

5-STAR FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL JOURNEY + 4 NIGHT CRUISE



Departure Day: TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2025: TRAVEL FROM USA TO GREECE

- **Note that if you book a round-trip from the USA to Athens, Greece (ATH) then you will need to arrange a 1-way ticket from Athens to Thessaloniki (SKG) on October 15 as the tour begins there.**

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 15th OCTOBER: ARRIVAL IN THESSALONICA (By 6:00PM)- 5-Star Hotel in Thessaloniki

Your journey to the Biblical land of Greece begins! Upon arrival at Thessaloniki airport, meet your guide and driver and transfer to the hotel. Check in followed by dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2: THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER: PHILIPPI - KAVALA (NEAPOLIS) – THESSALONIKI- 5-Star Hotel in Thessaloniki

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, we begin our full day excursion along **Via Egnatia**, the ancient route of the Apostle Paul, through mountain passes and plains. We continue to **Ancient Philippi**, where Paul established the first church in Europe (Acts 16:9-33). We see the river where Lydia is said to have been baptized, the ruins of a prison where the Apostle Paul and Silas had been kept, **The Agora, 5th and 6th century Basilica and the Theater**. We then continue on a short drive to **Kavala (Neapolis)**, where Paul sailed from Troas (Acts 16:11). At this gateway Paul's team first set foot in Europe. Return to Thessaloniki in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Thessalonica.

DAY 3: FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER: THESSALONICA CITY TOUR- DRIVE TO ATHENS- 5-Star Hotel in Athens

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Check out, and start for a tour of the **City of Thessalonica** (Acts 17:1) where Paul went immediately to the synagogue and for three Saturdays explained the prophecies of the Old Testament to Jews and Greeks. According to the Book of the Acts, many Greeks and even many «Greek chief women» believed (Acts 17:1-4). We view the **Egnatian Way**, the **Triumphal Arch of Galerius**, and **The Rotunda**. We continue our drive to Athens where we arrive late evening for check in, dinner, and overnight.

DAY 4: SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER: ATHENS CITY TOUR (PARTHENON, MARS HILL & AGORA)- Athens 5-Star Hotel

Buffet breakfast at hotel. Meet your guide and embark on your full day sightseeing tour of Athens with a visit to the legendary **Acropolis**. First, we will see the chief jewel of the Acropolis, **the Parthenon**, the Temple of Wingless Victory, the Propylaea and the Erechtheion with its peerless Porch of Maidens. We continue to **Areopagus or Mars' Hill** where the Apostle Paul made his famous "Men of Athens" speech about an 'Unknown God'. Our final visit is to the **Ancient Agora**, which was the political, philosophical, and commercial center of ancient Athens. Free time in the afternoon to explore Athens and Plaka on your own & overnight at the hotel in Athens.

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DAY 5: SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER: ANCIENT CORINTH TOUR- ATHENS *Athens 5-Star Hotel*

Today we depart for our drive to the Peloponnese and the site of Ancient Corinth, the largest and richest city of Greece in the 3rd century B.C. On the way, quick photo stop at the Corinth Canal before continuing to the archaeological site and museum of Corinth. Visit the ruins of the city where the Apostle Paul worked (Acts 28:1-18), including the first century shops, the Agora, the Bema, and the temple of Apollo. After the visit, we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: MONDAY 20th OCTOBER: EMBARKATION 4 DAY CRUISE - LAVRIO – MYKONOS – (*CRUISE*)

Check out of hotel in Athens and transfer to the port of Lavrio to **Embark on your 4-day cruise** and sail to **Mykonos** at 1:00 pm. Lunch onboard. Arrive at 6:00 pm in Mykonos and enjoy your evening walking and exploring the pebbled streets of the cosmopolitan **Chora** and have a coffee in “**Little Venice**”. Sail for Kusadasi, Turkey at 11:00 pm. Dinner & overnight on- board the ship.

DAY 7: TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER: KUSADASI, TURKEY (EPHESUS) – PATMOS, GREECE- (*CRUISE*)

At 7:00 am our cruise-ship docks at **Kusadasi in Turkey**, the starting point for the included excursion to visit the **Ancient City of Ephesus**, where the Apostle Paul preached and lived for three years (Acts 18:19-21). Free time for souvenir shopping in Kusadasi before we set sail at 1:00 pm for Patmos, Greece. Lunch onboard. At 4:30 pm arrival in **Patmos** (disembarkation by tender-boats, sea & weather permitting). **It is here that the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation** (Rev 1:9) and we have the included shore excursion visit to St. John’s Monastery and the Grotto of the Apocalypse. Sail to Rhodes at 9:30 pm. All meals and overnight on board.

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER: RHODES- (*CRUISE*)

At 7:00 a.m. we arrive at **Rhodes**. Join an optional excursion to Lindos, where we visit the ruins of the Acropolis of Lindos with the ancient Temple of Athena, built in 300 BC over the blue Aegean Sea. **Local tradition has it that on his way to Rome; Paul’s vessels spent some time here in the small harbor (Acts 21:1).** Otherwise, as the cruise ship docks directly in the port, **you have the whole day free to walk around the medieval walled town of Rhodes, through the D’Amboise Gate to the Street of the Knights.** Along this street you will find the residences of the Knights, separated according to Order, which bear their corresponding crests until today. Lunch & dinner onboard. Set sail for Heraklion Crete late evening.

DAY 9: THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER: HERAKLION CRETE - SANTORINI, GREECE- (*CRUISE*)

At 07:00 am arrive in **Heraklion Crete (Acts 27:7-13)**. Take an optional excursion to the Minoan Palace of Knossos or you can explore the town, shop for souvenirs, and **Visit the church of St. Titus (Titus 1-3)**. At 12:00 noon, set sail for Santorini. Lunch on board and **arrival at the volcanic island of Santorini at 4:30 pm with its stunning backdrop.** (Disembarkation by tender-boats- weather permitting). **Enjoy the included guided excursion to visit the beautiful and picturesque village of Oia where you can see the famous blue domed churches and witness the world famous sunset.** Free time for taking photos, browsing, shopping and enjoying the breathtaking view of the caldera. Sail for Piraeus (Athens) at 9:30 pm. All meals and overnight on board.

DAY 10: FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER: DISEMBARK- DEPARTURES (Book your return flight to depart at NOON or after)
Buffet breakfast on board and disembark ship. Transfer to Athens international airport for your departure flight home.