

# YOUR INVITATION

Dear Friends,

We invite you to join us for a "Once in a Lifetime Experience" to visit Greece following in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul in the Old Roman Empire. It will greatly enrich your spiritual life and relations.

We will begin our journey in the beautiful city of Athens. Then unto Corinth and a cruise of four Greek Islands, including the island of Patmos where John the Revelator received his visions for the book of Revelation. We will also be visiting Ephessos and the house of the Virgin Mary. At the end of our time in Greece we will have visited Thessaloniki, Philippi, Kavala and the center of the ancient world, the "omphalos" (navel) of the earth. I guarantee you that the Bible will come alive for you.

We will be happy to share this experience with you, your family and your friends, so please join us for this life changing experience.

What it means "To Walk In The Footsteps Of Paul" cannot be described; it can only be experienced.

Complete the enrollment form and mail it, with your deposit, to me today. We look forward to your companionship and are certain that you will return filled with enthusiasm, gratitude and renewed faith in God and the Bible.

Yours Truly,

*Fr. David Andrews*

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**Your Journey Features:**

- Roundtrip air transportation from Philadelphia (PHL)
- First class hotels. Inside cabins onboard cruise (Outside cabins available - see enrollment form)
- Breakfast and dinner daily. Customary meals aboard ship.
- Professional English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- Land transportation via deluxe, private motor coach
- Ephessos and Patmos shore excursions included.  
Optional shore inclusions: Heraklion (Palace of Knossos \$80), Santorini (\$85)
- Taxes & fuel surcharge (\$701) and tips (\$85) included.  
Port Taxes (\$114) included.

**Please Read This Important Information:**

**Deposit** - \$300 (payable on booking)  
**Second Payment due** - October 21, 2016 - 50% of balance  
**Full Balance due** - January 05, 2017

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport that is valid up to 6 months after the scheduled return. Your passport must be valid until October 07, 2017. Application forms are available at your local Passport Office or U.S. Postal Service. If you still need to obtain a passport, please send your enrollment form NOW and follow up with a copy of your passport upon receipt. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. **Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.**

Rates based on double-occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge (\$701) and exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.

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# The Steps of Paul

**DAY 01: TUE, MAR 21: NORTH AMERICA / ATHENS.** Tour members will gather at the ticket counter at the airport two hours prior to their departure to Europe.

**DAY 02: WED, MAR 22: ATHENS.** Upon arrival in Athens, you are met by your guide and bus driver. Transfer to your hotel with the rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



**DAY 03: THU, MAR 23: ATHENS.**

*"Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription ‘to an unknown God’. What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you..."*

Today we visit Athens, one of the most glorious cities in the world and the cradle of western civilization as we know it today. For twenty five centuries, the panorama of this city is dominated by the rock of the Acropolis; we see the ruins of the Parthenon, the Erechtheum and the Propylae. Thereafter, we will view Mars Hill where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians about the one and only God. From here we have an excellent view of the ancient agora; former center of the Athenian public life. We continue for a drive through the city to see the House of Parliament on Syntagma Square, the evzones in their picturesque uniforms guarding the Presidential Palace and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We also see the Library, the University, the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympics of the modern era were held, the temple of the Olympian Zeus and Adrian's Arch.

*"Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man shall attack you to harm you; for I have many people in this city. " (Acts 18:9)*

We board our coach for Corinth, taking the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with

the Ionian Sea. Short stop for pictures and continue to the site of ancient Corinth, Paul's beloved city and site of his most extensive ministry. Dominated by the Acro-Corinth rising 1700 feet above the ruins, the marketplace is laid out exactly as it stood in the days of the great Apostle. We see the bema (the judgment seat) where Paul stood before Galilo and preached (Acts 18). The museum contains a superb collection of artifacts portraying life in ancient Corinth. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 04: FRI, MAR 24: PIRAEUS.** Transfer to port and embark the cruise vessel for our 3 day cruise. Our first port of call is the island of Myconos; cubic white houses and those world famous windmills. Free time to explore this lovely island.

**DAY 05: SAT, MAR 25: KUSADASI / PATMOS.**

*"And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples.. " (Act 19:01)*

Continue to Kusadasi, a lively Turkish port and gateway to ancient Ephessos. Our tour takes us to visit Ancient Ephessos, the Greek colony founded by the Athenians. Here history truly comes to life; walking towards the ancient harbor down a marble road rutted by the wheels of countless chariots. You pass architectural masterpieces like the Magnesien Gate and the Library of Celsus before arriving to the Great Amphitheater where Paul spoke to the Ephesians. Visit the house of the Virgin Mary. We continue our cruise for the island of Patmos; considered a holy island for the Christian religion it was here in Patmos where John the Divine, while in exile, wrote the Apocalyptic Revelations which constitute the last part of the New Testament. Our tour takes us up to the monastery of St. John which still keeps its character of a medieval fortress. Inside the walls you will be able to admire the Byzantine wealth of the Christian Orthodox religion while from its ramparts you will have the most stunning panoramic view of the luminous sea.



**DAY 06: SUN, MAR 26: CRUISE / HERAKLION / SANTORINI.** Early morning arrival to Heraklion, Crete, legendary birthplace of Zeus and where the Minoan civilization began. (Optional) After a short drive through the town of Heraklion the tour will arrive at the Knossos excavations. Visit the Palace, decorated with frescoes and shields houses the Hall of the Royal Guard, the Hall of the Double Axes, the King's Chamber with the alabaster throne, the Queen's Apartment, beautiful courtyards and shrines. You will then re board your motor coach for the return journey to the Venetian lion-guarded port of Heraklion to rejoin your ship. Next we visit Santorini - one of the most beautiful of the Greek Islands. (Optional) During our drive you will have the unique opportunity to admire the panoramic view of the Aegean Sea and the neighbouring islands. Visit Oia Village, an excellent example of Cycladic architecture. Explore the village walking along the cobble-stone streets and the white washed houses with blue shutters where one gets the impression that they are a beautiful travel poster. Continue to the town of Fira, an attractive town perched on the Caldera rim. It will be possible to remain in Fira and reach the port by cable car. (Optional cost) Or, your coach will bring you back to the port of Athinios, where you will embark your tender boat.



**DAY 07: MON, MAR 27: PIRAEUS / ATHENS / METEORES.** After we disembark the ship, we continue to the Meteora Monasteries, perched upon the summits of gigantic rocks, which have been etched into variety of strange shapes. Grey gigantic stalagmites rising towards the sky, they seem to be nature's gift to the pious who opted for monasticism and for a life totally dedicated to the worship of God. The monastic history of the Meteora goes back to the 11th century A.D. when the first hermits sought peace and solitude in the rifts and caves of these rocks, but the first monasteries were not built until the 14th century A.D. attaining their peak in the 16th. Of the 13 large and 20 small monasteries and hermit's cells, only four are not occupied: Megalo Meteora, Monie Varlaam, Monia Aghias Triadas and Moni Aghiou Stefanou. Apart from portable icons, miniatures, ecclesiastical robes, utensils and crosses, all of them excellent examples of Byzantine art, the Meteora Monasteries also contain rare editions and manuscripts. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

**DAY 08: TUE, MAR 28: METEORES / THESSALONIKI / PHILIPPI / THESSALONIKI.**

*"Paul came to Thessaloniki with Silas and following his usual custom, he went to the Synagogue where he used the Jewish scriptures as the source for his preaching." (Act 17:2-4)*

Today we become acquainted with this great city, the "Queen of the North", where Paul wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Built by King Cassandros and named after the sister of Alexander the Great, the city flourished under the Byzantine Empire and its most important buildings date from those days. Today it is considered the second capital of Greece, the Queen of the north. Our city tour takes us along the water front to the massive White Tower and nearby Triumphal Arch of Galerius, built in 303 AD. We shall also see St. Demetrios Church with its valuable mosaics and frescoes will drive up to the upper town which offers a marvelous view of the city. The site where the monastery of Vlatadon was built is believed to be the location where Jason's house once stood and where Paul was accommodated during his visit to Thessaloniki.

*"Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace and the following day to Neapolis " (Act 16:11)*

*"And from thence to Philippi which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony; and we were in that city abiding certain days." (Act 16:12)*

We visit the beautiful city of Kavala (ancient Neapolis), and from there on to Philippi which was a Roman garrison town and the chief city in the province of Macedonia. It was here that Paul won his first European convert, a woman named Lydia, the market place (where Paul and Silas were brought before the rulers), the cistern which tradition identifies as the place where St. Paul were imprisoned. We return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 09: WED, MAR 29: THESSALONIKI / VERIA / DELPHI.**

*"The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away hy night to Beroea; and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue." (Acts 17:10-14)*

After breakfast, we start out for Veria (Beroea) where we visit the monument dedicated to Paul; we see the Bema where he stood and preached to the people of Veria. We then drive south through the scenic landscape of Greece to Delphi for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**DAY 10: THU, MAR 30: DELPHI / ATHENS.** Discover the center of the ancient world, the "omphalos" (navel) of the earth, whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios. Visit the treasury of the Athenians, the Temple of Apollo and the museum. Continue our journey to Athens for some time at leisure before dinner and overnight.

**DAY 11: FRI, MAR 31: ATHENS / NORTH AMERICA.** After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our flight home, the end of a marvelous journey.