Denver Seminary's Turkey & Greece: Seminar in the Bible & the Aegean With OT professor Dr. Hélène Dallaire and 35-year resident of Turkey Dr. James Bultema

- Further your knowledge and understanding of biblical and Early Church events and contexts.
- Cultivate a richer adoration of the God of history and a deeper appreciation for his dealings with people in specific places, civilizations, and periods of the past.
- Experience more richly portions of the Bible so as to enhance future teaching and preaching.
- Grow in awareness of learning, research, and cross-cultural-service opportunities through the introduction of churches, organizations, and educational institutions in Turkey & Greece.
- Be part of a traveling community of Christ, allowing his Spirit to bear his fruit among us in the highs & lows of daily travel and in the context of places where the earliest churches emerged.

Turkey > Greece > May 19-June 1, 2025 > \$4140 / London extension > June 1-3, 2025 > \$795

<u>Space is limited!</u> After Nov. 4, the tour will be advertised beyond the seminary community, in international churches in the EU and in several churches the US. To reserve a place, complete & submit your registration & deposit <u>sooner rather than later</u>.



## Turkey & Greece: Seminar in the Bible & the Aegean — Itinerary

Denver Seminary Course OT/NT 690 in conjunction with the St. Paul Cultural Center & Tutku Educational Tours May 19 - June 1 or 3, 2025 - NOTE: All the destinations on this itinerary are U.S.-Embassy approved for safe travel

Due to time-zone changes, your departure day for flights from anywhere in the US to Istanbul, Turkey Sun., 5/18: Arrive in Istanbul in the afternoon, ideally; directions to get to our hotel will be given at a later date Mon., 5/19: Tues., 5/20: Istanbul Archeology Museum, Hippodrome, Grand Bazaar, Sülemaniye Mosque, & the Bosporus Strait Group flight to Antalya, and visits to Perga, the Old City & Harbor, and the St. Paul Cultural Center Wed., 5/21: Thurs., 5/22: Scenic drive to Pisidian Antioch, then Colossae, and lodging at a thermal resort near Hierapolis Fri., 5/23: Hierapolis, with St. Philip's tomb; Laodicea; St. John's Basilica; and lodging at an Aegean-seaside hotel Sat., 5/24: Ancient Ephesus & its slope houses, the dramatic ruins of Miletus, and the same seaside hotel Sun., 5/25: Smyrna agora, Philadelphia, Sardis (with worship on-site), and lodging at another thermal hotel Mon., 5/26: Thyatira, Pergamum & its famous Asclepion, Assos, and lodging in a charming seaside fishing village Tues., 5/27: Alexander Troas, Troy, and drive into Greece, visiting the ancient Neapolis Harbor; lodging in Kavala Wed., 5/28: Philippi, with Lydia's baptism site; and then to Thessaloniki for a great Greek dinner and lodging Thurs., 5/29: Thessaloniki, Berea, Vergina (Aigai), and a Meteora monastery; dinner and lodging in Kalambaka Fri., 5/30: Drive to and tour Ancient Delphi and its museum before continuing to Athens for dinner and lodging Sat., 5/31: Corinthian Canal, Ancient Corinth (worship on-site), Mycenae, and Cenchrea; a special dinner in Athens Sun., 6/l: Athens Acropolis & Museum, Mars Hill, and the Ancient Agora; the Turkey-Greece tour will end by 4pm

- Those on the 7:20pm London flight or on any other evening flight from Athens will be taken at 4pm to the airport.
- Those choosing to stay longer in Athens will be responsible for their own dinners, lodging, etc. on & after June 1st.

Mon., 6/2: Many illuminating biblical connections at the British Museum & Library; and a free evening in London Tues., 6/3: Today you're on your own: you can further explore London or arrange for your travel home or elsewhere

## The tour price includes:

- 13 nights (with the London extension, 15 nights) of double accommodation in quality, highly rated hotels.
- 13 breakfasts & dinners (with the London ext., 15 breakfasts & 14 dinners), and 1 group lunch.
- Entrance fees for designated sites and museums and the public boat tour in Istanbul.
- The flight from Istanbul to Antalya on 5/21 and the ext. flight from Athens to London on 6/1.
- Government-licensed, Bible-oriented tour guides in Turkey and Greece.
- On-site teaching at the majority of sites by Drs. Dallaire and/or Bultema.
- Group bus travel in high-quality coaches and all group transfers from 5/20 through 6/1.
- Various small gifts from Tutku Educational Travel and St. Paul and Mozaik Cultural Centers.
- All service charges and local taxes.

## The tour price does not include:

- Single accommodation, which can be added: the Turkey-Greece portion is \$830 extra; the London ext. is \$130 extra.
- International and/or domestic flights apart from those listed above.
- Lunches, except for the sandwich on the plane on 5/21 and the group lunch on 5/24.
- Drinks at dinner, beyond the water that is served, and other such personal expenses.
- Travel or other insurance and any other such item not specifically included above.
- Tour-related costs for course credits, to be paid in Denver Seminary's business office.

A deposit payment of \$200 is due no later than <u>Dec. 1, 2024</u>, and the full payment is due no later than <u>Feb. 15, 2025</u>. To reserve a tour spot, go to <u>Tutku Educational Travel's website</u>, create an account and login, fill out your profile and passport details, and pay your \$200 deposit by credit card or wire transfer. If you'd like to register in person, please do so via Denver Seminary's business office, which may include extra fees. Each participant must be registered and paid for separately. If you have questions about: registration and payments, write to <u>info@tutkutours.com</u>; Denver Seminary course credits, write to <u>helene.dallaire@denverseminary.edu</u>; or the tour itinerary, etc., write to <u>jamesbultema@spccturkey.com</u>. Once you are registered, you will receive confirmation and more information in stages up until our tour actually begins.

Denver Seminary's Turkey & Greece Tour will imbue ancient biblical texts with experiential life. We hope you join us!