



Please read!



To book flights:

- Set up a mileage account with the airline you decide to book with so you earn points (or log in if you have it already).
- Find the tour(s) you booked on the following pages and either book those flights or find other flights that work with the day/time you need to arrive or depart.
- Be sure you have flights both to & from the US and, in Turkey, the one(s) in-country + Greece to Israel if going.

Contact Debbie if you need help and we'll get all of you together at one time to do this – after 12/14 as I will be in Israel before.

Our ministry does not profit from any flights you book.

BOOKING FLIGHTS

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1. You can book flights however you want to. Use points/miles, find your own, use our suggested flights noted for each country, use a travel agent/AAA, or ask Debbie for help. You can travel with the group or separately and from whatever airport(s) you want to. **We list the day & time you must arrive or depart and ask that you try to comply with that no matter how you fly so we can group airport transfers.**
2. We suggest flights that work for the timelines we need to adhere to. If you schedule a flight that arrives or departs more than an hour different than most travelers, we may have to charge a separate transfer fee to get you to or from the hotel on time. We prefer that everyone is on similarly timed flights for this reason, but we understand it doesn't always work that way.
3. Flight costs vary day to day, week to week, and there is no "sweet" spot. I encourage you to book as soon as you can to secure your seat, but you can book when you are comfortable with the choice.
 - a. Those going only to Israel can book round-trip.
 - b. Those starting in one country and leaving from another should book a "multi-city" ticket or two one-way tickets. I prefer one-way unless there is a big price savings with the multi-city.
4. If you book an economy seat (cheapest), you can usually upgrade to a higher level when you buy your ticket and that is *usually* cheaper than choosing a better seat later. If you need a specific seat type (aisle, window, more leg room, etc.), choose that when booking...or let the system assign.
5. You can buy the airline's insurance inexpensively, but it is optional. You should buy it if you are not buying travel insurance, but you don't need both.
6. If many are traveling to/from Fresno for a flight, we will help arrange a carpool both ways.
7. **Once you book your flight, you must forward the airline's confirmation email to Debbie (devand@sbcglobal.net) as our tour partner must have it for planning.**

Cela & Doug – see the last pages below for suggested flights for you.

Acronyms - Airports

- FAT = Fresno
- LAX = Los Angeles
- IST = Istanbul, Turkey
- NAV = Nevsehir, Turkey (Cappadocia)
- DNZ = Denizli, Turkey
- ADB = Izmir, Turkey
- ATH = Athens, Greece
- TLV = Tel Aviv, Israel

Websites

Turkish Airlines:

TurkishAirlines.com

United Airlines –

United.com

Aegean Airlines –

AegeanAir.com

Lufthansa Airlines –

Lufthansa.com

If you are starting in Greece, you will fly into Izmir Turkey. We suggest this flight:



Must arrive 9/27 by
8pm

Fresno - Izmir

Departs on 9/26/26
Arrives on 9/27/26

⌵ Total duration: 22h 45m

1h 13m
10:05 am Fresno
Fresno Yosemite International (FAT)
11:18 am San Francisco
San Francisco International (SFO)
Terminal 3

UA 5737 operated by SKYWEST DBA UNITED EXPRESS
CANADAIR REGIONAL JET

♿ 1 stop in San Francisco International 3h 02m

11h 00m
02:20 pm San Francisco
San Francisco International (SFO)
10:20 am Zurich
(+1 day)
Zurich Airport (ZRH)

LX 3209 operated by United Airlines
BOEING 777-200/300

♿ 1 stop in Zurich Airport 4h 35m

2h 55m
02:55 pm Zurich
Zurich Airport (ZRH)
06:50 pm Izmir
Adnan Menderes (ADB)

LX 4264 operated by Sunexpress

If you are leaving after the Turkey tour, you will depart from Izmir. We suggest this flight 9/29/26 (extra hotel night in Izmir due to no reasonable evening flights):



Depart • Wed, Sep 29 20h 10m

Turkish Airlines 2319 Airbus A321neo

12:00 pm Izmir Adnan Menderes Arprt (ADB)

1h 25m

1:25 pm Istanbul (IST)

1h 30m • Change planes in Istanbul (IST)

Turkish Airlines 203 Airbus A350-900

2:55 pm Istanbul (IST)

12h 20m

5:15 pm Seattle/Tacoma Intl (SEA)

2h 35m • Change planes in Seattle (SEA)

Alaska Airlines 3495 - Operated by Skywest Airlines AS Alaskaskywest

Embraer 175

7:50 pm Seattle/Tacoma Intl (SEA)

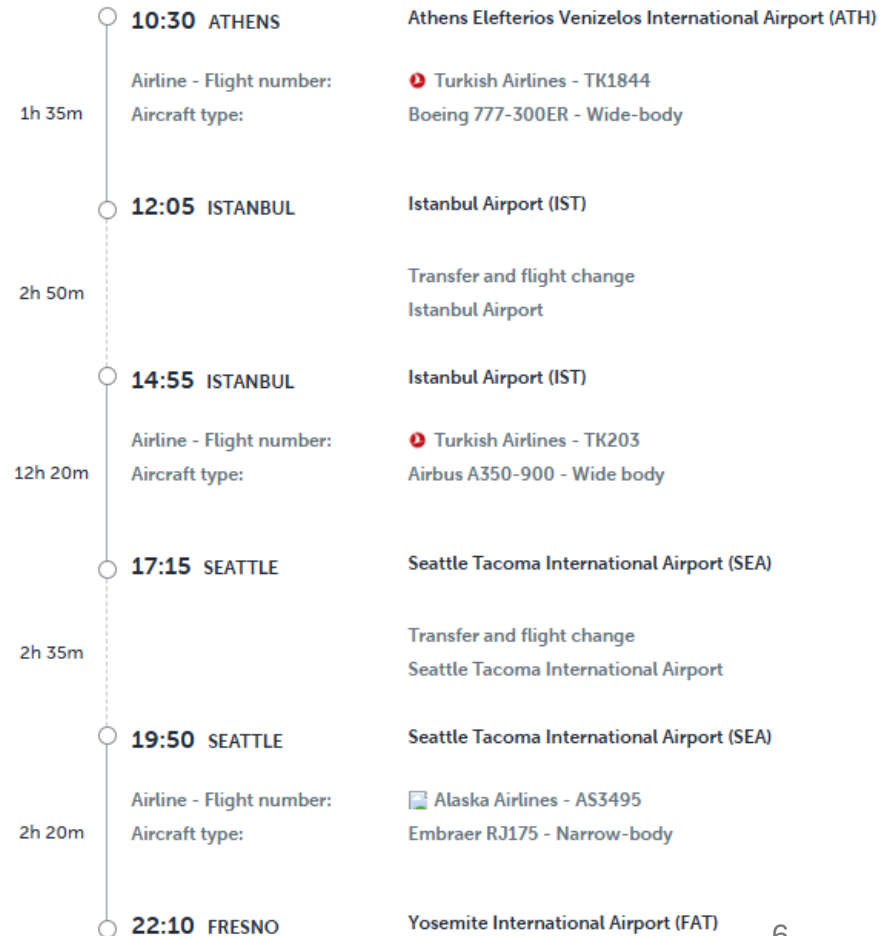
2h 20m

10:10 pm Fresno Airterminal (FAT)

Another *option* is to do the Greece cruise and end your tour in Athens. If you do this, we suggest this flight October 2 (no extra hotel night in Izmir):



Flight details

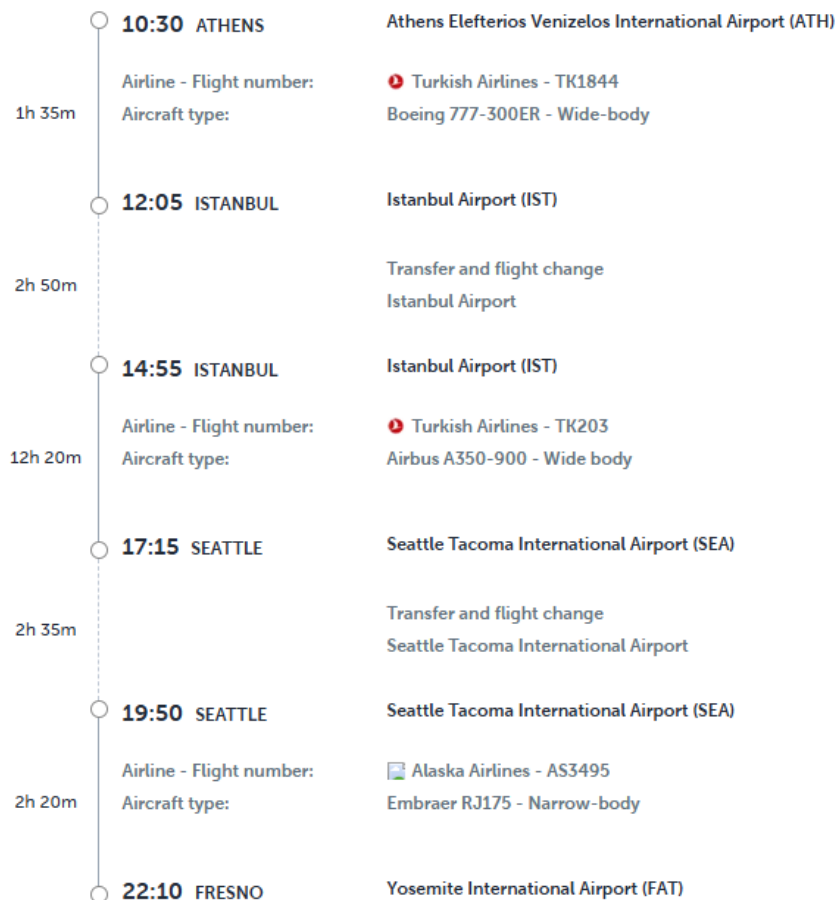


If you are leaving after Greece, we suggest one of these flights:

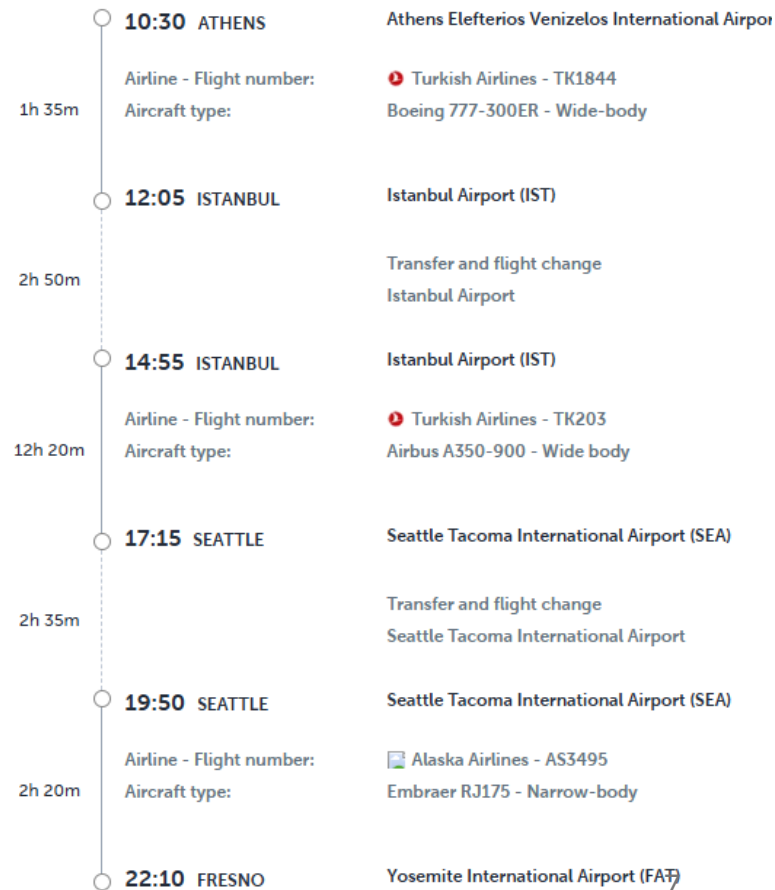
Leave morning after leaving cruise but you will miss free time in Athens. October 5

Leave next morning to enjoy Athens day (extra hotel night cost) October 6

Flight details



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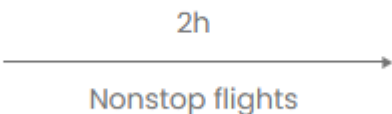


If you are leaving Greece for Israel, you must take this flight:



Departure Oct 5 • Economy

17:00
ATH Athens



19:00
TLV Tel Aviv

- If you are starting your tour in Israel, we suggest you depart US a day early on 10/4/26 to arrive in Israel by 10/5/26 7pm. This will allow you time to rest on a free day in Israel though we do have activities planned that day with the travelers coming from Greece. Extra hotel night cost.

- If you cannot come a day early, you must arrive on 10/6/26 by 5pm.



Day early
 Depart 10/4
 or no day
 early Depart
 10/5

10:05 AM Arrives Oct 5
4:40 PM

FAT ----- 20H, 35M ----- TLV

SFO — 2H, 2M IAD — 1H, 8M

Includes Travel Operated by SkyWest dba United Express

[^ Details](#) [v Seats](#) 908 kg CO₂ ?

10:05 AM 11:18 AM

FAT ----- 1H, 13M ----- SFO

Fresno, CA, US (FAT) to San Francisco, CA, US (SFO)
 UA 5737 (Bombardier CRJ200)
 Operated by SkyWest dba United Express

[? Long Layover](#) [? Overnight](#)

----- Connection: 2 hours and 2 minutes -----

1:20 PM 9:37 PM

SFO ----- 5H, 17M ----- IAD

San Francisco, CA, US (SFO) to Washington, DC, US (IAD)
 UA 755 (Boeing 777-200)

[? Long Layover](#) [? Overnight](#)

----- Connection: 1 hours and 8 minutes -----

10:45 PM 4:40 PM

IAD ----- 10H, 55M ----- TLV

Washington, DC, US (IAD) to Tel Aviv, IL (TLV)
 UA 72 (Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner)

If you are ending your tour in Israel, we suggest this flight on 10/16/26. We will drop you off at the TLV airport about 9pm on 10/15/26 in time to check in for this flight.

If you wish to take a later flight on 10/16/26, we can take you to the airport hotel which has a free shuttle to take you to the airport whenever you wish.



10/16/26

12:20 AM 5:30 AM
TLV ----- 12H, 10M ----- IAD
Tel Aviv, IL (TLV) to Washington, DC, US (IAD)
UA 73 (Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner)

Long Layover Overnight

----- Connection: 2 hours and 45 minutes -----

8:15 AM 10:10 AM
IAD ----- 3H, 55M ----- DEN
Washington, DC, US (IAD) to Denver, CO, US (DEN)
UA 1829 (Boeing 737-900)

Long Layover Overnight


----- Connection: 1 hours and 20 minutes -----

11:30 AM 12:55 PM
DEN ----- 2H, 25M ----- FAT
Denver, CO, US (DEN) to Fresno, CA, US (FAT)
UA 5655 (Embraer E175)
Operated by SkyWest dba United Express

CELA – book both of these flights AND the three at the bottom of page 3

Outbound

1. Book a flight from MSY to LAX, probably on 9/18/26 then stay overnight at an airport hotel.
2. Book this flight to join the rest going to Cappadocia.

**TURKISH AIRLINES**

Choose the price & amenities you want.

EcoFly E Class ExtraFly E Class **FlexFly E Class** Recommended PrimeFly E Class

Flight details **September 19**

13h 10m

13:35 LOS ANGELES Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Terminal B
Airline - Flight number: **Turkish Airlines - TK180**
Aircraft type: **Boeing 787-9 - Wide-body**

12:45 ISTANBUL Istanbul Airport (IST)
Sunday, September 20


You might also find this flight on United also – compare cost. Must arrive by 2pm 9/19.

Return



Tel Aviv to New Orleans

One-way, 1 Traveler

 **TLV → MSY** Fri, Oct 16
2 stops • 21h 10m

4:45 am - 8:25 am (4h 40m)
Ben Gurion Intl (TLV) - Frankfurt (FRA)

Lufthansa 691
Narrow-body jet

Airbus A321neo



1h 35m • Change planes in Frankfurt am Main (FRA)

10:00 am - 1:35 pm (10h 35m)
Frankfurt (FRA) - George Bush Intcntl (IAH)

Lufthansa 440
Wide-body jet

Boeing 747-8



3h 05m • Change planes in Houston (IAH)

Long layover

4:40 pm - 5:55 pm (1h 15m)
George Bush Intcntl (IAH) - Louis Armstrong (MSY)

Lufthansa 8639
Operated by United Airlines
Narrow-body jet


Airbus A319


Doug – book both of these flights AND the last flight at the bottom of page 3

Outbound
arrive IST 9/23 by 1-2pm

RETURN

Depart ATH 10/5 (after cruise) or
10/6 morning after free day in
Athens, extra hotel night)

 **11:30 am – 2:05 pm⁺¹** **1 stop** **16h 35m**
 Air Canada, Turkish Airlines YYZ PHX-IST

 **10:30 am – 11:56 pm** **2 stops** **23h 26m**
 Turkish Airlines, Alaska Airlines IST, SEA ATH-PHX

Or book as you wish considering times to arrive and depart