

## THE DETAILS...

**INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:** 1) Round trip airfare (when air & land is purchased) per brochure, deluxe motor coaches, First Class/ Superior Class hotels, guided sightseeing, entrance fees to sites visited, breakfast daily; 2) port fees & cruise gratuities based on deluxe outside cabins category XF; 3) gratuities for tour guide, driver, and hoteliers for services provided on land in Greece; 4) shore excursions included for group to Patmos, Ephesus, Rhodes, Lindos & Crete, and Santorini on board Celestyal Cruises; 5) and gold drink package on the cruise.

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:** Not included in your package are passports, laundry, lunches, telephone, mini-bar, alcohol, other beverages, and food not included as per the itinerary, portage at airports, excess baggage fees, and all other items not specifically mentioned. Any fees or fuel surcharges imposed by the airlines after the date you register for your trip.

**PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$500 per person is required at time of registration (\$300 is non-refundable). All checks should be made payable to Odyssey Travel. The deposit should be delivered to Gena Kooken at MDPC. Future payments should be mailed to Odyssey Travel to the attention of Barry Weiss. First payment of \$2500 is due September 20, 2017. The next payment is \$1500 and is due November 5, 2017. The next payment of \$1200 is due January 10, 2018. Final payment is due no later than February 5, 2018, at which point all sums will be non-refundable. For those traveling to Rome, \$500 of your payments will be non-refundable as of December 31. There may be a late fee of \$195 for all payments or new registrations received 75 to 60 days prior to departure. All tour prices are based on a minimum group size of 25 passengers for prices to be valid. Odyssey reserves the right to add a surcharge if the dollar declines by more than 2.5% against the Euro based on foreign exchange rates in effect on the date when your tour was booked by the MDPC. (Pricing based on exchange of the Euro to US Dollar on this date at conversion of 1.120 exchange). All payments are required in US Funds.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Price is based on double occupancy. If you request a single room there will be a single room supplement charge of \$1235 for the basic itinerary; additional \$1180 for optional Rome extension.

**FLIGHT TIMES:** All flight times are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. Odyssey is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. We recommend you purchase Travel Insurance.

**CANCELLATION FEES:** Any cancellation from day of registration to February 25, 2018, will be charged a \$300 non-refundable administrative fee per person, as set forth in the Payment paragraph above. All sums paid as of February 25, 2018, are non-refundable. We strongly recommend you purchase travel insurance.

**PASSPORT:** Be sure that your passport does not expire prior to Jan. 1, 2019.

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# GREECE

*A 13-day Walk in the Footsteps of Paul*

Includes 4-night Greek Isles Cruise  
with Optional Rome Extension

Hosted by Dr. Alf and Shari Halvorson



Visiting: Kavala, Philippi,  
Thessaloniki, Meteora, Athens,  
Corinth, Mars Hill and more...

Travel Dates: **June 11-23, 2018**

**With Rome Extension**

\$6437 (land)

\$1095 (airfare)

**W/out Rome Extension**

\$5187 (land)

\$1020 (airfare)



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Register Early! Space is limited, and is first come, first served.





**DAY 1 MONDAY, JUNE 11: DEPART U.S.A. FOR ATHENS**

Tour Members meet for our flight to Athens. Sit back and relax, enjoy the on-board entertainment as we prepare for this most exciting trip, walking where Paul walked. After a brief touchdown and change of planes, we depart for modern Athens.

**DAY 2 TUESDAY, JUNE 12: ARRIVE ATHENS**

Arrive in Athens, where we will be met by our representative and transferred to our hotel for dinner and overnight. If time permits, we will have a short Athens Orientation Tour of the City. Dinner and overnight will be in Athens.

**DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13: ATHENS, PARTHENON, MARS HILL, CORINTH**

In the morning, admire the architectural miracles of ancient Athens. We will follow our guide to the world-renown Acropolis to see the Propylea, the Erechtheum, and the Parthenon. Visit Mars Hill where Paul delivered his speech on the "Unknown God." Next, we 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 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. Then, we continue our trip to Ancient Corinth, the once glorious city near the Isthmus, where Paul met Aquilla and Priscilla and spent a year-and-a-half preaching the Gospel. We visit the Archaeological Museum, the Forum, the Temples and the famous Bema, where Paul stood before Gallio, accused by the Jews of Corinth. Finally, we drive to Cencreae, the little harbor Paul sailed back to from Asia, thus ending his second missionary journey. Then we journey back to Athens for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 4 THURSDAY, JUNE 14: METEORA, KALAMBAKA**

Today, we leave for Central Greece. We visit the breathtaking Monasteries of Meteora. Ageless monasteries stand amid striking scenery perched atop huge rocks, which seem to be suspended in mid-air. We can also see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art. We enjoy dinner and spend the night in Kalambaka.

**DAY 5 FRIDAY, JUNE 15: VERIA, THESSALONIKI**

After breakfast, we drive to Veria and visit the Bema of the Apostle Paul. After our stop in Veria, we continue to Thessaloniki (the city where Paul was received by Jason) for our city tour. Paul was preaching the Word of God here, until he was rushed out of the city. We will see the landmark of the city, the White Tower, the Walls of the Byzantine Acropolis, the Roman Arch of Galerius, and the Rotonda. Next, we visit two of the city's oldest and most admired Christian churches, the Basilicas of St. Demetrius and St. Sophia (Divine Wisdom). Dinner and overnight will be in Thessaloniki.

**DAY 6 SATURDAY, JUNE 16: PHILIPPI, KAVALA, THESSALONIKI**

We will follow the route of the Via Egnatia and visit the area of Amphipolis (like Paul and his companion) to see the famous funerary Lion of Amphipolis and the site of Philippi. There, we

visit the Baptistry of Lydia near the river, where Paul baptized her. Lydia was the first convert of Paul on European soil, and the conversion of the jailer followed. Also, we visit the ruins of the Forum of Philippi, the Christian Basilicas, the "Prison of Paul," and the Theater. Next, we drive to Kavala (Neapolis), a picturesque port, and view the Byzantine Castle and the Roman Aqueduct. Transfer to airport for your short flight to Athens. Overnight in Athens.

**DAY 7 SUNDAY, JUNE 17: ATHENS**

Today we travel to the center of the world! At least that's what Zeus proclaimed about this mountainous city which today is both an archaeological site and a modern town. For the ancient Greeks Delphi was labeled the "omphalos" (navel) of the earth and it is here that the eternal flame burned in the Temple of Apollo. Delphi was the site of the Delphic oracle, the most important oracle in the classical Greek world. It was also here beginning in 586 BC that athletes from all over the Greek world competed in the Pythian Games, one of the precursors to the modern Olympics. On our way, up to Delphi we'll have time to stop and enjoy the small scenic villages that cling to the mountainsides. On the way back to Athens, depending on the time we will stop at the Acropolis Museum. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

**DAY 8 MONDAY, JUNE 18: ATHENS, EMBARK ON 4-NIGHT CRUISE**

We travel early this morning to the port of Piraeus for an 11 am departure on our 4-night Greek Isles Cruise. Our first port-of-call is Mykonos, which uniquely combines luxury and sophistication with the simple and yet charming life of a Cycladic Island. We can stroll the winding, narrow streets full of boutiques, visit tiny chapels, and take pictures of the famous windmills. Another option is just sit by the waterfront and enjoy the beautiful sunset.

**DAY 9 TUESDAY, JUNE 19: KUSADASI (EPHESUS) & PATMOS**

In the morning, we arrive at Kusadasi, a lovely Turkish port and the gateway to the Ancient city of Ephesus, a city often visited by St. Paul. It is one of the seven churches of Revelation. (Excursion to Ancient Ephesus included). We drive along the coast to reach Ephesus, famous in antiquity for its Temple of Diana. Also known as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, Ephesus later became the home of the Apostle John. We will see the monuments such as the Forum, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, and the Thermal Bath of Scolastika. We will also visit the magnificent, open-air Great Theatre, built in the Greek era and reconstructed in the Roman period, which seated 24,000 people. Next, we walk back to the motor coach along the Arcadian Way, where Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession. Traveling back to Kusadasi, we view the Basilica of St. John. Just downhill lies the site of the famous Temple of Diana, today in ruins. We also visit the Church of the Virgin Mary. By late afternoon we arrive on Patmos, the island where the Apostle John was exiled. We visit the cave where John wrote the book

of Revelation (Rev. 1: 9). (Excursion to St. John and the Grotto of the Apocalypse included). Departing the port of Scala by motor coach, we will enjoy the short ride up to the magnificent Monastery of St. John, within the walls of a strong fortification and with spectacular views of the island. We will walk uphill towards the entrance of the Monastery and view the courtyard, the Monks' quarters, and the main church with its outstanding frescoes and the small but beautiful museum. Finally, we will visit the nearby Church of the Apocalypse and walk down a few steps to the Grotto of the Apocalypse.

**DAY 10 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20: RHODES & LINDOS**

Today, we will visit the Island of Rhodes. The ship enters the port, which was once dominated by the Colossus, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. (Excursion to Rhodes and Lindos included). We drive along the southeastern coastline on our way to Lindos, the most important of the three great cities of ancient times. We visit the Acropolis of Lindos, overlooking the Aegean Sea and St. Paul's Bay. Afterward, we spend some free time in the small attractive village with the little shops and narrow streets. We drive back to the City of Rhodes for our walking tour of the City and stroll through the Medieval Old City, down through Chevaliers Road. Then we view the Palace of the Knights of St. John).

**DAY 11 THURSDAY, JUNE 21: CRETE & SANTORINI**

This morning we spend time in Crete, the largest and most rugged of the Greek Islands. It is also the ancient home of the great Minoans and the mythological god, Zeus (Excursion to Knossos Palace and Heraklion City included). After a short ride through the town of Heraklion, we arrive at the Knossos excavations. Here, Sir Arthur Evans' archaeological discoveries revealed a civilization dating back to 4000 B.C., when a great empire flourished on the island of Crete. Paul left Titus in Crete and gave instructions on appointing church leaders in the towns. (Titus 1:5ff) Next, we spend an evening on what many would consider the most spectacular of all the Greek islands, Santorini (Excursion to Thira & Oia Village included). Following a scenic coastal drive along the Aegean, arrive in Oia and enjoy a guided walking tour of the village. The walk takes us along the cobbled streets to view up close the whitewashed homes, which characterize the ancient Cycladic architectural style. We continue on via coach to Thira, an attractive town perched on the Caldera rim. Here we will have time to stroll the cobbled lanes of this fascinating town or simply relax over coffee, as we gaze down upon Kamenes, the two volcanic islets in the Caldera Bay. A short cable car ride will take us down to the pier where we will rejoin the ship).

**DAY 12 FRIDAY, JUNE 22: PIRAEUS, ATHENS**

We arrive early morning at the Port of Piraeus, then transfer to our hotel for an overnight in Athens.

**DAY 13 SATURDAY, JUNE 23: PIRAEUS, ATHENS, FLIGHT BACK TO U.S.A**

Today, we transfer to Athens Airport for our return flight back to the U.S. (we arrive home the same day).

**PLEASE NOTE.** This is the planned itinerary; however, sometimes due to conditions beyond our control, there might have to be a change in the schedule. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will do our utmost to include all the sites listed above, the order of the sites and/or days and the number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airlines, hotel schedules, time constraints, the cruise lines and local conditions. Rotation of ports of call may vary for congestion reasons at certain ports, with or without prior notice and changed by cruise lines without notice. Celestyal Cruises reserves the right to substitute vessel trading for the scheduled vessel without notice.

Breakfast & Dinner included daily while on land. Three meals will be provided each day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) on board the cruise. Upgraded cabins are available upon request at an additional cost.

**OPTIONAL ROME EXTENSION INCLUDES:**

**DAY 12 FRIDAY, JUNE 22: PIRAEUS, ATHENS, FLIGHT TO ROME**

We arrive early morning at the Port of Piraeus. Then we transfer to Athens Airport for our flight to Rome. After arriving in Rome, we are met by our tour escort. \*Dinner is on your own, and overnight is in Rome.

**DAY 13 SATURDAY, JUNE 23: WALKING TOUR OF THE SQUARES AND FOUNTAINS OF ROME, AFTERNOON AT LEISURE**

This morning we have a walking tour of Rome to see the Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, and Spanish Steps. Afterwards, day at leisure to explore Rome on your own. Dinner is on your own, and overnight is in Rome.

**DAY 14 SUNDAY, JUNE 24: CATACOMBS, COLOSSEUM, ROMAN FORUM, AFTERNOON AT LEISURE**

Today we have visits to the Catacombs, Colosseum, and Roman Forum. Afterwards, day at leisure to explore Rome on your own. Dinner is on your own, and overnight is in Rome.

**DAY 15 MONDAY, JUNE 25: VATICAN, SISTINE CHAPEL, ST. PETER'S BASILICA, AFTERNOON AT LEISURE**

After breakfast (included), we have a visit to the Vatican. Rest of the day is at leisure to explore Rome on your own. Overnight is in Rome, and dinner is on your own.

**DAY 16 TUESDAY, JUNE 26: FLIGHT BACK TO U.S.A.**

A morning transfer to the Rome airport for our flight back to the U.S. (arrive home the same day).

*\*Italy has the most interesting and exciting restaurants to choose from!*