



Kenneth Mills Tours LLC
PRESENTS

FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

April 16-29, 2024

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Dr. Dale W. Manor, Dr. Frank Wheeler, and our travel partners in various host nations.

ISTANBUL
A CITY ON TWO CONTINENTS

GREECE
PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

CRUISE
ON THE BEAUTIFUL AEGEAN SEA

DAY 1 — TUESDAY — APRIL 16 Depart from USA

Most of us will take an overnight transatlantic flight from the USA to Istanbul, Türkiye. Be at the airport at least 3 hours prior to departure for your international check in procedures. Hot meals and inflight entertainment are per airline policies.



Istanbul's Grand Bazaar

DAY 2 — WEDNESDAY — APRIL 17 Arrive in Istanbul

Upon arriving **Istanbul**, a city on two continents, transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

DAY 3 — THURSDAY — APRIL 18, 2024 Archaeological Museum ~ Topkapi Palace ~ Hagia Sophia Church

We will visit many historical and cultural sites while in Istanbul. Today's stops include **Hippodrome Square; Istanbul Archaeological Museum; St Irene Church; Topkapi Palace; Grand Bazaar;** and the **Hagia Sophia Church**. It was dedicated in 537 AD and which uses columns from the Temple of Artemis in Ephesus. (B, D)

DAY 4 — FRIDAY — APRIL 19, 2024 Yedikule Fortress ~ Chora Church ~ Bosphorus Cruise ~ Tekirdag

We tour more of Istanbul and visit the **Yedikule Fortress, Chora Church,** and **Patriarchate** in Istanbul. We tour the **Rumeli Fortress** which is on the Bosphorus Strait. Later we enjoy a **Bosphorus cruise**. Leaving Istanbul, we drive to Tekirdag for check in, dinner, and overnight at hotel. (B, D)

DAY 5 — SATURDAY — APRIL 20, 2024 Tekirdag ~ Alexandroupolis ~ Kavala

This morning, we drive to the Greek/Turkish border at **Kipi**, say goodbye to our Turkish guide and bus driver. We handle border formalities (passport control, visa, and customs procedures) and then meet our Greek guide and bus driver.

We go to **Alexandroupolis** and see the lighthouse and/or Kyklopas Olive Mill if time permits.

We continue on to **Kavala**, the ancient port of Neapolis (Acts 16:11). This is a very picturesque port. After Paul heard the Macedonian call (Acts 16:9), he and his companions sailed from Troas to Neapolis. (B, D)



Baptistry at Philippi

DAY 6 — SUNDAY — APRIL 21, 2024 Kavala ~ Philippi ~ Thessalonica

We leave Kavala this morning and head to **Philippi** (Acts 16:12-40; 20:6). It was here that on the Sabbath Paul went to the riverside to worship. There he spoke to some women who had come together. He met and taught Lydia, a seller of purple from Thyatira, and baptized her. She was the first convert on European soil.

At Philippi we will see the area of the ancient forum mentioned in the Book of Acts as the place where Paul was publicly punished after he healed the demon-possessed girl (Acts 16:19). We will see the **Basilica** and the 4th century BC **Greek Theatre**. The theatre was converted into an arena by the Romans and used during the persecutions of the early days of the church.

After departing Philippi, we enjoy a brief stop the **Lion of Amphipolis** with time for photos before continuing to Thessaloniki.

As we arrive in **Thessaloniki**, we see its ancient ruins. Time permitting, we enjoy a bus tour of Thessaloniki (Acts 17:1) where Paul went to the synagogue and for three Saturdays he explained the scriptures of the Old Testament to Jews and Greeks.

According to the Book of the Acts many Greeks believed and even many "Greek chief women".

We go to the upper **Old City Walls** then drive along the **Egnatian Way** to see the triumphal **Arch of Galerius** and the **Rotunda**. (B, D)

DAY 7 — MONDAY — APRIL 22, 2024 Vergina ~ Berea ~ Delphi

Leaving Thessaloniki we drive to **Vergina** where and see the tomb of **Philip of Macedon**, the father of Alexander the Great. The tomb was discovered November 8, 1977 by archaeologist Manolis Andronikos. The museum has many artifacts from the tomb.

We continue to **Berea** where Paul stopped and according to his custom went to the synagogue where he discovered that these Jews were "more

Join us as we travel in the Footsteps of Paul.



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noble" than those in Thessalonica (Acts 17:10-15). We see the monument commemorating his preaching. The monument includes a beautiful Byzantine mosaic

We head to **Delphi** for our overnight stay so we'll be ready for a tour of the archaeological site tomorrow morning. (B, D)



The Acropolis at Athens

DAY 8 — TUESDAY — APRIL 23, 2024

Delphi ~ Athens

Enjoy a tour of the archaeological site at **Delphi**. Delphi was considered to be the center of the ancient world — the “navel of the earth.”

Delphi’s prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. We visit the **Sanctuary of Apollo**, the **Treasury of the Athenians** and the **archaeological museum** containing such masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture as the bronze Charioteer and the famous athlete Aghias.

The **Delphi Inscription**, or Gallio Inscription, was discovered early in the 20th century. Its reference to Gallio is important for understanding the chronology of the life of Paul (Acts 18:12-17).

We continue to **Athens** for check in at hotel and dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 — WEDNESDAY — APRIL 24, 2024

Athens City Tour ~ Acropolis ~ Mars Hill

We climb up to the marble capped **Acropolis Hill** first thing Wednesday morning and view the surrounding area. We see the famous **Parthenon** and **Erechtheion Temples**.

We then walk over to **Mars’ Hill** (the Areopagus) where Paul delivered his soul-stirring sermon to the giants of philosophy, logic, and learning and spoke about the inscription: “to an unknown god” (Acts 17:22-31).



Street leading to the Bema at Corinth

We also visit the **Agora**, now in ruins, was formerly the commercial hub of ancient Athens and birthplace of politics and philosophy. Here the apostle Paul reasoned with the most skeptical audience he met in the course of his travels. We see the very well preserved **Doric Temple of Hephaestus** (or Thesseion) and the Stoa of Attalos, an arcade built by Attalos II, king of Pergamum, used as a retail market. Today it is used as museum, displaying statues, pottery, and especially coins.

We continue our tour with a panoramic sight-seeing of the city highlights. (B, D)

DAY 10 — THURSDAY — APRIL 25, 2024

Corinth Canal ~ Diolkos ~ Ancient Corinth

On the way to **Corinth**, we take time and stop at the historic **Corinth Canal**. Next, we will visit the **Diolkos** which is a paved road used for the transport of boats by land on a platform.

In ancient **Corinth** (Acts 18:1-18) we see where the Apostle Paul lived and established a thriving church. It was here that Paul wrote some of his epistles that are now part of the New Testament. He also wrote at least four letters to the church at Corinth.

We view a number of sites at Corinth: the **Agora**, the **Temple of Apollo**, the **Roman Odeon**, the **Bema** and **Gallio’s Seat**. The small local **archaeological museum** here is interesting!

On our return to Athens, we will pass by **Cenchrae** where Paul departed for Ephesus and where we see the ruins of an early Christian 5th century basilica.

DAY 11 — FRIDAY — APRIL 26, 2024

Lavrio/Piraeus ~ Embark on 3-Day Aegean Sea Cruise

Transfer to the port to embark on our 3-day cruise aboard the **Celestyal Olympia**. At 1 PM we sail to **Mykonos**. Lunch is on board.

Arriving in Mykonos 6 PM, we enjoy our evening walking and exploring the pebbled streets of the cosmopolitan Chora and have a coffee in “Little Venice”.

Sail for Kusadasi, Türkiye at 11 PM. (B, L, D)

DAY 12 — SATURDAY — APRIL 27, 2024

Kusadasi, Türkiye ~ Patmos, Greece

At 7 AM, we dock at **Kusadasi, Türkiye**, the starting point for our excursion to visit the ancient city of **Ephesus**, where the Apostle Paul preached and lived for three years (Acts 18:19-21).

There will be free time for souvenir shopping before we set sail at 1 PM for **Patmos, Greece**. Lunch is on the ship.

At 4:30 PM we arrive in Patmos (disembarkation by tender-boats, sea & weather permitting). It is here that the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation (Revelation 1:9). Enjoy a guided tour to **St. John’s Monastery** and the **Grotto of the Apocalypse**. (B, L, D)

DAY 13 — SUNDAY — APRIL 28, 2024

Heraklion, Crete ~ Santorini, Greece

At 7 AM, we arrive in **Heraklion Crete** (Acts 27:7-13). Enjoy a guided excursion to visit the **Minoan Palace of Knossos**, the first European civilization and the legendary home of the Mino-taur (half bull and half man).

At 12 noon we sail to **Santorini**. Lunch is on

board. We arrive at 4:30 PM. (Disembarkation is by tender boats, sea & weather permitting). Here you have the choice to join optional guided excursions to the beautiful picturesque village of Oia where you can see the famous blue domed churches, or the archaeological site of Akrotiri.

You may choose to take the time to stroll around on your own. Ride the cable car up to the town of Fira perched high on the rim of the ancient volcano and take photos, browse in the shops and enjoy the breathtaking view of the caldera. Sail for **Piraeus** at 9:30 PM. (B, L, D)



Cruise on the Aegean Sea

DAY 14 — MONDAY — APRIL 29, 2024

Lavrio/Piraeus (Athens), Greece ~ Depart for home

We awake on Monday morning at the port of Lavrio (or Piraeus). After breakfast, we disembark and transfer to **Athens International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos** for our flight home.

Our unique journey has come to an end. As we return home, we take our memories, photos, souvenirs, and a bunch of new friendships. (B)

Hotels Scheduled

(Subject to Change)

April 17, 18 – Istanbul – Movenpick Golden Horn

April 19 – Tekirdag – Ramada by Wyndham

April 20 – Kavala – Galaxy Hotel

April 21 – Thessaloniki – Grand Palace Hotel

April 22 – Delphi – Hotel

April 23, 24, 25 – Athens – Parthenon Hotel

April 26, 27, 28

Aegean Sea Cruise – Celestyal Olympia



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