### Sept. 9-19, 2025

# Footsteps of Paul Tour With Southside Nazarene Church



Experience Greece and Rome on a 10-day trip through the Footsteps of Paul. A three day cruise is included.

## **Experience the Biblical Sites** and More!

Explore the places where the Apostle Paul preached and was imprisoned.

Visit the world-renowned Acropolis of Athens and visit Mars Hill where Paul delivered his "Unknown God" sermon.

Visit Ephesus from Kusadasi, Turkey, where Paul spent three years of his mission.

Visit the island of Patmos, the site where John received his Apocalyptic Revelation.

Explore the breathtaking Greek Islands of Crete, Santorini and Mykonos.

Stroll through the shops and cafes, between charming whitewashed buildings and quaint villages

Visit the ancient city of Corinth where Paul spent a year and a half teaching and preaching.

Fly to Rome for three days of touring through the Catacombs, St. John Basilica, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Navona Square.

DETAILS OF THE TRIP ARE....

FLIGHT: Round Trip Flight from USA to Athens.

**HOTELS:** First Class Hotels:

- 3 nights in Athens
- 3 nights on board cruise ship
- 3 nights in Rome

**TOURING:** 

- See the sites of Greece and Rome in a comfortable private bus with a Biblically-knowledgeable tour guide.
- Three day cruise through the Greek Islands

PRICE: \$4,150.00 Price per Person (double occupancy)
Plus Airfare price yet to be determined.

#### Includes:

- All Hotels, Cruise, Private Bus transportation in Greece and Rome
- Entry to all Tour Sites and activities,
- Buffet Breakfasts and Dinners
- Flight from Athens to Rome
- Tips

#### **Does NOT Include:**

Round-trip Airfare (price yet to be determined)

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

Romans 8:14

#### **Tour Itinerary**

#### Day 1: - Overnight flight from US to Athens

#### Day 2: Athens

Upon arriving, we will be met by our Greek driver and assistant. We will transfer to our hotel for check-in. Dinner and overnight at Royal Olympic Hotel in Athens or similar.



#### Day 3: Athens

First, we enjoy a bus tour of the Constitution Square with the House of Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Zeus, the Old Olympic Stadium and the Neoclassical Buildings of Athens. We then go to the world-renowned Acropolis to see the Propylaea, the Erechtheum and the incredible Parthenon. We also visit Mars Hill, where Paul delivered his ingenious speech on the "Unknown God" (Acts 17). From here we view the Agora, the ancient center of the economic and public life of the city, where Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians. We head back to our hotel. Overnight at the Royal Olympic Hotel (or similar) and dinner at a local restaurant.

#### Day 4: Lavrion, Mykonos

We sail this morning from Athens to the quaintisle of Mykonos, called the island of windmills. We arrive at



Mykonos, where we disembark and have time to experience the waterfront lined with shops and cafes. We stroll the charming walkways through a maze of white-washed buildings before returning to the ship for dinner and evening activities. No excursions are included today, as we will visit the island at our

leisure.

#### Day 5: Kusadasi, Ephesus, Patmos

In the morning, we arrive in Kusadasi, Turkey. Excursion Included: A short drive takes us to Ephesus, where Paul spent three years during his ministry. The impressive remains of Ephesus include the Agora, the Theater, the Stadium, the Library of Celsus, the ruins of the Temple of

Diana (one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World") and many more. Later, we sail for the island of Patmos. Excursion Included: Here we visit the Monastery of St. John, on one of the island's highest points. From there, we walk down to the Grotto of the Apocalypse, the site of the apocalyptic Revelations of St. John the Divine.



#### Day 6: Crete-Heraklion, Santorini

In the morning, we arrive at Heraklion, Crete and disembark. Excursion Not Included: We can always take the shuttle bus from the port to downtown and our tour escort can provide a short walking tour of the area. In the afternoon, we cruise to the isle of Santorini and disembark. Excursion not included:

Santorini is often referred to as the most breathtaking of all the Greek islands. The exquisite, whitewashed villages, including the town of Fira, or Thira, cling to volcanic cliffs, accessible by cable-car, or mule.

#### Day 7: Corinth, Mycenae, Athens

This morning we disembark from the 3-day cruise. We start the day by visiting the site of ancient Corinth. We will cross the famous Corinthian Canal to get there. Located in the Peloponnese of Greece, this was the once glorious city near the Isthmus where Paul met Aquila and



Priscilla and spent a year and a half preaching the Word of God. We visit the Archaeological Museum, the Forum, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman forum and the famous Bema where Paul stood before Gallio, accused by the Jews of Corinth. About 30 minutes away is the site of Mycenae, the legendary city rival of Troy, and described by Homer as "Mycenae rich in Gold." This city dates back to the late Bronze Age, and is famous for the "beehive" Tomb of Agamemnon (Treasury of Atreus) and the gold masks. On the way back to Athens, we will pass by Cenchreae, the little harbor from which Paul sailed back to Asia, thus ending his second missionary journey. We arrive back at our hotel in Athens for dinner and overnight. Dinner and overnight at Royal Olympic Hotel in Athens.

#### Day 8:, Flight to Rome

Today we will be transferred to Athens Airport and board our flight to Rome. Upon arrival, we will be transferred to our hotel. Dinner at Twenty One hotel (or similar) or local restaurant.



Day 9: Rome Tour of Basilicas with Mamertine
Prisons, Catacombs, St. John Basilica, Catacombs (Domitilla
or

San Sebastiano), Old Appian Way and St. Paul outside the Wall and Colosseum. Dinner at Twenty One Hotel or local restaurant.

#### Day 10: Rome



This is the tour to visit the Vatican Museum including the Sistine Chapel and the San Peter Basilica. The program is a walk inside the Vatican Museums, including Sistine Chapel. Upon exiting the Sistine Chapel, the tour

continues to St Peter Basilica. In the afternoon, a walking tour to Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Navona Sq. Dinner at Twenty One Hotel or local restaurant.

Day 11: Transfer to FCO Airport - Departure - Today we will be transferred to Rome Airport and board our departure flight.

#### **Tour Details**

For more tour information, check out our website here: Join A Tour (aliyahtours.org)

Price Per Person: \$4,150.00 pp/double occupancy

Does not include Round-trip Airfare from Dulles (IAD).

**Single Supplement fee of \$1,475.00** for private room throughout tour.

**Deposit Required: \$500 per person** to reserve your place on the tour. Deposit is non-refundable.

Passports: Must be valid until March 19, 2026.

#### **Inclusions**

- 3 overnights in Athens at Royal Olympic Hotel or similar – breakfast and dinners included
- 3-day cruise aboard the Celestyal Olympia, on All Inclusive basis, with
- Shore excursion to Kusadasi
- Shore excursion to Patmos
- Flight from Athens to Rome on Day 8
- 3 overnights in Rome at Twenty One Hotel or similar, breakfast and dinner included
- English speaking licensed guide for sightseeing & touring as per itinerary
- Private deluxe motor coach for transfers & touring as per itinerary.
- Private walking tours of Mykonos, Heraklion and Santorini.
- Entrance fees to archaeological sites & museums as per itinerary
- Porterage at the hotels
- Headsets during tours throughout the trip
- Tips to guides, managers and drivers
- Port taxes & Cruise Tips
- 2 Shore excursions package

#### Not included

- Passport and visa fees
- Lunches (except cruise portion)
- Drinks during meals (except cruise portion)
- Cable-car tickets in Santorini are paid on site.
- Airfare: Dulles to Athens, Rome to Dulles

#### **Payment Schedule**

- Deposit: \$500.00

Final Payment: February 1, 2025

**Register Online** - go to <u>aliyahtours.org</u>, then click on "Join a Tour" or scan the QR code to access the registration link:



**Transportation** - Round-trip economy class jet via a scheduled IATA airline. Air travel arrangements are subject to change at any time due to airline scheduling changes.

#### Air Travel Arrangements included:

Athens to Rome

Air Travel to be purchased separately in April 2025.

Dulles to Athens Rome to Dulles

**Land travel arrangements**: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to emergencies.

**Cancellation requests**: All cancellation requests are subject to loss of deposit and additional penalties based on the fee schedule below. Cancellations must be made in writing, mailed to: Aliyah Tours, P.O. Box 74111, Richmond VA 23236.

#### **Cancellation fees:**

Up to 4 months prior to departure date, the cancellation fee is the initial deposit plus 50% of other amounts paid. Up to 6 weeks prior to departure date, the cancellation fee is the initial deposit plus 75% of other amounts paid. Within 6 weeks prior to departure date, the cancellation fee is 100% of all amounts paid.

**Additional Terms & Conditions apply**. Please see the tour website for additional details.

Join A Tour (aliyahtours.org)

#### **Tour Hosted By:**

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#### MAP OF THE CRUISE



