

# Engaging in a World of Difference

## Study Tour to Istanbul, Turkey

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For more details about the program and registration visit [thrivingtours.com](http://thrivingtours.com)

### Participants will:

- Spend ten days in Turkey
- Visit the Ecumenical Patriarch of Istanbul
- Speak with Muslim, Christian, and Jewish leaders
- Travel to Nicea and Ephesus

### Attend field excursions to exciting places such as:

- Blue Mosque
- Topkapi Place
- Hagia Sophia
- House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus

The estimated cost for the study tour to Turkey is \$1,700. This amount will cover all transportation within Turkey, accommodation at the Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture, meals, and entrance fees to various cultural/historical sites.

This cross-cultural study tour aims to provide participants a first-hand experience of a Muslim-majority country and to expand their awareness of a different culture. Participants will attend lectures by Muslim and non-Muslim scholars. They will visit historic churches, mosques, and museums in Istanbul and meet leading figures of religious minority groups (viz., Jewish and Christian). The group will also make a trip to the cities of Nicea (Izник) and Ephesus (Efes). Throughout, participants will have the opportunity to engage in conversations with Muslims in order to enhance their knowledge of Islam in its living dimension. Student participants enrolled in member institutions of the Washington Theological Consortium will receive 3.00 Graduate Academic Credits based on the assignments.