



JOIN THE CROSSING Footsteps of the Apostles in Greece & Turkey

with 4-Night Greek Island Cruise

May 27 - June 6, 2026

Led by:



Pastor Shay
& Lynn Roush



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**11-Day / 9-Night
Greece and Turkey
Journey**

Land Package:
\$3,895

all taxes included

**Based on Minimum
48 passengers*

**Questions or
Flight Options?**

Email **Chris Weisbrook** at
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* Rates are per person
sharing double
occupancy

* Single room supplement -
\$1,395 (apply for any traveler
staying alone in a room/cabin)

*Cabin upgrade to XD category,
\$90 per person in double room
or \$155 in single room

* Cabin Upgrade to SJB (Junior suite
with balcony) \$400 per person in
double room or \$600 in a single room

Day 1 to Day 4 Tour ITINERARY



DAY 1 | Wednesday, May 27, 2026

US DEPARTURE

Our journey begins today as we depart on our flight to Thessaloniki, Greece. Sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight while you prepare yourself for a life-changing experience.



DAY 2 | Thursday, May 28, 2026

Arrival in Thessaloniki, Greece

Welcome to Thessaloniki – Greece second largest city and the main center of northern Greece. Nearly 2,000 years ago, the Apostle Paul preached here, founding one of the first Christian communities in Europe. Upon your arrival, transfer to your hotel for check in. Dinner at our hotel. Overnight Thessaloniki.



DAY 3 | Friday, May 29, 2026

Thessaloniki - Philippi - Kavala

After breakfast, we start our journey with a short city tour of Thessalonica and its highlights. We see the Old City Walls, the White Tower, Galerius Arch and the Rotunda. We will then drive to Philippi, where the Apostle Paul established a strong church and sent his letter (Acts 16:9-33). This location is a significant site for early Christianity. It was here that Paul preached and converted Lydia, the first European Christian, marking the beginning of the spread of Christianity throughout the continent. We see the river where Lydia is said to have been baptized, the ruins of a prison where the Apostle Paul and Syllas had been kept, the Agora, 5th and 6th century Basilica and the Theater. We continue to the historic city of Kavala (ancient Neapolis Acts 16:11), the port where Paul and his companions first landed on European soil. Enjoy a panoramic tour before returning to Thessaloniki. Dinner at our hotel. Overnight Thessaloniki.



DAY 4 | Saturday, May 30, 2026

Veria – Arrive in Athens

After breakfast, check out from our hotel and head to Veria (Berea), where Paul was welcomed into the synagogue and preached to the people (Acts 17:10-15). See the monument marking the spot where the Apostle Paul's was preaching and delivered his message, and the Bema where he stood to proclaim the Gospel. Continue to Vergina, where the ancient royal tombs, including that of King Philip, offer a glimpse into the history of Macedonia and its influence on early Christianity. Drive south to Athens. Check-in at the hotel in Athens and dinner. Overnight Athens

Day 5 to Day 8 Tour **ITINERARY**



DAY 5 | Sunday, May 31, 2026 **Athens City Tour**

Today we will explore Athens, the cradle of Western civilization and an essential location in the history of Christianity. After breakfast, we will visit one of the most famous sites in Athens, the magnificent temple of the Acropolis of Athens, known as the Parthenon. Built between 447 and 432 BCE, this is the picture-perfect spot in Athens. Paul preached in Athens, and at Mars Hill, you'll reflect on his famous speech to the Athenians, where he spoke of the "Unknown God" and introduced the message of Christianity.

We will have an overview of modern-day Athens and we will visit the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Parliament House, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Panathenaic Stadium, Presidential Palace, the Academy, the University and the National Library. We will end the day at the Acropolis Museum before returning to the hotel and enjoying some free time in the afternoon. Overnight Athens



DAY 6 | Monday, June 1, 2026 **Embark on the Cruise - Mykonos**

After breakfast, we will transfer to the port of Lavrion to embark on a cruise. We will start a 4-night trip to the Greek Islands and Turkey, departing to the island of Mykonos at 11:30 AM. We will arrive at 6:00 PM. Known for its stunning whitewashed architecture and iconic windmills, Mykonos is also a lively center of cosmopolitan culture. But beyond its beauty, the island has connections to early Christian history, and your time here will serve as a beautiful beginning to your pilgrimage. Embark on your cruise at 11:00pm and we will sail to Kusadasi in Turkey. *There are no guided shore excursions included in Mykonos. Overnight on Cruise.



DAY 7 | Tuesday, June 2, 2026 **Kusadasi (Ephesus) - Patmos**

Arriving in Kusadasi, Turkey. Here we will visit the ancient city of Ephesus, where the apostle Paul spent three years of his ministry. Walk through the remains of this incredible city, which include the magnificent Theater, the Library of Celsius, and the ruins of the Temple of Diana—one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Reflect on the deep Christian history tied to this location as Paul's letters to the Ephesians were pivotal in the early Church. Later, sail to the holy island of Patmos, where St. John received the apocalyptic visions recorded in the Book of Revelation. Visit the Monastery of St. John and the Grotto of the Apocalypse, where St. John received God's word, forever shaping Christian eschatology. Overnight on Cruise.



DAY 8 | Wednesday, June 3, 2026 **Rhodes / Overnight on Cruise**

Arriving in Rhodes, enjoy free time or take the optional shore excursions to explore the medieval city where Christianity played a key role in shaping the island's history.

Visit the Palace of the Grand Master, built by the Knights of St. John, who played an important role in defending Christian Europe. You'll also have the option to visit Lindos, home to the Acropolis and a place of rich Christian and pre-Christian heritage. The serene Bay of the Apostle Paul, located in Lindos. Overnight on Cruise.

Optional Shore Excursions: Acropolis of Lindos and the Citadel of the Knights



DAY 9 | Thursday, June 4, 2026

Cruise to Crete and Santorini / Overnight on Cruise

Arrive in Heraklion, Crete, where you'll have the chance to visit the ancient Minoan Palace of Knossos, linked to the myth of the Minotaur. However, it's the Christian significance of Crete that truly connects with the early Church —St. Paul wrote his letter to Titus, which speaks of the Christian virtues essential to the life of the early Cretan Church. Afterward, you'll sail to Santorini, known for its breathtaking views and whitewashed villages. Santorini's ancient history, its connections to early Christianity, and its dramatic landscape provide the perfect backdrop for reflection on the beauty and spirituality of the Greek Isles. Overnight on Cruise.

We will then sail to Piraeus at 9:30pm.

Optional Shore Excursions: Minoan Palace of Knossos, Crete

Optional Shore Excursions: Village of Oia, Santorini

DAY 10 | Friday, June 5, 2026

Cruise to Athens - Disembark - Ancient Corinth

Today we disembark at the port of Lavrion, located about 37 miles from Athen's city center. Our ship should arrive between 6:00-7:00 AM. After a delicious breakfast onboard, we will disembark the cruise and drive to Ancient Corinth (Acts 18:1-18). The Bible mentions Corinth, Greece in several verses, including Acts 18, 1 Corinthians, and 2 Corinthians.

We will taking the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea. Afterward, travel to Corinth, a city where Paul spent a significant portion of his ministry. Walk through the ruins of ancient Corinth, including the Bema (judgment seat) where Paul stood before Gallio and preached to the people. Visit the museum, which houses artifacts from this pivotal location in early Christian history. View the ruins of the 5th century basilica at the ancient port Cenchrea (viewed from the bus) before we head to Athens and arrive at the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 11 | Saturday, June 6, 2026

Departure flight from Athens

After breakfast, transfer to Athen's airport for our flight home. Taking with you the many spiritual experiences and profound insights you've gained on this unforgettable journey through the lands that shaped early Christianity. We will be back in the US this evening.



Your Greece & Turkey Journey **INCLUDES**



11 Days / 9 Nights Greece & Turkey Journey including 4-night Greek Island Cruise

\$3,895 *based on minimum
48 travelers*

- **May 28-30, 2026** | 2 Nights in Thessalonica with daily breakfast & dinner at the **MET hotel**.
- **May 30- June 01, 2026** | 2 Nights in Athens with daily breakfast & dinner at the **Royal Olympic hotel**.
- **June 01- 05, 2026** | 4/Night Cruise to the Greek Islands & Turkey with **Celestyal Cruises**, (daily breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- **June 05- 06, 2026** | 1 Night in Athens with daily breakfast & dinner at the **Royal Olympic hotel**.
- All land transportation and tours as outlined in the itinerary by A/C DLX coach including Wi-Fi.
- Sightseeing with Christian English-speaking licensed guide
- Entrance fees to the archaeological sites as outlined in the itinerary.
- One Group arrival transfer and one group departure transfer and all port transfers.

4/Night Cruise to the Greek Islands & Turkey,

based on outside (XC¹) 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 :

- All Ports charges, cruise taxes and security charges.
- Tips to cruise staff.
- Full board (Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner) during the cruise.
- Complimentary selection of drinks and beverages during food service hours (on board).
- 2 PRIVATE Shore Excursions during cruise
- Ancient Ephesus in Kusadasi AND St John Monastery & Grotto of Apocalypse in Patmos
- English speaking escort during the transfers and onboard the 4-Night Cruise.
- Tips to cruise staff.



Whisper headsets for the land portion of the tour



All VAT & local service charges



Porterage at the hotels



Services of English Escort



Hotel taxes



NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare
- Lunches during the land tour.
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
- Porterage at airport and cruise port.
- Any other shore excursions not mentioned as included.
- Santorini one-way cable-car ticket at 10 Euro per person (you pay on your own in cash at the cable-car ticket booth).
- Tips to driver , tour guide and hotel staff (recommended total 80 EURO per person)

TERMS AND PAYMENT

\$500 per person 1st tour deposit is due by **September 21, 2025**

\$1,000 per person 2nd tour deposit is due by **December 01, 2025**

Final payment is due by **February 16, 2026**

CANCELLATION POLICY

- Once a deposit or full payment has been made, cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Cancellation will be applied based on the date the written cancellation is received.
- 160+ Days Before Departure: Full refund of tour deposit minus \$150 per person cruise cancellation fee will apply
- 159–120 Days Before Departure: Loss of 1st deposit will apply (\$500 per person)
- 119–90 Days Before Departure: Loss of 1st and 2nd deposit will apply (\$1500 per person)
- 89- 60 Days Before Departure: Loss of 50% of tour cost will apply
- 59- 30 Days Before Departure: Loss of 80% of tour cost will apply
- 29 Days or less Before Departure: Loss of 100% of tour cost will apply

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