

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

In the Steps of St. Paul

11 DAYS: MARCH 18 – 28, 2025

visiting

ATHENS • CORINTH • MYKONOS • EPHEBUS • PATMOS
SANTORINI • DELPHI • KALAMBAKA • THESSALONIKI

hosted by

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\$4339 per person from HOUSTON

(Air/land tour price is \$3819 plus \$520 government taxes/airline surcharges.)



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It is with great joy that I join with Julie in inviting you to travel in the Footsteps of St. Paul, a journey that will take us to treasured spots in Greece such as Athens, Corinth, Philippi, and Thessalonica. Included in the trip is a cruise which will allow us the wonderful opportunity to see the ancient ruins of Ephesus as well the Island of Patmos, where John received the inspiration for the Book of Revelation.



- Imagine standing in Athens, in the shadow of the Acropolis where Paul, after surveying the many idols scattered about that great city then told a people worshipping an unknown god that there was a God who had lived, and died, and rose from the dead so that all people might know him.
- I anxiously await the day we will wander through the remarkable remnants of Ephesus, the library and amphitheatre and houses and shops, that city where Paul taught day in and day out about the kingdom of God and the good news of Jesus Christ.
- I can already anticipate the sense of wonder and awe we will share as we gather by a small stream outside the ruins of Philippi and remember the day Paul met Lydia and other women at that very stream. It was there that the Lord opened the hearts of the first believers in Europe. We will break bread together in a small riverside chapel.
- In the hustle and bustle of a town like Berea we will remember faithful saints from the earliest days of the church that searched and searched the scriptures to see if this good news about Jesus could possibly be the truth. As promised, the word of God did not return void. Lives were transformed and faith flourished.

This will be the third trip we have led to Greece. As we walk the Footsteps of Paul, we will also be walking in the footsteps of those who journeyed with us on previous trips. Included in those footprints will be ones left by my mother and father, who traveled with us in 1999. The sweetness of those footprints will now be enhanced as we make new memories, as we make new friendships, as we

experience new things with a new group of travelers, and as God makes new footprints in each of our hearts.

I hope you will make plans to join us as we walk in the Footsteps of St. Paul. As we expand our horizons through travel and learning, our even greater hope and belief is that we will get a fresh glimpse of how wide and long and high and deep is the love of God.

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TOUR FEATURES:

- ◆ Round trip airfare from Houston
- ◆ \$520 government taxes & airline surcharges
- ◆ \$149 port charges/cruise gratuities
- ◆ Accommodations on the land portion at first-class select hotels based on two persons sharing in twin bedded rooms with private bath
- ◆ Accommodations on board the cruise in inside cabins with two lower beds & private facilities
- ◆ Breakfast and dinner daily on land portion; all meals on board the cruise including select drinks with dinner on cruise.
- ◆ Services of professional English-speaking guides
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing
- ◆ All admission fees, hotel portage and hotel service charges
- ◆ Transfers to/from airports and ports by private motor coach including meeting/assistance

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

TUE, MAR 18 - ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Depart the United States today on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight.

WED, MAR 19 - ARRIVE ATHENS

Arrive Athens where you will be met and escorted to your waiting motor coach for transfer to your hotel. Balance of day at leisure. **(D)**

THU, MAR 20 - ATHENS/CORINTH/ATHENS

After breakfast, drive along the Sacred Way of Elusian Mysteries, passing the Island of Salamis. Cross the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean and Ionian Seas. See the Isthmus where boats were once dragged over land from one sea to the other. Arrive Corinth, the most important city in the days of St. Paul. The vigorous and mostly Gentile Church he founded here in 50 AD caused him much grief and prompted him to write at least two letters to them. Visit the ruins of the ancient city where St. Paul worked with



Aquila and Priscilla. See the remains of first century shops, the agora where St. Paul's trial by Gallio took place, the Fountain of Peirene, Temple of Apollo and the Bema.

This afternoon, embark on a tour of the city where you will see the Royal Palace, the Stadium and Temple of Zeus, the Theatre of Dionysius and the Agora (marketplace) where Paul spoke and Socrates' prison. Visit Mars Hill and the Acropolis with the famous Parthenon. **(B,D)**

FRI, MAR 21 - ATHENS/CRUISE/MYKONOS

Drive to Lavrion and board your fine cruise ship for a three-day Aegean Sea cruise. Sail to Mykonos, the St. Tropez of the Aegean. Walk around the glistening town. The houses, streets, even the sails of the windmills are all awash with white. Relax at a sidewalk cafe or taverna. Sail on to Kusadasi. **(B,L,D)**



SAT, MAR 22 - KUSADASI (EPHESUS)/PATMOS

Arrive at the Turkish resort of Kusadasi, where you will have an **included excursion** to the magnificent city of Ephesus. You will walk the marble streets and see the fabled Temple of Artemis, another Wonder of the Ancient World, the Stadium and the Library of Celsus. Afterwards, cruise to the island of Patmos, where you will have an opportunity to take an optional excursion to the Monastery of St. John where John received inspiration for the Book of Revelation. Sail on to Santorini. **(B,L,D)**

SUN, MAR 23 - SANTORINI

Morning arrival in Santorini, one of the most fascinating islands in the Aegean, with its rugged, volcanic cliffs topped by brilliant white houses in the town of Thera. The



view from the town is spectacular, looking down into the beautiful bay to the still active volcanic island only a few miles away. You will have a full day on this beautiful island to either explore on your own or you may purchase an optional shore excursion. Return to your cruise ship for the journey back to Athens. **(B,L,D)**

MON, MAR 24 - ARRIVE ATHENS/DELPHI/ KALAMBAKA

Morning arrival in Piraeus or Lavrion. Drive on the national highway through Thebes, Levadia and the picturesque village of Arachova to Delphi. Visit the Museum to see the famous Bronze Charioteer along with other statues. In the afternoon visit the Temple of Apollo, the Theatre, the Athenian Treasury, and the Castalian Spring. Drive via Larissa, Lamia and Trikala to Kalambaka. Overnight in the Kalambaka area. **(B,D)**

TUE, MAR 25 - KALAMBAKA/THESSALONIKI

Visit Meteora to see the "Hanging Monasteries" perched on top of unusual rock formations. Drive through Kozani to Veria, then on to visit the tomb of Philip of Macedonia in Vergina. Continue via Edessa to Thessaloniki where you will see the Rotonda, Triumphal Arch of Galerius, and the seafront promenade with the White Tower. Overnight in Thessaloniki. **(B,D)**



WED, MAR 26 - THESSALONIKI

Drive to Amphipolis where you will see the famous Lion Statue. Continue to Philippi, where Marc Anthony defeated Brutus and St. Paul first preached the Gospel in Europe. See the archaeological site (Forum-Romanum), the ruins of two Basilicas, the theatre, the Prison of St. Paul and St. Lydia's Baptistry. Visit Kavala before returning to Thessaloniki for the night. **(B,D)**

THU, MAR 27 - THESSALONIKI/ATHENS

Drive to Athens via the Valley of Tempis and Thermopylae. **(B,D)**

FRI, MAR 28 - ATHENS/HOUSTON

Your adventure is over as you board your flight back to the U.S.A. arriving Houston the same day. **(B)**

(B) ~ Breakfast (L) ~ Lunch (D) ~ Dinner