

13 DAY FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL TOUR

Best of Greece & Aegean Cruise

April 13 - 25, 2023



8 Night Greece Land Tour

3 Night Cruise - Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Mykonos and Santorini

\$ 2,795.00 Land & Cruise

(Airfare not included - approx. \$ 800.00 & subject to fuel charge)

Non-Refundable deposit of \$ 200.00 to reserve a spot (space limited)

50% down before August 14, 2022 (cruise reservation)

Final payment due January 15, 2023

Single supplement - \$ 950.00

Proof of vaccination required by tour company in Greece (may change)

Tour includes

8 nights 4 star hotel accommodation (Double occupancy)

3 nights Aegean Sea Cruise

(Including shore excursions Ephesus, Patmos, Mykonos, Crete & Santorini)

Daily Breakfast and dinner

Deluxe air conditioned coach with licensed English speaking guide

All visits and entrance fees

Head sets during tour

Local taxes and service charge

Airport transfers (if tour purchased with group airfare)

Tour does not include

Airfare

Departure April 13, 2023

Arrival in Athens. April 14, 2023 ATH airport, Athens,Greece

Departure from Athens. April 25, 2023 ATH airport, Athens,Greece

Lunches on land

Tips and gratuities

Travel insurance and Personal expenses

Airport transfer if airline ticket purchased separately

Any expense not mentioned in the offer

Payment Options

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TOUR AND CRUISE ITINERARY (Subject to change)

April 13 - Departure from Origin Airport

April 14 - Arrive Athens, Greece

Arrival to Athens and check in to the Hotel . Time to relax, meet your fellow pilgrims, dinner and overnight in Athens.

April 15: Athens -Corinth

Today we will drive to continue our tour to Corinth and our first stop will be at the handmade Corinth Canal connecting the Aegean with the Ionian Seas. Continue to Ancient Corinth to visit the remains of the first century shops, the agora, Erasmus stone, the Fountain of Peirene. Return to Athens We will visit the Acropolis to see the ruins of the Parthenon, Erechtheum and Propylaea. We will ascend Mars Hill where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians about the one and only God. We also visit the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympics of the modern era were held. Dinner and overnight in Athens.



April 16 - Athens -Kalambaka

This morning we will drive to Kalambaka with the striking scenery of the hanging monasteries, perched on top of huge rocks, that seem to be suspended in mid-air, stand ageless monasteries where you can see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

April 17- Meteora -Thessaloniki

After breakfast we will visit one of the hanging monasteries and then drive to Thessaloniki, the capital of ancient Macedonia and the second biggest city in the country, where Paul preached in Thessaloniki during the winters of 49-50 AD and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.



April 18 – Philippi - Kavala - Thessaloniki

After breakfast we will drive to visit Philippi where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. Here Paul baptized a certain woman named Lydia, the first Christian convert in Europe. Continue into the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where Paul accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot in Europe. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

April 19 : Thessaloniki

We visit Thessaloniki in-depth, its Byzantine tradition expressed in architecture, churches, and monasteries. Free afternoon for a walk by the sea and admire the attractive Aristoteles Square with plenty of shops and restaurants. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

April 20 – Thessaloniki- Veria -Vergina -Athens

After breakfast we depart Thessaloniki to visit the Bema in Veria where Paul had stopped and preached and then we will drive to Vergina, the first capital of Macedonia and where King Philip was assassinated and on 336 BC. We will visit the museum and see the tomb of the Kings and see two golden urns, containing the bones of Philip II father of Alexander the Great. Then continue to Athens through the beautiful scenery of cities and villages where we will have stops. Overnight in Athens.



April 21 : - Embarkation for the Cruise

After breakfast we will drive to the port to board our cruise.

Mykonos

Our first port-of-call is Mykonos. It is the most cosmopolitan of all Greek islands and attracts many visitors from all over the globe, including large numbers of artists and intellectuals. Your coach will take you to Hora the island's capital where you'll enjoy a walking tour in the narrow cobbled streets of the town, passing by chic boutiques, and white washed houses till reaching Alefkandra. Alefkandra is a charming corner of Hora, known also as the "Venice" of Mykonos. At one of the famous restaurants of Alefkandra you'll enjoy the sunset on Mykonos island while drinking your refreshment accompanied by Greek meze. You'll return then to Mykonos Town (Hora) from where you'll take the ship's shuttle service back to the ship

April 22 - Kusadasi, Ephesus & Patmos



Kusadasi - Ephesus (Turkey)

Early morning arriving at Kusadasi is a lively Turkish port. Drive through the colorful town of Kusadasi to reach Ancient Ephesus and accompanied by your guide, walk through the Magnesian Gate which is the entrance to the ancient city of Ephesus. Your guided walking tour will take you through one of the most magnificent excavations in the world. See the Odeon (concert hall), the Fountain of Trajan, the steam-heated Baths of Scolastika, the Temple of Hadrian and the Latrians, the Library of Celsus and The Great Theatre, where the apostle Paul preached, which is the largest theatre in antiquity having a capacity of 24,000 people. Walk back to your motor coach along the Arcadian Way, where Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession. Before returning to the ship, enjoy free time to admire the local products in Kusadasi.

The Island of Patmos

Continue our journey, Patmos, where we will enjoy a short journey to the village of Chora, where the monastery of John the beloved is built within the walls of a strong fortification. Next, see the priceless ecclesiastical treasures housed in the beautiful but small museum. Return to your motor coach to continue on to the nearby Grotto of the Apocalypse, here you will see the ledge used as a desk by the author of the Book of the Revelation as well as the three-fold crack made by the voice of God emphasizing the honor of the Holy Trinity. Afterwards, drive back to the port of Scala and enjoy some free time in this harbor. Later we board our ship.

April 23-Crete- Santorini

Island of Crete

To morning we will dock at Crete which is the largest and the most rugged of the Greek islands. It is also the home of the great Minoan Civilization and the mythological home of Zeus. After a short drive through the town of Heraklion the tour will arrive at Knossos excavations. After having visited this remarkable site, our coach will take us to the heart of Heraklion where we will have free time to explore its beauty, a mix of unique Greek island ambiance and modern city.



Island of Santorini

Fira

Return to the ship to sail to Santorini which is perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. Our tour will take us to Kamari and Monolithos passing through Fira, to eventually arrive at the settlement of Oia. We will see the lace-like caldera, the little islands of Thirasia, Palea and Nea Kameni and an unsurpassable panoramic view.

Oia

In Oia we will have time to stroll through the marble-paved alleys, to gaze at the adorably cute shops, to take pictures, to become acquainted with the characteristic buildings, carved into the rocks and the unusual captains' manors, the settlement Ammoudi at the foot of the caldera. Return to the ship to sail back to Athens

April 24 : Athens

Today we will have a free day to enjoy Athens on our own to the Parliament House Square and Plaka area on the foot of Acropolis and walk to Monastiraki Square to enjoy the daily life in this very ancient city.

April 25 : Departure

Today we will say goodbye to Greece and go to the airport for our departure flight back home with our unique experience and memories.