

**PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & ISLANDS WITH
EPHESUS ~ IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL**

12 Days

DEPART NEW YORK JFK AIRPORT



Parthenon- Athens



Mary's House - Ephesus

ITINERARY

Day 1 Fri: DEPART USA

Depart the USA for Greece on our transatlantic flight. Dinner and breakfast served aboard overnight flight.

Day 2 Sat: ATHENS / THESSALONIKI

Arrive in Macedonia where we are greeted by our Tour Escort and transferred to our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki. **(D)**

Day 3 Sun: THESSALONIKI / PHILIPPI

After breakfast at the hotel we depart for our guided tour beginning with Kavala, the port where Paul first landed with Timothy and Silas. We then continue on to Philippi, where Paul was imprisoned. View the prison, the Market Place, Basilica and Theater. Also visit the Amphipolis, famous starting point of Alexander the Great on his mission to "conquer the world." Dinner and overnight Thessaloniki. **(B,D)**

Day 4 Mon: THESSALONIKI / KALAMBAKA

Today you will visit the Archeological Museum, St. George Church, the Galerius Arch and the Basilica of St. Sophia and St. Dimetrius before continuing to Macedonia. This afternoon we visit Pella, birthplace of Alexander the Great, and the famous steps of Paul in Beria, where he preached. Continue to Kalambaka for dinner and overnight. **(B,D)**

Day 5 Tue: KALAMBAKA / DELPHI

This morning we visit Meteora, where we will ascend huge granite rocks to view architectural wonders over 700 years old. Visit the monastery of Metamorphosis with its church and Museum containing priceless historic and religious treasures. Continue to Delphi for dinner and overnight. **(B,D)**

Day 6 Wed: DELPHI / ATHENS

We depart after breakfast for Apollo. We will see the Treasury, the Theater, the Archeological Museum and the first monument built in the ancient world to "One God." Dinner and overnight in Athens. **(B,D)**

Day 7 Thu: ATHENS

Our tour today takes us to the Acropolis and the ruins of Parthenon, Mars Hill, the Agora and other ancient sites. Dinner and overnight in Athens. **(B,D)**

Day 8 Fri: CRUISING / MYKONOS

Transfer to the port of Piraeus for embarkation on our cruise ship. Enjoy the many shipboard activities or just relax while sailing to the Island of Mykonos with its jet-set atmosphere, whitewashed buildings, sidewalk cafes and chic shops. **(B,L,D)**

Day 9 Sat: PATMOS / KUSADASI / EPHESUS

This morning we arrive in Patmos and the Monastery of St. John the Divine, who received the Revelation here that forms the Last Book of the New Testament. Continue to Kusadasi,

Turkey site of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World," Ephesus where you can see Mary's House. **(B,L,D)**

Day 10 Sun: RHODES

This morning we arrive in Rhodes. This beautiful "Island of the Roses" has a rich and varied history. On a hill above the charming town of Lindos, rises an ancient Acropolis dedicated to the goddess Athena. Below lays the Bay of St. Paul where the Apostle landed during his voyage. The OPTIONAL shore excursion takes you there. **(B,L,D)**

Day 11 Mon: CRUISE / PIRAEUS / CORINTH / ATHENS

Morning arrival into the port of Piraeus. Disembark after breakfast and depart on the motorcoach for Corinth along St. Paul's original journey. Walk the marketplace where St. Paul preached then visit the Archeological Museum and the Temples. Here St. Paul founded the first church consisting entirely of Gentiles. Return to Athens by way of the Corinth Canal and Cenchraeae harbor. Paul sailed from this site to Ephesus. Dinner and overnight in Athens. **(B,D)**

DAY 12 Tue: ATHENS / USA

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our return flight to the USA arriving home the same day. **(B)**

Included Highlights:

- **Airfare:** Roundtrip from JFK Airport
- **Accommodations:** 7 nights Superior Tourist Class Hotels & 3 nights on cruise in 2 berth inside cabins. Upgrade available on request
- **Meals:** 10 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 10 Dinners.
- **Sightseeing:** as indicated in the itinerary.
- **Also Included:** Daily Mass, Airport-hotel transfers, hotel tips and taxes, baggage handling, Touring by Private Air-conditioned Motorcoach, Services of a Professional Tour Escort.

* Price is per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$120 departure tax, \$310 airline fuel surcharge, \$60 port dues, \$32 cruise ship fuel surcharge, and \$169 for optional travel insurance (\$139 for November departure). Cabin upgrade: \$150 per person. There are a *limited* number of single rooms available. Departure taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change up until the time The Catholic Tour purchases the group seats, typically 60-30 days prior to departure.

Price is based on a minimum of 25 passengers.

2009 Departure Dates:	Price*	Land Only	Single Supplement
May 8 to 19	\$3,199	\$2,660	\$600
September 11 to 22	\$3,199	\$2,660	\$600
November 6 to 17	\$2,699	\$2,430	\$600

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