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June 16 – Depart for Istanbul, leaving from Akron/Canton or Cleveland.

June 17 – Arrive in Istanbul

You will arrive in Istanbul today. Enjoy an orientation drive through the city on your way to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

June 18 & 19 – Istanbul

During these next two days, you will be immersed in the history of Byzantium/Constantinople/Istanbul. You will visit the famous Blue Mosque with its six minarets and sparkling interior. You will also visit the Topkapi Palace, once home to royal Sultans. Inside, you will see the fabled jewels of the treasury, delicate displays of Chinese porcelain in the kitchen quarters, and the provocative harem quarters. Walk through Hagia Sophia, which was the largest church in Christendom for 1000 years, built by Justinian (532-537 AD). The church has 107 columns, fossil-embedded white marble floors, and beautiful glass mosaics. Explore the underbelly of Istanbul within the Basilica Cistern. This massive water temple carved from the earth in 532 AD holds busts of Medusa and the iconic Column of Tears. See the remains of the Roman-era Hippodrome, where races and riots took place. An obelisk here was brought from Egypt as spoils from the Empire for Rome. The Serpentine Column represents the artisan grandeur of its time. See the Kaiser Wilhelm Fountain, dedicated to the union of Germany and the Ottoman Empire prior to World War I. Enjoy a look at modern Turkish culture when you explore the Grand Turkish Bazaar, first established in 1461. Peruse intricate textiles, beautiful light fixtures, world-famous carpets, aromatic herbs and spices, and much more. Take a boat cruise on the Bosphorus, a natural strait that is the world's narrowest used for international navigation. It connects the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara and is a continental boundary between Europe and Asia, separating Anatolia from Thrace. Visit Chora Church, one of the most remarkable remnants of the Byzantine Empire with exquisite mosaics depicting the infancy of Christ, miracles of Christ, the journey of the Magi, and much more. You will walk in the Istanbul Archaeology Museums (time permitting), a cluster of three museums that house approximately one million artifacts, including the tomb of Alexander the Great and the Kadesh Treaty. At the end of June 18th, you will be able to see a Turkish Culture Show. At the end of June 19th, you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Izmir. Then, transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

June 20 – Ephesus and Aphrodisias

We will make an early start to Ephesus, which is one of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev. 1: 11). In ancient days, Ephesus was a bustling port town of 250,000, graced with wide, colonnaded streets. Today, you will be impressed with the spectacular excavations of the major streets of ancient Ephesus. You will view the library and the huge agora. The Temple of Artemis was declared one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Today, only a single column remains to mark the site. You will visit the Basilica of St. John, the traditional site of his grave. From the basilica, enjoy a commanding view of the area. You will visit the Museum of Ephesus for an up-close look at artifacts from the ancient city. You will have time to explore this powerful city on your own and recreate some of the footsteps of Paul. After lunch, you will travel to Aphrodisias for a late afternoon tour. Stop at the Gateway, known as the Tetracylon. See the Ionic columns that were once part of the Temple of Aphrodite. The Stadium is one of the best preserved of its kind, with seating for 30,000 in its prime. The remains of the Baths of Hadrian face the Agora Gate. The Greek Theater once held 8,000 people and was uncovered in the 1960s. The Bouleuterion can also be seen, as once the home to the local ruling council. See also the Sebasteion, a courtyard with porticos built in the first-century AD. Time permitting, you'll visit the museum and then on to your hotel to check in for dinner and overnight.

June 21 – Pamukkale, Hierapolis and Antalya

This morning, look out over the limestone Terraces of Pamukkale. The hot springs here feed this natural wonder and make them look like puffy clouds. Paul mentions Hierapolis in his Letter to the Colossians in saluting Epaphras, a fellow laborer, for his love of the brethren there (Colossians 4: 13). The ruins cover

more than a mile. You will see the impressive amphitheater with seats still in perfect condition. You will see the City Gates, column-lined streets, and arches, which have stood through time and earthquakes. See the Martyrium of St. Philip, an octagonal structure dedicated to the Apostle who was martyred here in 80 AD. Then travel south to Antalya and check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. Those wishing to swim in the sea here will have an opportunity to do so.

June 22 – Antalya, Perge, Aspendos, Side and Konya

See the sites around Antalya this morning. Visit Hadrian's Gate, also known as the triple gate). See Hidirlik Tower, a round station built on a square Roman base, once used as a lighthouse. See the Lower Duden Waterfalls that flow into the Mediterranean from the city center. Continue on to the Roman Ruins of Perge. See the remains of the stadium, theater, baths, and colonnaded streets. Walking through the ruins, you will also see Roman baths, the agora, and the nymphaeum. Continue on to Aspendos and see the amphitheater, known for its outstanding acoustics, which is extremely well-preserved and still in use today for special events. Continue on to the Side to see the seaside temples of Apollo and Athena. You'll have dinner en route to Konya overnight.

June 23 – Konya and Cappadocia

In Konya today, you will visit the Mevlana Museum and the Karatay Madrasa Museum. You will then visit the Sultanhanı Caravanserai, built-in 1229 along the trade route in Asia Minor. Continue on to Cappadocia where you will see the amazing cone-shaped rock formations that create a fairy-tale landscape. Pre-historic farmers were attracted by the remarkably fertile white soil. Because the stone hardens when exposed to air, generations have carved dwellings in the soft rock faces. As you explore, you will discover that even today, people make their homes in the cliffs and rock cones of Cappadocia. It is estimated that over 3000 rock churches exist in the region. Over the next day, you will visit the Cave Village of Avcılar, and the Monastic Complex of Zelve. You will see the Whirling Dervish show in the evening at Surahan Caravanserai either this or the next day. Dinner and overnight in Nevşehir.

June 24 – Cappadocia

This morning, you can choose to enjoy an optional sunrise balloon flight (approximately \$200 a person). Visit Derinkuyu, a multilevel underground city. See the rock formations known as the fairy chimneys. Visit the Göreme Open Air Museum, as well as other worthwhile chapels and sites. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

June 25 – To Nevşehir airport for flight to Istanbul, then flight to Tel Aviv. Overnight in Netanya

Today, you will transfer to the airport for your flights from Türkiye to Tel Aviv to begin your Israel portion of your tour. Your Israeli guide will meet you and escort you to your hotel in Netanya on the Mediterranean Coast.

June 26 – Caesarea Maritima, Mount Carmel Muhraka, Nazareth, Mount Tabor, Cana, Tel Megiddo National Park

Today's first stop is Caesarea, a center of the early Christians, where an angel visited Cornelius, the first Gentile believer (Acts 10), and where Paul was imprisoned for two years before appealing to Caesar. Journey to the top of Mount Carmel, where Elijah prayed down the fire from heaven and defeated the 450 prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). Continue on to Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23). Visit the Franciscan Wedding Chapel in Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle. Look out over Tel Megiddo (Armageddon) to view one of the most important archaeological sites in Israel. Check into your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

June 27 – Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mount of the Beatitudes, Tabgha, Magdala, Yardenit "baptism site" (if time), Boat Excursion on the Sea of Galilee

Worship as you sail across the Sea of Galilee. Visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee, and visit the synagogue built on the site where Jesus taught (Matthew 4:13, 23). On the Mount of Beatitudes, contemplate the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). Explore the Church of the Loaves and Fish at Tabgha, the traditional site of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17). See the Chapel of the Primacy, where Peter professed his devotion three times to the risen Christ (John 21). In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue. Recall Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist at the Jordan River. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

June 28 – Jordan Valley, Jericho, Masada, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea (brief time for swim)

Pass through the Jordan River Valley on your way to Jericho to view the ruins of the city conquered by Joshua (Joshua 6:1, 2, 20), in the distance, you can also see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11). Ascend by cable car to Masada, Herod's legendary mountaintop fortress, which became the last desperate stronghold of the Jewish Zealots against the Romans. You can still look down on the remains of the Roman camps and the siege ramp below. Continue to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. Journey to the oasis of Ein Gedi, where David and his men sought refuge from Saul (1 Sam. 23). End your day with a dip in the salt and mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea. Check into your Jerusalem Hotel for dinner and overnight.

June 29 – Jerusalem and Bethlehem sites

This morning, walk the Temple Mount (conditions permitting) home to the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Explore ancient Jerusalem at the Teaching Steps and the Southern Wall Excavations. Pray at the Western Wall. Learn about the Jerusalem of Jesus' day with a look at the First Century Model of the City of Jerusalem, now housed at the Israel Museum. The museum itself contains 10,000 years of archeological artifacts, as well as the Shrine of the Book exhibit that displays the Dead Sea Scroll containing the book of Isaiah. This afternoon, travel to Bethlehem and see the Church of the Nativity. Gaze out over Shepherds' Field. Visit an Olive Wood Factory and Shop. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

June 30 – Jerusalem

Begin your day with a group picture taken from the Mount of Olives, where Jesus ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9-12). Stop at the Chapel of Ascension, thought to be where Jesus ascended into heaven after his Resurrection. Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane and envision the scenes of the night before Jesus' crucifixion (Matthew 26:36-44) and see the Church of All Nations. View the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle (John 5:1-18). Sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne and experience its rich acoustics. Visit Herod's Antonia Fortress, where Jesus appeared before Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1), and follow in Christ's steps on the Via Dolorosa ("the Way of the Cross"). At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, take time to reflect on His sacrificial love. Visit the Garden Tomb for a time of reflection and communion. Prepare for your return flights.

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Table with columns: Schedule of Coverages, Maximum Benefit, Additional Cancellation Protection. Lists various coverages like Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Medical Expense, etc.

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages...

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$400

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure
• Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, beverages at meals & baggage fees • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens • Travel Protection Program • "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$50 Turkish Visa • Optional Balloon Flight (\$200 approx. per person)

ALSO NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE - will appear on your statement:

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ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$898 during the basic tour.

SAVINGS:

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with Payment Amount and Payment Due Dates & Notes. Rows include \$300, \$600, \$1,200, \$1,800, Full Payment, and Travel Protection Amount.

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We welcome registrations after 03/03/23. Registrations received between 03/04/23 - 03/18/23 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 03/19/23 - 04/02/23 will incur a \$200 per person fee.

CANCELLATION FEES:

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STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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ABILITY TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 03/03/23. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

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All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties.

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You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

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Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions.

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