

GREECE

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLES

September 13-22, 2027

(3 night Greek Island Cruise)

Mount Olive and Friends





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ABOUT THE TRIP

This program combines a 3-night cruise through the Greek Islands with extended time on land in Greece and Turkey, allowing the group to experience key biblical and historical sites in a balanced and comfortable way.

The itinerary is designed to minimize long overland travel while still including important destinations such as Ephesus, Patmos, Philippi, Berea, and Thessalonica.

10 Day Journey

September 13-22, 2027

Price $3,250

(Land and Cruise Only)

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DAY 1: MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 13, 2027 DEPARTURE USA

Depart USA on your cross Atlantic flight to Greece.

DAY 2: TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 14, 2027 THESSALONIKI ARRIVAL

Upon arrival Thessaloniki Airport, meet our local representative who will assist with your transfer to the hotel. Your journey to the Biblical land of Greece begins! Dinner & overnight at hotel. (D)
Overnight: Thessaloniki
Meals: Dinner

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 15, 2027 PHILIPPI – KAVALA – THESSALONIKI

Breakfast at hotel. On our way to Philippi, we drive by the Lion statue of Amphipolis (short stop for photos). We visit Philippi, the site where St. Paul established a strong church and sent his letter (Acts 16:9-33). We see the river where Lydia is said to have been baptized, the ruins of a prison where the Apostle Paul and Silas had been kept, the Agora, 5th and 6th century Basilica and the Theater. After the visit, we continue to Kavala, the ancient port of Neapolis (Acts 16:11) where we enjoy a quick drive through the town before returning to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight stay. (B,D)
Overnight: Thessaloniki
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 4: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2027 THESSALONIKI – BEREA – ATHENS

After breakfast at hotel, check-out and enjoy a panoramic bus tour of Thessalonica (Acts 17:1). We go to the upper Old City Walls and then drive along the Egnatian Way to see the triumphal Arch of Galerius and the Rotunda. Paul went immediately to the synagogue and for three Saturdays explained the prophecies of the Old Testament to Jews and Greeks. According to the Book of the Acts, many Greeks and even many «Greek chief women» believed (Acts 17:1-4). Continue to Berea (Acts 17:10-15), where Paul arrived and according to his custom, went to the synagogue and discovered ‘to his pleasant surprise’ that they were "searching the scriptures" and were ‘more noble’ than those he had encountered in Thessalonica. We see the Byzantine mosaic in the monument commemorating his preaching (Acts 17:10-11).

Then we continue to Athens for check-in, dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B,D)
Overnight: Athens
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 5: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2027: CRUISE TO MYKONOS

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Lavrion port for embarkation on the Greek Island cruise. Sail at 1.00 p.m. and enjoy lunch onboard. Our first port of call is Mykonos, where we have free time for walking and exploring the town. Stroll on your own through the whitewashed, flower-decked alleyways, climbing to the sculpture church of Paraportiani or along the waterfront of “Little Venice” to the famous windmills. Enjoy dinner on board and at 11.00 p.m. we sail for Kusadasi, Turkey. (B,L,D)
Overnight: Cruise
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 6: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2027: KUSADASI (TURKEY) - PATMOS (GREECE)

Arrive at Kusadasi port in Turkey at 7.00 am. This is the starting point for our tour to Ancient Ephesus (Acts 18:19-21). The Apostle Paul preached to the Ephesians, lived and worked here for a number of years. We tour the spectacular ruins in the city founded in the 10th century B.C. After the visit, we return to the port for re-embarkation at lunch time and sail to Patmos. Arrive in Patmos (Revelation 1:9) in the afternoon and enjoy a tour to the Monastery of John the Evangelist, where he was exiled and wrote the Book of Revelation. We also visit the Grotto of the Revelation (Cave of Apocalypse) before embarking on the cruise ship. Sail to Heraklion, Crete. (B,L,D)
Overnight: Cruise
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 7: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2027: CRETE & SANTORINI

At 7.00 a.m. we arrive at Heraklion, Crete (Acts 27:7-13). Optional excursion to the Minoan Palace of Knossos, home of King Minos and the legendary Minotaur (half-bull and half-man). After the tour, we sail for Santorini at 12.00 pm, the island with the most magnificent landscape! Guests may take the cable car to the white-washed town of Thera, perched high on the rim of the ancient volcano.













Set sail back to the port of Lavrion around 9:30 p.m. (B,L,D)
Overnight: Cruise
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 8: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2027: LAVRION – CORINTH & ATHENS

Following breakfast on board, disembark and begin your drive to the city of Corinth. On the way, we stop at the historic Corinth Canal. It was in Corinth (Acts 18:1-18) where the Apostle Paul lived and worked, established a thriving church, subsequently sending two of his epistles now part of the New Testament. After visiting the sites associated with Apostle Paul's ministry, we return to Athens after a quick stop at Cenchrea port, where Paul sailed for Ephesus. Climb up to Acropolis Hill to see the famous Parthenon Temple, Erectheion and Temple of Athena Nike. Then walk to nearby Mars' Hill (Areopagus) (Acts 17:22) where the Apostle Paul spoke to the Athenians about the one and only God. Our tour will finish with a panoramic bus tour to see the city highlights. Return to hotel for overnight stay. (B,D)
Overnight: Athens
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 9: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2027: ATHENS FREE DAY AT LEISURE

Buffet breakfast at hotel. Today enjoy your day at leisure, allowing time to relax, explore the city or enjoy some shopping in central Athens. End the trip with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)
Overnight: Athens
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2027 ATHENS – DEPARTURE

After witnessing a unique visual and historical experience of the Old and New Testament sites in Greece, this Biblical journey has come to an end. You will be transferred to Athens International Airport for your departure flight. (B)
Meals: Breakfast & inflight

End of Tour

Sample Promotional Video

This promotional video follows a very similar tour and includes most of the highlights included in the enclosed itinerary



TOUR COST

$3,250

(Land & Cruise only)

- Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD
- Single Room Supplement: **$995**
- Outside Cabin Supplement: $350 per person in double, and $650 in single

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of August 2026, a minimum of 25 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.

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PAYMENT TERMS AND REFUND POLICY

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Your reservation and deposit of $500 per person are requested immediately to fulfil the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of $1,000 is due on **April 1, 2027.** Final payment is due no later than **July 1, 2027.** The fee for late payment is $50 per traveler. For credit cards, STT accepts Visa and MasterCard (add 3% credit card fees). PayPal is also an option if needed (add 4% service fees)

PAYMENT METHODS

Participants may pay securely online via credit card through our encrypted payment gateway. Alternatively, payment can be made by bank or wire transfer. Bank details will be provided upon request. For bank transfers, please ensure your name is clearly referenced with the payment.

REFUND POLICY:

All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements.

Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply:

- Up to April 30, 2027 – $150 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits
- May 1- May 31, 2027– Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines
- June 1 - July 31, 2027 - Any non-refundable amounts paid or committed to suppliers, which may include up to 100% of the cruise portion
- August 1, 2027 onwards– No refund.

Flights

Please note that the listed tour price is based on land and cruise arrangements only and does not include international airfare. As the tour is scheduled for September 2027, airline schedules and fares are not yet available.

Once flights are released by the airlines, Sacred Travel Paths will explore group flight options and provide participants with further details and recommendations.

What's Included?

Land Package Includes

- Four (4) overnights' accommodation at the hotels below in Greece including daily buffet breakfast:
  - 2 overnights in 4* Capsis Hotel in Thessaloniki or similar.
  - 2 overnights in 4* The Stanley Hotel in Athens or similar.
- Daily buffet dinners at the hotels.
- Farewell dinner included at a local restaurant.
- Climate crisis resilience taxes.
- All transfers & transportation as outlined in the itinerary by deluxe motor-coach including air conditioning and free Wi-Fi.
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours by local English-speaking government licensed Bible oriented guide.
- All entrance admission tickets to the archaeological, historical sites and museums as outlined in the itinerary.
- Private motor-coach transfers between Athens Airport, port of Lavrion and hotels upon arrival and departure with local English-speaking assistant/escort/representative.
- Motor-coach driver's porterage.
- Whisper/headsets during the guided tours.
- Local & municipal taxes, hotel city taxes and VAT.

Cruise Package Includes:

- 3-Night Cruise to the Greek Islands & Turkey, based on inside/interior cabin category "IB" and on outside/external cabin category "XC" (offered at a supplement cost), with private facilities (shower, washbasin, toilet), all meals on board during the cruise (starting with lunch on embarkation day and ending with breakfast upon disembarkation), select beverages during meal times, entertainment on board, cruise gratuities to cruise-ship staff.
- English-speaking escort/assistant during transfers,
- Two (2) shore-excursions with local English-speaking tour-guide:
  - Visit of Ancient Ephesus, in Turkey (maximum bus capacity in Turkey approx. 45 pax)
  - Countryside tour with Chora & Grotto of the Apocalypse in Patmos, Greece
- Shuttle bus to Mykonos and tender-boats - where the cruise-ship cannot dock, offered complimentary by the cruise line where necessary.
- Unlimited filter coffee, tea, water and juice during the meal times on board.
- Unlimited free-pour sodas served with the meals at the restaurants on board.
- Entertainment and daily activities onboard.
- Complimentary standard Wi-Fi connection on board for browsing, emails and messaging.
- Port taxes and security charges.

Items Not Included

- International airfare, airport & security taxes, fuel surcharges.
- All personal expenses.
- Supplement cost offered for the optional additional day (with dinner included).
- Daily lunches not included: can be offered at a supplement cost: 25-30 euros per person per meal.
- New Sustainable development fee for the ports visited during the cruise. Payable upon checkout from the cruise by each individual.
  - Santorini & Mykonos (20€ per person in September)
  - Kusadasi (none)
  - All other Greek ports (Patmos, Heraklion, Lavrion) 5€ per person)
- The onboard system will charge your account on board when you scan your card to disembark at each of the ports. Should you choose to not disembark at a destination, you will not be charged. The total amount for all islands is to be paid by each person to the cruise ship directly upon check out.
- Celestyal does not determine or control these charges and does not retain any profit from the collection of this fee. Celestyal acts as an intermediary for the collection and remittance in full of the Tourism Sustainability, in compliance with legal obligations.
- Valid Passport for at least six (6) months & visa fees (it is the responsibility of the passenger to have all necessary documentation in their possession before travelling). Consult the appropriate consulate(s) for information on their passport requirements.
- Baggage allowance for bus capacity: (2 pieces) personal item (women's/men's handbag or a thin laptop case) and carry-on bag up to 8kg (17 lbs.) and max dimensions 56cm X 45cm X 25cm AND 1 piece of luggage up to 23kg (50 lbs.).
- Insurance of any kind
- Tips and gratuities to local drivers, guide, escorts, hotel & restaurant staff.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

- Travel protection is optional but strongly recommended. It can provide important coverage for trip cancellation or interruption, baggage loss, medical emergencies, and other unexpected events.
- We recommend the travel insurance plan offered by ICI Traveler: **Click here for more information about the plan**

Please note:

- Sacred Travel Paths act only as third-party tour operators and are not affiliated with or responsible for the sale, coverage, or claims process of any travel insurance policy.
- Travelers are responsible for reviewing the policy details, speaking directly with the provider, and purchasing coverage independently.
- If you choose to purchase a policy, we advise doing so soon after your deposit to take advantage of any time-sensitive benefits, such as coverage for pre-existing conditions.



Optional Tour Extensions



This Greece Tour may be combined with one or more optional extensions based on the interests of the group. The following sample 4-day/3-night programs are designed to provide a meaningful introduction to each destination while keeping the overall journey manageable. Extensions are subject to a minimum of 10 participants and can be further customized based on the group's interests, available time, and flight schedules.

JORDAN – Petra, Wadi Rum & Biblical Jordan



Discover Mount Nebo and Madaba, explore magnificent Petra, and experience the dramatic desert landscapes of Wadi Rum.

EGYPT – Biblical Egypt & Early Christianity

Experience the Pyramids and treasures of ancient Egypt while exploring Cairo's rich Coptic Christian heritage and Holy Family traditions.

TURKEY – Istanbul & Early Christianity



Discover the Christian and Byzantine heritage of ancient Constantinople, from Hagia Sophia and Chora to the shores of the Bosphorus.

ROME – Paul, the Early Church & Christian Rome

Explore the world of Paul and the early Christians through Ancient Rome, the catacombs, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and Vatican City.



Jordan Optional Extension

Petra, Wadi Rum & Biblical Jordan

4 Days / 3 Nights

Extension Highlights

Madaba • Mount Nebo • Petra • Wadi Rum
Desert Experience • Amman

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Day 1 – Jerusalem • Jordan Crossing • Madaba • Mount Nebo • Petra

Depart Jerusalem in the morning and cross into Jordan, where you will meet your local guide and motor coach.
Continue to Madaba, known for its remarkable Byzantine mosaics, including the famous 6th-century mosaic map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land at St. George's Church.
Continue to Mount Nebo, traditionally associated with the place where Moses viewed the Promised Land. Visit the remains of the early Christian church and monastery and enjoy panoramic views across the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea.
Travel south through the Jordanian countryside to Petra.
Dinner & Overnight: Petra



Day 2 – Petra • Wadi Rum

Spend the day exploring Petra, the extraordinary ancient Nabataean city carved into the rose-colored sandstone mountains.
Walk through the dramatic Siq to the magnificent Treasury, and continue through the archaeological site to discover the Street of Facades, Royal Tombs, theater, temples, and other remains of this once-important trading center.
In the late afternoon, continue south into the spectacular desert landscape of Wadi Rum.
Enjoy dinner and experience an overnight stay in a desert camp beneath the Jordanian sky.
Dinner & Overnight: Wadi Rum



Day 3 – Wadi Rum • Amman

After breakfast, explore the magnificent desert of Wadi Rum, famous for its dramatic sandstone mountains, valleys, and sweeping desert landscapes. Experience the desert by 4x4 vehicles, visiting some of the area's most impressive natural formations and historic sites.
After the desert experience, travel north to Amman, Jordan's capital.
Upon arrival, enjoy a city tour including some of Amman's principal historical sites and viewpoints, with time to experience the character of this vibrant Middle Eastern city.
Dinner & Overnight: Amman

Day 4 – Amman • Departure Home

After breakfast, transfer to Queen Alia International Airport for your return flight to the United States.
Meals: Breakfast

Egypt Optional Extension

Biblical Egypt, Early Christianity & the Pyramids - 4 Days / 3 Nights

4 Days / 3 Nights

Extension Highlights

Pyramids of Giza • Great Sphinx • Grand Egyptian Museum • Coptic Cairo • Hanging Church • Church of Saints Sergius & Bacchus • Holy Family Tradition

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Day 1 – Tel Aviv • Cairo

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for the flight to Cairo, Egypt.
Upon arrival, meet your local representative and guide and transfer to the hotel. Depending on flight schedules, enjoy an orientation drive through Cairo, one of the great historic cities of the Middle East.

Day 2 – Giza Pyramids • Sphinx • Grand Egyptian Museum

After breakfast, travel to the Giza Plateau to explore the extraordinary Pyramids of Giza, built more than 4,500 years ago as monumental tombs for the pharaohs.
See the Great Pyramid of Khufu, the pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure, and the iconic Great Sphinx.
Continue to the Grand Egyptian Museum, home to an extraordinary collection illustrating thousands of years of ancient Egyptian civilization.
The day's visits provide important historical context for understanding the world of ancient Egypt that forms the backdrop to many Old Testament narratives.
Return to the hotel for dinner.
Dinner & Overnight: Cairo

Day 3 – Coptic Cairo • Holy Family Tradition • Historic Cairo

Today focus on Egypt's rich Christian heritage.
Visit Coptic Cairo, one of the most important centers of Christianity in Egypt. Explore the Hanging Church, one of Cairo's oldest and most significant Coptic churches, and other important sites within the historic Christian quarter.
Visit the Church of Saints Sergius and Bacchus (Abu Serga), traditionally associated with the Holy Family's flight into Egypt and believed by Christian tradition to have been built above a place where Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus found refuge.
Learn about the history of Egypt's ancient Coptic Christian community, whose roots reach back to the earliest centuries of Christianity.
Depending on time, continue into Historic Cairo to experience another side of this remarkable city and its centuries of religious and cultural history.
Conclude the extension with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4 – Cairo • Departure Home

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo Airport for your return flight to the United States.



Turkey Optional Extension

Istanbul & the Heritage of Early Christianity - 4 Days / 3 Nights

4 Days / 3 Nights

Extension Highlights

Hagia Sophia • Byzantine Constantinople • Hippodrome • Chora Church • Topkapi Palace • Grand Bazaar • Bosphorus Cruise

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Day 1 – Tel Aviv • Istanbul

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for the flight to Istanbul, Turkey, the historic city of Constantinople and for centuries one of the great centers of Christianity.
Upon arrival, meet your local guide and transfer to the hotel. Depending on arrival time, enjoy an orientation tour introducing this remarkable city situated between Europe and Asia.
Dinner & Overnight: Istanbul

Day 2 – Byzantine & Christian Constantinople

Spend the day discovering Istanbul's extraordinary Christian and Byzantine heritage.
Visit the magnificent Hagia Sophia, commissioned by Emperor Justinian in the 6th century and for nearly a thousand years one of the most important churches in Christendom.
Continue to the Hippodrome, once the center of public life in Byzantine Constantinople, and visit the impressive Basilica Cistern, constructed during the reign of Justinian.
Continue to the Church of St. Savior in Chora (Chora Church), renowned for its remarkable Byzantine mosaics and frescoes depicting scenes from the lives of Christ and the Virgin Mary.
The day also provides an opportunity to explore the historic neighborhoods and remains of ancient Constantinople.
Dinner & Overnight: Istanbul

Day 3 – Istanbul • Bosphorus • Ottoman Heritage

Continue exploring Istanbul, beginning with Topkapi Palace, the former residence of the Ottoman sultans and an important part of understanding the city's history following the fall of Constantinople.
Visit the historic Grand Bazaar, one of the world's oldest and largest covered markets.
In the afternoon, enjoy a cruise on the Bosphorus, sailing between Europe and Asia while viewing Istanbul's palaces, mosques, fortresses, and historic waterfront.
Conclude the pilgrimage extension with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.
Dinner & Overnight: Istanbul

Day 4 – Istanbul • Departure Home

After breakfast, transfer to Istanbul Airport for your return flight to the United States.



Rome Optional Extension

Paul, the Early Church & Christian Rome - 4 Days / 3 Nights

4 Days / 3 Nights

Extension Highlights

Colosseum • Roman Forum • Appian Way • Early Christian Catacombs • Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls • Vatican Museums • Sistine Chapel • St. Peter's Basilica

ITINERARY



Day 1 – Tel Aviv • Rome

Fly from Tel Aviv to Rome. Upon arrival, meet the local guide and transfer to the hotel. Depending on arrival time, enjoy an introductory panoramic tour of the Eternal City.
Dinner & Overnight: Rome

Day 2 – Ancient Rome • Apostle Paul

Explore the world of ancient Rome, beginning with the Colosseum and Roman Forum, once the political, religious, and commercial heart of the Roman Empire.
Continue along the historic Appian Way, associated with Paul's arrival in Rome as described in Acts 28, and visit one of the early Christian catacombs.

Complete the day at the magnificent Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, traditionally associated with the burial place of the Apostle Paul.
Dinner & Overnight: Rome

Day 3 – Christian Rome • Vatican City

Visit Vatican City, including the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, traditionally associated with the burial place of the Apostle Peter.
Continue exploring Christian Rome while learning about Martin Luther's journey to the city in the early 16th century and the Rome he encountered prior to the Reformation.
Enjoy some time in Rome's historic center before gathering for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.
Dinner & Overnight: Rome

Day 4 – Rome • Departure Home

After breakfast, transfer to Rome Airport for the return flight to the United States.



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