



EXETER

INTERNATIONAL

A PRIVATE,
HISTORICAL AND
CULTURAL SHORE
PROGRAM IN
KUSADASI
2021





WHY EXETER INTERNATIONAL?

Our Experience

At Exeter International we have been creating memories and crafting custom-designed journeys for 27 years. We are a team of specialists committed to providing the best travel experiences in our destinations. Each of our experts has either travelled extensively on reconnaissance trips, or has lived in their area of expertise, giving us unparalleled first-hand knowledge. Because we focus on specific parts of the globe, we return to the same destinations many times, honing our experience over the years.

Knowledgeable Up-to-the-Minute Local Information

We are best placed to give you advice about traveling to Europe and beyond; from logistics and new protocols in museums, hotels and restaurants in each country. We are here to expertly guide you through the new normal in travel.

Original Custom Programs, Meticulously Planned

Our experts speak your language both literally and culturally. Our advice and recommendations are impartial, honest, and always have the individual in mind. We save valuable time in pre-trip research and focus on developing experiences that enrich and enhance your experience. Once on your journey you will have complete peace of mind with our local 24-hour contact person who is on hand to coordinate any changes in your program or help you in the case of any emergency.

Hand-Selected Guides

We know that guides are one of the most important components of any travel experience. That is why we only use local experts who have a history of working with our guests and whom we know personally. We are extremely particular in selecting our guides and are confident that they will be one of the most memorable aspects of any of our trips.

Flexible Deposit

We prepay deposits for services so we can access the top guides, the best drivers and maintain preferred partnerships with our partner hotels. Our deposit to confirm services is **25%** of the total trip cost. We want you to feel confident to book but also know that we are sensitive to current circumstances. Therefore, 15% of this deposit is refundable up to **31 days** prior to departure if you are unable to travel for any reason. **10%** of the deposit will be retained as a future travel credit for up to 3 years. Future travel will be priced at prevailing rates. If it is determined that you are unable to travel within 31 days of the start of services, all deposits paid will be converted to a future travel credit, less nonrefundable funds committed on your behalf and tickets such as train or theater tickets. This credit may also be applied to our sister travel companies: [Almaz Journeys](#) and [Exeter Safari Company](#).

Financial Stability

We are proud to be recognized by Allianz Insurance on their list of covered **travel suppliers** to give you additional peace of mind.

DAY 1



KUSADASI

This morning, you will meet your guide on the pier for your tour to Ephesus. Ephesus was originally founded as a Greek colony in the 10th Century BC. It gradually prospered and became a major trading hub and an important religious center for the worship of the Mother Goddess Cybele. Ephesus was ruled for a period of time by the Macedonian general Lysimachus. After his death, the city came under Egyptian, and later under Roman and Byzantine rule. Ephesus was incorporated in the Ottoman Empire in the 14th Century.

Today's visit will begin at the Ephesus Archaeological Museum located in Selcuk and just a few minutes' drive from the site of Ephesus itself.

Many of the works of art excavated in Ephesus between 1867 and 1905 were transported to the British Museum; those excavated from 1905 to 1923 were taken to Vienna. The Turkish Republic then forbade taking antiques out of the country and founded the museum. The present museum dates to 1983.

The Ephesus Museum is different from other many museums in that it is not designed according to chronological order but the rooms are laid out with a theme, e.g. The Hall of the Fountain, The Hall of Funerary Relics, the Hall of Artemis and so on.

Most of the structures surviving today at Ephesus are from the Roman period. The Library of Celsus was built in the 2nd Century to store some 12,000 scrolls and is one of the few remaining examples of ancient Roman libraries. After a massive restoration project, the front façade of the building was rebuilt and now serves as a prime example of Roman architecture. The statues in the niches of the façade are of Sophia – the goddess of wisdom; Arete – the goddess of virtue; Ennoia – the goddess of intelligence; and Episteme – the goddess of knowledge. Next to the library you will see the Gate of Augustus.

Your guide will show you the Temple of Hadrian, one of the best preserved and most beautiful structures on Curetes Street. It was built before 138 AD and was dedicated to the Emperor Hadrian, who came to visit the city from Athens in 128 AD.

You will also walk along the Arcadian Way, the main street in Ephesus and see the Temple of Domitian and visit the remains of the Hellenistic theater, which once had an estimated 44,000 seating capacity and is believed to have been the largest outdoor theater in the ancient world. Other sites included in the visit will be the Odeon, Temple of Hadrian and the Fountain of Trajan.

Your guide will also take you into the Ephesus terrace houses which are truly remarkable and provide a wonderful insight into family life during the Roman period. They were built according to the Hippodamian plan of the city in which roads transected each other at right angles.

This afternoon, your guide will accompany you to the home of the Virgin Mary. Ephesus was an important center of the early Christianity. The apostle Paul spent here more than two years on his third missionary journey and wrote the first letter to the Corinthians from Ephesus. The apostle and evangelist John also lived in Ephesus during the reign of the Roman Emperor Trajan. It is believed that he also brought Mary, the mother of Jesus, with him to Ephesus, where she spend the last years of her life in a modest stone house, which is today a popular place of pilgrimage.

If time allows, your guide will then take you to the Basilica of St. John. It is believed that the evangelist St. John had spent his last years in the region around Ephesus and buried in the southern slope of Ayosolug Hill. Three hundred years after the death of Saint Paul, a small chapel was constructed over the grave in the 4th century. The church was changed into a marvelous basilica during the region of Emperor Justinian (527 - 565). The monumental basilica was in the shape of a cross and was covered with six domes.

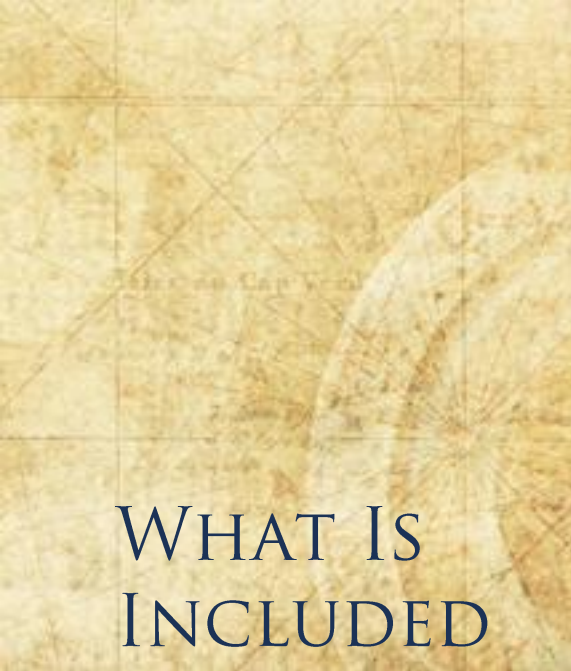
Raised by two steps and covered with marble, the tomb of St John was under the central dome that was once carried by the four columns at the corners. The columns in the courtyard reveal the monograms of Emperor Justinian and his wife Theodora.

With the invasion of Turks, the chapel was used as a mosque in the 14th century; unfortunately the "Basilica of Saint John " became unusable due to the serious earthquake in the same century. Excavations around the basilica have been ongoing since 1973.

Return to your ship in time for its sailing.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (8 Hours)



WHAT IS INCLUDED

Cost of the Program:

Number of Travelers	Per Person Price
2	\$400
4	\$250
6	\$225
8	\$200
10	\$175

- All prices are per person.
- Prices for larger groups available upon request.
- Spanish or Portuguese-speaking guides are possible at a slightly higher rate.
- Prices are subject to change based on customization for each traveler and on port dates.

Meals

No meals included.

Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. The timing for each day is noted in your program.

Exeter International's local offices are available for your assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling. Our local staff may also assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater and museum tickets at your request.

Transportation

Transportation is included as noted. Unless otherwise noted, all transfer service is with a driver only, not a guide. In general, drivers have limited English-speaking skills. Timing for each day is noted in your program.

Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

Exeter International Travel Information

Shore Tour Documents

Shore tour documents are electronic and are emailed approximately two weeks prior to travel. These include all the emergency contact details you will need. You have your choice of receiving these via PDF or via the AXUS app.

SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price and are at your own discretion. Please see your final documents for tipping suggestions.

DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2020. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover

increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.

*All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.
Prices are subject to change if necessary until paid in full.*

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