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Journey of St. Paul

10 Days with 3 day cruise

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Sun	Day 1 - DEPARTURE - We depart the USA on our transatlantic flight aboard a wide-bodied jet. Our arrival is expected in the morning. We will be served complimentary beverages, in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.
Mon.	Day 2 - THESSALONIKI - We arrive in Athens this morning and transfer to our short flight to Thessaloniki. On arrival we will be met and enjoy a short sightseeing tour of this famous port city. Proceed to our hotel for dinner and overnight.
Tues	Day 3 - PHILIPPI - Our full day excursion takes us along the ancient route of St. Paul, through mountain passes and plains to Amphipolis for a short stop to view the ancient Lion statue. We will continue to Ancient Philippi, where Paul established the first church in Europe. We then continue on a short drive to Kavala on the site of ancient Neapolis, where Paul landed on the way to Philippi. Weather permitting; we will celebrate an outdoor Mass at Philippi before returning to Thessaloniki in the late afternoon for dinner and overnight.
Weds	Day 4 - THESSALONIKI/VERIA/KALAMBAKA - This morning, we depart Thessaloniki and drive through the plains of Thessaly, visit the legendary home of the Greek Gods, and continue on to Veria (Beroea of the New Testament), where Paul visited on route to Athens and the Scriptures say the people were "more noble than in Thessaloniki." Paul and Silas were taken here after the Thessaloniki pagans attacked them. We end in Kalambaka with dinner and overnight.
Thurs	Day 5 - KALAMBAKA/ATHENS - This morning we continue to nearby Meteora, whose pillar-like rocks provide an amazing site. Monasteries were built into the cliffs in the 14th century; we will visit two of them and celebrate Mass near by. Afterwards, we proceed south through the towns of Lamia, Larissa on our way to Athens for dinner and overnight.
Fri	Day 6 - ATHENS/PIRAEUS/CRUISE - We are transferred from our hotel to the seaport of Piraeus, where we board our cruise ship for our three-day cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. We will celebrate Mass aboard ship. That same afternoon, we arrive at the island of Mykonos, with its whitewashed houses and winding streets. We are free to explore this picturesque island, startling white against the multi-hued sunset. Dinner and overnight aboard our ship.

Sat	Day 7 - SANTORINI/CRETE - This morning, we arrive at Santorini, the island thought by many to be the lost continent of Atlantis. Here we can choose to ascend the steep cliffs optionally by cable car or donkey or the very hardy may ascend by foot. Atop, we will find the village with typical island house, narrow streets with interesting shops. At our second port of call today, we visit Heraklion on the island of Crete, the largest of the Greek island, where Paul was shipwrecked during his journey to Rome. Here we will find the ruins of the Minoan church and the museum depicting the birth of the Minoan civilization. Dinner and overnight aboard our ship.
Sun	Day 8 - PATMOS/EPHESUS (Kusadasi) - This morning, our ship will dock in Patmos, which was considered sacred and is often referred to as the "Jerusalem of the Aegean". It was here that the Evangelist St. John received the inspiration for the Apocalypse. Our excursion will visit the Monastery of St. John, a huge fortress-like building dating from the 11th century. We will also visit the grotto, where tradition says that St. John wrote the Book of Revelation. We return to our ship for lunch as we continue our journey. This afternoon, we will dock at Kusadasi, where our excursion takes us first to the Temple of Diana, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Some of the most spectacular ruins of the world are to be found in Ephesus, the city to whom St. Paul wrote his famous epistle. Early Christian tradition also believes that Mary, the Mother of Our Lord also lived here with St. John. We will continue to Mary's House where we will celebrate Mass before returning to the ship at dockside port.
Mon	Day 9 - PIRAEUS/CORINTH/ATHENS - Upon Arrival in Piraeus, we disembark and drive along the coastal highway to Corinth, with a splendid view of the Aegean Sea. After a short stop at the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean and Ionian Seas, we will arrive in Ancient Corinth. We will visit the ruins of Corinth, where St. Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. Included are the first century shops, the Agora, Temple of Apollo and the Bema Seat. Conditions permitting, we will celebrate Mass on the very site where St. Paul preached. We return to Athens and begin our sightseeing with a visit to the legendary Acropolis. We see the chief jewel of the Acropolis - the Parthenon, the Temple of Wingless Victory, the Propylea and the Erechtheum with its peerless Porch of Maidens. Beneath the Acropolis is the Areopagus or Mars Hill. This is where St. Paul made his famous "Men of Athens" speech revealing a considerable knowledge of the Greek philosophy and character. Afterwards we will check in to our hotel. We will have the opportunity to explore the culinary delights of Athens tonight, as dinner will be on our own. Overnight at the hotel.
Tues	Day 10 - ATHENS/USA - This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight home