

Join Rod Underwood on *WORLD TOUR 2023* to:
Greece, Turkey, Egypt, UAE, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Cambodia & Vietnam



Daily Itinerary (subject to change):

Day 1: February 9, Athens

Flights booked on own to Athens, Greece. Bring some Euro (your bank can provide them with some advance notice) with you so you will be able to make purchases on the first day. Also make sure you have more than one credit card and never put your card in an ATM on the last day in any location. If possible use the card at a bank so you don't have a chance of losing it. Carry emergency cash in your sock.

Day 2: February 10, Athens

Arrive Athens this morning. Upon arrival transfer on your own arrangements to the hotel. Luggage can be stored. Begin a tour of Athens including the Acropolis. The city is still dominated by 5th-century BC landmarks, including the Acropolis, a hilltop citadel topped with ancient buildings like the colonnaded Parthenon temple. Afternoon free for independent activities. The Acropolis is obviously noteworthy, especially noting the forced perspectives of all of the objects from the Propylae (<https://resources.saylor.org/wwwresources/archived/site/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/HIST361-2.2.2-Parthenon.pdf>) Note that the Parthenon is full of "perspective" tricks with NO straight lines and NO right angles anywhere. Visit the relatively new Acropolis Museum by Bernard Tschumi. While the exhibits are well worth the visit, the building itself is significant. Check into your hotel. Dinner will be provided this evening. Overnight Athens. (D)



Day 3: February 11, Athens

Immerse yourself in the myths and monuments of classical Greece on this full-day tour of Delphi from Athens. Explore the UNESCO-listed archeological site of Delphi with an expert guide and learn how the city was considered the 'Center of the World' in ancient Greece. Stand in awe before the dramatically situated Temple of Apollo, then discover long-lost wonders at the Delphi Archeological Museum, including the Charioteer of Delphi and the Sphinx of Naxos. After lunch in Delphi (optional upgrade or at own expense), visit the handicrafts towns of Arachova and Levadia on the way back to Athens.

Day 4: February 12, Athens

Full day 3 island cruise including lunch.

Escape the hustle and bustle of Athens on a tour around the islands of Hydra, Poros, and Aegina in the Saronic Gulf. Enjoy delicious lunch and live entertainment onboard a state-of-the-art boat.

Day 5: February 13, Athens/ Istanbul

Day free in Athens to explore on your own with Rod Underwood.

A late afternoon transfer to the airport. Departure to Istanbul arriving same day. Check in at your hotel. Overnight Istanbul.

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27 - Day Tour Includes:

- ◆ (27) Nights Accommodations in good 3* & 4* hotels.
- ◆ Transportation where mentioned.
- ◆ Leadership of:
Professor Rod Underwood
- ◆ Breakfast Daily
- ◆ 15 Lunches
- ◆ 22 Dinners
- ◆ Sightseeing per Itinerary
- ◆ Flight from Athens/Istanbul
- ◆ Flight from Istanbul/Cairo
- ◆ Flight from Cairo/Abu Dhabi
- ◆ Flight from Dubai/Singapore
- ◆ Flight from Kuala Lumpur/Siem Reap
- ◆ Flight from Siem Reap/Siagon
- ◆ Gratuities included.

\$8,075 P/P Dbl. Occ.

Single Supplement \$ 1,560

Subject to confirmation of services and

Pending Air Confirmations)

DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE TO Athens and return from Hanoi

Day 6: February 14, Istanbul

A morning walking tour of Istanbul including visit of St. Sophia, the Blue Mosque, Hippodrome and Grand Bazaar. From any location along the Bosphorus, you can see two continents, Europe and Asia. We will want to ask our guide to discuss the Muslim religion while sitting in St. Sophia or the Blue Mosque. Also watch Dan Brown's "Inferno" before we go to Istanbul. Visit the Grand Bazaar this afternoon. The Grand Bazaar is a half day experience, especially if you are a "shopper". Group dinner this evening.. (D)

Day 7: February 15, Istanbul

Full independent day. Suggested visits: Suleymaniye and Topkapi Palaces, Walk across the drawbridge and up the hill to Istiklal Avenue. Afternoon Bosphorus Cruise. Pass under the beautiful Galata Bridge on to the Asia side and stop under the Bosphorus bridge. Also see the Rumeli fortress. At this point you can also return to the Grand Bazaar and purchase the things that you saw and were unsure of. Remember you have to carry them home, but you will be returning soon. Jewelry is a great option.

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Day 8: February 16, Istanbul/Canakkale

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Depart Istanbul for Canakkale. A stop will be made for a visit of Troy. Troy is one of the world's most famous ancient cities, renowned for being the site of the Trojan War. Here you can see a giant Trojan Horse by the sea. It is very impressive. During one of the stops on this transfer is a great opportunity to get some Turkish Figs. Overnight Canakkale (B,D)

Day 9: February 17, Canakkale/Ephesus/Kusadasi

After breakfast we depart to Kusadasi. Visit the ruins of Ephesus. (<https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-greece/ephesus>) Review this site before we go, Ephesus is AMAZING and the sea, for which it was a significant port is no longer close by, just as the case with Troy. One of the best preserved ancient cities of the world. Overnight Kusadasi area (B,D)

Day 10: February 18, Kusadasi/Izmir/Istanbul/Cairo

Morning transfer to the airport in Izmir. Fly to Istanbul. Connection flight to Cairo, Egypt. Meeting at the airport and transfer to your accommodations in Alexandria. During the Hellenistic period, it was home to a lighthouse ranking among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World as well as a storied library. Today the library is reincarnated in the disc-shaped, ultramodern Bibliotheca Alexandrina. The city also has Greco-Roman landmarks, old-world cafes and sandy beaches. Its 15th-century seafront Qaitbay Citadel is now a museum. (B,D)

Day 11: February 19, Cairo

After breakfast, guided tour of the greatest monuments in Human history to discover ancient Egyptian civilization in one of the Seven Wonders of the World: Giza Pyramids Complex is one of the oldest monuments in the world as it dates to more than 4000 years and consists of three main pyramids, six little pyramids, the sole protector of the entire country the great sphinx and there is also the valley temple which was used to preserve the heritage and legacy of the kings and queens for countless generations. The Great Pyramid is surrounded by mysteries and fringe theories due to its complex interior compared to its magnitude. It dates to 2580 BC which makes it older than 4500 years old to be the first of its kind that launched the golden age of construction in Ancient Egypt. Abu Al-Hawl which means The Father of Terror in Arabic, it's the oldest statue in history, it has the shape of a mythical creature called the Sphinx which has the body of a lion and the head of a man probably King Khafre as a symbol of power and wisdom. This evening dinner cruise on the soulful Nile as you will get to relax and enjoy a colorful belly dancing show with a folklore band featuring the unforgettable tannoura spin in keeping with Egypt's whirling dervishes tradition then at the end you will transfer back to your hotel for the overnight. (B,D)

Day 12: February 20, Cairo

Visit Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa, Pompey's Pillar, the largest monoliths' column ever built outside of Rome, Qaitbay Citadel is quite famous as some believe it holds the immortal shining spirit of the Alexandria Lighthouse and contains phenomenal designs for the Islamic (B)

Day 13: February 21, Cairo

Evening flight from Cairo to Abu Dubai.

Day 14: February 22, Abu Dubai

Arrive Abu Dhabi very early in the morning. Transfer to the hotel where rooms will be available immediately.

Late breakfast. Afterwards enjoy highlights of the UAE's capital city including Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, the Corniche, and Qasr Al Watan Palace. Abayas (long dresses with a scarves) are provided for women to enter the mosque. Possibility of visiting Masdar City, a planned city project in Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates. Its core is being built by Masdar, a subsidiary of Mubadala Development Company, with the majority of seed capital provided by the Government of Abu Dhabi. Designed by the British architectural firm Foster and Partners.

Day 15: February 23, Abu Dhabi

Day 16: February 24, Abu Dhabi/ Dhahi

Transfer to Dubai. Full day local guide for touring Dubai. See Burj Al-Arab hotel, on Jumeirah Beach, take in views of the white marble dome and minarets of Jumeirah Mosque. Tour the old quarter of Dubai and visit the exciting Spice Souk and shop for bargains in Deira Gold Souk.

Group Dinner provided this evening.

Day 17: February 25, Dubai/Singapore

Depart Dubai very early in the morning. Arrive Singapore later afternoon of the same day. Meeting at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Dinner provided this evening. (D)

Day 18: February 26, Singapore

Full day touring with local guide including the Orchid Gardens, Colonial heart of Singapore, financial district, Chinatown, Temple of Buddha Tooth and the Gardens by the Bay. Evening: Night Safari at the Singapore Zoo. Return to your hotel. Overnight Singapore.

Day 19: February 27, Singapore/Kuala Lumpur

Early departure for Kuala Lumpur. Tour Malacca along the way. Lunch will be included. Arrive Kuala Lumpur in the early evening. Overnight Kuala Lumpur. (L/D)

Day 20: February 28, Kuala Lumpur

Full day touring including Chinatown, Independent Square, Masjid Jamek, War Memorial, King's Palace, Railway Station, National Mosque, Batu Caves, Batik Demo and KL Tower. (D)

Day 21: March 1, Kuala Lumpur/ Siem Reap

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Transfer to the airport. Depart by Air for Siem Reap, Meeting upon arrival and begin touring of Siem Reap. Visit Neak Pean T Som and Preah Khan Ta Prohm Temples. (D)

Day 22: March 2, Siem Reap

Full day touring including (Angkor Wat) Angkor Thom South Gate Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephants Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. (D)

Day 23: March 3, Siem Reap/Saigon

Breakfast and check out. Transfer to the airport. Depart for Saigon. Meeting upon arrival and touring with a local guide. Group dinner this evening. (D)

Day 24: March 4, Saigon

Visit Cu Chi Tunnels this morning. In the afternoon a Mekong River cruise

Day 25: March 5, Saigon/Hanoi

Morning transfer to the airport. Flight to Hanoi. Meeting upon arrival and begin touring including Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One-Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Dinner at a specially selected Vietnamese restaurant this evening. Afterwards enjoy the evening performance of the famous water puppets show.

Day 26: March 6, Hanoi

Spend the day at Ha Long Bay. The majority of the isles here are completely uninhabited and it is the fact that the landscape has remained so unspoiled, coupled with its incredible natural beauty and geological significance, that makes it such a special place. (L/D)

Day 27: March 7, Depart

At the appropriate time, a transfer will be provided to airport

