



## A Spiritual Journey in the Steps of the Apostle Paul

**Celestyal Cruise and Tour to Athens, Corinth,  
 Northern Greece, Istanbul, Western Turkey and the the island of Patmos  
 Wed Oct 9 - Sun Oct 20, 2024**

**Join with other Christians** as we travel together for 12 days and 11 nights to Athens Greece Journey as we visit several of the locations that the Apostle Paul visited, lived, assisted in establishing Churches, and preached, during his missionary journeys in the first century.



Thessaloniki

### Steps of Paul

7-night inclusive cruise onboard Celestyal Journey

Day	Ports	Arrive	Depart
Saturday	Athens (Piraeus) Greece		16:00
Sunday	Thessaloniki Greece	09:30	20:00
Monday	Kavala Greece	08:00	16:00
Tuesday	Istanbul Turkey	09:30	20:00
Wednesday	Dikili Turkey	12:00	20:00
Thursday	Kusadasi Turkey	08:00	23:30
Friday	Patmos* Greece	07:00	18:30
Saturday	Athens (Piraeus) Greece	07:00	

\*Tendering weather permitting.

**2024 sailing dates**  
 October 12

**Cruise Itinerary**  
**Sat Oct 12 - Sat Oct 19**






Kusadasi



Istanbul



Kavala

### Highlights of this Spiritual Journey & Adventure to Greece and Turkey (historic Asia Minor):

- **Departing Chicago's O'Hare Airport** on award winning **Turkish Airlines**, at 8:30 PM on **Wed, Oct. 9**, and we travel to Athens (via Istanbul), arriving the next day about 8:20 PM.
- **On Fri, Oct. 11**, we have a half day tour of Athens with free time in Athens and the afternoon and evening to explore, before a group dinner.
- Saturday about noon we travel to the **Athens port of Piraeus** to board the **Celestyal Cruise** ship, the **MS Journey** a 1,200 passenger, departing from Athens on our cruise at 4:00 pm.
- **This esoteric trip, deeply reverential and humble**, follows the religious path along which Saint Paul journeyed during his preaching of Christianity.

Our special 7 day cruise, infused with faith and piety towards Religion, History and Culture, **bringing us closer to the lands which were visited by the "Apostle of the Nations", in Greece and Turkey.**



#### TRIP FEES:

- ➔ 12 days, 11 nights, **\$3,800** double occupancy; \$900 single supplement, inside stateroom on the ship (outside stateroom available at additional cost)
- ➔ **Included:** (See More Details on Page 2)
  - **Roundtrip Economy Airfare** from Chicago - Athens on Turkish Airlines, based on \$1,150 allowance, additional airfare may apply. Charge for advance seat selection, not include in the trip fee. Business Class airfare is available for about \$4,000, additional cost
  - **Travel Insurance** including trip cancellation (due to sickness or injury of the traveler or a close family member), cost for inside cabin, double occupancy is \$350. See the insurance certificate for details; cancel for any reason available at additional cost.
  - **Hotel rooms and Ship staterooms;** single or double occupancy, inside cabin onboard the ship
  - Trip Fee includes inside cabin, outside window cabin is +\$200 per person, (window may be obstructed). **Motor coach** for travel in Greece and Turkey.
  - All shore excursions and tours related to Paul's Journey and excursion in Istanbul. All meals on board the ship are included.
  - Tips for the ships staff and all port charges.
- ➔ **NOT Included:** (see more details on page 2)
  - Tips (Gratuities) for shore excursion guides, hotel attendants, land restaurant servers.
  - Transfer to/from O'Hare Airport in Chicago, shared transportation available at additional cost

## Details of our cruise in the Aegean Sea with our visit to Corinth

- We will travel on our organized tour, commencing from **Thessaloniki the "Bride of the Thermaic Gulf"**. Here, the Apostle preached during the winter of 49-50 A.D., he wrote two Epistles for the ancient Thessalonians and **founded the first Church of the area**. The ruins of that church lie close to Galerius' Arch. Here we will also see the **ancient walls, the house of Jason and the ancient Forum**. Next stop is **Veroia**, whose patron saint is Saint Paul. **You may "touch" the "Tribune of Saint Paul"**, where it is said that he stood and preached the Gospel to the inhabitants of the city, and also **the Church of the Resurrection of Christ the Savior (Anastasis)**, also called the Church of Christ.
- This cruise will next bring us to **the port of Kavala, the biblical Neapolis**, which is built amphitheatrically. Outside the city, at **Philippi**, Saint Paul conducted his first sermon in all of Europe! **In this place he baptized the first Christian in Europe, the "woman by the name of Lydia"**. Here we will also visit the prison where Saint Paul and Silas were held.
- Passing to the coast of Asia Minor and Istanbul, it is time to explore the secrets, the history and the religious past of Istanbul: **Hagia Sophia**, the **Topkapi Palace of the Turkish Sultans** and the **Blue Mosque**. **In the Turkish town of Dikili** we will discover the treasures of Pergamon the northern most church location of the 7 churches of revelations.
- **The House of the Virgin Mary, near Kusadasi** and 6 kilometers (4 miles) from the **archaeological site of Ephesus** will ease your body and mind.
- **The cruise "Pilgrimage" along the path of Saint Paul** reaches its apex at **Patmos Island**. On this blessed island of the Aegean, you will feel the spiritual elevation; we visit the **Monastery of St. John the Evangelist** and the **Grotto of the Apocalypse**.

Upon our arrival in the Athens area at the port of Piraeus, on **Sat morning, Oct 19** we will have a tour to Corinth, a nearby city that the Apostle Paul worked and preached in for several years. We will stop at the Corinth canal on our way to the ancient city of Corinth.

In the evening we will gather for dinner to reflect on our time together and our spiritual journey. Departing Turkish Airlines from Athens at 9:50 PM for a short flight to Istanbul, where we will stay at a hotel near the airport. We will breakfast at the hotel and then transfer back to the Istanbul airport for our 2:20 PM flight to Chicago's O'Hare ORD airport, arriving about 5:45 PM.

### THIS LAST MINUTE SPECIAL UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

#### Steps of Paul Cruise from Athens, Wed, Oct 9 – Sun, Oct 20, 2024

This is a special cruise done by **Celestyal Cruises** out of Athens Greece. This is the last year Celestyal Cruises they will be doing this exclusive Christian cruise.

We did the cruise in the fall of 2014, and it was an amazing experience, as most passengers on the ship were either Christ believers or had an interest in the Christian faith and its history.

Because of a group cancellation I have been offered some great group rates for this **cruise experience**.

Join us on a mesmerizing voyage to discover the romance and the mystery of the Mediterranean as we follow in the footsteps of St. Paul the Apostle. As we journey through the emerald waters of the sun-soaked Cyclades and the stunning coastline of Turkey, this wonderful 7-night adventure invites you to explore iconic landmarks, savor authentic cuisine and discover the trials and tribulations of St. Paul's epic journey to the Mediterranean region.

As you explore the captivating coastal towns and discover charming Byzantine monuments you will learn about how St. Paul's controversial ideas sparked riots and cast him into prison. Along the way, we will have the opportunity to visit famous landmarks including the Hagia Sophia, the Holy Grotto of the Apocalypse, the Faustina Baths of Miletus and ancient Ephesus, the best-preserved historical site in the Mediterranean.

**Cost for this tour cruise**, including all the Steps of Paul shore excursions, two pre-nights in Athens Greece and a tour to Corinth is \$3,800, double occupancy for inside cabins all drinks aboard the ship (premium drinks excluded) and transportation during tours and time in Greece. For an "run of the category" outside cabin the cost will be plus \$200. Airfare is included on Turkish Airlines for economy class airfare. For the cruise ship taxes and gratuities are included. Business class airfare is about \$4,000 additional cost.

Our Celestyal Plus+ Experience, cruise **includes** breakfast lunch and dinner, a drinks package with select cocktails, enhanced selection of wines & spirits, draft beer, sodas, juices, hot and cold coffees.

You will enjoy the award winning onboard daily live entertainment in the Amphitheater and bars.

**Port Charges & Gratuities** for the ships staff **are included** in the cost of the cruise.

**Shore excursions in every port** are included. Tips for our excursion guides are not included.

**WiFi Access**, to stay connected - one hour per person per day is included in our Celestyal Plus+ Experience

### Airfare and Flight Details:

The cost of airfare is included up to \$1,100 on Turkish Airlines. If you would like to select your seats ahead of check in at the airport, the cost is \$39 for the long-haul flights for economy class tickets and \$15 if you want an advance seat assignment for the short flights between Istanbul and Athens.

This is the flight schedule on award winning Turkish Airlines:

Turkish Airlines

1. Wed Oct 9 Depart Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD) at 8:30 PM, **Flt No 6**  
Thu Oct 10 Arrive Istanbul Airport (IST) at 3:35 PM
2. Thu Oct 10 Depart Istanbul Airport (IST) at 6:50 PM **Flt No 1845**  
Thu Oct 10 Arrive Athens Airport (ATH) at 8:20 PM
3. Sat Oct 19 Depart Athens Airport (ATH) at 9:50 PM **Flt No 1846**  
Sat Oct 19 Arrive Istanbul Airport (IST) at 11:30 PM
4. Sun Oct 20 Depart Istanbul Airport (IST) at 2:20 PM **Flt No 5**  
Sun Oct 20 Arrive Chicago O'Hare Airport (ORD) at 5:45 PM

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Inside Cabin Double Occupancy (two beds per room), Per Person Trip Fee is \$3,800\*

(Run of the category) Outside Cabin is \$4,000 Person, \$650 additional for single supplement inside, \$750 outside

Payment is due 50% by August 10, Balance September 1 2024

The trip fees once paid, are non-refundable.

\*The trip fee includes / excludes

- 1. Included: Round trip airline ticket from Chicago's O'Hare Airport to Athens, Greece on Turkish Airlines (\$1,000 allowance). Most meals.
2. Included, transportation by motor coach and ship in Greece and Turkey. Airport transfers in Chicago are available at additional cost.
3. Tours and shore excursions, including services of a English speaking guide, as listed as included on the itinerary, including all entrance fees to attractions and exhibits (not including gratuities for the guides and motor coach drivers). Optional/additional tours available are at additional cost.
4. Travel trip interruption - cancellation insurance protection which provides coverage that in case you are sick or hurt and cannot travel, your trip fee may be partially refunded (trip fee less the cost of the coverage). Please see plan certificate for exact coverage, plan provisions and details, including limitations and exclusions. Cancel for any reason coverage is available at extra cost. Insurance premium is \$350 for the base trip fee, \$3,800 or \$4,000. Less if age 70 or under, call for the lower rates.

NOTES: (1) Airfare allowance is \$1,100 (2) If the Euro's value against the US Dollar increases more than 3% (as of 8/2/2024) there may be an additional fee payable for the currency fee increase.

REGISTRATION FORM

All Registration Forms and payment are requested by Aug 10, 2024 with the \$3,900 non-refundable payment Plus the \$350 Travel Ins Pmt (for inside cabin, double occupancy)

"Johnston Travel" - Please mail to:

David Johnston, 840 Brandywine Dr, Roselle, IL 60172 Please include a copy of your passport with your registration. You can also pay by Zelle Acct, phone "331.642.2740" or Venmo Acct "@David-Johnston-247" Credit Card Payment has a fee of +3.5%

Name on Passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Nick Name for Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Occupancy Option\*: [ ] double [ ] single

Cabin Type "run of category": [ ] inside [ ] outside

Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_

Home Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home City: \_\_\_\_\_

Home State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I am [ ] non-smoker [ ] smoker

[ ]Vegetarian or [ ]Special diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Airline Seat Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: If you do not have a roommate we will assist in arranging one for you

PLEASE READ, SIGN AND DATE THE ->

GENERAL RELEASE HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT NOTES:

- 1. Vendors providing travel services and lodging, facilities, departure arrival times, venues, tours, excursions and attractions are not guaranteed and are subject to change
2. All hotel rooms have been requested as non-smoking

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Steps of Paul 2024

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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

The undersigned desires to attend and/or participate in events, programs, functions, activities and trips (hereinafter referred to as "activity of activities"), operated, sponsored by, connected with, or related to the Single Adults Travel and Tours Group organized, sponsored and operated by David Johnston doing business as (DBA) Johnston Travel.

The undersigned further understands and acknowledges that he or she may incur personal injury or bodily damage while participating in such activities. The undersigned further understands and acknowledges that David Johnston would not allow the undersigned to participate in such activities without releasing and holding him harmless. Further, the undersigned requests that the David Johnston allow him or her to participate in these activities and in consideration thereof, agrees to hereby release and forever discharge David Johnston, DBA Johnston Travel Services, their agents and any parties volunteering on behalf of David Johnston, from all actions, claims, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind growing out of or related to any activities of the Single Adults Travel and Tours Group in which the undersigned's participates. I also understand that trip fees are non-refundable once paid.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Trips and Activities for Single Adults Travel and Tours scheduled for 2025:

- East Africa, Kenya and Tanzania, Nov 2 - 16, 2025
• Other trips in the planning stage including a trip to Portugal and a Western Mediterranean Cruise

=>For information or to be added to the e-mail list; call or email David Johnston at 331.642.2740 or David@JohnstonGroupTravel.com.

Single Adults Travel and Tours meets usually on the first Saturday of the month; The monthly Saturday meeting place is in the Atrium at Willow Creek Church - South Barrington, IL, by the windows overlooking the lake, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The meeting times and location may change and the new location will be posted on the Single Adults Travel and Tours web site. The monthly meetings provide information about upcoming trips and theater events and are a chance to meet other Christian single adults interested in travel. For more information please check the Single Adults Travel and Tours web site at: http://SingleAdultsTravelandTours.com.

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime. - Mark Twain, Innocents Abroad, 1869