

# Greece ~ In the footsteps of St. Paul With Greek Isles Cruise

11 Days: July 1-11, 2025

Package Price: Land only: \$3,395

Price includes: Hotels on H/B basis, transportation, tour guide, all entrance fees and is based on double occupancy. Single room is available at a supplement of \$1,150.

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## Itinerary

#### July 1, Tue: Depart point of origin.

#### July 2, Wed: Arrival- Athens

Upon arrival at Athens airport, we will meet our Tour Leader and Driver then transfer to our hotel in Athens for dinner & overnight.

**July 3, Thu: ATHENS**: After breakfast, we will explore the most famous sites in Greece: the Athens Acropolis and famed Parthenon. visit Mars Hill, where Paul addressed the counselors and philosophers of the Areopagus. Continue our Athens orientation tour, passing by the Olympic Stadium of 1896, Temple of Zeus, Royal Palace, Syndagma Square, Memorial to the Unknown Soldiers, Arch of Hadrian, Hadrian's Wall, the Olympic Complex of 2004 Games, and the Academy University national Library. Celebrate Mass at St. Dennis Church. Back to our hotel for dinner & overnight.

**July 4, Fri: MYKONOS ON CRUISE (3-day cruise):** After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Lavrion port for embarkation on the Greek Island cruise. Sail at 1.00 p.m. and enjoy lunch onboard. Our first port of call is Mykonos, where we have free time for walking and exploring the town. Stroll on your own through the whitewashed, flower-decked alleyways, climbing to the sculpture church of Paraportiani or along the waterfront of "Little Venice" to the famous windmills. Enjoy dinner on board and at 11.00 p.m. we sail for Kusadasi, Turkey.

July 5, Sat: KUSADASI (TURKEY) - PATMOS (GREECE): Arrive at Kusadasi port in Turkey at 7.00 am. This is the starting point for our tour to Ancient Ephesus (Acts 18:19-21). The Apostle Paul preached to the Ephesians, lived and worked here for a number of years. We tour the spectacular ruins in the city founded in the 10th century B.C. After the visit, we return to the port for re-embarkation at lunch time and sail to Patmos. Arrive in Patmos (Revelation 1:9) in the afternoon and enjoy our tour to the Monastery of John the Evangelist, where he was exiled and wrote the Book of Revelation. We also visit the Grotto of the Revelation (Cave of Apocalypse) before embarking on the cruise ship. Sail to Santorini and enjoy dinner onboard.

**July 6, Sun: CRETE - SANTORINI:** At 7.00 a.m. we arrive in Heraklion, Crete (Acts 27:7-13). You can join the optional excursion to the Minoan Palace of Knossos, home of King Minos and the legendary Minotaur (half-bull and half-man). After the tour, we sail for Santorini at 12.00 pm, the island with the most magnificent landscape! Ride the cable car up to the white-washed town of Thera, perched high on the rim of the ancient volcano. Set sail back to the port of Lavrion at 9:30 p.m.

#### July 7, Mon: ANCIENT CORINTH - ATHENS

Dock at the port. After an early breakfast, disembark and begin our day with an excursion to Corinth (Acts 18.1-18). Stop briefly en route to see the Corinth Canal, the famous man-made construction named one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. Continue to Corinth, where St. Paul wrote the First Letter to the Thessalonians and, most likely, his Letter to the Romans. Explore the extensive archeological site, including the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Agora, and the Bema, where Paul's enemies brought him before Gallo. See the pavement inscription of Erastus, the Roman Lechaion Road, the lower Fountain of Peirene, and the imposing Acrocorinth, an 1,800-foot hill that rises high above the ancient city. Here, in the first century, there were a large number of shrines and temples dominated by the Temple of Aphrodite. It was also the location of a series of fortifications built during ancient and medieval times that continued through the successive chain of Franco, Byzantine, venetian, and Turkish supremacy. Celebrate Mass outdoors in Corinth. Independent lunch. After lunch, we'll continue to Athens for hotel check-in. Early evening, we will visit the Plaka, a lively historic neighborhood nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Overnight at our hotel in Athens.

#### July 8, Tue: Athens-Delphi- Kalambaka

After breakfast, we will depart towards Delphi. Delphi is the famous oracle where the priestess of Apollo, Pitia, influenced, with their prophecies the history of cities and states of antiquity. Visit the archaeological site and museum. The museum houses an impressive collection associated with ancient Delphi, including the earliest known notation of a melody, the famous Charioteer, golden treasures discovered beneath the Sacred Way, and fragments of reliefs from the Siphnian Treasury. Close to the exit is the inscription that mentions the Roman proconsul Gallio. The reference to proconsul Gallio in the inscription provides an important marker for developing a chronology of the life of Apostle Paul by relating it to the trial of Paul in Achaea mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (18:12-17). Near there you will find the famous Monastery of Hosios Loukas. This is a historic walled monastery and one of the most important monuments of Middle Byzantine architecture and art, and has been listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Sites. The day will end with dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

#### July 9, Wed: Kalambaka-Meteora (the Hanging Monasteries)-Thessaloniki

Following breakfast we will visit the spectacular Meteora, the UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is a mountainous region of stunning scenery. We will see hundred-year-old Byzantine monasteries on top of huge rocks, during the Middle Ages, first built in the 14th century by monks seeking isolation and salvation. We will visit the most famous of them, which is now a popular museum, the Great Meteoron, to admire superb icons, old manuscripts, unique mosaics and frescoes. Departure to Veria (Berea), another town evangelized by Paul (Acts 17.10-14). When Saint Paul visited this town in AD50, he came across a more "noble" Jewish community where he preached and created an important Church. This is where Paul met Sopatros, who would later become a valuable comrade who followed him on his return journey to Asia. We will continue to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

July 10, Thu: Thessaloniki- Philippi-Kavala-Thessaloniki: After breakfast we start our day in Thessaloniki, with a visit to the Roman Market, Theater, and Baths. Jason's House is now called the Church of Agios Nikolaos Orfanos. The site where the monastery of Vlatadon was built is believed to be the location where Jason's house once stood and where Paul was accommodated during his visit to Thessa loniki. Next, drive to Philippi where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. Here is where Paul baptized Lydia as the first Christian convert in Europe. The Roman forum, completely exca vated, is from after Paul's time. Among the ruins, located on the rocky ledge above the town's main road is the pris on where Paul and Silas were confined. Continue into the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neaopolis, where Paul first set foot in Europe accompanied by Silas, Luke, and Timothy. Back to our hotel for dinner & overnight.

July 11, Fri: Return Home from Thessaloniki.





# Package details

#### **Price includes:**

- \* Round trip Airfare USA-Thessaloniki/ Athens-USA / or land arrangements only option.
- \*First class hotels on H/B basis (Breakfast & Dinner included)
- \* Air-Conditioned deluxe tour Bus + free Wi-Fi.
- \* Professional licensed English speaking Tour Guide.
- \*Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the Brochure provided.
- \*3-Day Cruise to the Greek Islands & Turkey, based on <u>outside (XA)</u> cabin category, with private facilities (shower/bathtub, washbasin, toilet),
- \*Meals on board during the cruise (breakfasts, lunches and dinners as per itinerary).
- \*Entertainment on board.
- \*Unlimited Classic Drink Package.
- \*Organized shore excursion (Organized by the cruise line)
  - Religious visit St. John Monastery Grotto of the Apocalypse (Patmos, Greece)
  - Minoan Palace of Knossos (Heraklio –Crete, Greece)
  - House of Virgin Mary and Ancient Ephesus (Turkey)
  - Spectacular Oia Village perched on the Caldera( Santorini, Greece)
- \*Whispers (Listening devices).
- \*Transfers from Airport to hotels and back in Greece.
- \*City council tax.

#### **Price Excludes:**

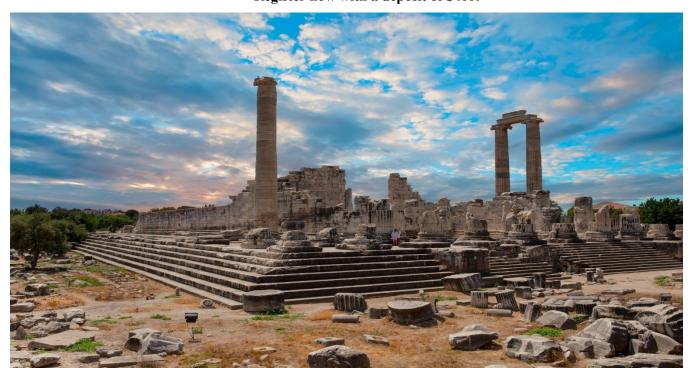
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- \* Any personal item
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