



Greece ~ In the footsteps of St. Paul
With Greek Isles Cruise: 11 Days: Aug 30-Sep 9, 2024

With our Spiritual Director:
REV. JIM MCCLINTOCK

Package Price: Land only option: \$3,995

Air & Land out of IAH, TX: \$5,695

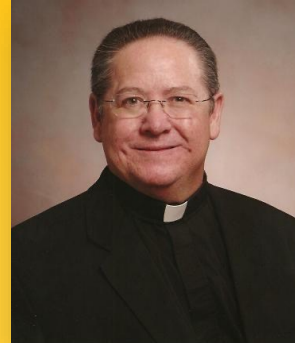
Price includes: First Class centrally located hotels, 3-day Cruise full board, transportation, tour guide, all entrance fees and is based on double occupancy. Single room is available at a supplement of \$1,250.

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Aug 30, Fri: Depart for Thessaloniki, Greece

Aug 31, Sat: Arrival-Thessaloniki: Upon landing at Makedonia Thessaloniki Airport, make our way to the baggage claim area and collect our luggage. Proceed to the arrival hall, where we will be greeted by our tour guide and/or driver. Board the bus to transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

Sep 1, Sun: Philippi-Kavala-Thessaloniki: After breakfast, start our journey in Greece with the first stop of the day in Philippi. Philippi was the city where Saint Paul the Apostle delivered his first sermon and, he established the 1st church in Europe. "And from there (He went) to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman Colony. We remained in this city some days". (Acts 16:12-18). It is also the site where Saint Paul baptized a woman named Lydia, the first convert to Christianity in Europe. Visit the Roman Forum, where Saint Paul cast a spirit out of a fortune-telling woman. View the prison (now in ruins) where Saint Paul and Silas were thrown into by the owners of the fortune-tellers. Continue to the modern port city of Kavala, which was once the ancient Neapolis. This port is where Saint Paul, Silas, Luke, and Timothy landed when they sailed into Europe. After enjoying this city by the sea, return to Thessaloniki for a delicious meal and restful overnight.

Sep 2, Mon: Thessaloniki City Tour-Kalambaka: Start our day with breakfast at the hotel. In the winter of 49-50 A.D., Saint Paul wrote two epistles to the Thessalonians. These letters urged Christians to "live blamelessly" and to refrain from living idly while they wait for the second coming of Christ. While in Thessaloniki, we will witness several ancient artifacts, such as the triumphal Arch of Galerius found at the start of Via Egnatia. Due to the convenient location, this arch was once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire and constructed to honor the Roman Emperor Galerius following the Roman victory over the Persians. Following the city-tour, transfer to Kalambaka. This evening, we will have a wonderful meal and a relaxing overnight in Kalambaka.

Sep 3, Tue: Meteora-Delphi: After breakfast, board the motorcoach for a short drive to the Meteora Monasteries. In the eleventh century, some monks settled within caves. However, as the Turkish occupation increased, the monks were forced to move their settlements higher upon the rocks until they

were unreachable by any opposing enemy. These settlements became Monasteries by bringing building and lifting materials by ladders and baskets. Notorious for preserving the Hellenic religion as well as their academics and arts. During your visit, you will be able to view stunning Byzantine art, as well as the breathtaking scenery that surrounds the monastery. Continue to Delphi for dinner and overnight.

Sep 4, Wed: Delphi-Athens: Today, we visit the center of the ancient world (navel) of the earth, Delphi. Its prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios. Visit the site and the museum and continue to Athens "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found, also, an altar with this inscription "to an unknown God". What, therefore, you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you" Athens is one of the most glorious cities in the world and the cradle of western civilization as we know it today. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Athens.

Sep 5, Thu: Athens-Excursion to Corinth: After breakfast at the hotel, start with a tour of the oldest city in the world, Athens! Visit the rock that has dominated the panorama of Athens for twenty-five centuries, the Acropolis. At the Acropolis, we will see the ruins of the Parthenon, Erectheum, and Propylene. After, we will ascend Mars Hill of where Saint Paul spoke to the Athenians about the one and only God (Acts 17:22). While in this city, view the ancient Agora, the former public center of Athenian life. It held the focus of a political, commercial, social, religious, and cultural center. As we are in the former political center, proceed with a drive through the city to view the House of Parliament on Syntagma Square. Also, have the opportunity to view the University of Athens, the oldest higher education institute in Greece and, the National Library of Greece that holds 4,500 Greek manuscripts. Visit Panathenaic Stadium, the beautifully marbled multi-purpose stadium. It is home to the Olympian Zeus and the site of the first modern-era Olympics (1896). Following our visit to Athens, we will proceed to ancient Corinth. Under the shadow of the towering Acropolis, Saint Paul lived in Corinth for two years. While here, Saint Paul felt

great grief over what the Gentile Church in Corinth has become. As a result, he wrote four letters, all with the overarching theme of love. In Corinth, have the opportunity to view the remains of the first century shops, the site of the Saint Pauls trial by Gallio, the Fountain of Peirene, and the Temple of Apollo. Following your visit to Corinth, return to Athens for a delicious meal and overnight.

Sep 6, Fri: Athens-Start 3-day Cruise (Celestial Cruises) to Mykonos: Following breakfast, proceed to the Piraeus port, where we will board our 3-day cruise. Our first stop will be the Island of Mykonos, the most cosmopolitan of the Greek islands that attract visitors from all over the world. After docking, transfer to Hora, the capital of the island. Enjoy a walking tour that will take us on the narrow cobbled streets of the city. Pass by chic boutiques, elegant nightclubs, and white-washed houses to arrive in Alefkandra. This part of Mykonos, known as the "Venice of Mykonos", as homes have wooden balconies and are built on the sea. Historically, these homes were of the wealthy merchants and captains. Return to the cruise ship for dinner and overnight.

Sep 7, Sat: Kusadasi-Ephesus (Mary's House)-Patmos: Enjoy breakfast on board in the lively Turkish port of Kusadasi. We then transfer to the small village of Mt. Koressos. Visit the stone chapel situated upon the site, where the Virgin Mary spent her last days following the crucifixion of Christ. Following this visit, walk through the Magnesians Gate to the ancient Ephesus. Enjoy a walking tour that will take you through the most magnificent excavations in the world. Some of the sites include the Odeon (concert hall), the Fountain of Trajan, the Scholastica, the Temple of Hadrian and the Latrines, the Library of Celsus. The last stop on the walking tour is the Great Theatre. The largest ancient theatre with a capacity of 25,000 people and is a site where Saint Paul preached. Follow the exact route that Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession via the Arcadian Way. This main street runs from the Great Theatre to the city harbor. On our transfer back to Kusadasi, have the opportunity to view the Basilica of Saint John. In the sixth century, Emperor Justinian erected this structure over the grave of the evangelist, John. Upon arrival in Kusadasi, enjoy free time to explore on your own before returning to the ship. The

cruise journey continues to Patmos, where you will transfer to the village of Chora. While in this capital, visit the monastery of Saint John the Theologian. This marvelous structure, built nine-hundred years ago, continues to be supported by the walls of a strong fortification. In addition to the stunning main church that contains outstanding frescoes, you will have the opportunity to view the beautiful courtyard, dining room, and bakery. Visit the small museum, where you will view priceless ecclesiastical treasures such as books, manuscripts, mosaics, icons, textiles, vestments, and jewelry. Board the bus and transfer to the monastery. Visit the Grotto of the Apocalypse believed to mark the spot where John of Patmos received his visions that he recorded in the Book of Revelation. The silver niches in the wall mark the pillow and ledge were used as a desk by the author. View the three-fold crack made by the voice of God, who emphasized the importance of honoring the Holy Trinity. Your day will culminate with a transfer to the port of Scala. While in this quaint and picturesque harbor, enjoy free time before returning to the ship.

Sep 8, Sun: Heraklion-Santorini: This morning awaken and transfer to the largest city on the island of Crete, Heraklion. While in this administrative capital, visit the in 1899 discovered ancient ruins of the Palace of Knossos. The palace is currently partially reconstructed and believed to have been the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. Here is where Saint Paul met the owner/-and captain of the ship and was warned by him of continuing his journey to spread Christianity in Rome. Following this historical visit, embark by ship to the idyllic island of Santorini. Santorini is definitively the most breathtaking island of all of the Greek Islands. Upon arrival in Santorini, visit Thira with its iconic white-washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes, and glittering boutiques that cling to cliffs. This evening enjoy our last dinner and overnight on the cruise ship.

Sep 9, Mon: Return Home from Athens

Package details

Price includes:

* Round trip Airfare USA-Thessaloniki/ Athens-USA / or land arrangements only option.

- Accommodation at 4* and 5* hotels with daily buffet breakfast:
 - ❖ 2 overnights at 5* hotel **Divani Acropolis** in Athens, Greece or similar
 - ❖ 1 overnight at 5* hotel **Divani Meteora** in Kalambaka, Greece or similar
 - ❖ 1 overnight at 4* hotel **Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort** in Arachova - Delphi, Greece or similar
 - ❖ 2 overnights at 4* hotel **Grand Palace Hotel** in Thessalonica, Greece or similar
- Daily dinners at the hotels
- Sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary with transportation by deluxe motor-coach including air conditioning and Wi-Fi
- Government licensed, English speaking guide during tour
- 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Islands & Turkey, based on **outside (XB)** 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)**
- English-speaking escort during cruise and all transfers
- Tender boats where the ship cannot dock, offered complimentary by the cruise ship where necessary
- Gratuities to cruise ship staff
- Port & local taxes.
- Hotel portorage
- Hotel City tax: €7 per room/per night at 4* hotels and €10 per room/per night at 5*, €3 per room/per night at 3* hotels
- All entrance fees to the archaeological, historical sites and museums as outlined in the itinerary.
- Private bus transfers between airport, ports and hotels upon arrival and departure with English speaking assistant.
- All VAT, road tolls & local service charges
- Whisper sets for the tour days

Price Excludes:

Meals not mentioned above.

- Drinks and beverages during land tour
- International air tickets.
- Tips and gratuities to local drivers, guides, escorts, hotel & restaurant staff
- All personal expenses.
- Valid Passport for at least 3 months & visa fees (it is the responsibility of the passenger to have all necessary documentation in their possession before travelling). Consult the appropriate consulate(s) for information on their passport requirements.
- Baggage insurance & excess baggage.
- Porterage at port/airport
- Travel & Medical Health insurance. (Can be purchased on our website)
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as being included.

Unexpected circumstances may cause changes to the itinerary!

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Terms & Conditions

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In addition to a \$300 per person administration fee, the following charges apply off the total trip cost: 61 - 90 days prior to departure 25%. /31 - 60 days prior to departure 50%. /30 days prior to departure or less no refund. Additionally, once tickets are issued the ticket value is non-refundable. Requests for a refund must be in writing (mail, e-mail). Phone calls cannot be used as a form of cancellation. Refunds will be issued within 30 to 60 days of receipt of written notice No change of names or substitutions are permitted. No refund or cancellation fees will be waived due to death or sickness. In the event that Bible Trek Tours would decide to cancel a departure, a full refund will be issued (including travel insurance and Supplemental Cancellation Protection). If, however the trip is cancelled closer to departure by forces outside of the control of Bible Trek Tours, refunds will be as per terms and conditions. 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Please complete one registration form per person (Couples submit two separate forms)

Full Name (as written in passport) :

***(Photocopy of your passport is required – must be valid 6 months after your return date)**

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone # (home/cell): _____

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Rooming with: _____

Please try to find a roommate for me. *I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.*

I wish a single room at a supplement of \$1,250. Subject to availability and conformation.

***Tour date & cost:** **Land Only: August 30-Sep 9, 2024 (\$3,995)**

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(Price is per person sharing a double room)

Method of Payments:

Mail a deposit of \$400.00 per person made payable to **Bible Trek Tours LLC** in a form of a check.

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Note: The deposit should be paid at the time of booking and no later than **May 30, 2024**. Balance is due **July 15, 2024**.

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