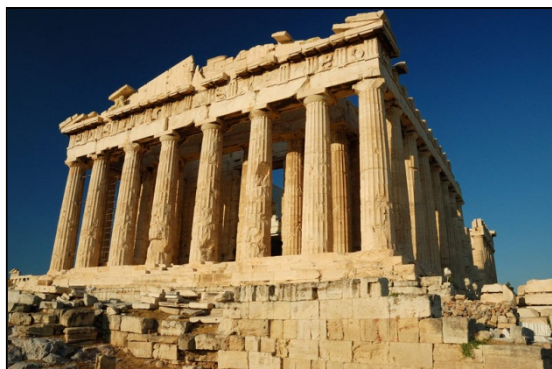


COME AND JOIN
OUR 12-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO
BIBLICAL GREECE
(FOLLOWING FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL)



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(SPIRITUAL CHAPLAIN)

MAY 13 - 24, 2022

\$3,899 from EWR

INCLUDED:

Daily Mass

Roundtrip airfare and taxes from EWR

3-Days Aegean Cruise (inside cabin)

First class hotel accommodations (dbl occ)

Breakfast and dinner daily

All Excursions: Ephesus, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini (Oia)

Unlimited (alcoholic/non-alcoholic) drinks during cruise

Professional Tour Escort and Local Guides

NOT INCLUDED:

Port Taxes and prepaid cruise gratuities(\$186pp)

Tips to Guides, Driver (\$100 pre-collected), Portage

Travel Insurance (\$360 for up to \$4000 trip cost)

Visa for US citizens (Turkey - online)

Drinks during meals & Personal extras

Single Room Supplement is from \$ 750

Outside Cabin:+\$170pp (porthole); +\$260pp (picture window)

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Day 1, May 13: Departure from Home

Today we embark on our Journey to the lands of ancient treasures and Christian history with an overnight flight to Greece. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the flight... Tomorrow you will be walking where the apostles walked!



Day 2, May 14: Arrival Athens

We arrive in Athens and check into our hotel. You will have the remainder of the day free to relax or take a stroll along the streets of Athens to enjoy the flavor of the city. This evening our group will enjoy the first of many delectable European style dinners.

Day 3, May 15: Tour of Athens

Athens tour: Acropolis, Mars Hill where St Paul talked to the Judges. See Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the University, the Academy and the National Library. Driving down Herodes Atticus Street and the Evzones in their picturesque uniforms and the Presidential Palace. On your way to the Acropolis you will see the Panathenaic Stadium (where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896), the Temple of Olympia Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. On the Acropolis hill, 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 – the monument that "puts order in the mind" and "is harmony between material and spirit" Beneath the Acropolis is the Areopagus or Mars Hill. This is where St. Paul made his famous "Men of Athens" speech revealing a considerable knowledge of the Greek philosophy and character



Day 4, May 16: Meteora Monasteries

This morning we'll visit the spectacular Meteora. Here are the famous Cenobitic Monasteries that are perched precariously on top of huge and precipitous columns of rock that rise up out of the ground, thereby giving rise to the name "Meteora," which means "in the air." It was in the 11th century that the first hermits sought refuge in the caves of Meteora where the solitude and spectacular vistas enhanced the mystic way of life. Eventually the hermits began to group together in monasteries whose buildings were decorated with frescoes and icons by the great artists of the day



Day 5, May 17: Beria and on to Thessaloniki

Following breakfast we'll travel to Berea where Paul established a small church. View the reconstructed steps of the bema (or rostrum) and see the newly placed mosaics of Paul and the plaque of scripture regarding the "more noble" church (Acts 17:1-13). Visit the Jewish Quarter, continue to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

Day 6, May 18: Philippi, Kavala, Thessaloniki. Drive to Philippi, where St. Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity (Acts 16:12-18). Here St. Paul baptized a certain woman named Lydia, the first Christian convert in Europe. Visit the Roman forum, and the prison where St. Paul and Silas were thrown. Continue into the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where St. Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot in Europe. This ancient city was later renamed Christoupolis because it was the first European city to accept Christianity.

Day 7, May 19: Thessaloniki

Tour, the places where St Paul lived and preached., Thessaloniki where the New Testament books of I & II Thessalonians will come alive to us today. Visit the old city ramparts; the newly excavated Forum, St. George Church, an ancient Roman monument which was transformed into a church; and the Galerios Arch which rises over the famous Via Egnatia, the road on which Paul walked to Thessaloniki. It was here in the synagogue that Paul "...reasoned with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks. Dinner and overnight in Athens.



Day 8, May 20: Cruising Mykonos

We sail this morning from Athens to the quaint isle of Mykonos, called the island of windmills. Experience the waterfront lined with shops and cafes and then stroll the charming walkways through a maze of whitewashed buildings before returning to the ship for dinner and evening entertainment.



Day 9, May 21: Ephesus and Patmos

Docking in Turkey, enjoy a tour of Ephesus, the city of the Bible and one of the largest restorations still in progress with miles of ancient treasures. Ephesus was once a thriving port town of 250,000 people. Today you can still see the spectacular excavations of the major streets in this ancient city including the Agora, the Odeon, the Library, the marble-paved main Street, the Baths, Trajan's Fountain, the Residences of the Patricians, the Prytaneum, and Temple of Hadrian. The Great Theatre, built in the 4th century B.C., could accommodate 24,000 spectators and it is famous even nowadays for its acoustics. This afternoon we visit the Isle of Patmos, under statutory protection as a historic monument. Here we have a tour to see the fortified monastery of St. John and the cave claimed to be where John received the Revelation. Back on the ship and enjoy the Captain's dinner.



Day 10, May 22: Crete and Santorini

Crete is the largest and the most rugged of the Greek islands. Take a tour to Heraklion and the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Discovered in 1899 and partially reconstructed, the elaborate Palace is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. This afternoon visit the island of Santorini which is perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. You have an included shore excursion to Oia. Again we return to the ship for dinner and evening entertainment.

Day 11, May 23: Disembark Cruise: Corinth tour/Athens

Drive to Corinth following closely the same route Paul took during his journey. After a short stop at the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean and Ionian Seas, we will arrive in Ancient Corinth. We will visit the ruins of Corinth, where St. Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. Included are the first century shops, the Agora, Temple of Apollo and the Bema Seat. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight

Day 12, ay 24: Return to US

We transfer to the Athens airport for our flight home.

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