

† Footsteps of St. Paul Pilgrimage †

Including 3 Night Cruise

Thessaloniki – Philippi – Berea – Kalambaka – Delphi – Athens
Mykonos – Ephesus – Patmos – Crete – Santorini – Corinth

April 15 – 28, 2027



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Pilgrimage Itinerary

Day 1: April 15 ~ Dallas

This evening we depart Dallas for our transatlantic flight to Greece. During the flight enjoy dinner, movies, and breakfast before our arrival in Thessaloniki.

Day 2: April 16 ~ Thessaloniki

Welcome to Greece! Upon our arrival we'll meet our tour escort and see Thessaloniki, a city that is over 2300 years old. Celebrate Mass before we continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: April 17 ~ Thessaloniki/Kavala/Philippi/Thessaloniki

After a restful sleep and breakfast, we begin the day by following the massive Byzantine wall to the citadel for a panoramic view of Thessaloniki. Continue to the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where St. Paul, accompanied by Silas and Timothy, first set foot in Europe. St. Luke, the Evangelist, also came here from Troas. This ancient city was later renamed Christoupolis because it was the first European city to accept Christianity. We continue to Philippi where St. Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe (Acts 16:12-18) and baptized a woman named Lydia, the first Christian convert in Europe. Visit the excavated Roman forum and the prison where Paul and Silas were held. Celebrate Mass outdoor at Paul's Baptistry. We continue to St. Demetrius Basilica, dedicated to St. Demetrius, the patron saint of Thessaloniki. According to tradition, St. Demetrius was imprisoned and martyred on the site where the Basilica was built. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 4: April 18 ~ Thessaloniki/Berea

After breakfast we celebrate Mass at the Cathedral. We will then drive through Thessaloniki where Paul preached during the winters of 49-50 A.D. and see the remnants of the original Roman road that spanned the nation during Paul's time. En route we will view the old city ramparts, the newly excavated Forum, and St. George Church. We then drive to Berea and see the ancient synagogue where St. Paul spoke. View the reconstructed steps of the bema and the newly placed mosaics of St. Paul and the plaque of scripture regarding the "more noble" church (Acts 17:1-13). Return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: April 19 ~ Kalambaka/Meteora

This morning we celebrate Mass before we depart for Kalambaka. View the spectacular Meteora Monasteries perched precariously on top of huge columns of rock, some reaching over 1300 feet high, thereby giving rise to the name "Meteora," which means "in the air." We will have the opportunity to visit one of these incredible monasteries. It was in the 14th century that the first Byzantine hermits sought refuge in the caves of Meteora and then fled higher to build the original wooden shelters, later transformed into monasteries. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

Day 6: April 20 ~ Delphi

After breakfast, we depart for Delphi, the center of the ancient world, famous far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. In this landscape of unparalleled beauty lie the ruins of the sanctuary of Apollo. We visit the religious center of the ancient Greeks and discuss how "extremely religious in every way" they used to be (Acts 17:22) and we imagine how difficult it was for St. Paul to convert the people to Christianity. In the museum, among other exhibits, we see the "Gallio inscription" which is a precise chronological anchor for the Book of Acts, which places St. Paul in Corinth in 51 AD and helps us to determine a timeline for St. Paul and his travels. Visit the museum then then a lunch break. Mass TBA. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Delphi.

Day 7: April 21 ~ Delphi/Athens

This morning enjoy breakfast before we depart Delphi for Athens. Enjoy the beautiful scenery as we continue to Athens, the capital of Greece. Athens is one of the oldest cities in the world and the cradle of western civilization as we know it today. We take a lunch break and then continue to the Cathedral to celebrate Mass. Check into the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8: April 22 ~ Athens

Begin the day in beautiful Athens and celebrate Mass at the Cathedral. "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way we

are religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of our worship, I found also an altar with this inscription to an unknown God. What therefore we worship as unknown, this I proclaimed to you..." (Acts 17:22-23) We then begin to explore the city by visiting the world famous Acropolis and the ruins of the Parthenon, Erchteum and Propylea. We then view Athens atop Mars Hill where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians. (Acts 17:16, 22) Continue to the House of Parliament, the Tomb of the unknown soldier and the see the evzones in their picturesque uniforms guarding the Presidential Palace. Enjoy a lunch break and time this afternoon at leisure to explore Athens on your own. Dinner and overnight Athens.

Day 9: April 23 ~ Athen/Mykonos

After breakfast we'll celebrate Mass at St. Barbara Catholic Church. We then make our way to the Piraeus port to board our cruise ship. Enjoy the beautiful views of the Aegean Sea while you have lunch and dinner as we cruise to our first port-of-call, the quaint Isle of Mykonos, called the Island of windmills. Experience the waterfront lined with shops and cafes and the narrow cobblestone streets. Free time to explore on your own before returning to the ship for overnight.

Day 9: April 24 ~ Ephesus/Patmos

We begin our day at the Turkish port of Kusadasi. We'll then travel to Ephesus and visit the house of the Virgin Mary, where Our Lady lived with St. John, and celebrate a very special Mass in this holy place. Before we return to the ship, we see the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus, where Paul spent many years. We then sail to the Island of Patmos and visit the Monastery of St. John built 900 years ago within strong fortified walls. We then continue to the Grotto of the Apocalypse where John wrote the book of Revelation. Enjoy a little free time before we board the ship. Dinner and overnight on the ship.

Day 10: April 25 ~ Crete/Santorini

This morning we dock at Heraklion in Crete, the largest and most rugged of the Greek islands and where Paul and Titus visited in support of the early Church. We'll celebrate Mass in the old town and then have time to explore on your own. Return to the ship for lunch and a relaxing afternoon before we arrive at the iconic island of Santorini with its white-washed houses, and narrow streets. Visit the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and have time to explore on your own. Santorini sunsets are world famous for their breathtaking skies over the Aegean Sea and dramatic caldera cliffs. Return to the ship for dinner and overnight.

Day 11: April 26 ~ Athens/Corinth

Morning disembarkation at Piraeus port and then depart for Corinth with a brief stop at the Corinth Canal, which separates Peloponnesus from the Greek mainland and connect the two seas, Ionian and Aegean. St. Paul preached and lived in Corinth for two years and founded the mostly Gentile Church in 50 A.D. We will visit ruins of the ancient city where St. Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. See the agora where St. Paul's trial by Gallic took place, the Temple of Apollo, the Market Place, and the Bema, where St. Paul spoke to the Corinthians about Christ. Celebrate an outdoor Mass at the Bema. Late afternoon return to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 13: April 27 ~ Athens

After breakfast, we'll go celebrate Mass and then have the day at leisure to explore Athens on your own. You may stroll in the old town Plaka or take a cable car ride to Mt. Lycabettus and enjoy breathtaking views. Farewell dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 13: April 28 ~ Depart for USA

This morning we say a fond farewell to Greece and our pilgrim family as we head back to the USA. We'll take home memories and graces to last a lifetime.



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† Footsteps of St. Paul Pilgrimage with Cruise †

\$6,995

Per person/double occupancy - price based on minimum of 25 passengers

Land & Cruise (No Air): \$5,560

Price Includes:

R/T Economy Air from Dallas, TX

4* Hotels

3 Night Cruise on Celestyal Cruise Lines with outside cabin

2 Shore Excursions (Ephesus and Patmos)

Breakfast & Dinner Daily (wine nightly except on cruise)

Lunches During the Cruise

Airport Transfers in Greece * Private Deluxe Motor Coach

Sightseeing/Entrance Fees per Itinerary

Licensed English Speaking Guides

Daily Mass and Rosary

Tote Bag * Luggage Tags * Passport Case



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Tour Conditions

Reservations and Payments

Reservation deposit is due November 30, 2026, and final payment is due by January 1, 2027. An invoice will be sent for the final payment. If booking is made after November 30, 2026, full payment is required. Payment must be made by check or money order. Credit cards are not accepted. Returned checks will incur a \$35 service fee. Name must appear on reservation form exactly as it appears on the passport. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. is not responsible for airline tickets penalties or other costs that may result from the incorrect name supplied on the registration form. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. is not obliged to give a breakdown of costs and services.

Passport/Visa/Travel Advisories

A passport is required and must be valid for 6 months after the date of return. A copy of your passport is required along with the registration form. The European Visa Waiver requirement is scheduled to go into effect in the fourth quarter of 2026, and each traveler must apply online. For complete information and to apply visit: <https://www.etiasvia.com>. The fee is 20 Euros, and approval will be sent via email. If a visa or visa waiver is required for a person with a non-USA passport, it is the passenger's responsibility to obtain one at their own expense. It is the responsibility of each passenger to be informed about current travel advisories. Information can be obtained on the U.S. State Department's travel website at www.travel.state.gov. The passenger assumes all risks if they still choose to travel when the State Department has advised against travel.

Final Documents and Tickets

Final documents are issued 3-4 weeks prior to departure and only upon receipt of final payment. It is the responsibility of each passenger to check their e-ticket for correct flights and spelling of name. In case of an error, notify Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. immediately.

Price

Each passenger is responsible for any increase in hotel, city, and/or airline taxes, government fees, fuel surcharge, costs due to USD exchange rates, or fewer than 25 paying passengers. Any increase will be reflected on the final invoice. If you request to join the group and purchase your own international airline ticket, the Land & Cruise (no air) cost is \$5560 per person/double occupancy. However, if your international flight arrives or departs later than the group flight, you will be responsible, at your own cost, to provide transportation to the hotel and/or airport. The group will not wait for your flight to arrive and will not depart for the airport earlier for your return flight. If the pilgrimage is cancelled for any reason, the domestic and/or international airfare purchased outside of Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. is your sole responsibility.

Tipping

Tipping for the tour escort, local guides, and motor coach drives is not included in the price of the pilgrimage. The tipping amount of \$185 per person will be added to your final invoice and is not optional.

Cancellations and Refunds

All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations will incur the non-refundable \$750 deposit per person in addition to any airline, cruise, and hotel expenses, penalties, and/or non-refundable deposits incurred by Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. No refunds after January 8, 2027. Airline tickets are non-refundable after ticketing. To guard against unforeseen health issues or other circumstances, we strongly recommend passengers purchase travel insurance. Some policies include pre-existing medical conditions but must be purchased 10-14 days after the reservation deposit. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. does not offer travel insurance.

Tour Cancellation and Force Majeure Event

In the event a pilgrimage is delayed, postponed, cancelled, or rescheduled due to force majeure, such as act of God, natural disaster, war, terrorism, strike, pandemic, etc., or any other condition beyond control, the purchase will be honored and transferred to a future scheduled pilgrimage. The traveler is expected to attend the future pilgrimage. No cash refund will be issued. If a pilgrimage is canceled due to lack of participation, Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. will contact you with options.

Participation

Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. reserves the right to refuse to accept or retain any traveler whose behavior is deemed likely to affect the smooth operations of a tour or adversely affect the enjoyment or safety of passengers. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. is under no liability to any such person for refund, compensations, repatriation, or any other matters arising. Travelers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Medical Conditions

A passenger must report any disability requiring special attention at the time of registration. Visitation Pilgrimages and Tours, Inc. cannot provide special facilities or individual assistance for disabled passengers. Disabled passengers must provide their own physically able companion for assistance. Motor coaches are not equipped with wheelchair ramps or lifters and the Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply outside of the U.S. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. is not responsible for any medical conditions that may occur prior, during, or after the pilgrimage. Most pilgrimages involve a lot of walking. It is suggested to prepare physically by walking more prior to the pilgrimage.

Covid 19/Epidemics/Pandemics

Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. follows all local government rules and requirements and has no control over local government policies nor is liable for issues, delays or problems encountered. Each traveler assumes all risks and related expenses that they or any member of their traveling party may incur. Any travel interruptions or delays and related expenses due, but not limited to, testing, quarantine, hospitalization, infection with Covid-19 or any other disease, is at their own expense. The passenger agrees to follow local regulatory requirements.

Air Transportation

All air transportation is in economy class on IATA approved carriers. Fares and schedules are subject to change without notice. If you would like to secure a specific airline set, we will make every effort to accommodate you however, we cannot guarantee seating assignments since they are at the sole discretion of the airline. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. is not responsible for any cancellations, loss, delays, injury, illness, pandemics, or expenses incurred due to actions made by the airlines. Travelers are strongly advised to purchase travel insurance. If you need connecting air into

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, you will need to purchase your own domestic airline ticket, and the flight schedule must be emailed to Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. 60 days prior to departure. Please make sure that you arrive 3 hours prior to departure of the international flight. If you miss the international flight, you will need to work with the airline directly to rebook your flight which may result in an additional charge which is your own responsibility. If you arrive in Greece after the group, you will need to arrange your own transportation to the hotel. Any domestic and/or international airline ticket purchased on your own is your sole responsibility even if the group cancels for any reason or the departure date is changed.

Hotel Accommodations

Hotel accommodations are based on double occupancy. Triple accommodations may be available but not necessarily at a reduced rate. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplemental price quoted in the brochure. In some hotels single rooms are smaller than a standard room. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. reserves the right to change hotels for any unforeseen reason. If you require a roommate, Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. will make every effort to find another pilgrim in need of a roommate. If no roommate is available, you will be required to pay the single supplement. If your roommate cancels or leaves the pilgrimage, an additional supplement will apply.

Meals Breakfast, lunch, and dinners per the itinerary. No refund for unused meals. We try to accommodate special dietary meal requests by forwarding those to the hotels and restaurants. However, we cannot guarantee dietary requests. Wine with dinner will be provided except on the cruise. Alcoholic drinks can be purchased at your own expense on the cruise ship.

Spiritual Group Leader or Tour Guide

For unforeseen reasons, it may be necessary to substitute the spiritual group leader or tour guide. Your reservation will remain unchanged, and you agree to travel.

Photography

You agree, through your reservation, that you allow yourself to be photographed or videoed during the pilgrimage.

Baggage

When traveling internationally to or from U.S. there is no charge for 1 piece of checked luggage up to 50 lbs. with maximum dimensions of 62 inches. Carry-on items include 1 personal item and 1 piece of luggage with maximum dimensions of 45 inches. Passengers are responsible for any additional fees airlines may impose on baggage including excess weight. Please check with the airline for updated rules and regulations since they do periodically change. Luggage handling at hotels is limited to 1 bag per person. Portage is not guaranteed at every hotel.

Disclaimer

Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary, hotels, Mass schedule, etc. whenever the company deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, and safety of the pilgrim participants or to accommodate unforeseen events.

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REGISTRATION FORM



FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL PILGRIMAGE with Cruise

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APRIL 15 – 28, 2027

\$6,995

PER PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

FROM DALLAS, TX

Land & Cruise (No Air) package: \$5,660

REGISTRATION DEPOSIT DUE BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2026

(Early registration suggested to guarantee availability)

Name as appears on passport _____

Please enclose a copy of your passport

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Roommate Name: _____ Need a Roommate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Airline Seat: ☐ Window ☐ Aisle (seats subject to airline availability) United FF Miles # _____ TSA # _____

Need land only package? ☐ Yes ☐ No Single supplement: \$2,995 (limited number of single rooms available) ☐ Yes ☐ No

List any special dietary requirements: _____

Emergency contact person not traveling with you (name and phone number): _____

Enclosed is my non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person. I understand that the price is based on a group departure of a minimum of 25 paying passengers and that the price may change due to USD/Euro exchange rate, increase in taxes and/or fuel surcharges from hotels, cities, airlines, cruise or fewer number of passengers. Any price change will be reflected on the final invoice. The tipping charge of \$185 will be added to the final invoice. Complete details available in the Tour Conditions. Travel Insurance is highly recommended and can be purchased from several companies including Travel Guard. I understand that the due date for the final payment is January 1, 2027. I confirm that I have read, understood, and agree to the Tour Conditions provided with the pilgrimage itinerary and registration form. Signature of each person traveling is required.

Signature: _____

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