

# FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

**May 20-31, 2019**  
— TOUR ITINERARY —  
(Subject to Change)



**Hosted by Biblical Archaeologist and Bible Professor Dr. Dale W. Manor**

## **DAY 1 — MONDAY, MAY 20** **DEPART FROM USA**

Overnight transatlantic flight from the USA to Athens, Greece. Be at the airport at least 3 hours prior to departure for your international check in procedures. Hot meals and inflight entertainment are per airline policies.



**Parthenon in Athens, Greece**

## **DAY 2 — TUESDAY, MAY 21** **ARRIVAL IN ATHENS**

Upon arrival at Athens International Airport “Eleftherios Venizelos” meet the local representative who will assist with your transfer to the hotel. Enjoy an orientation panoramic tour of the city, before check in at the hotel at 2:00 p.m. Your journey to the Biblical land of Greece begins! Dinner & overnight. (D)

## **DAY 3 — WEDNESDAY, MAY 22** **ATHENS CITY TOUR • MARS’ HILL • AGORA • PLAKA**

Buffet breakfast at hotel. At 8:30 in the morning we climb up to the marble capped Acropolis Hill and visit the famous Parthenon and Erechtheion Temples. We then walk to nearby Mars’ Hill (Areopagus) (Acts 17:22) where Paul delivered his soul-stirring sermon to the giants of philosophy, logic and learning and spoke about the inscription: “to an unknown god”. We also visit the Agora, now in ruins, was formerly the commercial hub of ancient Athens and birthplace of politics and philosophy. Here the apostle Paul reasoned with the most skeptical audience he met in the course of his travels. We see the very well preserved Doric Temple of Hephaestus (or Thesaeion) and the Stoa of Attalos, an arcade built by Attalos II, king of Per-

gamum, used as a retail market. Today it is used as museum, displaying statues, pottery and especially coins. Socrates is known to have discussed philosophy with his friends in the Stoa of Zeus Eleftherios. He was indicted in the Stoa Basileios or royal portico, where the archon Basileus held his court. He was executed in the state prison here in 399 BC by the Strategeion. The Agora museum is housed in the Stoa of Attalos, a reconstructed building of around 150 BC. The apostle Paul met the philosophers. Then continue our tour with a panoramic sightseeing of the city highlights. Enjoy the rest of the day at your own leisure in Plaka, the oldest and most picturesque district of Athens. Dinner & overnight at hotel. (B-D)



**Corinth Canal**

## **DAY 4 — THURSDAY, MAY 23** **ATHENS • ANCIENT CORINTH • CENCHREA TOUR • ATHENS**

After our buffet breakfast at hotel we depart at 8:00 a.m. for our guided visit out of Athens. On the way, we stop at the historic Corinth Canal. It was Corinth (Acts 18:1-18) where Apostle Paul lived and worked, established a thriving church, subsequently sending two of his epistles now part of the New Testament. Here, we see all of the sites associated with his ministry: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Odeon, the Bema and Gallio’s Seat. The small local archaeological muse-

um here is an absolute must! Return to Athens in the afternoon. Evening will be free to explore the historical and modern center of the city where old combines with new! Dinner & overnight at hotel. (B-D)



**Theater at Ephesus**

## **DAY 5 — FRIDAY, MAY 24** **ATHENS (PIRAEUS) • PIRAEUS • EMBARK ON 3-DAY CRUISE • MYKONOS, GREECE**

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Check out of hotel. At 8:30 a.m. transfer from the hotel to the port of Piraeus to embark the 3-day cruise. Sail to Mykonos at 11:30 a.m. Lunch on board.

At 6:00 p.m. arrive at Mykonos (either we dock at the port of Tourlos or disembarkation by tender boats, sea & weather permitting). Enjoy your evening walking and exploring the pebbled streets of cosmopolitan Chora and have a coffee in “Little Venice.” Dinner & overnight on board. Sail for Kusadasi, Turkey 11:00 p.m. (B-L-D)

## **DAY 6 — SATURDAY, MAY 25** **KUSADASI, TURKEY • PATMOS, GREECE**

Breakfast on board. At 7:30 a.m. we dock at Kusadasi in Turkey, starting point for our guided shore excursion to the ancient city of Ephesus, where the Apostle Paul preached and lived for three years (Acts 18:19-21). Free time for souvenir shopping in Kusadasi. Lunch on board. Sail at 1:00 p.m. to Patmos, Greece, where the Apostle John preached and wrote the Book of Revelation (Rev 1:9). Arrive at 5:45 p.m. (disembarkation by tender boats, sea & weather permitting). Guided visit to St. John’s Monastery and the Grotto of the Revelation. Dinner & overnight on board ship. Sail to Heraklion, Crete at 9:30 p.m. (B-L-D)



**DAY 7 — SUNDAY, MAY 26**

**HERAKLION (CRETE) • SANTORINI, GREECE**

Breakfast on board. At 7:00 a.m. arrive at Heraklion Crete, (Acts 27:7-13) and enjoy the guided shore excursion to visit the Minoan Palace of Knossos, first European civilization and the legendary home of the Minotaur (half bull and half man). Then sail to Santorini at noon. Lunch on board.

Our cruise ship will drop anchor at 4:30 p.m. (with disembarkation by tender boats, sea & weather permitting). Either join the Santorini Island optional bus tour (at 70 Euros per person) to visit the spectacular traditional village of Oia perched on the rim of the caldera where you can see the 3 blue domed churches.

Or take the cable car (7 Euro per person one way) up to the town of Fira, perched high on the rim of the ancient volcano. Free time for taking photos, browsing, shopping and enjoying the breathtaking view. Return back to the cruise ship and sail for Piraeus at 9:30 p.m. Dinner & overnight on board. (B-L-D)



**Churches in Santorini**

**DAY 8 — MONDAY, MAY 27**

**PIRAEUS (ATHENS) • DELPHI • KALAMBAKA**

At 7:00 a.m. arrive at the port of Piraeus. Disembark after breakfast. At 7:45 a.m. meet with our guide and drive to the oracle of Delphi, considered to be the center of the ancient world, whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. We visit the Sanctuary of

Apollo, the Treasury of the Athenians and the archaeological museum containing such masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture as the bronze Charioteer and the famous athlete Aghias. Our journey continues to Kalambaka, one of the most beautiful towns in Greece. Check in at the hotel, followed by dinner & overnight. (B-D)

**DAY 9 — TUESDAY, MAY 28**

**KALAMBAKA / METEORA MONASTERIES • BEREIA • THESSALONICA**

Breakfast at hotel. Check out of hotel. Morning visit to the spectacular Meteora monasteries built on the top of huge gray boulders. They are veritable Byzantine monasteries exhibiting superb icons and manuscripts from the 14th century. After the visit continue on to Thessalonica. On our way we stop at Berea (Acts 17:10-15) where Paul arrived and according to his custom went to the synagogue where, to his pleasant surprise, he discovered that these Jews 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). We arrive in Thessalonica in late afternoon for check in at the hotel, dinner & overnight. (B-D)

**DAY 10 — WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**

**THESSALONICA • PHILIPPI • NEAPOLIS/KAVALLA • THESSALONICA**

Breakfast at hotel. On our way to Philippi, we drive by the Lion of Amphipolis (short stop for photos). We visit Philippi, the site where Paul established a strong church. To this congregation he 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 Apostle Paul and Syllas 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 panoramic tour before returning to the hotel in Thessalonica for dinner & overnight. (B-D)

**DAY 11 — THURSDAY, MAY 30**

**THESSALONICA • VERGINA • ATHENS**

Breakfast at hotel. Check out of hotel. Today we take the return way from Macedonia to Athens. Before departure we enjoy a bus panoramic city tour of Thessalonica (Acts 17:1) where Paul went immediately to the synagogue and for three Saturdays he explained the prophecies of the Old Testament to Jews and Greeks. According to the Book of the Acts many Greeks believed and even many «Greek chief women» (Acts 17:1-4). We go to the upper Old City Walls then drive along the Egnatian Way to see the triumphal Arch of Galerius and the Rotunda. After the visit, we drive to Vergina, the ancient Aigai, the old capital of the Macedonian kingdom (5th to 2nd centuries BC). There we visit the most important tomb ever discovered that of Philip II of Macedonia, the father of Alexander the Great, which was found intact. Here we see the fabulous findings from the tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great, made by the archaeologist Manolis Andronikos. On our way back to Athens, we pass through Katerini and gaze upon the snowcapped Mount Olympus, the home of the twelve Olympian gods and goddesses. We go through the Valley of Tempe. We arrive in Athens in the evening. Check in at the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B-D)

**DAY 12 — FRIDAY, MAY 31**

**DEPARTURE FROM ATHENS**

Check out of hotel. Escorted group transfer from the hotel to Athens International Airport “Eleftherios Venizelos” for return flight home.

**Hotels Scheduled**

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May 21, 22, 23 — Athens — Hotel Parthenon

May 24, 25, 26 — MS Celestyal Olympia (ship)

May 27 — Kalambaka — Hotel Meteora

May 28, 29 — Thessaloniki — Grand Hotel Palace

May 30 — Athens — Hotel Parthenon

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