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August 10, 2022**

Journey of St Paul Pilgrimage

September 20-29, 2023 - 10 Days

\$6,399 from Norfolk

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Wednesday, September 20 - Day 1 - DEPART USA - We depart Norfolk to connect with our overnight flight aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast while aloft.

Thursday, September 21 - Day 2 - ATHENS/ THESSALONIKI – This morning, we arrive in Athens and transfer for our short flight to Thessaloniki. On arrival, we are met by our Tour Manager and enjoy a short sightseeing tour of this famous port city. We drive up to the old town to see the place where St. Paul preached the gospel to the Thessalonians. We enjoy lunch on our own along the way. We visit the St. Demetrius Church, the white tower, the Arch of Galerius. Time permitting, we celebrate Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. We enjoy our “welcome” dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Friday, September 22 - Day 3 - THESSALONIKI/PHILIPPI – Today, 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 St. Paul established the first church in Europe. Weather permitting, we celebrate an outdoor Mass at Philippi at the traditional site where St. Paul baptized St. Lydia. We stop for lunch on our own and then continue a short drive to Kavala on the site of ancient Neapolis, where St. Paul landed on the way to Philippi, before returning to Thessaloniki in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Saturday, September 23 - Day 4 - THESSALONIKI/VERIA/VERGINA/ KALAMBAKA - This morning, following Mass at a local parish Church of the Immaculate Conception, we depart Thessaloniki and drive through the plains of Thessaly, and visit the legendary home of the Greek gods and continue to Veria (Berea of the New Testament), where St. Paul visited on route to Athens and the Scriptures say the people were *"More noble than in Thessaloniki."* St. Paul and St. Silas the Martyr were taken there after the Thessaloniki pagans attacked them. We break for lunch on our own. We then visit Vergina, a modern town

in Greece and the location of the ancient capital of the Macedonians, called Aigeai. We end in Kalambaka, with dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Sunday, September 24 - Day 5 - KALAMBAKA/ ATHENS – Today, 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 have the opportunity to visit two of them. After a stop for lunch on our own, we precede south to travel on the highway to catch a glimpse of Mt. Olympus while proceeding through the towns of Lamia, Larissa. We continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Monday, September 25 - Day 4 - ATHENS/ LAVRIO/ MYKONOS – This morning, 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. We enjoy an early lunch while aboard and 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. Time permitting, we celebrate Mass at Holy Rosary Church before reboarding our ship. Dinner and overnight aboard our ship.

Tuesday, September 26 - Day 7 - EPHEBUS (KUSADASI)/ PATMOS – Today, our ship docks in Kusadasi, where our excursion takes us first to “Mary’s House”. Early Christian tradition 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

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early Christian of city to whom St. Paul wrote his famous epistle. Together with our tour guide, we 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 while continuing 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, the Book of Revelation. We visit 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.

Wednesday, September 27 - Day 8 -

RHODES - This morning, we visit Rhodes. The Acropolis of ancient Rhodes stands proudly on the hill of St. Stephanos. We wander through the ruins of the Hellenistic Temple of Apollo, with its amazing columns and the restored Ancient Stadium of Diagoras. Next, we see the hill of Philerimos, above the homonymous bay, which once "hosted" ancient Ialysos, one of the three Rhodes cities that participated in the Trojan War. Stone steps surrounded by cypresses lead to the Gothic Monastery of Our Lady of Philerimos, dedicated to the Virgin Mary (the Life-Giving Source). We also visit the Byzantine Church of St. George Hostos, with rare frescoes from the 14th-15th century, as well as "Golgotha", a path of 12 copper reliefs which depict the Passion of Christ. We stop for lunch on our own before heading back to the city of Rhodes where we stroll through the Street of the Knights, all the way up to the Palace of the Grand Master, Castello. Dinner and overnight aboard our ship.

Thursday, September 28 Day 9 - CRETE/

SANTORINI – Today, we arrive at Crete. We visit the ancient city of Knossos, with constant habitation from the Neolithic era until the 5th century A.D., it 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 Heraklion Minos Kalokairinos, and then later by the British Sir Arthur Evans, we went on 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, the island thought by many to be the lost continent of Atlantis. On route, we admire the panoramic view of the Aegean Sea and neighboring islands. Here we join a visit to Oia Village, 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. If time permits, we celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. John. Our final stop is in Fira, where our guide will show us the way to the cable car back to the ship. Dinner and overnight aboard our ship.

Friday, September 29 - Day 10 – ATHENS/USA

- This morning, we disembark and transfer directly to the airport for our return flight home, with memories of a lifetime having walked in the Footsteps of St.Paul.

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Please reserve ___ seats on this Journey of St Paul Pilgrimage - September 20-29, 2023

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

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until March 29, 2024 or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport)

My Roommate:

Address:

___ Please assign a roommate (if available)

City, State & Zip

___ I prefer a single room - \$1,077 supplement and limited in number.

Daytime Telephone:

___ I/we wish to purchase optional travel insurance starting at \$390 now in order to cover preexisting conditions. (See "Travel Insurance" on pilgrimage terms for price and details.

Email address:

___ **Apply \$50 if booked by August 10, 2022.**

Name(s) to use on nametags

Charge my deposit to ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Amex ___ Discover

Card #

Exp. Date

I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary. I have read and understand the Deposit and Cancellation Fees.

Signature

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect June 14, 2022. 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 DO NOT REQUIRE visas but may require COVID vaccination for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until March 29, 2024, 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 **Austrian and Lufthansa 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 \$1077 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 \$172 plus current fuel surcharges of \$400 are included (subject to change). **TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$85 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 by Unitours after 45 days before departure must

include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made within 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 including insurance. 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 including optional Cancel for any reason coverage. (NOT AVAILABLE FOR NEW YORK RESIDENTS.) Cost of travel insurance for this trip starts at \$390. To cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased with your reservation. (See reservation form). If paying by check, add insurance cost to your deposit. Insurance can also be purchased at the time of your final payment. **LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

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