

STEPS OF PAUL LAND AND CRUISE 11 DAYS



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This tour and cruise begins in Thessaloniki traveling only the one way to Athens. Along the way you will see the familiar places from your reading of the New Testament and you will gain insight into the culture and geography of the places which figure so prominently in our scriptures. From the port of Pireaus, you will board a modern day cruise ship for part of your journey visiting Ephesus, Patmos and picturesque Greek Islands, before returning for an in depth look at Corinth and Athens. It is an inspiring trip with a relaxing cruise as well.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

TransAtlantic

Depart USA for our overnight flight to Athens; then, Thessaloniki.

OVERNIGHT TRANSATLANTIC

DAY 2

Athens

Arrive in Thessaloniki, where you will be met by your guide and driver and transferred to your hotel.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT THESSALONIKI

DAY 3

Philippi / Kavala / Thessaloniki

In the morning, get acquainted with Thessaloniki, the city of Jason and Paul. In Thessaloniki to see the landmark of the city, the White Tower, the Walls of the Byzantine Acropolis, the Roman Arch of Galerius, and the Rotonda. Visit two of the city's oldest and most admired Christian churches, the Basilicas of St. Demetrius and St. Sophia (Divine Wisdom). Follow the route of the Via Egnatia and visit, like Paul and his companion, the area of Amphipolis to see the famous funerary Lion of Amphipolis and the site of Philippi. There, you visit the Baptistry of Lydia near the river where



Paul baptized her. Lydia was the first convert of Paul on European soil and the jailer followed. Visit the ruins of the Forum of Philippi, the Christian Basilicas, “Prison of Paul” and the Theater. Drive to Kavala (Neapolis), a picturesque port, and see the Byzantine Castle and the Roman Aqueduct. Dinner at 7:00 PM.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT THESSALONIKI

DAY 4 Thessaloniki / Veria / Kalambaka / Meteora Monasteries

This morning you get a taste of the beautiful countryside of Central and Northern Greece, as you drive from Thessaloniki to Veria and Kalambaka where you visit the Bema of the apostle Paul in Veria. Afterwards, we see scenery of unique and striking beauty: on top of huge granite pinnacles, you see the ageless Meteora Monasteries full of treasures of Christian art and visit two of them. Dinner at 7:00 PM

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT KALAMBAKA

DAY 5 Kalambaka / Delphi / Athens

Our journey in the mainland of Greece continues with the drive from Kalambaka to Delphi to visit the ancient site of the Oracle and Temple of Athena Pronaia. We continue to Athens for free time and overnight. Dinner at 7:00 PM

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT ATHENS

DAY 6 Athens

After breakfast you admire the architectural miracles of ancient Athens as you follow your guide to the world-renowned Acropolis to see the Propylea, the Erechtheum and the Parthenon. Visit Mars Hill, where Paul delivered his ingenious speech on the “Unknown God.” View the Agora, the ancient center of the economic and public life of the city, where Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians. During the bus tour, you see Constitution Square with the House of Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Zeus, the Old Olympic Stadium and the Neoclassical Buildings of Athens. The afternoon is free. Dinner is at 7:00 PM..



DINNER AND OVERNIGHT ATHENS

DAY 7 At Sea / Mykonos



Depart our hotel. Board the ship and sail to the world-famous island of Mykonos. Arrive at the Mykonos, a small architectural miracle with its gleaming white-washed buildings and windmills. Even though small, it is one of the most cosmopolitan places in the world. Depart Mykonos.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT CRUISE

DAY 8 At Sea / Kusadasi / Ephesus / Patmos

Arrive in Kusadasi, Turkey. After breakfast on board we drive to Ephesus, where Paul spent three years during his ministry. The impressive remains of Ephesus include the Agora, the Theater, the Stadium, the Library of Celsius, the ruins of the Temple of Diana (one of the “Seven Wonders of the Ancient World”). Depart Kusadasi.

Early afternoon we arrive in Patmos. You will visit the Monastery of St. John on one of the island's highest points. From there, you will walk down to the Grotto of the Apocalypse, the site of the apocalyptic Revelations of St. John the Divine. Depart Patmos

LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT CRUISE

DAY 9

At Sea / Crete / Santorini

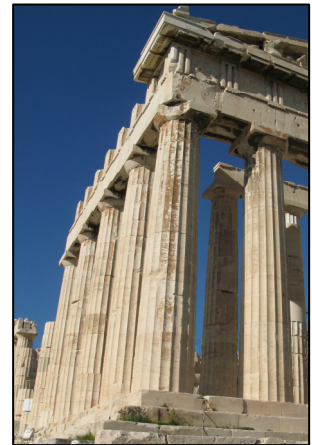
Paul docked in Crete on the way to Jerusalem. Today you will visit the awesome Minoan Palace of Knossos. In the afternoon visit of Santorini island. Great poets have sung its praises, a 4.000 year old history. And the eternal rock continues to stand, strong and majestic, rising proudly from the sea and guarding well the secrets of Atlantis...

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT CRUISE

DAY 10

Corinth / Athens

You arrive in Pireaus (Athens) early in the morning. Disembark after breakfast and drive to Ancient Corinth. This is the once glorious city near the Isthmus, where Paul met Aquilla and Priscilla and spent a year and a half working and preaching the Gospel. You visit the Archaeological Museum, the Forum, the Temples and the famous Bema, where Paul stood before Gallio accused by the Jews of Corinth. Then, you drive to Cenchreae,) the little harbour Paul sailed back to Asia, thus ending his second missionary journey. The rest of the day is free in Athens.



DINNER AND OVERNIGHT ATHENS

DAY 11

Athens / USA

Fly back home with a new insight into Paul's life and teachings

INCLUDED

1. Coach class flight on regularly scheduled airlines from USA to Thessaloniki and return from Athens to USA
2. 6 nights lodging, double occupancy in first class hotels.
3. Breakfast and dinner daily
4. 3 nights lodging in outside cabins on the cruise outlined in the itinerary below.
5. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily on the cruise.
6. Touring coach and English-speaking, government-licensed guide in Greece on sightseeing days.
7. Transfers and sightseeing per itinerary based on the time allowed.
8. Entrances to sites listed in itinerary
9. Portorage of 1 piece of luggage per person on arrival and departure from each hotel and to and from the cruise ship.
10. Emergency medical insurance for the whole group.
11. Local government hotel taxes at the current prevailing rates in Greece.

NOT INCLUDED

Government taxes on airline tickets, airport taxes, and fuel charges.

Shore excursions

Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides or headwaiters. (\$12 per person per day)

Meals other than those specifically mentioned.

Personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc.

Transfers to or from originating airport and passenger's home or organization.

Travel insurance except for the emergency medical insurance mentioned above.

Cost of obtaining passports, visas, handling fees, excess baggage and forwarding of baggage, entrance fees not mentioned, optional tours, transportation from cities other than USA and vice versa, tips for personal favors, and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not mentioned as being included.