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Discover Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

October 21 – 31, 2025



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11 Days • 19 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Athens, *Taverna* Dinner Show, Corinth, The Acropolis, Mars Hill, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens
Days 4 – 6	Celestyal Discovery, Piraeus
Day 7	Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka
Days 8, 9	Capsis Hotel Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki
Day 10	Holiday Inn Athens Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 Overnight Flight Paul the Apostle, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countrysides of Greece and Turkey.

Day 2: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 Athens, Greece Arrive in Athens. This evening is yours to explore Greece's vibrant capital city.

Day 3: Thursday, October 23, 2025 Athens - Corinth - Athens This morning, travel to Corinth where Paul lived and preached for two years and also wrote 2 epistles. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Back in Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech – and visit the incomparable Acropolis. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Celebrate the beginning of a marvelous trip while feasting on local cuisine and fine wine in a traditional *taverna* while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (B, D)

Day 4: Friday, October 24, 2025 Athens - Piraeus* (Embarkation) - Mykonos Embark on a 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. The island of Mykonos is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings, and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, following the mazes of narrow streets full of bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Saturday, October 25, 2025 Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an excursion to the ruins of Ephesus (UNESCO), where Paul the Apostle lived 3 years during his ministry. You'll also visit the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races and gladiatorial combats took place. Legend claims that Paul fought here against wild beasts. Visit the House of Mary, where the Virgin Mother spent her last days. Continue your cruise to Patmos. Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Sunday, October 26, 2025 Heraklion (Crete) - Santorini** Enjoy an excursion to the incredible open-air museum of the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Then, during free time in Crete's largest city, enjoy a variety of museums, shopping, or do some people watching at a local café. Later, arrive on the island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this or purchase a ship excursion from the cruise line. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Monday, October 27, 2025 Piraeus* - Disembark Cruise Ship - Kalambaka After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Pause at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defense by Leonidas against the Persian army. This afternoon, visit an icon-painting workshop and discover the ancient traditions behind the sacred images used in Orthodox Byzantine devotional tradition. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

Day 8: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 Kalambaka - Meteora - Thessaloniki Marvel at the hanging monasteries of Meteora (UNESCO). These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with 6 historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks, and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries*** which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early center for Christianity. Paul visited and preached here during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote 2 epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. (B, D)

Day 9: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot on



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European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (B)

Day 10: Thursday, October 30, 2025 Thessaloniki - Athens
 Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley and the plains of Central Greece to Athens, arriving in the late afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of your spiritual journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel located close to the airport. (B, D)

Day 11: Friday, October 31, 2025 Athens - Tour Ends Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)

PLEASE NOTE:

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The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation such as tender boats to access shore. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Accessing one of the two monasteries in Meteora requires climbing approximately 200 steps.

Travelers must be able to climb on and off tender boats to access shore at select ports during the cruise.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Experience It! Philippi

Toward the end of the year 52 C.E., Paul the Apostle arrived in the ancient city of Philippi to preach the new faith. Philippi was a bustling and prosperous Roman garrison town on an important trade route between Italy and Persia. Its population's religions reflected the diversity of such a busy settlement. Residents worshipped Greek, Roman, Phrygian and Egyptian gods and there was a small Jewish population as well. Here Paul met Lydia, a local woman and merchant of purple cloth, who became the first European Christian. Paul's time in Philippi is described in the Acts of the Apostles, and his ongoing relationship with the city's residents and growing Christian population is revealed in his Epistles to the Philippians. Philippi is considered to be the most important archaeological site of eastern Macedonia. Explore the impressive site with a local guide and see where Paul baptized Lydia and where he was held prisoner by Roman authorities.

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In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 50-60 steep uneven steps and walk over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings.

Expect longer days with early mornings starting from 6:00-7:30am and some late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. There are several days that may be 12+ hours long, especially while visiting 2 ports of call on the cruise ship, but there will be approximately 4 hours at sea during which you will be able to rest and recharge.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Order of ports may be changed by the cruise line.

**For sailings during the month of March, Crete may not be available as a port of call. Instead, more time is spent in Patmos and/or Santorini.

***In order to enter the monasteries in Meteora, all guests must have their shoulders covered. Women are highly encouraged to wear skirts or dresses that cover the knees, however, if you choose to wear pants, you will be given a scarf to tie around your waist. Men must wear long trousers.

Due to a limited number of tickets for the Acropolis, travelers booking within 60 days of departure may be waitlisted until tickets can be confirmed.

Optional shore excursions are available for purchase directly from the ship upon embarkation.

Celestyal Cruise Lines cabin categories are based on the following: Exterior Cosmos Cabin XA (deck 4 or 5), XB (deck 3, 4, 6 or 7) and XC (deck 4 or 5). Cabin availability is first come, first serve.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are limited and will be confirmed upon request and availability from the cruise line.

*Port of embarkation/disembarkation can be either Piraeus or Lavrion. Please check your final travel documents for the correct listing.

Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required at an additional cost to you.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges.

Port taxes, service charges and fees of approximately \$149 USD (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of booking, per person is not included in the land-only tour cost. Single cabins, if confirmed, are higher.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of



your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of April 15, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 23, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until April 22, 2025.

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