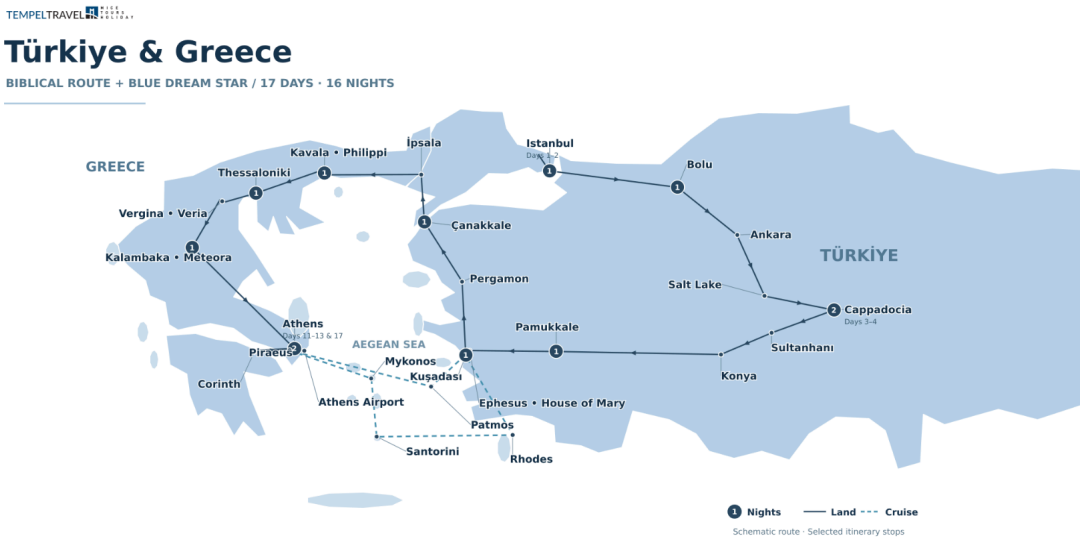

17D16N TURKIYE & GREECE BIBLICAL ROUTE WITH 4-NIGHT BLUE DREAM STAR CRUISE

Follow in the footsteps of St Paul on a 12-night land tour, then sail the Aegean for 4 nights aboard Blue Dream Star.

Duration: 17 Days 16 Nights

Category: Turkiye Tours

TOUR PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Istanbul

Meet your guide at Istanbul Airport and transfer to the hotel. Time at leisure and dinner.

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2

Istanbul – Bolu

Visit the Blue Mosque and Hippodrome, with a photo stop at Hagia Sophia. After lunch, travel to Bolu.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 3

Bolu – Ankara – Cappadocia

Visit Anıtkabir and stop at Salt Lake before continuing to Cappadocia.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 4

Cappadocia

Explore Pigeon Valley, Uçhisar, Esentepe, the fairy chimneys, Avanos and an underground city. See traditional carpet weaving and stonework.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 5

Cappadocia – Konya – Pamukkale

Visit the Mevlana Museum and Sultanhanı Caravanserai. Stop at a textile outlet in Denizli, then check in to your thermal hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 6

Pamukkale – Ephesus – Kuşadası

Explore the travertines, Hierapolis and Ephesus, including the Library of Celsus and the Great Theatre. Visit the House of the Virgin Mary and sample Turkish delight and apple tea.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 7

Kuşadası – Pergamon – Çanakkale

Take the cable car to the Pergamon Acropolis and see the replica Trojan Horse in Çanakkale.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 8

Çanakkale – Kavala – Philippi

Cross into Greece and meet the English-speaking guide. Visit biblical Neapolis, where St Paul landed, and the ancient city of Philippi. See the Agora, Octagon, basilica remains, St Paul's prison and Lydia's baptismal site.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 9

Kavala – Thessaloniki

See the White Tower, St Demetrios, the Roman Agora, Arch of Galerius, Rotunda, Hagia Sophia and Osios David.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 10

Thessaloniki – Vergina – Veria – Kalambaka

Visit the royal tomb of Philip II in Vergina and see St Paul's Bema and the mosaic wall in Veria before continuing to Kalambaka.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 11

Meteora – Athens

Visit two Byzantine monasteries at Meteora, then travel to Athens.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 12

Athens – Ancient Corinth – Athens

See the Corinth Canal and visit Ancient Corinth, including the Bema, Temple of Apollo, Agora and Peirene Fountain. Return for Athens sightseeing. See Syntagma Square and the Panathenaic Stadium, visit the Acropolis for the Propylaea, Temple of Athena Nike, Erechtheion and Parthenon, and stop at Mars Hill (Areopagus).

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 13

Athens – Piraeus – Mykonos

After breakfast, transfer to Piraeus and embark Blue Dream Star. Sail Monday at 12:00. Arrive in Mykonos at 19:00 and sail at 03:00 the following morning. Overnight aboard.

Meals aboard as per the cruise schedule.

DAY 14

Santorini

Arrive Tuesday at 09:00. Explore independently or join an optional paid shore excursion. Sail at 18:00. Overnight aboard.

Meals aboard as per the cruise schedule.

DAY 15

Rhodes

Arrive Wednesday at 09:00. Explore independently or join an optional paid shore excursion. Sail at 17:00. Overnight aboard.

Meals aboard as per the cruise schedule.

DAY 16

Kuşadası – Patmos

Thursday calls at Kuşadası from 06:00 to 12:00 and Patmos from 16:00 to 21:00. Optional paid shore excursions are available. Overnight aboard.

Meals aboard as per the cruise schedule.

DAY 17

Piraeus – Athens Airport

Arrive Friday at 06:00. Disembark and transfer to Athens Airport. Allow time for disembarkation and the airport transfer when booking flights.

Breakfast aboard

PRICING

Price — **Contact us for price**

HOTEL PROGRAMME

Day	City	Hotel	Stars
1	İstanbul	Gonen	★★★★★
2	Bolu	Hilton Hampton	★★★★

3	Kapadokya	Ürgüp Dinler	★★★★★
4	Kapadokya	Ürgüp Dinler	★★★★★
5	Pamukkale	Ürgüp Dinler	★★★★★
6	Kuşadası	Signiture Resort	★★★★★
7	Çanakkale	Iris Hotel	★★★★
8	Kavala	Lucy	★★★★★
9	Selanik	Porto Palace	★★★★★
10	Kalambaka	Amalia	★★★★
11	Atina	Novotel	★★★★
12	Atina	Novotel	★★★★
13	Ege Denizi / Aegean Sea	Blue Dream Star	
14	Ege Denizi / Aegean Sea	Blue Dream Star	
15	Ege Denizi / Aegean Sea	Blue Dream Star	
16	Ege Denizi / Aegean Sea	Blue Dream Star	

INCLUDED IN TOUR FARE

✓ Tour director.
✓ Deluxe air-conditioned transportation with free Wi-Fi access.
✓ Breakfasts, lunches and dinners as indicated in the daily itinerary.
✓ Entrance fees where admission is indicated as included in the itinerary.
✓ Parking charges, highway tolls and local taxes.
✓ 1.5 L of water per four guests during meals and 0.5 L per person per day on the bus.
✓ Tips for hotel porterage at check-in and check-out and for service at local restaurants.
✓ The 2% accommodation tax applicable from 1 January 2023.
✓ One complimentary single room for the tour manager for groups of 10 or more guests.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR FARE

- Meals, transfers, tours and services not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.

- Airport porterage and baggage trolleys.
- Tips for service staff, per person per day.