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Aboard the MS *Serenissima*
March 15-25, 2020



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DEAR NATIONAL TRUST TRAVELER,

It is sometimes said that if there were no St. Paul there would have been no Christianity. Through his three missionary journeys, from around A.D. 44 to 60, the Christian message was spread to the classical world and some of the earliest Christian churches were founded. Embarking in Cyprus, this cruise follows Paul's footsteps along the coast of Turkey to Istanbul, visiting stunning ancient sites along the way reflecting not only Paul's legacy but also elements of Greek, Roman, and Byzantine civilizations. Among the highlights are the Roman theater at Aspendos, built in the 2nd century and considered the best-preserved in the Mediterranean; the Greek island of Patmos, where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation; and the ruins of Ephesus, where Paul spent three years during the time Ephesus was second only to Rome in size and importance.

Our program begins with one hotel night in Cyprus before boarding MS *Serenissima* for an eight-night cruise along the coast of Turkey. In every port of call, enjoy excursion options that cater to various interests. Disembark in Istanbul, the gem of the Ottoman and Byzantine world, and either return to the U.S. or participate in a two-night extension to discover this incredible city.

Travelers will also have the option of a three-night pre-trip extension in Cyprus, including time in Limassol and Paphos.

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Sincerely,



Scott Gerloff
Director, National Trust Tours

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DR. MICHAEL HOFF,



Hixson-Lied Distinguished Professor of Art History at the University of Nebraska and a member of the Archaeological Institute of America's (AIA) Board of Trustees, is a classical archaeologist who specializes in the Roman period in Greece and Asia Minor. He has wide excavation experience in

Greece and Turkey, including Athens, Corinth, Nemea, Crete, and for nearly 25 years he has been engaged in archaeological research in the region of Rough Cilicia in southern Turkey. Since 2005 Professor Hoff has directed the Antiochia ad Cragum excavations in Rough Cilicia. In addition to many publications, Professor Hoff has participated for over 20 years in the AIA's national lecture program and has directed many AIA and university-sponsored study tours to Greece and Turkey.

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OLD STONE ROAD IN XANTHOS
ENTRANCE TO PERGAMON (LEFT)
LIBRARY OF CELSUS, EPHEBUS (COVER)

XANTHOS



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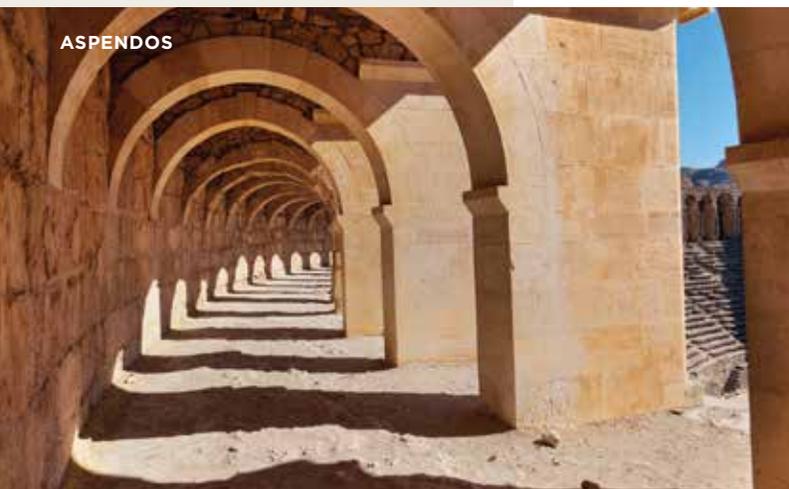
PATMOS



EPHESUS



ASPENDOS



ITINERARY

SUNDAY & MONDAY, MARCH 15 & 16, 2020

Home 🌟 Larnaca, Cyprus

Depart home on international overnight flights to Larnaca, Cyprus, transferring to our hotel upon arrival on March 16th. Enjoy a restful evening at leisure. Ciao Stelio Deluxe Hotel

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Larnaca

After a morning orientation and lecture, drive to the nearby UNESCO-listed Neolithic settlement of Choirokoitia, inhabited from at least the 9th millennium B.C., and considered one of the earliest examples of organized society. Ruins of circular mudbrick and stone dwellings remain, along with collectively constructed fortifications and planned open spaces. After lunch, choose to join either a food tour through downtown Larnaca or an excursion to the Troodos Mountains for a wine tasting. Board the MS *Serenissima* this evening and enjoy the Captain's welcome reception and dinner. MS *Serenissima* (BLRD)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Mersin, Turkey

Call at Mersin, Turkey, a short drive from Tarsus, birthplace of St. Paul. Walk the narrow 16th-century streets and Roman roads, see the artifact-rich Tarsus Museum, and visit the decorative Grand Mosque. Proceed overland to Silifke, stopping along the way at the resort town of Kizkalesi (Maiden's Castle). Visit the ruins of the 5th-century church of St. Thecla, built at a venerable place of pilgrimage for admirers of this disciple of St. Paul. Rendezvous with the ship at Taşucu and enjoy dinner aboard as we follow the sunset toward the Turquoise Coast. MS *Serenissima* (BLD)

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Antalya

Arrive in bustling Antalya and join one of two excursions: (1) a full-day tour to the ruins of ancient Perge, a settlement dating back to at least the Bronze Age (visited at least twice by St. Paul and his companion St. Barnabas), and Aspendos, whose 2nd-century theater is one of the best-preserved in the Mediterranean; or (2) a moderate morning hike through the pines to the ancient mountaintop city of Termessos, mentioned in the *Iliad*, and legendarily difficult to defeat (Alexander the Great never could, though Bellerophon managed it by dropping

boulders from Pegasus!), followed by a free afternoon in Antalya. MS *Serenissima* (BLD)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Fethiye

From our berth at Fethiye we travel southeast to discover the rich Lycian towns of Xanthos (built on a great cliff overlooking the river), Letoon (sanctuary of Leto, and one of the most important religious centers of its time), Patara (amidst sand dunes by the beach), and the ghost village of Kayaköy. You have a choice of three excursions today: (1) spend a full day exploring Xanthos, Letoon, and Patara (where Paul stopped in A.D. 60), including lunch at a local restaurant; (2) visit Xanthos and Patara in the morning and return to the ship for lunch; or (3) wander the streets of Kayaköy, a city with ancient roots but abandoned after World War I, among hundreds of still-standing 18th-century stone dwellings and churches. MS *Serenissima* (BLD)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Patmos, Greece

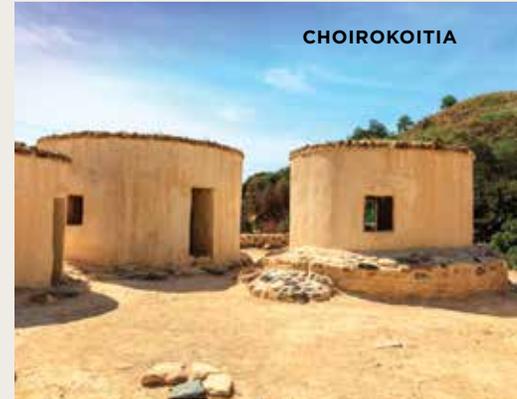
Spend the morning at sea before arriving at Patmos. Of all the Greek islands, Patmos is the most sacred to Christians both Orthodox and Western; it was here that St. John is said to have received the vision that led to the Book of Revelation. Visit the Cave of the Apocalypse, where John lived in exile, had his revelation, and wrote the last book of the Christian Bible. Continue to the village of Chora, known for its glittering white houses and narrow stone streets, and climb to the Monastery of St. John, looming fortress-like over the village. Enjoy an evening at leisure to explore the picturesque town of Skala or enjoy a swim at a nearby beach. MS *Serenissima* (BLD)



SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Kuşadası, Turkey ✨ Ephesus

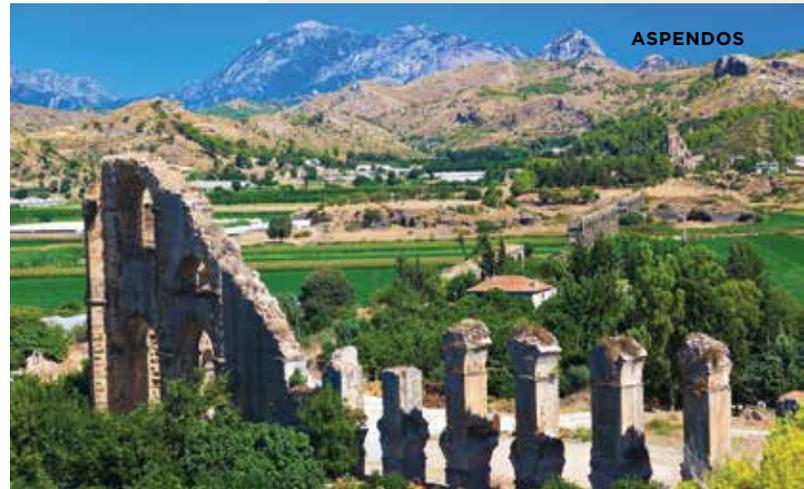
Call at the bustling port city of Kuşadası for the short drive to Ephesus. An important port city and trading and intellectual center from archaic to Roman times, Ephesus is one of the more complete ancient sites in the region, where more than 150 years of excavating have revealed broad streets, impressive buildings, intricate mosaics, towering temples, and possibly the largest theater in the ancient world. Today's excursion options are: (1) spend the day exploring Ephesus, including a local lunch and a folkloric demonstration of dance and weaving; (2) tour Ephesus in the morning and return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure, optionally visiting the scant ruins of the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. MS *Serenissima* (BLD)



MONDAY, MARCH 23

Dikili ✨ Pergamon

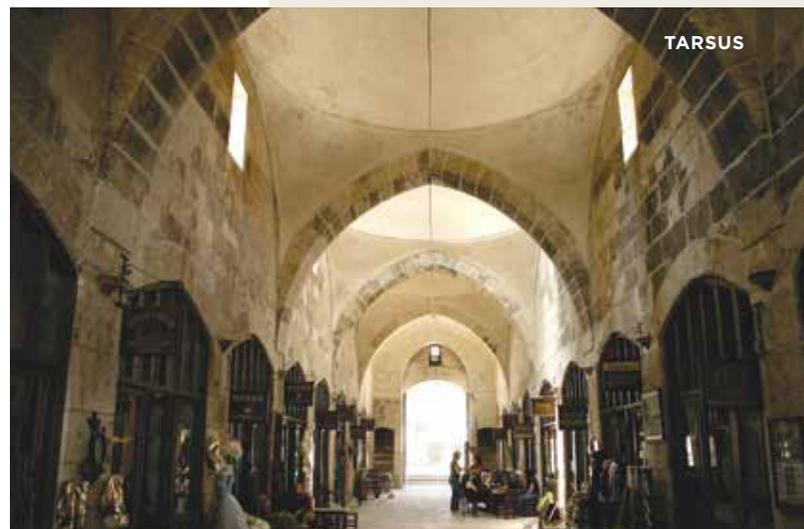
Drive from Dikili to the ancient Greek site of Pergamon, once a powerful and thriving cultural center of the region, now one of Turkey's finest archaeological destinations. Ascend by cable car to the acropolis to see the Asclepion, an ancient healing center dating to the 4th century B.C.; the 10,000-seat theater; Temples of Dionysus, Athena, and Trajan; and the foundations of the meticulously planned city. Continue to the modern town of Bergama to visit its archaeological museum before returning to the ship. MS *Serenissima* (BLD)



TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Çanakkale ✨ Troy

Excavations at Troy have revealed at least nine cities built one on top of another, reviving debate on the historicity of the Trojan War as described in Homer's epic poem, the *Iliad*. In the morning, visit nearby Alexandria Troas, a major port city in Hellenistic and Roman times, where St. Paul first set sail for Europe—and later brought young Eutychus back to life after he fell asleep during a late-night sermon and fell out of a 3rd-story window! Choices of afternoon excursions are (1) see the site of Troy and its layered ruins that are still being actively excavated, including the nearby museum; (2) cross the Dardanelles by ferry to the site of the Battle of Gallipoli, an infamous defeat of the Allies by Ottoman forces during WWI. Return to the ship for a festive farewell dinner. MS *Serenissima* (BLRD)



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Istanbul ✨ Home

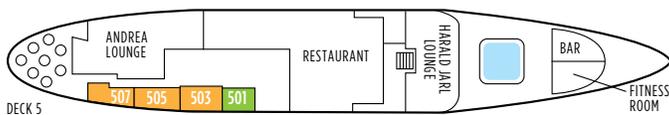
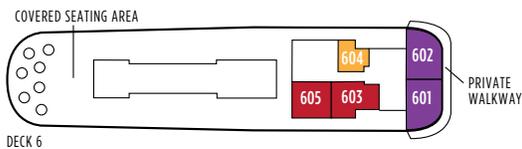
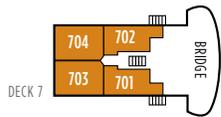
Disembark and transfer to Istanbul Airport for flights back to the U.S. (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

A **pre-tour extension in Cyprus** and a **post-tour extension in Istanbul** will be available. Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants or upon request.

MS SERENISSIMA

Refurbished in 2018, the 95-passenger MS *Serenissima* can navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to larger cruise ships. The public areas on board create a relaxed and spacious atmosphere. The Andrea Lounge provides a comfortable venue for lectures and has an elegant bar, and the Harald Jarl Lounge offers a library and computers. Outside spaces include a massive observation deck for 360-degree views of the passing scenery, and the all-teak Sun Deck is used for meal service in pleasant weather. Guest accommodations are designed for comfort and convenience. All cabins feature ocean views, en-suite bathrooms, and are equipped with many amenities. The Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in a single seating, with great views through the large picture windows. When possible, local produce is sourced for authentic dining experiences. Complimentary house wines, beer, soft drinks, mineral water, coffee, and tea are included with meals. Complimentary Wi-Fi (intermittent) is available throughout the vessel.



PROGRAM RATES, per person

CATEGORY	DOUBLE	SINGLE
STANDARD STATEROOM : Deck 3 109-144 ft ² , portholes	\$7,990	—
STANDARD SINGLE : Decks 3, 4, 5 107-127 ft ² , portholes or windows	—	\$8,990
CLASSIC STATEROOM : Deck 3 152-211 ft ² , portholes	\$8,990	—
SUPERIOR STATEROOM : Deck 4 124-198 ft ² , portholes or windows	\$9,490	—
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JUNIOR SUITE : Deck 6 225-233 ft ² , windows	\$10,990	—
OWNER'S SUITE : Deck 6 244 ft ² , windows	\$11,490	—
SERENISSIMA SUITE : Deck 7 273-284 ft ² , windows, balcony	\$12,490	—

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival date in Larnaca and group departure transfer by motorcoach from ship to Istanbul Airport • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides, drivers, and ship's crew • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions during cruise • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunches and dinners aboard the ship • Bottled water throughout • Team of expert local guides • Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (877) 376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

WHAT TO EXPECT This is a moderately active, busy program with exceptional options for people of various physical abilities. Excursions are optional, and there will frequently be choices among groups going at different paces. Average highs for March will be 65°F, with relatively chilly evenings, and some rainy days a likely possibility. Excursions can involve standing for extended periods, and up to a mile of walking, often on uneven and/or steep terrain, especially at archaeological sites. Elevators may not be available and stairs may not have handrails. Participants should be physically fit, active, in reasonably good health, and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785.

GROUP SIZE This program is limited to 85 participants.

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Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

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A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. If you have questions, or to register using a credit card (preferred method), please call (888) 484-8785 or email info@nationaltrusttours.com. Final payment deadline is November 16, 2019. For those who register after November 16, 2019, full payment is due upon registration.

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I/we understand that final payment is due November 16, 2019, 120 days prior to departure. After November 16, 2019: full payment is due at registration.

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I am a Non-smoker Smoker.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin Category Preference: 1st _____ 2nd _____
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I/we have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

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Sample **CYPRUS' RICH CULINARY TRADITION** during a food tour through the streets of Larnaca, Cyprus' oldest city, or winetasting among the vineyards dotting the Troodos Mountains.

Walk through the narrow streets of Tarsus, **BIRTHPLACE OF ST. PAUL**, and visit the fantastic Tarsus Museum, boasting a wealth of relics from the Gözlükule excavations.

Take in the **BEAUTY OF ASPENDOS**, whose theater, built in the 2nd century, is one of the best-preserved in the Mediterranean.

Marvel at the beauty of the rich **LYCIAN TOWN OF XANTHOS**, built on a great cliff overlooking a river and boasting several significant ruins including the Nereid Monument, whose figure friezes are in the British Museum.

Spend the day at the **GREEK ISLAND OF PATMOS**, sacred to Christians as the site where St. John received his revelation, and climb to the Monastery of St. John.

Travel by cable car to the **PERGAMON ACROPOLIS**, one of Turkey's finest archaeological sites, and explore the remains of the citadel, the Zeus Altar, and the Royal Palace.

Wander the **ANCIENT STREETS OF EPHESUS**, where the Greco-Roman world comes alive at Europe's most complete classical metropolis, and where Paul preached on his second missionary journey.

Walk among the incredible **RUINS OF TROY** and the large **UNEXCAVATED SITE OF ALEXANDRIA TROAS**, where Paul stayed before sailing with Barnabas to Neapolis.

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