

# **FAITH OVER FEAR 2024**

# **GREECE – Paul's Missionary Journey OCTOBERober 20 – OCTOBERober 29, 2024**

DAY 0: OCTOBER 19, 2024 DEPART US FOR ATHENS (optional departure OCTOBERober 18, 2024 with pre-night fee in Athens)

# **DAY 1: OCTOBER 20 2024 - ARRIVAL ATHENS**

Welcome to Athens the birthplace of Western Civilization, the Capital of Greece! Upon Arrival at Athens International Airport meet with your English-speaking escort, transfer to your hotel. Dinner at the hotel & Overnight Athen

#### DAY 2: OCTOBER 21 MONDAY - CRUISE TO MYKONOS

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the port for embarkation on the Greek Island cruise. Sail at 1.00 p.m. and enjoy lunch onboard. Our first port of call is Mykonos, where we have free time for walking and exploring the town. Stroll on your own through the whitewashed, flower-decked alleyways, climbing to the sculpture church of Paraportiani or along the waterfront of "Little Venice" to the famous windmills. Enjoy dinner on board and at 11.00 p.m. we sail for Kusadasi, Turkey.

## DAY 3: OCTOBER 22 TUESDAY - KUSADASI (EPHESUS) - PATMOS

Arrive at Kusadasi port in Turkey at 7.00 am. This is the starting point for our tour to Ancient Ephesus (Acts 18:19-21). The Apostle Paul preached to the Ephesians, lived and worked here for a number of years. We tour the spectacular ruins in the city founded in the 10th century B.C. After the visit, we return to the port for re-embarkation at lunch time and sail to Patmos. Arrive in Patmos (Revelation 1:9) in the afternoon and enjoy a tour to the Monastery of John the Evangelist, where he was exiled and wrote the Book of Revelation. We also visit the Grotto of the Revelation (Cave of Apocalypse) before embarking on the cruise ship. Sail to Heraklion, Crete and enjoy dinner onboard.

#### **DAY 4: OCTOBER 23 WEDNESDAY - RHODES**

Early morning arrival in the magnificent island of the roses situated in the southeastern part of the Mediterranean Sea. Rhodes Island is visited by hundreds of tourists every year since it offers a combination of great historical sites, marvelous beaches, vivid nightlife, and great shopping areas. Pauls's ship landed in a small harbor at Lindos which is known today as St Paul's harbor.

# DAY 5: OCTOBER 24 THURSDAY - CRETE & SANTORINI

At 7.00 a.m. we arrive at Heraklion, Crete (Acts 27:7-13). Optional excursion to the Minoan Palace of Knossos, home of King Minos and the legendary Minotaur (half-bull and half-man). After the tour, we sail for Santorini at 12.00 pm, the island with the most magnificent landscape!

Ride the cable car up to the white-washed town of Thera, perched high on the rim of the ancient volcano. Set sail back to the port of Athens around 9:30 p.m.

# DAY 6: OCTOBER 25 FRI – ATHENS CITY TOUR – MARS' HILL (6HRS)

Disembarkation and transfer to Athens city center for Athens sightseeing tour. We climb up to the marble-capped Acropolis Hill and visit the famous Parthenon and Erechtheion Temples. 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 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.

# DAY 7: OCTOBER 26 SAT -ATHENS - ANCIENT CORINTH MYCENAE TOUR (10HRS) (B/D)

After breakfast, meet your guide and start your tour out of Athens. Driving along the Saronic Gulf, we enjoy a quick photo stop at the historic Corinth Canal. Continue to Corinth archaeological site (Acts 18:1-18) where the Apostle Paul lived and worked, establishing 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 museum is an absolute must! Continue to visit the Archaeological site of Mycenae. Return to Athens in the afternoon and check in at the hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

#### DAY 8: OCTOBER 27 SUN - ATHENS - BEREA - THESSALONICA

Disembark in the morning, meet with your guide and board the bus for a journey to Northern Greece! On our way we will stop in Berea (Acts 17:10-15) to see the mosaic monument commemorating the Apostle Paul's preaching. Later in the afternoon, enjoy city tour of Thessalonica. We see the Old City Walls, the White Tower, Galerius Arch and the Rotunda. Check-in at the hotel in Thessalonica for dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 9: OCTOBER 28 MON - PHILIPPI - KAVALA - THESSALONICA)

In the morning we start our drive to Philippi, where the Apostle Paul established a strong church and 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 the Apostle Paul and Sylas 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 Thessalonica for an overnight stay.

#### DAY 10: OCTOBER 29 TUE 2024 WEDNESDAY – DEPART FROM THESSALONICA

As you reflect on these past few days, full of history and spiritual inspiration, you will be transferred to Thessalonica Airport for your flight to Tel Aviv. Optional Overnight stay in Herods Hotel. (transfer airport to the hotel not included)

# Package includes:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation in Athens HB basis (breakfast and dinner daily) at the Titania Hotel renovated rooms.
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Thessaloniki HB basis (breakfast and dinner daily) at the Mediterranean Palace
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Tel Aviv HB basis (breakfast and dinner) at the Herods Hotel Tel Aviv October 29-30, 2024
- Ancient Corinth tour & Mycenae with English-speaking Licensed Guide (max 10hrs) including entrance fees to Ancient Corinth & Mycenae site
- Athens Sightseeing tour with English-speaking Licensed Guide (max 6hrs) including entrance fees to Acropolis Site
- 4/Night Cruise to the Greek Islands & Turkey, based on a standard outside (XB) cabin category, with private facilities (shower/bathtub, washbasin, toilet), on full board basis aboard ship beginning

with lunch on embarkation day and including breakfast on the day of disembarkation; with entertainment, free use of shipboard facilities and services of cruise staff. – INCLUDING:

- o Port charges, security and other services (gratuities).
- Full board (Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner).
- o Complimentary select drinks and beverages during food service hours.
- Mykonos shuttle bus (round-trip)
- 3 PRIVATE Shore Excursions during cruise
  - Ancient Ephesus in Kusadasi
  - St John Monastery & Grotto of Apocalypse in Patmos
    - RHO 01 Rhodes Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the Knights
- Entertainment and daily activities on board.
- o English speaking escort during the transfers and onboard the 4-Night Cruise.
- Tips to cruise staff.
- 3D/2N Northern Greece, private land tour, with English-speaking Licensed Guide including entrance to Archaeological Museum of Berea, White Tower, Rotunda, Philippi, Kavala,
- All Transfers & Tours with Modern A/C Bus with Free Wi-Fi
- Whisper headsets.
- All VAT & local service charges.
- Drivers Porterage.
- Hotel porterage.
- Services of English Escort for all Transfers & Meals
- One Bottle of Mineral Water per person per day
- All meals as per program
- All VAT and local service charges
- Hotel taxes plus overnight city tax

#### Package Does Not Include:

- × Travel insurance highly recommended.
- ✗ International flight tickets
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ➤ Lunches during the land tour
- **×** Porterage at airport and port.
- \* Any other service / or meals not mentioned as included
- ★ Airport & Port Portage & Trolleys
- ✗ Tips for Guide/ Driver & Escort
- \* Santorini one-way cable car ticket at 6 Euro per person ( you pay on your own in cash at the cable car ticket booth)
- \* Any other service not mentioned above