

## Ephesus & The House of Virgin Mary

Departure:	07.30 hrs.
Tour Duration:	Approx. 12 hours. Transfers, three course lunch, entrance fees to the historical sites and English speaking guide.
Minimum:	15 participants.
Operated:	All year round.

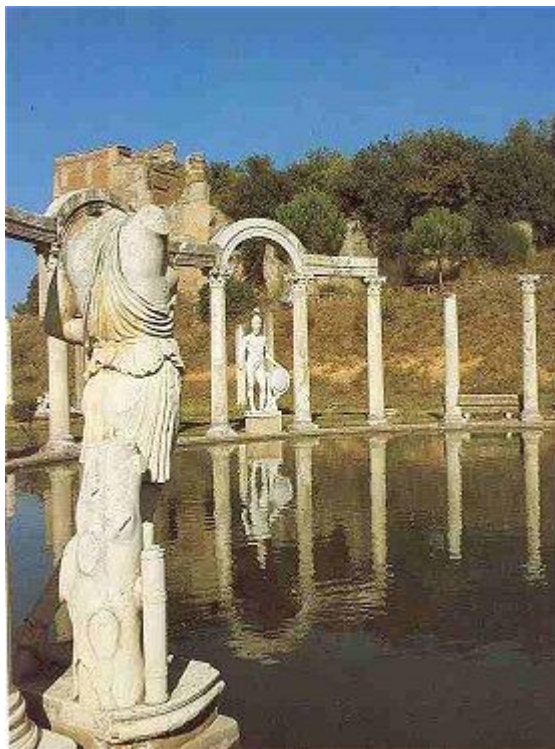
With the exception of Ancient Troy, Ephesus is probably the most well known ancient city of Asia Minor. Civilization here dates back to 7000 BC (although the city, as such, was founded around 1100 BC). Its strategic position and deep-water port ensured its prosperity. It flowered under the Roman occupation and most of the grand buildings date from circa. 150 BC.

### Program

- -Refreshment and breakfast stop will be made on route.
- THE TOMB OF ST. JOHN: This is a sight not to be missed.
- EPHESUS: Take a leisurely stroll through the well-planned streets. The city is in the process of being rebuilt by a team of archaeologists from all over the world.
- THE LIBRARY OF CELCIUS: This history-filled library stands three floors high.
- THE FOUNTAIN OF HADRIAN: A complete mosaic road with brothel and public conveniences, some rich in merchant's houses and much more can be seen in their formal glory.
- AMPITHEATRE: This magnificent historical site must be seen. It was so well preserved that regular concerts are held here, often to a packed house of 25,000 people and often used as a forum for international artists and singers.
- Arrive to Selcuk at 11.30 hrs for lunch. A three-course lunch will be served.
- THE TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS: One of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world.
- THE HOUSE OF VIRGIN MARY: "St. Paul" lectured here before being deported, and the "Pope" recently sanctified his church, which is still standing. "Virgin Mary" lived here in exile and her house has been turned into a museum.

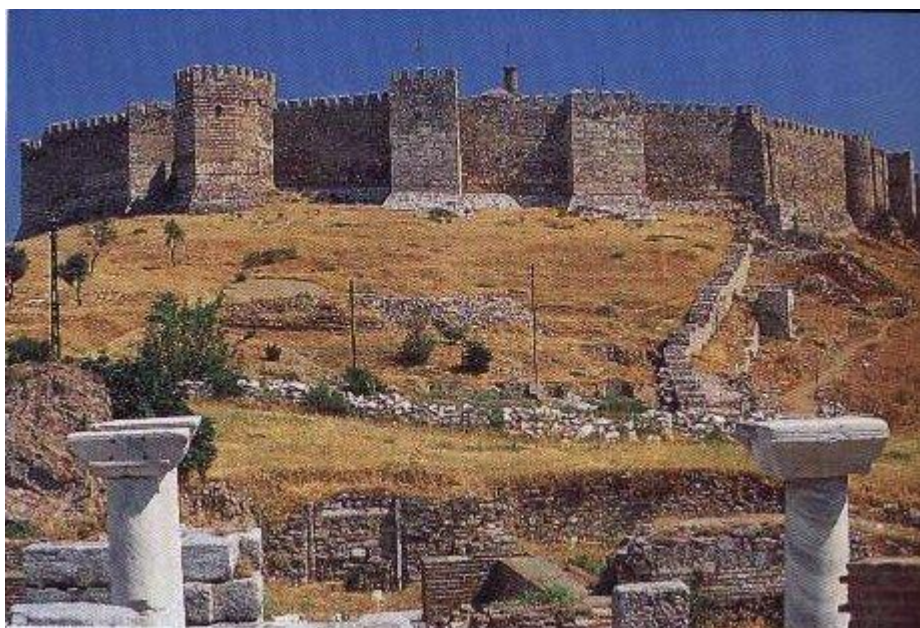
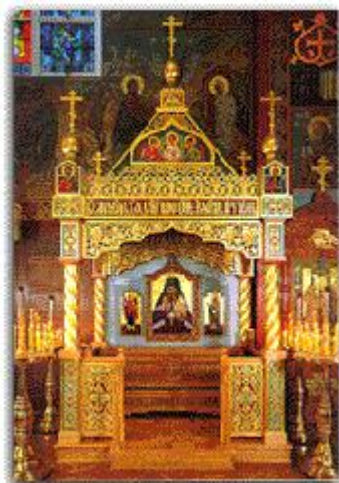












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