

Tour Code: PHFP25



Chatfield Lutheran Church Footsteps of Paul in

Greece

Includes 3 night cruise

TOUR DATES

May 11 - 22, 2025



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Mykonos



Santorini

Day 1: Sunday, May 11, 2025 • Departure

Our journey begins this afternoon as we board a coach to Chicago where we overnight at a hotel near the airport.

Day 2: Monday, May 12, 2025 • Flight to Greece

We transfer to the airport and board our flight to Athens to follow in the steps of the Apostle Paul, the prolific writer of many of the New Testament letters. We trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countryside of Greece and Turkey.

Day 3: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 • Athens, Greece

Upon our arrival in Athens, we meet our local tour manager and coach driver and transfer into the city center of Athens. A short walk takes us to the New Acropolis Museum, built in 2009 at the bottom of the Acropolis. Our tour of the museum introduces us to Greek culture, mythology, politics, and religion. This afternoon we check into our hotel and freshen up. This evening, we enjoy a welcome dinner in the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. **D**

Day 4: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 • Athens — Corinth - -Athens

After breakfast we depart for Corinth where Paul lived and preached for two years and wrote two epistles (1 and 2 Corinthians). This Roman city was both a center for trade and for loose living. For Paul it was the site of an extensive ministry to a fledgling and beloved Christian community. We explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 18:12-17). **B, D**

Day 5: Thursday, May 15, 2025 • Athens -

After breakfast we visit the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous “Men of Athens” speech (Acts 17:22-34) and visit the incomparable Acropolis. We have time to walk around the Parthenon monument dating back to the 5th century BC. We have some time this afternoon to explore on our own. Tonight, we have dinner at a traditional restaurant in Athens. **B, D**

Day 6: Friday, May 16, 2025 •

Athens - Piraeus* (Embarkation) -- Mykonos

This evening, we set sail on a 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Our first stop is the enchanting island of Mykonos, renowned for its charming, mountainous terrain, hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings, and iconic

windmills. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included today. **B, L, D**

Day 7: Saturday, May 17, 2025 •

Kusadasi, Turkey -- Patmos, Greece

We arrive at the Turkish port of Kusadasi where we disembark for an excursion to the ruins of Ephesus a UNESCO world heritage site. It was here that Paul the Apostle lived 3 years during his ministry. We gain a better understanding of the book of Ephesians and of the three years Paul spent here during his ministry. We visit the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races and gladiatorial combats took place. We also visit the House of Mary, where some believe Mary, the mother of Jesus spent her last days. Early afternoon our ship sails for Patmos, where the Apostle John recorded God's Revelation to him. We visit the monastery of St. John, with its courtyard, the monk's dining room and the magnificent main church of Grotto of the Apocalypse, where we see the niches in the wall that mark the pillow and ledge used as a desk by the author of the Book of Revelation and the crack in the rock made by the voice of God. We also learn about John's ministry to the islanders. **B, L, D**

Day 8: Sunday, May 18, 2025 • Crete - Santorini

Early in the morning, we arrive in Crete where we can take an *optional excursion* (\$105) to the Knossos Palace, the home of great Minoan Civilization and the mythological home of Zeus. Later today, our included shore excursion takes us to the island of Santorini. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Aegean Sea, the volcano, and explore the narrow lanes and picturesque villages adorned with numerous small churches that make this island unique. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included today. **B, L, D**

Day 9: Monday, May 19, 2025 •

Piraeus, Disembark Cruise Ship - Delphi - Kalambaka

After an early morning disembarkation, we head north to Delphi, an ancient religious site considered by the Greeks to be the center of the world. Our tour includes the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Athenian Treasury, and the Delphi Museum, featuring its most famous artifact: a bronze charioteer from 470 BC. Following the tour, we continue our journey to Kalambaka, where we check into our hotel and enjoy a relaxing dinner together this evening. **B, D**

Thessaloniki**Day 10: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 •****Kalambaka -- Meteora -- Thessaloniki**

After breakfast we visit the hanging monasteries of Meteora. The Greek word Meteora means “suspended in the air” and it aptly describes one of the most amazing and beautiful places in Greece. We ponder the monks who lived here and their desire to draw closer to God. We take in the stunning views and visit two of the six visited monasteries. Then, we depart for Veria at the foot of Mount Vermio. We have free time to visit the Step of Apostle Paul and the Synagogue. We ponder how the Berean Jews received the message with great eagerness from Paul and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. (Acts 17:11) Then we depart for Thessaloniki was an early center for Christianity. Paul visited and preached here during the winters of A.D. 49 - 50 and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. **B, D**

Day 11: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 •**Thessaloniki -- Philippi -- Thessaloniki**

After breakfast, we depart for the ancient Colony of Philippi. It was built in 356 B.C. by Alexander’s father, Philip II. We see the Ancient Theatre, the Church of Philippi, founded by Apostle Paul in 49 A.D. With Bibles in hand, we ponder Paul’s response to the jailer and the impact. (Acts 16:25-31) . We continue to the Baptistry of St. Lydia and recall her baptism (Acts 16:11-15). Then, we depart for Thessaloniki. We tour the city starting from Saint Dimitrius, where we admire the mosaics of the Church and see the spot where the Saint martyred. Then, we visit Agora (Acts 17:1-15). Following that, we visit the White Tower and the Upper Town, where we have a panoramic view of Thessaloniki. Overnight stay. Dinner is on our own tonight. **B**

Day 12: Thursday, May 22, 2025 • Return

We transfer to the airport in Thessaloniki and return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Tour Price: \$5,199

Prices are *per person, double occupancy*
 with a minimum of 25 participants

Single supplement: \$975**Your Tour Includes:**

- **Roundtrip private coach transportation** from Chatfield/Rochester to Chicago airport
- **Estimated Roundtrip airfare** plus related taxes, fees and fuel charges from Chicago to Athens, return from Thessaloniki
- **Land Transportation in Greece** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- First-class hotels
- Accommodations on board Celestyal Cruise in inside IB cabin . (May upgrade to an outside XB cabin for \$130 Per person or XC cabin for \$180 per person)
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager** (not on cruise)
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person where available
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour (except coach driver and tour manager)

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals other than indicated
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager.
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.
- (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.
- (This insurance is available and recommended.)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation.

Second deposit of \$500 due November 13, 2024

Final payment is due January 12, 2025.

Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

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To register online: <https://tinyurl.com/PHFP25>

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