

# *Greece in the Steps of Paul*

*Thessaloniki • Philippi • Kavala • Athens • Rhodes • Patmos • Ephesus*

*Including a Greek isles cruise*

*September 26 – October 7, 2023*

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## **YOUR DAILY ITINERARY:**

### **TUE, SEP 26                      PHOENIX • ATHENS**

Depart from Phoenix on our flight to Athens. Meals and overnight on board. After dinner relax and enjoy the on-board entertainment.

### **WED, SEP 27                      ATHENS • THESSALONIKI**

Arrive Athens and connect on a flight to Thessaloniki. Arrive Thessaloniki and transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight.

### **THU, SEP 28                      THESSALONIKI • KAVALA • THESSALONIKI**

We begin with a tour of the biblical Thessaloniki where Paul founded the Church in AD 49-50. We will see the ancient ruins as well as some local churches. "And from there we went to Philippi which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia..." (Acts 16: 12-18). Drive along the ancient route of Paul, through mountain passes and plains to Amphipolis for a short stop to view the ancient Lion Statue. Continue to Ancient Philippi where we find two early Christian basilicas, traces of the Egnatian Way which Paul followed from the harbor of Neapolis (ancient port of Philippi) on his first visit on European soil. View the Roman Forum, the Citadel, the ancient theater, and the Lydia's brook. Continue on a short drive to Kavala on the site of ancient Neapolis where Paul landed on the way to Philippi. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

### **FRI, SEP 29                      BERIA • THESSALONIKI**

This morning we drive to Berea for a visit. Paul and Silas were sent to Berea after fleeing from Thessalonica (Acts 17:10). They immediately went to the synagogue to preach, and the Bereans were very accepting. Almost all of them believed. But when the Thessalonian non-believers heard about this, they came to Berea, stirring up crowds, starting riots, and generally hampering Paul, Silas and Timothy. Then the believers sent Paul to the coast while Timothy and Silas stayed behind. Paul was sent to Athens, and word was given to Timothy and Silas to join him as soon as possible. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki

### **SAT SEP 30                      THESSALONIKI • ATHENS**

Morning flight to Athens. Today's tour will touch the highlights of this center of one of the world's greatest civilizations and the cradle of Western civilization. First visit the Acropolis and wander through the ruins of some of the most architecturally perfect buildings ever constructed. We'll see the Propylaea, the Temple of the Wingless Victory, the Erechtheum with its peerless Porch of Maidens and Mars Hill where Paul was brought before the council. Finally, we reach the 'harmony between matter and spirit', the monument that 'puts order in the mind', the Parthenon. On a drive through the city we'll see the National Library, the University, the Academy, the Presidential Palace, the Stadium, Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. We will visit the National Museum. Dinner & overnight in Athens.

### **SUN, OCT 1                      CORINTH • NAUPLIA**

Today we tour to Corinth driving through Daphni and Eleusis. After crossing the Corinthian Canal which connects the Aegean and Ionian Seas, we will arrive in ancient Corinth. We visit the ruins of Corinth where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. Included are the First Century shops, the Agora, Temple of Apollo and the Bema Seat. Still gurgling under the ruins is the water of the springs of the mighty Acropolis above, which once fed the Fountain of Pirene. Continue your drive up to Acrocorinth, in Paul's time site of the great Temple of Aphrodite. Return to Athens where the rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner and overnight.

### **MON, OCT 2                      ATHENS • MYKONOS**

This morning we drive to Piraeus and embark on our cruise through the Aegean to Turkey. Arrive at Mykonos in the afternoon. The afternoon is at leisure on this small and famous gleaming white Aegean

Island, with its golden beaches, windmills and picturesque narrow roads. All meals on board our cruise ship.

**TUE, OCT 3                    KUSADASI (EPHESUS) • PATMOS**

This morning we arrive in Kusadasi, Turkey. Kusadasi is a colorful harbor town and the starting point for an excursion to the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, site of one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Excavation still continues in this once great and important city, which was founded in the 10th century BC and was subdued by both Croesus and Alexander the Great. Walk through history along streets lined with magnificent public buildings, among them the Baths of Skolasticia, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian and the theatre. Ephesus also played an important part in the life of the Apostle Paul, who wrote an epistle to its inhabitants. This afternoon we spend our time cruising the beautiful, blue Aegean arriving after lunch in Patmos. Patmos is the beautiful, rocky island where the exiled St. John the Divine received the mystical Revelation which forms the last book of the New Testament. Excursion to the Grotto of the Revelation and then on to the 11th Century Monastery of St. John, which houses an original manuscript of the Gospel. Enjoy the panoramic view from this superb, fortress-like complex, high on a hill.

**WED, OCT 4                    RHODES**

Early morning arrival in Rhodes. This fortified stronghold was built by a Crusading Order which originated from Palestine. After your stroll, enjoy the cosmopolitan atmosphere from one of the elegant cafes on the yacht harbor, or take an optional excursion to visit the Temple of Athena on the majestic, rocky Acropolis of Lindos, with the blue Aegean beneath it and the sophisticated, whitewashed artists' colony at its foot. Overnight onboard.

**THU, OCT 5                    CRETE, SANTORINI**

This morning we wake up at Heraklion, Crete, the home of the great Minoan Civilization. Visit the Knossos excavations dating back to 4000 B.C. and the Palace. Return to our cruise ship to sail to Santorini, for a visit on this interesting island. **OPTIONAL:** Enjoy a short trip by local boat to Athenios harbor where we board our motor coach to visit Oia Village, built on the Caldera rim which is an excellent example of Cycladic architecture. A unique sight is the various layers of lava that can be seen on the face of the rock, each layer being another phase of the volcano activity. Proceed through the beautiful countryside to Fira, an attractive town perched on the Caldera rim where the land slopes gently in one direction and falls steeply into the sea in the other. Enjoy the town at leisure or perhaps relax over a coffee as you gaze down upon Kamenes, the two black volcanic islets in the Caldera Bay. Afterwards, return to the small pier of Scala by cable car or mule, where the vessel's tenders will take you back to the ship. Overnight on board our cruise ship.

**FRI, OCT 6                    ATHENS (Disembark)**

This morning we disembark the ship in Piraeus and transfer to our hotel in Athens. This entire day is yours to explore the city of Athens, shop and re-visit some of the sites you saw during your sightseeing tour. Dinner and overnight.

**SAT, OCT 7                    ATHENS • PHOENIX**

We transfer to the airport for departure from Athens for Phoenix. Arrive today with wonderful memories of a magnificent journey.

**Highlights of Your Tour**

*Scheduled International Flights • Top Quality Four Star Hotels • Buffet Breakfast & Dinner Daily • Top Guide with In-Depth Knowledge of the Old and New Testaments • Private Air Conditioned Motor coach • Visits to the Major Historical Sites • Cruise the Greek Islands • All meals on board the ship Most shore excursions included • Outside cabins on board the ship.....and much more!*

**Have A Very Pleasant Journey!**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The tour operator and/or guide reserve the right to alter the sequence of the daily itinerary and make substitutions in order to meet changes brought about by weather, airline delays or as deemed necessary for the best interest and overall comfort of the group.



# TOUR CONDITIONS

## PRICE PER PERSON FROM PHOENIX: \$5135 (Credit \$5367)

### Land Only (no airfare) : \$3565 (Credit \$3726)

(Note: This is a custom tour and the cost quoted above is based on a minimum No. of 40 adult participants. Should tour membership fall below this number, the tour operator reserves the right to re-cost the program.) All airfares are subject to change.

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- Round trip jet economy class airfare from Phoenix, AZ
- Four Star Hotels. Accommodations based on two persons sharing a room • Outside cabins on the ship.
- Full I Buffet-Breakfast and Dinner Daily • All meals on board the cruise.
- Round trip transfers by private motor coach including a qualified, licensed English-speaking guide
- Portage for one standard size suitcase per person
- All hotel taxes and service charges are included • Suggested tips to guide, driver, and hotel staff of \$85 per person
- Shore excursions to Ephesus, Patmos & Rhodes.
- Port taxes of \$166 per person • Airport taxes of \$480 per person, subject to change

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Santorini & Crete shore excursion. You can do this on your own. .
- The cost of obtaining a U.S. passport, meals or beverages other than specified, insurance, items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, etc.

**DOCUMENTS:** A valid U.S. passport is required. No visas are required for U.S passport holders.

Passports must be valid for 6 months from return.

**RESERVATIONS:** A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is required to make a reservation. Balance is due June 20, 2023. All returned checks are subject to a \$50 charge, no exceptions. Payments are not transferable to any other person.

**CANCELLATIONS:** All cancellations must be in writing. Special note for all passengers using our airfare: Any cancellations received 91 days or earlier prior to departure will incur an additional \$200 cancellation charge over and above the charges stipulated under the normal cancellations for this tour. For individual cancellations received up to: 91 days prior to departure an administrative fee of \$300 will be charged; 90-60 days prior to departure a \$850 fee will be charged; 59-46 days prior to departure a \$950 fee will be charged; 45-0 days before departure are subject to a charge of 100% of the total tour cost.

**INSURANCE NOTE:** We strongly recommend that passengers purchase comprehensive insurance that includes coverage for Trip Cancellation or Interruption, Medical Expense and Baggage. An optional travel insurance plan is available to Friendship Tour Participants. Information about this plan is included with the reservation form.

**DEVIATIONS:** Deviations are not permitted since this is a special airfare for this tour.

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# ***Your Reservation Form***

*(Please Complete A Form For Each Traveler)*

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**SUPPLEMENT FOR A SINGLE ROOM: \$1178**

**REQUIRED DEPOSIT PER PERSON: \$300**

**PASSPORTS MUST BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS FROM DATE OF RETURN**

***You may pay the \$ 300 per person deposit by check or credit card. There is no extra charge for paying your deposit by credit card***

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "Friendship Tours – Trust Account"**  
**Please Mail This Completed Form with Your Payment to:**

**Cornerstone Church**

**2211 E. Pecos Road, # 2**

**Chandler, AZ 85225**

**CONTACT: Jodi Petersen (480) 726 8000**

**I/We will travel Land Only**

**I/We will be traveling land & air**

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Name (on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Room Required:**          Twin Occupancy          Single Occupancy (Additional charge)

I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE OPTION TO PURCHASE TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE FROM ALLIANZ INSURANCE AND I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TOUR CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO THIS TOUR.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (required) **(SIGN ON REVERSE AS WELL)**

Date

**(See Reverse for Form of Payment and Important Insurance Information)**  
**FORM OF PAYMENT**

**BY CHECK:**

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE ON JUNE 20, 2023**

I have enclosed a Deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per Person, for a Total Check amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**II BY CREDIT CARD:** To pay by credit card online.



# WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL PASSENGERS PURCHASE TRIP INSURANCE

## IMPORTANT - TRAVEL INSURANCE - PLEASE READ THIS ALLIANZ INSURANCE PLAN

*For those wishing to purchase the Allianz insurance, please apply directly to Allianz Travel Protection, using the application form included with the insurance brochure.*

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

To receive a preexisting condition waiver please refer to the Allianz brochure or Call (800) 284-8300 Deadlines apply, so study this brochure before registering for the trip. Please be aware that you may purchase various levels of Insurance Coverage from Allianz. Study the brochure carefully. **OUR ACCAM # F030632 You will be asked for this.**

### **IMPORTANT**

**I will be applying for the Allianz Insurance:           YES           NO**

If you decline the insurance you are fully responsible for all losses incurred before and during your trip.

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**ACCEPTED, READ and UNDERSTOOD:**

**SIGNED:**

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**PRINTED NAME**

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**SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**