



BLACK FRIDAY SALE ON ALL EUROPEAN TOURS, AND A NEW TOUR OFFERING!

Imagine surprising your loved ones with an entirely different gift this holiday season: an adventure to fulfill a lifelong dream! Tours that go far beyond just sightseeing – bringing you closer to locals than any pre-packaged itinerary, and that allow you to walk in the footsteps of heroes, legends and saints, all while enjoying deluxe accommodations and the highest standard of service.

Beginning Friday, November 25th, all European tours operated by MHA Worldwide Tours will be on sale through December 15th, or pending availability. These discounts include the following:



April 24 – May 1, 2017 – *The Battle of the Bulge & Crossing of the Rhine Tour*
~~\$3,499 per person~~ **\$3,249 per person***



May 3 – 10, 2017 – The Tour of Normandy

~~\$3,699 per person~~ **\$3,449 per person***

**fare is per person based on double occupancy, land only, taxes included. A single room supplement of \$895 per person is due for all guests staying by themselves.*

And, if you also register for *The Tour of New Orleans*, March 29-31, 2017, you can receive ***an additional \$250 per person discount*** off the land tour fare of one of the European tours! But hurry! Space is limited to 36 paid guests per tour, and many have already sold. Call or email us today to claim your spots on these amazing tours!

Finally, MHA Worldwide Tours is proud to announce our next great undertaking:



The Asia Minor of St. Paul: A Pilgrimage to the Ancient Christian Communities of Turkey

Join us in September of 2017 for this unrivaled two-week adventure exploring the ancient sites of where the first religious communities formed under the guidance of arguably the most influential follower of Christ: Saint Paul. This tour will enjoy 5-star accommodations throughout, ground transportation by luxury motor coach, sumptuous Turkish and continental cuisine, and interpretation by our expert local English-speaking guides and our tour historian. An on-site tour manager will also accompany the tour to accommodate the needs of the guests.

We begin in the city of Paul's birth, Tarsus, to understand his upbringing as both a pious Jew and a Roman citizen. We then travel to ancient Antioch, now known as Antakya, where the first community to be known as "Christian" was founded, and where Paul began his second missionary journey. Heading north to Cappadocia, the center of the old Hittite kingdom of the Old Testament, and where thousands of churches were hewn from rock and formed in caves. We'll

also enjoy a sunrise balloon ride over the famous “Valley of the Fair Chimneys”, as well as an evening demonstration of the “Whirling Dervishes.”



Next we visit the site of ancient Lystra, where Paul was stoned by an angry mob, and ancient Iconium (modern day Konya), where Paul encouraged a flock of believers during his first mission. All of this will be followed by some of the best preserved ancient Greek ruins still in existence. In fact, Turkey is home to more ancient Greek ruins than Greece, and more ancient Roman ruins than Italy!

We slow down a bit in visiting Antalya, the heart of the “Turkish Riviera”, and one of the most popular resort destinations on the Mediterranean. You will be treated to two nights and a full day at an all-inclusive 5-star beach front resort.



We'll next head toward ancient Smyrna, now known as Izmir, the third largest city in Turkey and a strategically vital port city since the time of Alexander the Great. The pastor of the original Christian church of Smyrna, Polycarp, was martyred by being burned by an angry mob for refusing to curse Christ and acknowledge Caesar as his sovereign. On the way we'll visit the ancient site of Colossae, the community where Paul addressed one of his epistles (his letter to the Colossians) while in prison.

Next we'll visit a nearby port city, Ephesus, where Paul spent nearly three years during his third mission. In addition to being the community to whom Paul addressed another epistle (his letter to the Ephesians), Ephesus was considered the political, cultural and religious center of all Asia Minor during ancient times. Its Temple of Artemis was one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World.



As the pilgrimage nears its end, we'll head north to ancient Pergamum, where two of the Seven Churches of Revelation were located. We'll then continue to the small city of Iznik, site of the ancient lakeside city of Nicaea, where the Emperor Constantine convened the First Ancient Church Council to standardize Christian orthodoxy, and where the Nicene Creed was born.



The journey will be complete with our arrival in the exotic and incomparable city of Istanbul. Once known as Byzantium and later Constantinople, the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire and home of Hagia Sophia, once the largest church in Christendom before being converted to a mosque by Mehmet the Conqueror, and later still to a museum. Our tour will include this and other iconic sites of the city, including the Blue Mosque, the Topkapi Palace of the Ottoman Sultans, and the Grand Bazaar. Further, our guide and historian will discuss the establishment of the Orthodox Church and the Great Schism, and the capture of the city by the Ottoman Turks in 1453, bringing an end to the Byzantine Empire. Our pilgrimage will come to a close with a private moonlight dinner cruise on the Bosphorus before departing the following morning for the USA.



This is not a tour or a vacation. It's an opportunity to broaden your perspective and understanding, as well as get to know the people of a land where many great and ancient civilizations come together. When it comes to cultural enrichment, there is quite simply no other place that compares to Turkey. And once your journey with us is over, you'll never be the same.

The land-only fare for this two-week journey featuring deluxe accommodations, superior service, culinary marvels and expert guiding is surprisingly affordable: only **\$4,449** per person based on double-occupancy. However, if you call or email us to register before December 15th, *your fare will be reduced to **\$4,199 per person (double-occupancy including tax, land only)**!* And if you register for the *Tour of New Orleans*, you'll receive *an additional \$250 discount of the per person fare!*

Registration is now open for this pilgrimage, so please call (504) 534-8642, or email us at info@mhatours.com to claim your place on this tour. But don't wait: as with our other tours, only 36 guests will be fortunate enough to be part of this unforgettable adventure!

If you have any questions about these or other tours, please give me a call and I'll be happy to assist. I hope you enjoy your holidays, and I look forward to welcoming you on one of our tours in 2017!

Sincerely,

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