



FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

Spring 2028

14 Day Tour including

4 Night Cruise

With Pastor TBA

Thessalonica

Philippi & Lydia

Ephesus

St. John Monastery

Athens

Corinth

Santorini & Mykonos

Crete & Rhodes

Isle of Patmos





where the letters of Paul will come alive as we trace the path of this great Apostle, both by land and by sea. Devotionals, historical context, and the Lord's Supper will be shared in the New Testament communities of the Corinthians, Ephesians, Thessalonians, and the Philippians, recognizing where we are along our spiritual journey. Our cruise will also take us to the Isle of Patmos, where John penned books and letter of scripture, as well as the Greek Islands of Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, and Rhodes, where Crusaders built a city.

A pilgrimage is often a life changing experience – a special time for growing in a personal relationship with Jesus. There is much to be learned from visiting these holy sites and celebrating faith together as did many generations who came before us. Your faith will deepen as you experience important sites to our church history.

Each of the twelve days is well-planned with tours, cruise excursions to spiritual and historic sites, and time to enjoy the striking landscapes, culture and cuisine. By worshipping and traveling together with your church family, you will form relationships and make memories to last a lifetime.

I invite you to prayerfully consider signing up soon for this unique opportunity.

In Christ,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine walking where Paul and the early Christians dared to tread and preach nearly 2,000 years ago! We can learn from the early Christians and be encouraged in our own walk with Jesus.

Our church will again partner with St. Cecilia Tours to offer our community the opportunity to venture on this journey through Greece and Turkey

JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY IN
GREECE & TURKEY - "THE OTHER HOLY LAND"



THESSALONIKI

TRAVEL DAY

Day 1

We meet this evening at the Austin or Houston Int'l Airport, where we will check-in for our flight with TBA to Thessaloniki.

Get some rest, as tomorrow, we will begin our pilgrimage, and trace the missionary journeys of Paul, the Apostle.

Day 2

After we arrive the airport in Thessaloniki, we meet our guide, load our coach and travel to Daios Luxury Hotel, where we stay three nights. We gather for a welcome beverage and orientation meeting in the restaurant of our hotel. Welcome, to Greece!

Day 3

We take time to enjoy a traditional breakfast, which is included every morning, in all of our hotels, throughout our pilgrimage. A morning guided walking tour of the ancient city of Thessalonica, which is not only a significant Biblical civilization, but an UNESCO world heritage site as well. Our day concludes with the entrance to the Roman Rotunda. We have free time in the late afternoon to explore the vibrant city of Thessaloniki, dinner is on your own. [B]

Day 4

Our guide will lead us on a scenic journey to Philippi, where we visit the archeological site and ruins of the Biblical civilization where Paul preached. We see the cell where he was imprisoned, and the excavation of a 3rd century church. We take time for a devotional to ponder the words that Paul shared with the church in Philippi. A delicious fish lunch is served in Kavala. We visit the river where Paul baptized the first Gentile woman, Lydia. We celebrate The Lord's Supper, before we return to our hotel in Thessaloniki. Dinner is on your own this evening. [B,L]



Day 5

We bid farewell to Thessaloniki, and head to Meteora. We travel by coach, and enjoy the incredible views of Mount Olympus, and the beauty of God's creation. En route, we stop at Berea where Paul was avoiding antagonists and where he preached in the local synagogue. Paul left Berea by boat and set sail for Athens.

We continue our drive to Meteora, which is made up of a unique landscape, with several monasteries dotting the top of its rock formations. We stay at the Divani Meteora Hotel. The evening is at your leisure, but we enjoy dinner in our hotel restaurant, together.

[B,D]

Day 6

We transfer to the Electra Palace Hotel located in the most ideal center of Athens, and where we will stay for the next three nights. After we check-in, you may enjoy free time to relax, and explore the incredible restaurants and street vendors in the neighborhood of our hotel. Have fun! [B]



4 NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 9 - 13 CRUISE SCHEDULE

Day 9 - Mykonos
Day 10 - Ephesus & Patmos
Day 11 - Rhodes
Day 12 - Crete & Santorini
Day 13 - Athens - Airport

Day 7

Breakfast is in the roof top restaurant of our hotel, which boasts an incredible view of the Acropolis. Today, we tour ancient Athens, the foundation of democracy. We visit the Acropolis and its Museum, the Parthenon, and Erechtheum and take in the views of Athens atop Mars Hill, where Paul stood and preached the truth to the stoics. The rest of the evening will be at your leisure. Dinner on your own this evening, enjoy! [B]

Day 8

At 8:30 AM, we travel to the city of Corinth, where early Christians received Paul's letters of encouragement. We will learn of the conversion of the synagogue leader. Here we will witness the pillars, steps, and places where Paul preached, and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper in the midst of ancient Corinth. We return to Athens and enjoy the evening. [B]

Day 9

We set sail on a four-night cruise, embarking first for the beautiful Isle of Mykonos. Mykonos is one of the Mediterranean's most famous tourist destinations, well known for its beaches and turquoise water. Later this evening, we depart for Ephesus and Kusadasi, Turkey. [B,L,D]





Day 10

A guided, morning excursion to Ephesus includes the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, House of Mary as well as other ancient sites in this biblical city. In the afternoon, we depart for the Isle of Patmos, where John received and recorded his Book of Revelation, the last book of the New Testament. [B,L,D]

Day 11

We arrive on the Greek island and city of Rhodos. Optional excursions include beautiful beaches and the city's old town, which features the medieval Street of the Knights and the castle-like palace of the Grand Masters. The cruise ship departs later this evening. [B,L,D]

Day 12

This afternoon we dock in Santorini, perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. We depart Santorini this evening to arrive Athens the next morning. [B,L,D]

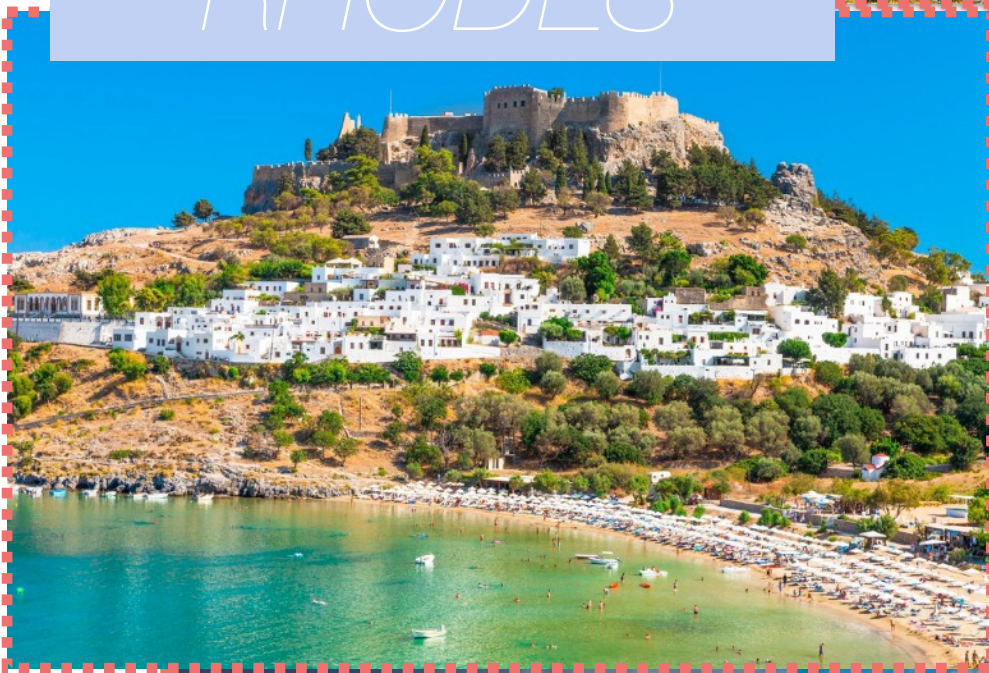
Day 13

We disembark at 6:30 AM. Our coach will transport us from the cruise docks to the airport, for our return flight.



CORINTH

RHODES



ISLE OF PATMOS

4-Night Cruise on the Celestyal Discovery

This itinerary follows Paul's journey by sea, though you will likely be more comfortable than Paul. Your cabin is tastefully decorated, with elegant furnishings, and you will enjoy views of the Aegean Sea and Greek Islands from your cabin window. All meals are included onboard, and specialty dining is available for an additional fee. Cabin upgrades are available on a first come basis, and we do recommend a larger Balcony cabin, which is reasonably priced at an additional \$575 per person. We also have access to one grand suite available as well, which offers a VIP service. The excursion in Ephesus and Isle of Patmos is part of your tour experience. We will offer recommendations on additional excursions before departure.

Your Pilgrimage and Cruise Includes:

Round-Trip Airfare,
Accommodation w/Daily Breakfast,
Meals as Outlined in the Itinerary
4-Night Cruise with Celestyal Cruises
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Entrance Tickets to all published Museums,
Venues & Archeological Sites
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Excursions as published.

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Upgrade to Grand Suite \$1250 pp

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