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Discover Greece:

In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

with Optional 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension

October 26 – November 5, 2027



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11 Days ● 19 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Athens, Corinth, The Acropolis, Mars Hill, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Metéora

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Titania Hotel Athens, Athens;
Days 4 – 6	Celestyal Discovery, Piraeus;
Day 7	Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka
Days 8, 9	Capsis Hotel Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki
Day 10	Titania Hotel Athens, Athens

On some dates, *alternate hotels may be used.*

Day 1: Tuesday, October 26, 2027 Overnight Flight. Paul the Apostle, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countrysides of Greece and Türkiye.

Day 2: Wednesday, October 27, 2027 Athens, Greece. Begin your journey in Athens, the immortalized capital of Greece. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city on your own.

Day 3: Thursday, October 28, 2027 Athens - Corinth - Athens. **This morning, travel to Corinth,** where Paul lived and preached for two years and also wrote 2 epistles. 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. Back in Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech – and visit the incomparable Acropolis. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Celebrate the beginning of a marvelous trip while feasting on local cuisine and fine wine in a traditional *taverna. (B, D)*

Day 4: Friday, October 29, 2027 Athens - Piraeus* (Embarkation) - Mykonos. Embark on a 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Türkiye. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served daily while on board. Mykonos is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings, and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, with its mazes of narrow streets full of bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. *(B, L, D)*

Day 5: Saturday, October 30, 2027 Kusadasi, Türkiye - Patmos, Greece. Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an excursion to the ruins of Ephesus (UNESCO), where Paul the Apostle lived for 3 years during his ministry. You'll also visit the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races and gladiatorial combats took place. Legend says Paul fought wild beasts here. Visit the House of Mary, where the Virgin Mother spent her last days. Continue your cruise to Patmos. Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse, where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. *(B, L, D)*

Day 6: Sunday, October 31, 2027 Heraklion (Crete) - Santorini.** This morning, enjoy free time in Heraklion's historic center, Crete's largest city. Choose from a variety of museums, shopping, or sit back at a local cafe for some people-watching. Later, arrive in Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Today's included ship excursion begins with a visit to Megalochori, an authentic village that preserves Santorini's character. Continue your drive through small island communities before arriving in Oia for an incredible caldera view and time to stroll the alleyways of small shops and cafes before returning to the ship. *(B, L, D)*

Day 7: Monday, November 1, 2027 Piraeus* (Disembarkation) - Kalambaka. After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Stop at Thermopylae, famous for Leonidas's heroic defense against the Persian army. This afternoon, visit an icon-painting workshop and discover the ancient traditions behind the sacred images used in Orthodox Byzantine devotional tradition. Overnight in Kalambaka. *(B, D)*







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For bookings made after Feb 27, 2027 call for rates.

Included in Price: Cruise Taxes and Fees, Port Charges, Round Trip Air from Tampa Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of $769 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on the air-inclusive package from TPA

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† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 8: Tuesday, November 2, 2027 Kalambaka - Metéora - Thessaloniki Marvel at the hanging monasteries of Metéora (UNESCO). These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with 6 historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks, and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Metéora monasteries, which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early center for Christianity. Paul visited and preached here during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote 2 epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. *(B, D)*

Day 9: Wednesday, November 3, 2027 Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki. Travel to the coastal town of Kavala, where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke, and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. *(B)*

Day 10: Thursday, November 4, 2027 Thessaloniki - Athens. Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley and the plains of Central Greece to Athens, arriving in the late afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of your spiritual journey during a farewell dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 11: Friday, November 5, 2027 Athens - Tour Ends Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. *(B)*

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Feb 27, 2027, valid on air-inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with up to 1,360 travelers while cruising on the Celestyal Discovery. While you will be joined by other travelers on the ship, your dedicated Tour Manager will be with your group for the entire journey.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

Accessing one of the two monasteries in Metéora requires climbing approximately 200 steps.

Travelers must be able to climb on and off tender boats to access shore at select ports during the cruise.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

To access the Acropolis archaeological site, you will need to climb about 50-60 steep, uneven steps and walk over rugged terrain with loose stones and no railings.

Expect longer days with early mornings starting from 6:00 - 7:30 a.m. and some late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. Some days may be 12+ hours long, especially when visiting 2 ports of call on the cruise ship, but you'll have about 4 hours at sea to rest and recharge.

Because of the long distances covered on this tour, there will be some long transfer days by coach. Specifically, from Athens to Kalambaka and Thessaloniki to Athens, which will take about 6 hours of driving time, with stops along the way.

*** To enter the monasteries in Metéora, all travelers must have their shoulders covered. Women must wear skirts or dresses that cover the knees or must bring a scarf to tie around their waist if wearing pants. Men must wear long trousers. You may be denied entry to the monasteries if this dress code is not followed.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Order of ports may be changed by the cruise line.

**For sailings during the month of March, Crete may not be available as a port of call. Instead, the itinerary includes more time in Patmos and/or Santorini.

Because tickets to the Acropolis are limited, travelers who book within 60 days of departure may be waitlisted until tickets can be confirmed.

Optional shore excursions are available for purchase directly from the ship upon embarkation.

Celestyal Cruise Lines cabin categories are based on the following: Exterior Cosmos Cabin XA (deck 4 or 5), XB (deck 3, 4, 6, or 7), and XC (deck 4 or 5). Cabin availability is first-come, first-served.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Triple accommodations are limited and will be confirmed upon request and availability from the cruise line.

Travelers with dietary restrictions or food allergies should be aware that included meals may feature pre-set menus showcasing local cuisine. Dietary needs may be shared with restaurant staff when possible; however, accommodations cannot be guaranteed. Travelers are encouraged to discuss their needs with their Tour Manager while on tour. Due to local ingredients and food preparation practices, options may be limited and cross-contamination may occur.

*Port of embarkation/disembarkation can be either Piraeus or Lavrion. Please check your final travel documents for the correct listing.

Due to flight schedules, a pre- or post-night may be required at an additional cost to you.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you with the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at the time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Prior to full payment of the tour, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges.

Port Charges: Port taxes, service charges, and fees of approximately $149 USD (subject to change without advance notice) are added to your reservation at the time of booking.
Cruise Taxes: A Greek government-mandated tax supporting sustainable tourism and local infrastructure improvements will be applicable to your tour. Current taxes generally range from $33-$55 USD per person (subject to change without advance notice), vary by travel date, and are added to your reservation at the time of booking.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours. Gratuities for your Tour Manager, primary motor coach driver, and other applicable services are not included in the cost of your tour. Additional gratuity guidance can be found within the final travel documents you'll receive prior to departure.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department's latest details about passports and visa requirements.
IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

ETIAS is not currently active and has been postponed for visitors traveling to countries within the Schengen Area. The European Union will provide several months' notice before implementation. For the latest information about ETIAS, including who needs to apply and when it will be required, please visit the official ETIAS website: https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias

A deposit of $898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of February 20, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 28, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until February 27, 2027.

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Extend your vacation with

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: $2,099.00 USD double, $2,599.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 11: Athens, Greece - Rome, Italy

This morning, travel from Athens* on an inspirational journey to Rome and experience fascinating religious sites connected to the life of Paul the Apostle, recalling both his first and second visits to the city. After landing in the Italian capital, transfer to your hotel, where you'll meet your local host, who will escort you throughout your stay. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. *Today's dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Rome

Today, cross the invisible border separating Rome from the Vatican State for a guided tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. ** Take in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of *The Last Judgment*, concluding with a visit of St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest religious buildings in the world. Pause for a moment of reflection by the *Confessio*, the sunken area directly in front of the tomb of the Apostle, which is dedicated to the confession of faith by Peter that led to his martyrdom. Take time to reflect before an evening at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Rome

Start your day with a visit to Mamertine Prison, where Paul was arrested, bound in chains, and executed. Next, explore one of Rome's sixty Catacombs, the underground tunnels where early Christians hid and buried their dead. Then, take time to meditate on the Apostle's tomb at the nearby Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Finally, pause for a moment of reflection in the Abbey of *Tre Fontane* (Three Fountains), built on the believed site of Paul's martyrdom. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner at a popular restaurant, where you'll enjoy a hearty meal with wine and local entertainment. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 14: Rome - Extension Ends

Your extension ends today. Say *arrivederci* to Rome as you head to the airport for your flight home. *Today, breakfast will be included.*

Important Tour Extension Information:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and may be able to anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles in a day is very doable, as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

This is a Fully Guided Extension. Experience the destination with a full itinerary planned for you. You'll be joined by a dedicated Tour Manager and enjoy planned local experiences and sightseeing. In addition, your accommodation, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included. (The Tour Manager for your extension may or may not be the same person as your main tour.)

Space on this extension is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicable charges may apply at the time of request. We reserve

the right to cancel this extension if we do not meet the minimum of 6 travelers required to operate.

The tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica requires the ability to walk up to 4 miles (6 kilometers) from the bus drop-off to the pickup point. The tour averages 5 hours in length, and visitors must be able to stay on their feet for the entire time as there is no seating available in the museum. You must expect large crowds at security checks and inside the museum and the Sistine Chapel. The Vatican Museums do not have air conditioning. The included sightseeing requires accessing locations that restrict motor coaches. Rome is paved with cobblestones, and the sidewalks are poorly maintained: please be mindful of your step and watch out for small potholes, loose stones, and gravel. For your well-being, we recommend bringing comfortable, well-broken-in walking shoes.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The included activities are not suitable for travelers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or Zimmer frames.

**On select departures, the tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica may operate on a different day due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays. Dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations.

Single accommodation is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate is subject to change based on availability.

Air-inclusive rate is valid for travelers who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

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*Due to tour scheduling, flights should depart Athens after 11:00 a.m. and no later than 2:00 p.m. The flight between Athens and Rome is not included in the land price of your extension.

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