Enjoy Tours

Bringing our church to the lands of Scripture

A one-page summary for the elders. Prepared by Enjoy Tours, Izmir, Turkey.

Why

We are not going to find God in Turkey. We are going to see more clearly where he has already acted, and bring that home to the church. Ephesus, Smyrna, Laodicea and Philippi were congregations before they were ruins. When thirty people from one church stand in one of them together, they come home tasting the reality of God's work in history — and the preaching changes. "Neither hot nor cold" stops being an illustration borrowed from a commentary once you have stood in Laodicea.

What this is not

- **Not a pilgrimage.** These places are not holy ground. Standing in them does not make them sacred; it makes the story clearer.
- **Not missions.** We will not pretend otherwise. If the real choice before the church is this trip or supporting a church planter, support the church planter.
- **Not a fix.** It will not heal a divided church or replace the slow work of pastoring.
- **Not a holiday.** A holiday is built around the traveler. This is built around the Word and the church.

The Bible teaching belongs to your pastor. A licensed local guide handles history and culture at every site; who opens the Scriptures is your decision.

What it costs

Tour price	From $2,750 per person for four days (Seven Churches); from $5,950 for nine days (Paul's Footsteps in Turkey). Land only.
International airfare	Typically $1,000–$1,500 per person round trip, booked separately by each traveler.
Typical all-in	**About $3,750–$4,250** for the four-day Seven Churches trip; **about $6,950–$7,450** for nine days in Turkey.
Deposit	$500 per traveler
Full payment due	90 days before departure
Group size	Typically 15–30 travelers. Prices assume about 15 paying travelers; larger groups may cost less per person, smaller groups more. Because we build every tour around a group, the pastor or group leader's land cost is free once the group reaches fifteen paying travelers (airfare is separate).

Prices are approximate and subject to change with exchange rates, season, and group size. Your final price is confirmed in your written quote.

How the money is handled

The church does not hold anyone's money. Whether your organizer collects deposits or travelers sign up individually, deposits are sent to and held by Enjoy Tours. That keeps the church out of the position of holding and refunding other people's funds.

Cancellation by a traveler: full refund at 90 or more days before departure, then 90% at 61–89 days, 75% at 46–60, 50% at 31–45, 25% at 16–30, and none at 15 days or fewer. All refunds are less 5% processing, calculated on the total amount paid.

If Enjoy Tours cancels for safety: we refund everything we can recover on your behalf — what you have paid us, minus costs we cannot recover from hotels, transport and other suppliers. Flights are booked separately, so the airline's own terms govern those.

Safety

Read the current US State Department advisory for each country first, at **travel.state.gov**, and read the whole advisory rather than the headline level. We would rather you read it than not.

Our answer sits next to it, not in place of it. Our families live in Izmir. Our children go to school here. We are in direct contact with the US Consulate General, we watch conditions before and during every trip, and we have restructured trips as late as 24 hours beforehand. The rule we work by is simple: **we would rather lose the booking than take a group somewhere we would not take our own family.** We will tell your group plainly if a trip should not go. Full answer at **enjoybibletours.com/safety**.

Who runs it

Enjoy Tours is led by Kieler Henry, who has lived in Izmir — ancient Smyrna — since 2016 and has run tours since 2021. Every guide is licensed and personally known to us. Ground operations by Oktogon Travel, a TÜRSAB-member operator running biblical study tours since 1998.

> *"Coming here as a church would be absolutely invaluable."*
> *— Greg Gilbert, Senior Pastor, Third Avenue Baptist Church*
> *"Enjoy Tours helped our group of over 150 people have a great conference in Turkey as well as tours of Ephesus and Miletus. They went above and beyond to serve us well."*
> *— Michelle P., Google review*

Next step

There is no cost or obligation to ask. Tell us roughly who would travel, roughly when, and what you would want them to see, and we will send a proposal.

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