

ROCKPOINTE CHURCH

JOURNEYS OF PAUL PILGRIMAGE

OCTOBER 5-17, 2026

October 5 - DFW – Athens

Depart the USA for Athens.

October 6 - Athens

Arrive Athens and meet the group at our hotel, the Zafoli Hotel. The rest of the afternoon is free. Dinner at a local Athens restaurant and overnight at the Zafolia Hotel.

October 7 - Athens

We will spend the day admiring the architectural miracles of ancient Athens, as we follow our guide to the world-famous Acropolis to see the Propylea, the Erectheum and the Parthenon. We will also visit Mars Hill, where Paul delivered his sermon on the “Unknown God”, as well as view the Agora, the ancient center of the economic and public life of the city, where Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians. During the bus tour, we will see Constitution Square with the House of Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Zeus, the Old Olympic Stadium and the Neoclassical buildings of Athens. Dinner at a local Athens restaurant and overnight in Athens at the Zafolia Hotel.

October 8 - Delphi – Kalambaka (Meteoras)

The group will depart Athens and drive into the mainland of Greece to Delphi, considered the center of the ancient world, where we will visit the site and museum. From there, we will continue to central Greece where we will find scenery of unique and striking beauty: on top of huge granite pinnacles, you see the ageless Meteora Monasteries full of treasures of Christian art. We will visit one of them and then drive to our hotel in Kalambaka, Amalia Hotel for dinner and overnight.

October 9 - Meteora – Thessaloniki

This morning we will get a taste of the beautiful countryside of Central and Northern Greece, as we drive from Kalambaka toward Veria, where the Apostle Paul was welcomed by the local church. From there, we will continue to Thessaloniki and get acquainted with the city of Jason and Paul, see the White Tower, the Rotonda, the Roman Arch of Galerius, the Byzantine Acropolis and visit the most famous church of Thessaloniki, the Basilica of St. Demetrius. We will then drive to our hotel in Thessaloniki, Capsis Hotel, have dinner at a local Thessaloniki restaurant and overnight.

October 10 - Thessaloniki – Kavala (Philippi) – Thessaloniki

Today we will follow the route of the Via Egnatia and visit, like Paul and his companion, the area of Amphipolis to see the famous funerary Lion of Amphipolis and the site of Philippi. There, we will visit the Baptistry of Lydia near the river, where Paul baptized Lydia, the first convert of Paul on European soil. We will also visit the ruins of the Forum of Philippi, the Christian Basilicas, the “Prison of Paul”, and the Theater. We will then drive to Kavala (Neapolis), a picturesque city-port and view the Byzantine Castle and the Roman Aqueduct. We will then drive to our hotel in Thessaloniki, Capsis Hotel, for dinner at the hotel and overnight.

October 11 - Thessaloniki – Vergina – Athens

We will begin our journey back to Athens and stop in Vergina where we will visit a spectacular archeological site containing the tomb of King Philip of Macedonia and his family. We will continue to Athens after a brief stop at Thermopylae, where Leonidas led the heavily outnumbered Spartans against the invading Persians in one of the most famous battles in western history. Arriving in Athens, we will check in to our hotel, the Zafolia Hotel and then go out for dinner. We will return to the hotel after dinner and overnight.

October 12 - Cruise – Mykonos

We will begin our cruise today by boarding the ship and sailing to our first port of call - Mykonos. It is the most cosmopolitan of the Greek Islands and attracts many visitors from all over the globe, including large numbers of artists and intellectuals. You will be free to spend the afternoon and evening exploring this island of white sugar-cube houses, narrow cobbled streets, windmills, beautiful beaches and over 300 Elfin chapels or you may choose to purchase an optional excursion offered by the cruise ship. We will return to the ship and depart in the evening.

October 13 - Kusadasi (Ephesus) – Patmos

In the morning, we will arrive in Turkey and drive to the ancient city of Ephesus, where Paul spent three years during his 3rd missionary journey. This is the city where both Paul and John preached and lived (Acts 19) and the city to which Paul wrote the book of Ephesians. Ephesus is one of the most impressive archaeological sites in the world and we will explore the site, entering through the Magnesian Gate and continuing to visit the Odeon (concert hall), the Fountain of Trajan, the steam-heated Baths of Scolaстика, the Temple of Hadrian and the Latrines, the Library of Celsus and The Great Theatre, the largest one in antiquity with a capacity of 24,000 seats where St. Paul preached. We will walk back to the bus along the Arcadian Way, where Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession. While driving back to Kusadasi and just outside Ephesus, we will see the Basilica of St. John, which was erected over his grave in the 6th century A.D. by Emperor Justinian. We will then drive to site where the Virgin Mary is believed to have spent her last days. Before returning to the ship, we will have time to enjoy some free time in Kusadasi or get a cultural taste of Turkey by enjoying an exhibition of oriental carpets, jewelry or leather goods. We will return to the ship and sail to the island of Patmos where John was in exile. We will visit the Monastery of St. John, situated on one of the island's highest points, and then walk down to the Grotto of the Apocalypse, the site where John wrote the Book of Revelation. We will return to the ship and continue our cruise.

October 14 – Rhodes

We will have the entire day to explore the island of Rhodes. You can sign up for optional shore excursions that take you along the picturesque south-eastern coastline, dotted with white-washed villages, to Lindos, one of the most important of the three great cities of ancient times. See how this entire city is guarded by medieval walls which were constructed by the knights of St. John in the 13th century. Within them stands the ancient Acropolis of Lindos, on the brink of a precipice 400 feet above the sea. From the Acropolis, marvel at the breathtaking views covering the great expanse of the Aegean Sea and St. Paul's Bay, where the apostle cast anchor during his historic voyage to Ephesus. Another shore excursion option is to explore Rhodes city and enjoy a panoramic drive through the new part of the city before continuing to Mount Smith to see the ruins of ancient Rhodes, the Temple of Apollo and Diagoras Stadium. Afterwards your motor coach will drop you off at Porte d'Amboise, the start of the walking tour through the medieval city of Rhodes, the Palace of the Knights, Chevaliers Road and the Marine Gate. Return to the ship and depart.

October 15 - Crete - Santorini

Today, we wake up to discover that we have arrived at the island of Crete and this morning's port of call, Heraklion. Crete is the largest of the Greek Islands and is known, in legend, as the birthplace of Zeus, father of the gods. We will tour the site of Knossos with its restored Palace of King Minos (legendary home of the

Minotaur) and the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion. We will depart later in the day for our final and probably most scenic port, Santorini. You may take a donkey or cable car up to the whitewashed village of Fira and spend the rest of the day exploring this fascinating town perched on the edge of the cliff, or purchase an excursion to one of the other towns on the island. In the evening, we sail back to Athens.

October 16 - Corinth

After arriving back in Athens, we will continue our trip with a drive to the southern part of Greece to visit Ancient Corinth. This is the once glorious city near the Isthmus, where Paul met Aquilla and Priscilla and spent a year and a half preaching the Gospel. We will visit the Archaeological Museum, the Forum, the Temples and the famous Bema, where Paul stood before Gallio, accused by the Jews of Corinth. Dinner at a local Athens restaurant and overnight in Athens at the Zafolia Hotel.

October 17 - End of cruise - Depart

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the USA.

COST OF THE TOUR

\$6658.00 per person – Outside Cabin with Window – XC Cabin Category

\$5563.00 per person – Land Tour Only (No Air) - Outside Cabin with Window – XC Cabin Category

\$500.00 per person – Cost to upgrade to an Outside Cabin with a Balcony – BA Cabin Category (There are a limited number of these balcony cabins)

Included in Tour Cost:

**** AIRFARE:** Roundtrip air from DFW to Athens is included.

**** HOTELS:** Seven (7) nights accommodations at the hotels listed in itinerary, or similar, based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room with private bath throughout. A few single rooms are available at an additional cost of \$1786.00. If a passenger cannot supply a roommate and MBF Enterprises, Inc. is unable to do so, the passenger will have to pay the supplemental charge.

**** CRUISE:** 5 day / 4 night cruise on the Celestyal Discovery in outside-facing exterior cabins with a window (cabin category XC) on FB basis (breakfast, lunch and dinner included). Upgraded cabins with balconies have an additional supplement cost of \$500.00 per person.

**** CRUISE CABINS:** Outside facing cabins with a window (cabin category XC) are included on the ship. A limited number of balcony cabins are available for an additional charge.

**** MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner are included on the land portion of the tour and breakfast, lunch and dinner are included on the cruise portion of the tour.

**** RESTAURANT DINNERS:** We have planned five (5) special dinners in local Athens and Thessaloniki restaurants.

**** SIGHTSEEING:** English speaking professional guide for sightseeing and touring as per itinerary.

**** TRANSPORTATION:** Deluxe motor coach for all transfers and touring as per itinerary.

**** ENTRANCE FEES:** Entrance fees to all archaeological sites as per itinerary.

**** PORT TAXES & CRUISE TIPS:** Cruise port taxes and cruise tips (\$199 per person) are included in the tour cost.

**** SHORE EXCURSIONS:** The following shore excursions (\$300 per person) are included in the tour cost:

Shore excursion in Kusadasi - House of Virgin Mary & Ancient Ephesus

Shore excursion in Patmos - St. John's Monastery & Grotto of Apocalypse

Shore excursion in Heraklion – Knossos Palace

**** TRANSFERS:** All transfers between airports and hotels.

**** PORTERAGE:** Porterage and handling of one (1) bag per person.

**** TAXES:** All taxes on the hotels, meals and other tour services.

**** TIPS:** Tips are included (\$100 per person) for the guides, drivers and escorts.

**** PRIVATE TOUR ESCORT:** A private tour escort will accompany the group and offer services throughout the tour. In addition, the tour escort will give walking tours on Mykonos and Santorini for those wishing to participate.

Not included in tour price:

**** Airline Taxes** (Note: They are currently running around \$80-\$120 per person and they may increase or decrease before departure).

**** Trip cancellation insurance** is strongly recommended and can be purchased here -

<https://mikefanning.com/travel-insurance>.

**** Drinks** during the meals at the hotels.

**** Shore excursions** during cruise (in addition to the Ephesus, Patmos and Crete shore excursions).

**** Lunches** during land portion of the trip.

**** Personal expenses** (laundry, phone calls, etc.).

**** Excessive baggage charges**, such as overweight charges or the porterage of more than (1) suitcase.

**** Individual services** apart from group.

**** Expenses** due to flight delays, strikes, bad weather or other irregularities.

**** Cost** of passport.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Registration and deposits: An initial deposit of **\$600 per person** is required to secure definite reservations. We regret that no space may be reserved without a deposit.

Final payment: Balance of payment is due on **June 1, 2026**.

Cancellations and refunds: If the trip is canceled in its entirety after a deposit has been made, there will be cancellation penalties based on the following schedule:

- More than 120 days prior to departure – Full refund
- 119-90 days prior to departure - \$600 per person
- 90 days prior to departure – No refund

The cancellation penalties may be less if there is a person on a waiting list or if the trip can be sold to another individual. Cancellations must be made in writing; verbal cancellations, whether in person or by phone, are not valid. A special optional trip cancellation insurance policy is available and can be purchased here - <https://mikefanning.com/travel-insurance>.

Travel and Health Documents: A valid passport is required for all tours. No special inoculations are required unless specifically notified.

Tour price: The price of the tour is based on a minimum of 25 passengers. Should the final membership fall below this number, MBF Enterprises, Inc. reserves the right to increase the tour price.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

Email: _____

Name by which you like to be called: _____

_____ I am willing to share a room with another tour member.

_____ Please find me a roommate

_____ I have a roommate: _____

_____ I will travel on a single room basis at an additional supplemental cost.

Passport Information - Participant #1:

First, Middle, Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Passport # _____ Date of Expiration _____

Passport Information - Participant #2:

First, Middle, Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Passport # _____ Date of Expiration _____

Name to contact in case of emergency: _____

Relationship to you: _____ Telephone _____

Any special requests, dietary and/or medical requirements of which we should be aware?

Tour Participation

GENERAL: Your tour operations and travel services are coordinated through MBF Enterprises, Inc. ("MBF") by MBF contracting for goods and services from other industry suppliers in tour operations and travel and hospitality services. MBF and/or these suppliers will provide the tour operations and travel and hospitality services described in the brochure and related materials or the tour. In the event of force majeure circumstances, and other delays and causes beyond the control of MBF or its tour operations and travel and hospitality service providers, the tour operations and travel and hospitality services may not be provided, may be interrupted, or if provided may be a substitution different than originally planned. In any such event(s), however, refunds will not be made.

As an example of the above events, domestic and international air and surface carriers routinely substitute equipment, delay travel, cancel travel, and damage, destroy or lose baggage. By participating in the tour, you acknowledge this and that similar events will occur, and you agree that when such event(s) happen you and the applicable service provider will fully and completely settle in full any related claims by and among yourselves. The above example is one of many events that may happen on domestic and international travel and tours. MBF highly recommends that you plan for such events by purchasing trip and travel insurance.

YOUR PARTICIPATION: MBF reserves the right to (i) accept, and once accepted to remove, you as a participant on this tour, and (ii) cancel, suspend, or otherwise change the tour at any time. In any such event(s) no refunds will be made. MBF highly recommends that you plan for such events by purchasing trip and travel insurance.

You acknowledge and affirm that you have carefully read the itinerary outline for this tour. You represent and warrant to MBF that you are physically and mentally fit to participate in the tour and related travel. Further you recognize, accept, and assume all risks associated with the tour and related travel and hospitality services.

Domestic and international travel, while rewarding, can be physically demanding and difficult. Our chosen itinerary at times will require early departures and late arrivals, occasionally resulting in a "long day" with varying mealtimes. We plan the tour itinerary to maximize the study experience, adjusted as necessary for venue and forum conditions and comfort. The below affirmations we ask that you make will help you understand the nature of this tour and the level of physical activity you can expect. As an example, if you routinely need a cane to assist you in walking or have been recommended for any type of orthopedic surgery, you should not go on this tour.

Please affirm by initialing below that during the tour you physically can:

_____ (Initial) Walk at least 3-5 miles on paved roads, both up and down hills.

_____ (Initial) Walk for an extended time on cobblestone, uneven surfaces, gravel, and unpaved roads and paths.

_____ (Initial) Walk up and down stairs and ramps (both even and uneven) without assistance, often without railings.

_____ (Initial) Travel by airplane nonstop for 10 hours, or more.

_____ (Initial) Personally handle all luggage through airport and other transportation terminals without assistance.

_____ (Initial) Pass through passport control and customs without assistance.

_____ (Initial) Travel by bus 2 hours or more, including load/unload yourself and your baggage from a bus at least 4 times a day or more.

If you are unable to meet the physical requirements to participate in the tour, MBF may stop your participation and make arrangements for your return to your home at your own cost and expense.

Should you need medical attention and/or hospitalization while on the tour your spouse or emergency contact provided is responsible for your care. Neither MBF nor any other tour personnel will be able to accompany you or stay behind with you should you need care. Your spouse or emergency contact may need to travel to your location to coordinate your care. MBF highly recommends that you plan for such an event by purchasing trip and travel insurance, including "bring me home" medical/transport coverage, and obtaining personal medical coverage for you throughout the world.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the level of physical activity, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Fanning (mike@mikefanning.com).

Requesting a Roommate Assigned by MBF Enterprises, Inc.

If you are traveling alone, and if requested by initialing below, MBF may be able to arrange a roommate who is also traveling alone and who prefers to share a room with another tour participant. If we are unable to find a roommate and a single room must be assigned, then you will be responsible to pay for a single room.

Your Initials:

Participant Release, Hold Harmless, and Indemnity

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the individual named below ("Participant") does hereby release and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless MBF Enterprises Inc., and their respective parent(s), subsidiary and affiliated companies (corporate and non-corporate), and its and their respective owners, officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, employees, agents, contractors, and sub-contractors (collectively, "Releasees") for, from and against all liabilities, claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses, including attorney fees, of any nature, kind or description of any person or entity directly or indirectly arising out of, caused by, or resulting from (in whole or in part) the [insert dates and name of tour] biblical studies tour (of which Participant is attending), or any part thereof, including any such liabilities, claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses attributable to bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property (collectively "Liabilities"), even if such Liabilities are caused by the concurrent or comparative negligence (whether active or passive) of any Releasee. Additionally, Participant hereby releases, and shall cause its insurers to release, individually and collectively the Releasees from any and all claims or causes of action whatsoever which Participant and its insurers might otherwise possess resulting in or from or in any way connected with any loss covered or which should have been covered by insurance, including the deductible portion thereof.

I (we) have read the above Tour Participation materials, understand them in their entirety, and agree to them.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Please return the completed form (with signatures) to:

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