Biblical Study and Travel Program
Faculty Director: Laurie Brink, OP, Associate Professor of New Testament Studies

Explore the lands of Early Christianity and walk in the footsteps of St. Paul, as we travel through Turkey and Greece visiting historical and religious sites. Local guides provide cultural commentary, while Professor Laurie Brink traces biblical and Christian history. From Abraham’s Harran to Paul’s Tarsus to Basil’s Cappodocia, this study tour invites the participants to reimagine the origins of our faith. Site visits are accented with lectures on topics including pilgrimage and promise, Paul’s Letters, the churches of Revelation and Ignatius of Antioch, the Social Setting of Early Christianity, the Significance of the Cappadocian Fathers, and Christendom under Constantine.

Schedule:

Aug 13, Sat  Depart for Istanbul
Aug 14, Sun  Arrive Istanbul, transfer to hotel. O/N Istanbul
Aug 15, Mon  Chora Church, Spice Bazaar, Boat ride. O/N Istanbul
Aug 16, Tue  Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Basilica Cisterns, p.m. flight to Gaziantep.
             O/N Gaziantep
Aug 17, Wed  Urfa, Gobekli Tepe, Harran. O/N Gaziantep
Aug 18, Thu  Zeugma Museum, Tarsus. O/N Adana
Aug 19, Fri  Gumusler Monastery, Underground City. O/N Goreme
Aug 20, Sat  Open-air Museum, Mevlana Museum. O/N Konya
Aug 21, Sun  Antioch Pisidia, Colossae, Hierapolis. O/N Pamukkale
Aug 22, Mon  Laodicea, Aphrodisias. O/N Kusadasi
Aug 23, Tue  Miletus, Priene, Didyma. O/N Kusadasi
Aug 24, Wed  Ephesus, Basilica of St. John, Museum. O/N Izmir
Aug 25, Thu  Pergamum, Assos, Troy. O/N Canakkale
Aug 26, Fri  Gallipoli, Border crossing. O/N Kavala
Aug 27, Sat  Philippi, O/N Thessaloniki

Continued on back.
Aug 28, Sun  Berea (Veria), Drive to Athens, O/N Athens
Aug 29, Mon  Corinth, Cenchrea, O/N Athens
Aug 30, Tue  Acropolis; Areopagus; free afternoon, O/N Athens
Aug 31, Wed  Depart — Athens

When booking flights, plan to arrive in Istanbul by 6 p.m. August 14 in order to take the group shuttle to the hotel. **Return flights are out of Athens.**

The trip requires daily hikes in very hot temperatures. Participants must be in good health. **You must be able to walk unassisted on uneven ground for a mile.**

Cost: $3,500 plus airfare. Based on double occupancy and includes half-board, entrance fees, gratuities, guiding, and ground transportation. **Does not include roundtrip airfare from Chicago, lunches, drinks, visas, or any expenses incurred for events outside of the scheduled program.**

Single occupancy, where possible, is an additional $850.

Optional graduate academic credit (3 semester hours) is available without extra cost.

Deadline to Apply: **May 1, 2016.** Non-refundable deposit of $250 due with application (deducted from total).

For more information, please contact:

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