



*In the Footsteps of St. Paul:
Pilgrimage to*
GREECE AND TURKEY
with 7 night Cruise

With
Daily Mass



October 12 - 22, 2023

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Your Trip Includes

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| † Round-trip airfare from Phoenix (PHX) | † Transfers as per itinerary |
| † Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges | † Transportation by air-conditioned coach |
| † 9 nights accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or similar) | † Headsets where needed |
| † ~ 1 night: Oct 13 – 14: Hotel Athens Ave, | † Aid of a professional local Christian Guide |
| † ~ 7 nights: Oct 14 – 21: Celestyal Cruise (outside cabins XC with picture window) | † Sightseeing & admissions fees per itinerary |
| † ~ 1 night: Oct 21 – 22: Hotel Athens Ave, | † Mass daily & Spiritual activities |
| † Breakfast and Dinner daily | † Luggage handling (1 piece per person) |
| † Lunches during Cruise | † Port taxes and Cruise Gratuities |
| † Wine and mineral water with dinners | † All tips included while on cruise |
| † Unlimited alcohol & non-alcohol drink package on board 7 nights cruise | † Six (6) shore excursions during cruise |
| | † Flight bag & Portfolio of travel documents |

Not Included: Tips to your guide and driver

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Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1, Thu, Oct 12: Depart for Greece

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Onboard, meals will be served to you.

Day 2, Fri, Oct 13: Arrive Athens

Welcome to Athens, Greece! Upon arrival at the airport, you will meet our ground staff and driver, waiting to take you to your hotel for your first overnight in Athens! Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 3, Sat, Oct 14: Tour Athens & Cruise Embarkation

This morning you will begin your day with a tour of Athens. Visit the Acropolis, the Agora, and the Mars Hill where Paul taught. See Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the University, the Academie, and the National Library. On the Acropolis mount, you will visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylee, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion, and finally the Parthenon. "Upon completing the city tour, you will have some time for shopping before heading to the port of Piraeus for Embarkation on board the Celestyal Crystal.

Day 4, Sun, Oct 15: Docked in Thessaloniki, tour Veria & Thessaloniki

This morning you drive to Berea. While in Berea, you will see the Bema of the Apostle Paul. Afterward, you will drive back to Thessaloniki. During your tour, you will view the agora in Thessaloniki, where Paul preached to the local Jews, as well as Jason's House. You will also have the opportunity to visit St. Demetrius Basilica, dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyr of Christianity; also, you will see the Arch of Galerius rising over the famous Egnatia Road.

Day 5, Mon, Oct 16: Docked in Kavala, Tour Philippi

This morning you are docked in Kavala. Upon disembarkation, you will drive to Philippi to begin your touring for the day. Apostle Paul visited Philippi together with Silas during his Second Missionary Journey. You will see the prison where Paul & Silas were taken, and where the incident of the violent earthquake took place. After that, you will continue to Kavala, the site known as Ancient Neapolis, where Paul, Timothy, and Silas landed for Paul's Second Missionary Journey.

Day 6, Tue, Oct 17: Istanbul

Welcome to Istanbul. An exciting day lies ahead of you. After breakfast, you will disembark and meet your expert guide to tour the most amazing landmarks of Istanbul, including the Basilica of Hagia Sophia, a beautiful architectural example of the Byzantine era and Christian Faith. Then you continue to the Hippodrome, a venue of events in the Roman Period such as horse races, gladiator fights, and parades. Last but not least, Blue Mosque famous for its blue tiles which cover the walls of the Mosque and the marvelous architecture.

Day 7, Wed, Oct 18: Docked in Dikili; Tour Ancient Pergamum

Upon arrival in the port of Dikili, your guide and driver will be waiting for you to take you on a tour of Pergamum, actually called Bergama. It is one of the sites of the Seven Churches of Asia. Here we explore the impressive Acropolis, the steepest theatre in the

world, the Asklepieion, a famous medical center of classical times, see the Altar of Zeus, the marble columns of the Temple of Trajan and the Library which was foremost in the world and was long a rival of the equally famous Library of Alexandria in Egypt. Lastly, We visit the Red Basilica (St. John's Church)

Day 8, Thu, Oct 19: Docked in Kusadasi; Tour Ancient Ephesus & Miletus

Upon disembarkation, you will meet your guide and drive and head to Miletus. Miletus is an Ancient Greek city dating back to 1400 BCE. During your tour, you will have the opportunity to see The Roman baths, the temple of Apollo, the theater that could fit 15,000 spectators, and the stadium. Paul visited Miletus during his 3rd Missionary journey. After Miletus, you drive back to Kusadasi. Here you will visit the ancient city of Ephesus including the Basilica of St. John. This church also received an epistle from him. You tour the spectacular ruins where excavations still continue in this once great and important city, which was founded in the 10th century BC. Walk through history along marble streets lined with wonderful public buildings, among them the Baths of Scholastica, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, and the Theatre. The Temple of Diana of the Ephesians, another of the seven wonders of the ancient world, was built in this city. We also visit the House of Virgin Mary

Day 9, Fri, Oct 20: Patmos & John of Revelation

Today you are in Patmos. During your tour, you will have the opportunity to visit the Grotto of the Apocalypse. John was on exile on the island of Patmos where in the Grotto he wrote the Book of Revelation. Rev 1:11 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." Your tour will continue with a visit to St. John's Monastery before you go back to your cruise ship.

Day 10, Sat, Oct 21: Disembarkation in Athens and Tour Corinth

Upon disembarkation in Piraeus the port of Athens, you will meet your guide and begin your journey towards Ancient Corinth. Visit Corinth, a city that inspired one of St. Paul's most famous letter. You will visit the Archeological Museum, the Market Place and Temples. Stop at the Corinth Canal and return back to Athens. In Athens, your bus will drop you off in the Plaka area for some last-minute souvenir shopping, before you head back to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 11, Sun, Oct 22: Departure

Following breakfast, you will say your heartfelt farewells. Transfer to Athens airport for your return flight(s) home.

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