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Fr. Peter Blake

Greece Pilgrimage with 3 Day Cruise

October 3-12, 2027 - 10 Days

\$6,199 from St Louis

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Sunday, October 3 - Day 1 - DEPART

USA - We depart St Louis to connect to our transatlantic flight aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Monday, October 4 - St Francis of Assisi -

Day 2 – ATHENS/ THESSALONIKI - We

arrive in Athens this morning, and transfer to our short flight to Thessaloniki. On arrival we are met and enjoy a short sightseeing tour of this famous port city. We stop for lunch on our own along our route. We drive up to the old town to see the place where St. Paul preached the gospel to the Thessalonians. Then we visit the St. Demetrius Church, the white tower, the Arch of Galerius and get into the spirit of this fabulous town. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Thessaloniki.

Tuesday, October 5 - Day 3 –

THESSALONIKI/PHILIPPI/THESSALONIKI – This morning after breakfast, our full day excursion takes us along the ancient route of St. Paul, through mountain passes and plains on the traces of the Old Egnatia Avenue. We continue to Ancient Philippi, where Paul established the first church in Europe. Weather permitting, we celebrate an outdoor **Mass** at Philippi at the traditional site where Paul baptized Lydia. We break for lunch on our own and then continue a short drive to Kavala on the site of ancient Neapolis, where Paul landed on the way to Philippi before returning to Thessaloniki in the late afternoon. We return to our hotel for inner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Wednesday, October 6 - Day 4 -

THESSALONIKI/VERIA/VERGINA/KALAMBAKA - This morning after breakfast and following Mass at a local parish Church of the Immaculate Conception, 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 stop for lunch on our own along our route. We then visit Vergina, a modern town in Greece and the location of the ancient capital of the Macedonians, called Aigeai. We end our day in Kalambaka for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, October 7 - Lady of Rosary - Day

5 - KALAMBAKA/METEORA/ ATHENS –

Today after breakfast, we celebrate Mass at the hotel and then continue to nearby Meteora whose pillar-like rocks provide an amazing site. The Meteora (meaning "suspended rocks,"

"suspended in the air," "in the heavens above") is one of the largest and one of the most important complexes of Eastern Orthodox Monasteries in Greece. The six Monasteries are built on natural sandstone rock pillars at the northwestern edge of the Plain of Thessaly. We visit two of them. We break for lunch on our own before we proceed south, getting on the highway and catching a glimpse of Mt. Olympus as we drive through the towns of Lamia and Larissa. We continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Athens.

Friday, October 8 - Day 6 – ATHENS/

LAVRIO/CRUISE/MYKONOS – After breakfast, we transfer from our hotel to the seaport of Lavrio, where we board our cruise ship for our three-day cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. 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.

Saturday, October 9 - Day 7 – EPHEBUS

(KUSADASI)/PATMOS - This morning, our ship docks in Kusadasi where our excursion takes us first to "Mary's House. Early Christian tradition also believes that before His crucifixion, Jesus entrusted the safety of the Virgin Mary to St. John the Evangelist. St. John moved Mary to



Ephesus for safety. She lived here with St. John. We celebrate Mass while there. Some of the most spectacular ruins of the world are to be found in Ephesus, the early Christian of city to whom St. Paul wrote his famous epistle. Together with your tour guide, you will pass the Magnesian Gate. Traces of the Hellenistic, Roman and Early Christian period are scattered everywhere: the Agora, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the marble-paved main Street of the Kouretes, the Thermal Baths of Scholastica, Trajan's Fountain, the Public Latrines, and the Houses of the Patricians, the Prytaneum, Hadrian's Temple, and the Great Theatre. We return to our ship for lunch, and continue to 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 visits the Monastery of St. John, a huge fortress-like building dating from the 11th century. We also visit the grotto, where tradition says that St. John wrote the Book of Revelation. We return to our ship for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, October 10 - Day 8 – CRETE & SANTORINI – Today, we arrive at Crete. After breakfast we visit the ancient city of Knossos, with constant habitation from the Neolithic era until the fifth century A.D., is beyond doubt the land that "gave birth" to the first civilization of Europe, the Minoans. We visit the excavations first begun in 1878 by the Heraklian Minos Kalokairinos and later the British Sir Arthur Evans were to complete the scientific research, bringing to light the Minoan palace in its entirety, which was, according to tradition, the residence of the wise King Minos. We return to our ship for lunch while sailing to Santorini. This afternoon, we visit Santorini, the island thought by many to be the lost continent of Atlantis. Here we join a visit to Oia Village. On route admire the panoramic view of the Aegean Sea and neighboring islands. Built on the Caldera rim, Oia Village is an excellent example of Cycladic architecture. We explore by walking along the cobble-stone streets and the white washed houses with blue shutters which appears as a beautiful travel poster. Our excursion ends in Fira where our guide will show us the way to the cable car back to the ship. We enjoy dinner and overnight aboard our ship.

Monday, October 11 - Day 9 –

LAVRIO/CORINTH/ATHENS – This morning, 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 arrive in Ancient Corinth. We 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 celebrate Mass on the very site where St. Paul preached. We stop along our route for lunch on our own. We return to Athens for a visit to the legendary Acropolis. We see the chief jewel of the Acropolis - the Parthenon, the Temple of Winged 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, and check in to our hotel. We enjoy the opportunity to explore the culinary delights of Athens tonight, as our "farewell" dinner will be on our own. Overnight at the hotel in Athens.

Tuesday, October 12 - Day 10 - ATHENS/ USA – Today, we transfer to the airport for our return flight home with memories of a lifetime.



SCAN ME

While we at Unitours do everything possible to make our Pilgrimages comfortable, a certain amount of strenuous walking will be required. Depending upon a pilgrim's age & strength, parts of your program may be too taxing if a person has mobility limitations, is older or disabled. Be advised that such pilgrims may be unable to visit some of the places listed on this itinerary.

"Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to www.Unitours.com/questions."

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Please reserve ___ seats on this Greece Pilgrimage with 3 Day Cruise - October 3-12, 2027

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until April 12, 2028 or later.)

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Signature _____

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect June 29, 2026. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 30 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports. Passport MUST be valid until **April 12, 2028** or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on United & Aegean Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty.

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$1670 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

MEALS: Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$125 plus current fuel surcharges of \$650 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$89 ARE NOT INCLUDED. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS: A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received at Unitours after 45 days before departure must

include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee (charged to deposit) plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. No refund for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

BANK FEE: A fee of \$50 will be charged for any check that is returned to us for insufficient or unavailable funds.

DEVIATIONS: A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance for full details and to purchase coverage.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

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