, whose foundations were built by Alexander the Great. Dinner and overnight at the Kaya Prestige Hotel.

## SUNDAY 29 MARCH

**09:00** - Drive northwards to Pergamum, the 3rd of the seven churches. Visit the Acropolis (access by cable car), an excellent site which includes a temple to Trajan, the foundations of the Altar of Zeus and a steep amphitheatre. After lunch, continue to the Asclepium, an ancient healing centre, and from there proceed to Thyatira, the 4th of the seven churches. Returning to Izmir, dinner and overnight at the Kaya Prestige Hotel.



## MONDAY 30 MARCH

**08.30** - Drive about one hour to Ephesus, the 1st of the churches and the most visited archaeological site in Turkey. **13.00** - Lunch **14.00** - Visit St. John's Basilica, a huge 5th century Byzantine basilica built over what are thought to be the remains of the Apostle John. **16.00** - The bus will depart for Izmir Airport to arrive there by **17.00** in time for people with departure flights from **18.30** onwards.

Anyone not departing the evening of 30 March will be brought back to the Kaya Prestige Hotel in Izmir for a further night.

## PRICES

EUR 500 per person, double room, full-board  
EUR 80 single supplement

### Price includes

- Overnight half-board accommodation in a 4-star hotel
- Lunches on 28 and 29 March
- Transfers to/from airport on 27 and 30 March
- Transport in an air-conditioned tour bus
- A qualified English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees to specified sites
- Taxes and portage

### Price does not include

- Drinks and water at meals
- Travel and health insurance
- Specific prices for domestic flights
- Tips for guide and driver - recommendation of €5 pp per day: 2/3 of the total to guide, 1/3 to the driver