

Post Conference Journey Ephesus

Itinerary

(as of April 3,2008)

Saturday, September 13th

Participants will meet check into the Hotel Nilya for three nights in Selcuk- Ephesus. Selcuk lies on the slope of Ayasoluk Hill and is 3 km east of the Ephesus Archeological site. We will all meet for dinner to share stories from our journeys.

Sunday, September 14th

We will enjoy a full day exploring the area around Selcuk-Ephesus, including the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean- Ephesus itself. We will visit the Museum of Ephesus and view the remnants of The Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world, and the site of a remarkable mystery center. We will also see what remains of St. John's Basilica, marking the place where the Apostle John wrote his Gospel. We will also explore the house thought to be the last home of Mary, mother of Jesus. After lunch we will have a presentation by Peeka Trenkle on the Sacred Bees at Ephesus, and the Melissae, the priestesses. For dinner we will head east 7 km to Sirince a beautiful hill town known for its wine.

Monday, September 15th

We will head out for a full day of sight seeing. We will explore Didyma which was an ancient Ionian sanctuary, containing a temple and oracle of Apollo, the Didymaion. Next to Delphi, Didyma was the most renowned oracle of the Hellenic world, first mentioned among the Greeks in the Homeric Hymn to Apollo. We will also explore Miletus which was an ancient city on the western coast of Anatolia. Miletus is known for its gigantic Hellenistic theater, reconstructed by the Romans and perhaps the most impressive theater structure in Anatolia. The city has a solid place in history. Our day will conclude at Altinkum ("Golden Sand") beach where we will swim and then have dinner.

Tuesday, September 16th

We will provide early morning shuttle bus service to the airport in Izmir and participants will continue on with their journeys.

Hotel Information

September 13, 14, 15

Hotel Nilya

The Hotel Nilya is a cosy hotel built and decorated as a traditional Turkish house. Nilya is located in the heart of old Selcuk, across from the St. John Basilica. All rooms have private shower, toilets, air conditioning, telephones and ceiling fans.

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