



First Presbyterian Church
BURLINGTON

FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

TURKEY & GREECE

Tour Host: **Dr. Ronald Shive** • **October 16-31, 2022**

Cruise Extension: **Oct 31-Nov 4**

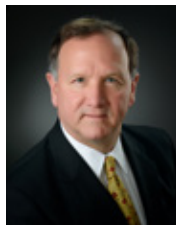


TUTKU
— EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL —

Athens, Greece



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Pastor

Explore the origins of the church in Greece and Turkey. All three of Paul's missionary journeys were centered in ancient Turkey and two of them ended in Greece. Moreover, tradition states the apostle John's ministry was located in Ephesus. Travel by deluxe motorcoach to the ancient cities of Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, Philippi, Ephesus, Hierapolis and Troas. At these sites we will discuss the birth, growth, trials and development of the earliest Christian congregations as they struggled not only to understand their new faith in Christ, but also as they dealt with false teachers and hostile forces opposed to the church. We will also visit the seven churches of the book of Revelation: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamon, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. We will include a tour of time-honored Istanbul, where you can enjoy its rich culture, historical sites and impressive archaeological museum.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Flight Schedule	Date	Dep. City/ Arrival City	Dep. Time	Arrv. Time
DL1626	16OCT	RDUMSP	1136	1325
DL 160	16OCT	MSPAMS	1705	0815
KL1613	17OCT	AMSIST	1140	1605
TK2312	19OCT	ISTADB	0800	0905
AF1033	31OCT	ATHCDG	0610	0850
DL 231	31OCT	CDGRDU	1030	1450
EXTENSION				
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DL 160	16OCT	MSPAMS	1705	0815
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TK2312	19OCT	ISTADB	0800	0905
DL 203	04NOV	ATHJFK	1100	1600
DL4829	04NOV	JFKRDU	1725	1933

Tour Itinerary:

October 16, 2022, Sunday - Depart RDU - Fly to Istanbul

October 17, 2022, Monday - Arrive Istanbul Airport mid-afternoon. Our guide will meet us and assist through customs and formalities. Transfer by bus to the hotel. Overnight in Istanbul. (D)

October 18, 2022, Tuesday - Istanbul

Full day Istanbul tour; visit the Roman Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia, Then visit the Istanbul Archaeological Museum and St. Irene Church. If time permits, walk through a section of the Grand Bazaar. Overnight in Istanbul. (B,D)

October 19, 2022, Wednesday - Fly Izmir Airport - Ephesus - Kusadasi

Transfer to Istanbul Airport for early morning flight to Izmir. Drive to Selcuk town for full day tour of **Ephesus**. View the Library, the huge Agora, and the Temple of Artemis which was declared one of the Seven Wonders of the World. We'll visit the **Basilica of St. John**, traditional site of his grave. Visit the **Museum of Ephesus** for an up-close look at artifacts from the ancient city. We will have time to explore this powerful city on your own and recreate some of the footsteps of Paul. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,D)



Patmos

October 20, 2022, Thursday - Patmos - Kusadasi

7:00 a.m. ferry to Patmos. Arrive Patmos at the Port of Skala at 11:30 am. Visit the **Cave of the Apocalypse** and the **Monastery of St. John the Theologian**. If time permits, walk down the path to Skala and visit the baptismal font where John baptized the first Christian converts on the island. Return to Kusadasi at 19:30. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,D)

October 21, 2022, Friday - Laodicea, Hierapolis - Overnight Pamukkale

Drive east to Pamukkale area (3 hours). Visit **Laodicea**. Although the excavation work is still in its early stages, Laodicea was a major city in Roman times. After lunch break, visit **Hierapolis and Pamukkale** and the white calcified cliffs and later the impressive amphitheater. We will visit the **Martyrium of St. Philip**. We'll see the Gate of Domitian, column-lined streets and arches that have stood through time and earthquake. Overnight in Pamukkale. (B,D)

October 22, 2022, Saturday - Philadelphia - Sardis - Smyrna (Izmir) - Izmir

Visit **Philadelphia** and the Church of St. John the Theologian. Travel to **Sardis** and tour the city including the massive scale of the Temple of Artemis and by the white marble Royal Road, the gymnasium and the synagogue. Continue to Izmir. Drive up to **Mt. Pagus** (now called Kadifekale or "Velvet Castle"). Visit the location of the Smyrna Theater, the Smyrna Stadium where St. Policarp was martyred. Then, we will visit the **Smyrna Agora**, see its latest excavations including the **Graffiti Section** which is closed to public. Dinner and overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

October 23, 2022, Sunday - Thyatira, Pergamum, Troas - Overnight Canakkale

Drive to Akhisar to see the **Thyatira Church** remaining. Continue to Pergamon where we will visit the **Acropolis** with the steepest theater of the ancient world and the Temple of Trajan. We will also visit the **Red Basilica** which was an Egyptian Temple, later converted to a church. Visit the **Alexandrian Troas**, important port founded by Alexander the Great. Paul visited here at least twice. Dinner and overnight in Canakkale. (B,D)

October 24, 2022, Monday - Troy - to Greece Border - Kavala

Proceed to **Troy** to see the legendary city of Homer's Iliad. Cross the Dardanelles Strait by car ferry. Drive the border into Greece and transfer to our Greek bus and guide, and continue to Kavala for overnight. (B,D)

October 25, 2022, Tuesday - Neapolis, Philippi, and Amphipolis - Overnight Thessaloniki

Visit Neapolis (Kavala), one of Greece's most picturesque mainland ports. Travel inland 10 miles to Philippi. Visit the place where Paul converted Lydia and see a crypt dating from the Roman period, which is thought to have served as a prison for the apostle Paul. See the famous Acropolis, the Market Place, the Basilica, and the Theater. Travel to Amphipolis, where you will see the ruins of many Christian basilicas. Pass through Apollonia like the apostle Paul and Silas. Dinner and overnight in the Thessaloniki area. (B,D)

October 26, 2022, Wednesday - Thessaloniki and Veria - Overnight Meteora (Kalambaka)

In Thessaloniki, visit St. George's Basilica, where tradition holds it is built over the synagogue where Paul preached. View the Old City Ramparts, and the Galerius Arch that rises over the Via Egnatia. Visit the Archaeological Museum. See two of the most beautiful basilicas in the city, St. Sophia and St. Demetrios, dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyred Christian convert. Continue on to Meteora for dinner and overnight. (B,D)



Delphi, Greece

October 27, 2022, Thursday – Meteora and Delphi – Overnight Athens

Visit the rock forest of Meteora in western Thessaly and ponder the rough terrain in which the apostle Paul walked during his missionary journey. See famous Byzantine monasteries perch precariously on summits of soaring, sheer-sided grey rock pinnacles of varied and spectacular shapes. Visit one of these monasteries. Travel to scenic and historic Delphi, the religious center of the ancient Greek world, considered by early Greeks to be the center of the world and marked by the conical stone, called the omphalos or navel. Walk the Sacra Via to the Athenian Treasury, the Theatre, and the Temple of Apollo where the oracle performed his or her prophetic rituals. Visit the Museum where we will view many ancient treasures, the chief of which is the 5th century bronzed Charioteer. Dinner and overnight in Athens. (B,D)

October 28, 2022, Friday - Athens

Enjoy the architectural splendors of the ancient city of Athens as you follow our guide to the world renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erectheum. View Mars Hill where the apostle Paul stood and addressed the Athenians. See the Agora, the ancient market place and center of the Athenian public life, where the apostle Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians. Journey to Sounion to visit the famous Temple of Poseidon. Overnight in Athens. (B,D)

October 29, 2022, Saturday – Athens

Take a cable car to the top of Mount Lycabettus. Tour the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Free time to walk through Plaka or the Varvakeios Central Market or enjoy an afternoon to relax. (B,D)

October 30, 2022, Sunday – Corinth, Cenchrea, and Eleusis

In Corinth, see the ancient city where Paul met Aquila and Priscilla, the tent makers, and where the apostle spent eighteen months sharing the Gospel. Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place and Temples. Walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood before Gallio facing charges brought by the Jews. Visit the ancient port of Cenchrea where Paul departed when he returned to Syria. Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place and Temples. Walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood before Gallio facing charges brought by the Jews that were dropped. Paul stayed awhile in Corinth before leaving for Syria from the port at Cenchraeae. Later we will visit the site of Eleusis where the sacred rites of the Eleusinian Mysteries were performed. Overnight in Athens. (B,D)

October 31, 2022 Monday - Athens – Burlington

Depart early in the morning for our flight back to RDU. Arrive late that day.

CRUISE EXTENSION

4-Nights Greek Isle Cruise – Extension (Oct 31 – Nov 04, 2022)

“Iconic Discovery” cruise - Athens/Athens - 15 double outside cabins category XB



CRUISE PROGRAM:

Day	Ports	Arrival	Departure
Oct 31 Mon	Athens (Lavrio), Greece	-	11:00
Oct 31 Mon	Mykonos*, Greece	16:00	23:00
Nov 1 Tue	Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey	07:00	12:30
Nov 1 Tue	Patmos*, Greece	16:00	21:00
Nov 2 Wed	Rhodes, Greece	07:00	18:00
Nov 3 Thu	Santorini*, Greece	07:00	20:00
Nov 4 Fri	Athens (Lavrio), Greece	06:00	-

TOUR RATES

LAND & AIR (October 16-31)

\$4,090 Per Person in Double Room

\$790 Single Room Supplement

LAND, AIR & CRUISE (Oct 16-Nov 4)

\$5,160 Per Person in Double Room

\$1,090 Single Room Supplement

HOTELS to be used (or similar)

- October 17-19 Hotel Arcadia Blue, Istanbul, Turkey
- October 19-21 Korumar Hotel, Kusadasi, Turkey
- October 21-22 Doga Thermal Hotel, Pamukkale, Turkey
- October 22-23 Mövenpick Hotel Izmir, Izmir, Turkey
- October 23-24 Kolin Hotel, Canakkale, Turkey
- October 24-25 Galaxy Hotel Kavala, Kavala, Greece
- October 25-26 Grand Palace Hotel Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece
- October 26-27 Divani Meteora Hotel, Kalambaka, Greece
- October 27-31 Divani Palace Acropolis, Athens, Greece
- Oct 31-Nov 4 CELESTYAL CRUISE – Standard outside XB Cabin

INCLUDING

- Roundtrip International Air from RDU
- Istanbul - Izmir domestic flight
- All hotels in 4 or 5 star hotels in Turkey and Greece - 14 nights
- Daily breakfast and 14 dinners at the hotels
- All transportation by private AC Bus
- Easy border crossing
- Car ferry ticket in Canakkale, tolls, parking fees
- English Speaking, Government Licensed, Bible Oriented guides in Turkey and Greece
- All Entry fees to the sites and museums
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Headsets
- Service charges and local taxes
- **CRUISE Portion includes:**
- Cabin accommodation
- Full board (Breakfast – Lunch – Dinner)
- Unlimited Classic Drinks
- Shore excursions on sharing basis (Kusadasi & Rhodes) *
- Patmos tour in private basis
- Rho-01 Medieval Tour-Acropolis of Lindos & the citadel of the Knights
- *included shore excursions cannot be removed or replaced
- Entertainment on board
- Port charges security and other services (gratuities)
- On the cruise rates port charges, security and other service charges USD 199 per person are included
- **Important note re. COVID-19:**
- Before travelling, we strongly recommend that guests obtain comprehensive travel insurance covering Covid-19
- Covid-19 health and safety protocols can be found on our website as follows: <https://celestyal.com/us/covid-19-health-protocols/>

EXCLUDING

- Tips to Tour Guide and drivers
- Turkish Visa Fee to be paid online prior to arrival www.evvisa.gov.tr
- Lunches and Drinks (Bottled Water is included)
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, phone calls, all kind of insurances, etc)



GREECE AND TURKEY ARCHAEOLOGICAL MAP



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PAYMENT PROCEDURE:

\$1,000 per person DEPOSIT (non-refundable): SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
 We need Passport Name list on: JULY 2, 2022
 Full (BALANCE) payment can be wired to our below bank account on **JULY 9, 2022**

Cancellation Penalty:

- 120-90 days prior to departure:	No Penalty
- 89-60 days prior to departure:	10%
- 59-45 days prior to departure:	20%
- 44-30 days prior to departure:	50%
- 29-15 days prior to departure:	75%
- 14 days & After	No refund

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