

Saint Paul in Greece and Turkey

July 4 to 16, 2023



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On this tour you will follow in the footsteps of Saint Paul and visit the places where he lived and preached. You will also visit the famous Acropolis, the magnificent monasteries of Meteora and the Temple of Apollo in Delphi. You will set sail to the Greek islands of the Aegean, visit the Grotto of the Apocalypse, the ancient city of Knossos and Ephesus. A drive across the border will take you to Turkey and the historical city of Istanbul.

July 4, 2023 – Tuesday CHICAGO / ATHENS

Departure from Chicago for Athens.

July 5, 2023 – Wednesday ATHENS

City tour of Athens. Celebration of Mass in the Cathedral of Saint Dionysius. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

July 6, 2023 – Thursday ATHENS / CORINTH / CENCHREA

Drive to Corinth where Apostle Paul lived and then to Cenchrea where he set sail to Ephesus. Afternoon visit of the legendary Acropolis and Mars Hill. Celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

July 7, 2023 – Friday ATHENS / AEGEAN SEA / MYKONOS

Board the cruise ship with first port of call the famous island of Mykonos. Celebration of Mass on board the ship. Dinner and overnight at sea.

July 8, 2023 – Saturday KUSADASI / EPHESUS / PATMOS

Early morning arrival at Kusadasi. Tour of Ephesus, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Celebration of Mass and a visit to the House of the Virgin Mary. Afternoon disembark on the island of Patmos visit St John's Monastery and the Grotto of the Apocalypse. Dinner and overnight at sea.

July 9, 2023 – Sunday CRETE / SANTORINI

This morning dock in Heraklion, the capital of Crete and visit the Palace of Knossos. Celebrate Mass on board the ship. Afternoon

July 10, 2023 – Monday ATHENS / DELPHI

After disembarkation drive to Delphi to visit the temple of Apollo. Celebrate Mass at the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Delphi.



July 11, 2023 – Tuesday DELPHI / METEORA / KALAMBAKA

Depart Delphi north to Kalambaka for a visit to the spectacular Byzantine monasteries of Meteora. Celebrate Mass at our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

July 12, 2023 – Wednesday KALAMBAKA / VERIA / VERGINA / THESSALONIKI

Drive on to Veria to see the monument where Paul preached. Celebration of Mass. From there continue to Vergina to visit the very impressive site of the Royal Tomb of King Philip II, the father of Alexander the Great. Depart for Thessaloniki. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

July 13, 2023 – Thursday THESSALONIKI / PHILIPPI / KAVALA

After a city tour of Thessaloniki continue to Philippi and celebrate Mass near Lydia's baptism site. Drive to the beautiful port city of Kavala. Dinner and overnight in Kavala.

July 14, 2023 – Friday KAVALA / ISTANBUL

Cross the Greek-Turkish border and continue to Istanbul, ancient Constantinople. Celebration of Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

July 15, 2023 – Saturday ISTANBUL

Begin our day with a celebration of Mass at the Church of Saint Anthony of Padua. Visit the Blue Mosque followed by a visit to the Basilica of Saint Sofia, or (Church of the Divine Wisdom). Afternoon visit of the famous Topkapi Palace. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

July 16, 2023 – Sunday ISTANBUL / CHICAGO

Transfer to airport to board departing flight for home.

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