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## **Step Back in Time: Discover Ephesus and Its Ancient Legacy**

Nestled along the coast of modern-day Türkiye lies the magnificent ancient city of Ephesus, a place where history, culture, and spirituality converge. Today, the town Selçuk in the district of Izmir, is located 2 kilometres northeast of the ancient city of Ephesus,

In Paul's day this coastal city was one of Asia's major port cities and was the gateway to the sea. Ephesus, known as "the city of change," ranked as one of the three greatest cities of the Eastern Mediterranean with Antioch in Syria and the city of Alexandria in Egypt.

The Church of Ephesus holds a significant place in early Christian history, being one of the Seven Churches mentioned in the Book of Revelation. As you walk through its ruins, you'll uncover the stories of St. Paul, who preached here, and St. John, who is said to have spent his final years in the area.

Ephesus was not only a spiritual hub but also a thriving metropolis of the Roman Empire, famed for the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Wander through the Library of Celsus, marvel at the grand amphitheatre, and feel the echoes of the past resonate in every stone.

Whether you're drawn by its biblical significance or its archaeological treasures, Ephesus is a journey into the heart of ancient civilization.