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IZMIR/SARDIS/PHILADELPHIA/LAODICEA /HIERAPOLIS

01 DAY: 22 APRIL 2010, THURSDAY

After breakfast transfer to Ataturk Airport for a short flight to Izmir leaving at 08:00 A.M. Arrival in Izmir Airport and continue to **Sardis**, the capital of ancient Lydia, visit the **Temple of Cybele and Diana** (which later became a church) **the Synagogue** and **the Gymnasium**. The position of Sardis as one of the Seven Churches identify its varied religious significance. Then continue to **Philadelphia**, the city of brotherly love founded during the reign of Attalus II. After **lunch**, drive to **Laodecia**, visiting **the Odeon, the Theatre** and **the Gymnasium**. Continue to **Hierapolis**.



•Dinner and overnight at Hotel Lycus River, 4 Star Superior www.lycusriver.com or similar (B-L-D)

HIERAPOLIS / APHRODISIAS / KUSADASI

02 DAY: 23 APRIL 2010, FRIDAY

In the morning, a visit to Hierapolis with its **Necropolis, Baths, Theatre**, and the **St. Phillips's Martyrium**. Then drive to Ephesus, visit **Aphrodisias** on the way, the city of the Goddess of Love see the well preserved Theatre, Stadium, the Odeon, and the Agora. **Lunch** at local restaurant. Continue to Ephesus, visit the House of **Virgin Mary** where she is said to have spent her later days. The day will end with the visit of **St. John's Basilica**. Continue to Kusadasi)



Dinner and overnight at Hotel Charisma, 5 Star www.charismahotel.com or similar (B-L-D

KUSADASI/EPHESUS/PATMOS

3 DAY: 24 APRIL 2010, SATURDAY

After an early breakfast leave for **Ephesus** After a short drive proceed to Ephesus and see the spectacular ruins, some of which have only recently been excavated. We will see the Odeon, the Bouleterion, the Fountains, the Temples, the Library, the Double Church and the Stadium. Then drive back to Kusadasi for embarkation Louis Cruise.

Patmos, this island is known as the site of the apocalyptic revelations of St. John the Divine, written here during his exile from the Roman Empire. The cave where he lived is near the site of the Monastery of the Apocalypse. The Monastery of St. John, built on one of the island's highest points, houses priceless icons and manuscripts in its Treasury.



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PATMOS / HERAKLION / SANTORINI

4 DAY: 25 APRIL 2010, SUNDAY

Heraklion is just three miles away from the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Discovered in 1899 and partially reconstructed, the elaborate Palace is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. The island of **Santorini** is perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. In the town of Thira white-washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes and glittering boutiques cling to steep cliffs, accessible by cable-car or mule.



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SANTORINI / PIRAEUS / MYKONOS

5 DAY: 26 APRIL 2010, MONDAY

Piraeus, the port city of Athens, cradle of democracy, birthplace of Western Civilization, Athens is a vibrant city where old and new co-exist. The majestic Parthenon rises above the city, its ancient glory still visible in the time-worn Stone. **Mykonos**, beneath its sophisticated surface, lies a quite essentially Greek island. Hundreds of tiny chapels dot this blue and white-washed island with its beautiful windmills. Find a table on the waterfront and bask in the serenity of sunset over its picturesque harbor.



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KUSADASI / DIDYMA / MILETUS / SIRINCE / IZMIR

6 DAY: 27 APRIL 2010, TUESDAY

Arrival in Kusadasi at 07:00. Disembarking from the cruise ship continue to full day tour to **Miletos** which was the first Greek colony in Asia Minor and also home to great ancient scientists and philosophers. Then on to **Didyma**, on the west coast of Turkey, was an important sacred site in the ancient Greek world. Its famous oracle and Temple of Apollo attracted crowds of pilgrims and was second in importance only to [Delphi](#). Today, the temple's magnificent ruins still attract thousands of visitors - Didyma is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Turkey. Continue to **Sirince**, The village of Sirince referred in ancient sources as the Ephesus on the Mountain suggests long established settlement. Although there seems to be no concrete indication of how it came onto the stage of history, the dominant theory is that a small group of people resettled on the mountain, following the fall of the city of Ephesus and its harbour being moved to Kusadasi (Scala Nova). The people might have preferred to move and settle in the mountains due to problems caused by the silting and the flooding of the river Meander. Set menu **lunch** at typical local restaurant. After lunch visit of the village including souvenir shops, an open market, a dozen restaurants and a few guest houses scatter the pretty cobbled streets of the village. Although tourism has come into the village, farming remains the foremost activity. Villagers make olive oil, and grow some of the best peaches in the country. Sirince is probably most famous for it's wine production. You see many wine houses around where you can taste the many sorts of grape and fruit wines they make. Then drive to Izmir for an overnight at Hotel.



Hilton Izmir, 5 Star on BB base. www.hilton.com or similar (B-L)

7 DAY: 28 APRIL 2010, WEDNESDAY

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight out.

Including

- 3 Nights accomodation at 4 stars / 5 stars Hotels on HB basis
- 4 days Cruise on Fb basis with Louis Cruises.
- Transportation, guiding and entrance fees.
- Local Flight. From Istanbul to Izmir on the 22 April.

Excluding

- Excursions during cruise
- Tips and personal expenses

Package Price

670 USD per person in Double Room
280 USD Single supplement