



Abraham Path

TWENTY YEARS OF BUILDING HOPE

MUSICAL PATHWAYS TOUR SOUTHEASTERN TÜRKIYE, OCTOBER 20 - 26, 2026

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Both civilization and monotheism began in Mesopotamia, only miles apart from each other. Join the Abraham Path Initiative and an intimate group of travelers as we journey to Türkiye to discover, explore, and answer the questions:

“What happens when thousands of years of music collide? What can come of a unique collaboration between classical and ancient music when we return to the place where civilization began? How will we be changed as listeners and travelers?”

From the mythical caves of Abraham’s birth, through the lands where the first crops were cultivated, to the magnificent 11,000-year-old Göbekli Tepe, we will tour the storied sites of the region and take part in a unique cultural exchange between the Vienna-based Morphing Chamber Orchestra String Quartet, with concertmaster Yuuki Wong, a prize winner at the 2005 Sibelius Violin Competition; Soprano Sevcan Aran; and musicians from Şanlıurfa, Türkiye, a UNESCO City of Music, who practice their ancient and distinctive musical traditions.



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THE ABRAHAM PATH IS ABOUT CONNECTION:
IT IS ABOUT RECONNECTING THE HUMAN FAMILY, STEP BY STEP.

Itinerary

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

- Arrival in the city of Mardin, home of the Syriac community and language

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

- Explore the city of Mardin with a guided tour of its ancient monasteries
- Dinner with traditional music and dance

Thursday, October 22, 2026

- Travel from Mardin to the Şanlıurfa region
- Explore the ruins of Harran, the start of Abraham's mythical journey
- Join the Morphing Chamber Orchestra String Quartet upon their arrival to Şanlıurfa (Urfa) and meet the musicians of Urfa during a dinner with traditional music and dance in the village of Kisas

Friday, October 23, 2026

- A traditional lunch in a local village
- A guided walk along the Ibrahim Yolu (Abraham's Path), arriving at Göbekli Tepe
- Join the members of the String Quartet on a guided tour of Göbekli Tepe
- Dinner in the Urfa Bazaar

Saturday, October 24, 2026

- Walking tour of Urfa
- Explore the Şanlıurfa Archaeology and Mosaic Museum

Sunday, October 25, 2026

- Free time to explore the Bazaar
- A discussion with classical soprano Sevcan Aran, "Bridging Two Musical Worlds, a Life of Classical Music Built on the Traditions of Urfa"
- Concert performance at Reji Kilisesi
 - Morphing Chamber Orchestra String Quartet
 - Soprano Sevcan Aran
 - The traditional musicians of Urfa

Monday, October 26, 2026

- Goodbyes and Departure from Urfa



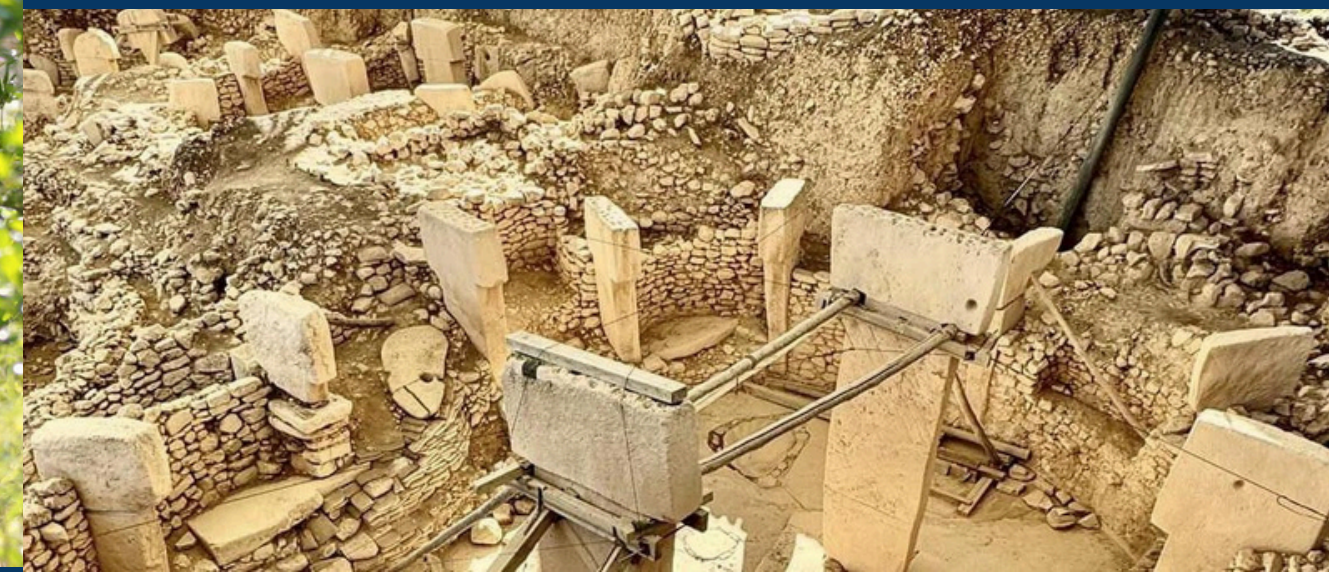
Spend a day walking in [Mardin](#), home of the Syriac culture, whose language is the closest living descendent of ancient Aramaic, the language of Jesus. The entire city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site characterized by millennia-old churches, monasteries, steep streets, and the Mardin museum.

Walk the ancient city of [Şanlıurfa](#), first settled in 9000 BC. Visit the Pool of Abraham, Rızvaniye Mosque, and the [Şanlıurfa Museum](#), the largest museum in Türkiye. Shop at the Kapalı Çarşı Bazaar and enjoy the city's fine restaurants.

Step back in time with a visit to [Harran](#), known for its unique beehive-shaped houses, ancient ruins, and rich history.

Join our musicians as their perceptions of the nature of music and art are transformed through this unique cultural experience across time, space, and culture, culminating in an intimate concert at the ancient Reji Kilisesi church.

Explore the 11,000-year-old [Göbekli Tepe](#), the world's oldest known building, built by groups of hunter-gatherers in the Pre-Pottery Neolithic period and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Your Hosts



Leon McCarron, award-winning writer, broadcaster, hiking trail designer and winner of the Kearton Medal from the Royal Geographical Society



Violinist Yuuki Wong, prize winner at the 2005 Sibelius Violin Competition, and the Morphing Chamber Orchestra String Quartet



Soprano Sevcan Aran, Turkish State Choir and concert soloist. From the Urfa region, Sevcan lives in both the worlds of classical and traditional Urfa music

How to book your trip

Pricing:

Double Accommodations: \$3,995

Single Accommodations: \$4,585

*Flights not included

\$950 Deposit Due:

August 15, 2026

Final Payments Due:

September 15, 2026

To confirm a spot, we require an initial non-refundable deposit of \$950 per traveler for each itinerary. Spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To Make a Reservation:

Email: visit@abrahampath.org

More Information

Getting to the Path

Passengers are responsible for travel to and from the Path. Please book your arriving flight to Mardin Airport (MQM), arriving no later than October 20, 2026, and departing from Şanlıurfa GAP Airport (GNY).

Cancellation Policy

Payments, other than the deposit, are fully refundable until September 3, 2026.

Itinerary:

Itinerary may be subject to change; however, API will strive to schedule similar activities.

Hiking Ability Level: Novice

Expect walks with modest elevation gains within the cities of Mardin and Urfa and an afternoon walk on the Abraham Path to Göbekli Tepe.

Traveler Insurance is mandatory for all participants. We recommend purchasing trip insurance that will cover evacuation to your home country in case of medical emergency.

Have a Question?

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