

# Please Join Pastor Douglas Schroeder on a 8 Day Steps of Paul and Glories of Greece With an Optional 3 Night Greek Island Cruise Extension

Corinth - Kalambaka - Thessaloniki - Mykonos - Ephesus - Patmos - Crete - Santorini

Departing July 19, 2024 Round Trip from Chicago \$4,298

Optional Cruise extension \$1,298



The Acropolis in Athens



Celestyal Olympia

## Included Features:

- Price based on Double Occupancy in Land Hotels and Double Occupancy in Inside Cabins for Cruise
- Round Trip Airfare from Chicago - \$4,298
- Airport Taxes (subject to change)
- Accommodations: Superior Class Tourist Hotels
- Meals: Breakfast and Dinner Daily on Land Tour and Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily on the Cruise
- Sightseeing and Entrance Fees per Itinerary
- Other Inclusions: Airport-Hotel Transfers, Hotel Taxes, Port Taxes, Baggage Handling, Touring by Private Air Conditioned Motor Coach, Professional Tour Escorts

## Early Bird Discount:

- \$100 if deposit is received by October 9, 2023 or
- \$50 if deposit is received by December 19, 2023
- Make your minimum \$500 deposit plus optional insurance and your discount will be deducted from your balance due 75 days before departure.

## Not Included:

- Single Supplement for those alone in rooms for the Land Tour is \$450 and for the Cruise portion, another \$450. Your group will try to assist you in finding a roommate.
- \$100 Tipping on Land Tour but on Cruise, tipping is not necessary
- \$200 Cabin Upgrade to outside cabin for the cruise
- \$15 - \$20 for Lunches on the Land Tours
- Land only passengers would pay the price \$1,995 and all transfers
- Shore excursions to be advised

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## YOUR DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 DEPART - FRIDAY, JULY 19

We depart from our local International Airport for our journey to Greece. Dinner and breakfast will be served on flight.

### DAY 2 THESSALONIKI - SATURDAY, JULY 20

Upon our arrival in Thessalonika; a city that is over 2300 years old. It was built in 316 BC by Kassandros, the Macedonian King, and was named after his wife, Thessalonika the sister of Alexander the Great. Later the city flourished under the Byzantine Empire. Our tour includes the Roman Market, theatre and baths, Arch of Galerius, the City walls, Chain Tower and Citadel, the white tower, Byzantine churches, the cave and well of the Apostle Paul, House of Jason, Monastery of Vlattadon, Aristotle's Square, and statue of Alexander the Great. Dinner and overnight in Thessalonika. (D)

### DAY 3 THESSALONIKI - SUNDAY, JULY 21

Today we visit the beautiful town of Kavala, called Neapolis in the days of Paul (Acts 16: 11). It was to the church in this city Paul wrote his letters to the Thessalonians. From here we continue to Philippi. This is the city of the church to whom the letter of Philippians was written and where the Word of God began being preached to the European nations. We see the Baptistry of Lydia, the ancient theater and visit the place where Paul was flogged and imprisoned. Dinner and overnight in Thessalonika. (B,D)

### DAY 4 KALAMBAKA - MONDAY, JULY 22

We drive to Veria (ancient Berea), where the Christian congregations were devoted to Paul's works. We stop for a visit at the monument dedicated to the Apostle. Then we continue to Kalambaka to visit the famous monasteries. Perched atop soaring cliffs, gigantic rocks have been etched by time into a variety of shapes rooted deeply in the ground yet completely isolated from the world around them. The Monasteries with their wooden galleries and corniced rooftops hang precariously over the breath-taking abysses, with the Pindus range at their back. We return to Kalambaka, for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

### DAY 5 ATHENS - TUESDAY, JULY 23

After breakfast we depart, through the mountainous Greek countryside arriving in Delphi, the center of the ancient world - the "Omphalos" ("Naval - of the Earth") whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic universe. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty lay the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo pythios. Visit the treasury of the Athenians, the temple of Apollo and the museum containing such masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture as the bronze Charioteer and the famous athlete Aghias. Continue to Athens for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

### DAY 6 ATHENS - WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

City sightseeing includes a visit to the world renowned Acropolis, with the ruins of the Parthenon, Erechtem and Propylea. Then, we ascend Mars Hill, where Paul preached (Acts 17:16,22).

### DAY 6 ATHENS (Continued),

Also, view the Agora (ancient market place, and former center of Athenian public life), the House of Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Presidential Palace. We then depart for Corinth with a brief stop at the Corinth Canal, which separates Peloponnese from the Greek mainland and connects the two seas (Ionian and Aegean). We arrive in Corinth and visiting the site that was home for St Paul for eighteen months. We visit the Archaeological Museum, the Bema, the Market Place and the Temples. From the Bema at Corinth, Paul spoke to the Corinthians about our Lord and Savior Christ. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B,D)

### DAY 7 ATHENS - THU, JULY 25

Today we have a full day at leisure to pursue personal interests. Perhaps a visit to the Plaka to shop or eat in one of the many fine restaurants. (B,D)

### DAY 8 - ATHENS / CHICAGO - FRI, JULY 26

Today our journey ends with good memories as we bid farewell to our new Greek friends. We are transferred to Athens airport for our flight home. Arrival the same day or continue your tour below (B)

## OPTIONAL CRUISE EXTENSION

**DAY 8 - MYKONOS - FRI, JULY 26** - Transfer to the port of Piraeus for embarkation on our cruise ship. Enjoy the many shipboard activities or just relax while sailing to the Island of Mykonos with its jet-set atmosphere, whitewashed buildings, sidewalk cafes, 360 churches and chic shops. Here we will see the Archeological Museum and Temples. (B, L, D)

### DAY 9 - EPHEBUS / PATMOS - SAT, JULY 27

This morning we arrive in Ephesus to visit the "Seven Wonder of the Ancient World" It is here St. Paul spent many years and wrote his Letter to the Ephesians. Then sail to the island of Patmos and visit the Monastery and the Grotto of St. John the Divine. It is here St. John wrote the Book of Revelation. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10 - CRETE / SANTORINI - SUN, JULY 28

We arrive in Crete where Paul and Titus visited in support of the Early Church. We will have time to visit the fantastic ruins before sailing to Santorini one of the most beautiful islands in the Mediterranean. There will be time to walk the cobble streets. (B,L,D)

### DAY 11 - ATHENS - MON, JULY 29

Today we leave the beautiful city of Athens, Greece with beautiful memories of our Journey of the Steps of St. Paul, and we are transferred to the Airport for our flight back home to Chicago.



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