

UNV/32 – Full Day Ephesus Tour

Operates both privately and regularly.

Duration: pick up - 09:30/10:00 drop off: 19:00/19:30

Notes:

- Year around guaranteed departure with no minimum number of guests requested.
- Departs: Daily
- Guests will be picked up and dropped off from/to their hotels.
- A basic lunch is included

Pick up from your hotel and leave for Ephesus, the veritable cradle of early Christianity. Visit the **House of The Virgin Mary** where she supposedly spent her later days. Catholic pilgrims visit the house based on the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken to this stone house by Saint John and lived there for the remainder of her earthly life. The shrine has merited several papal Apostolic Blessings and visits from several Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI.



Proceed to **Ephesus** and see the spectacular ruins from the period of St. Paul, some of which have only recently been excavated. See the Odeon, the Bouleterion, Fountains, the Temples, the Brothel, the Library, the Agoras, the Great Theatre, the Roman Baths, the Gymnasiums. may ultimately derive from Hittite Apasa was an ancient Greek city on the coast of Ionia, three kilometers southwest of present-day Selçuk in İzmir Province, Turkey. It was built in the 10th century BC on the site of the former Arzawan capital by Attic and

Ionian Greek colonists. During the Classical Greek era it was one of the twelve cities of the Ionian League. The city flourished after it came under the control of the Roman Republic in 129 BC.

After lunch visit the **Temple of Artemis** (one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world). The Temple of Artemis or Artemision also known less precisely as the Temple of Diana, was a Greek temple dedicated to an ancient, local form of the goddess Artemis (associated with Diana, a Roman goddess). It was located in Ephesus (near the modern town of Selçuk in present-day Turkey). It was completely rebuilt twice, once after a devastating flood and three hundred years later after an act of arson, and in its final form was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. By 401 AD it had been ruined or destroyed.[1] Only foundations and fragments of the last temple remain at the site. Return back to your hotel after the tour. Drop off at your hotel.

