

WALKING WITH PAUL TOUR OF GREECE

May 10-23, 2027

— TOUR ITINERARY — (Subject to Change) — OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO ISTANBUL (MAY 23-26)

3 nights in Athens — 9 nights aboard the *Celebrity Infinity*®

DAY 1 — MONDAY — MAY 10, 2027 Depart from USA

Most of us will take an overnight transatlantic flight from the USA to Athens, Greece. Some may already be in that part of the world.

DAY 2 — TUESDAY — MAY 11, 2027 Arrive in Athens

Upon arriving **Athens**, we check into our hotel and enjoy dinner. (D)

DAY 3 — WEDNESDAY — MAY 12, 2027 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).

We also visit the **Agora**, now in ruins, which 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 a museum, displaying statues, pottery, and especially coins.

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

DAY 4 — THURSDAY — MAY 13, 2027 Corinth Canal ~ Diolkos ~ Ancient Corinth

We stop at the historic **Corinth Canal**. Next, we will visit the **Diolkos** which is a paved road used to transfer boats (or their loads) between the Gulf of Corinth and the Saronic Gulf.

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!

As we head back to Athens, we will pass by **Cenchreae** where Paul had his hair cut after leaving Corinth. (B, D)

DAY 5 — FRIDAY — MAY 14, 2027 Cruise Day 1

Cape Sounion ~ Temple of Poseidon ~ Port of Piraeus ~ Board the *Celebrity Infinity*®

Today we check out of our hotel and head down to the archaeological site of **Cape Sounion**, located at the southernmost point of Attica, and see the majestic **Temple of Poseidon**. We then have a lunch break (on your own).

After lunch, we head to the **Port of Piraeus** to board the *Celebrity Infinity*®. (B, D)

NOTE: When we are on board the ship, all meals are included (B, L, D). Specialty dining and some menu items cost extra. If we are not on the ship, meals are not included unless specifically specified in the itinerary.

The *Celebrity Infinity*® has a bucket load of offerings including spa treatment, golf, and various classes. Some are at additional cost.

On our stops, various excursions are offered. These are typically at additional cost unless specified in the itinerary.

DAY 6 — SATURDAY — MAY 15, 2027 Cruise Day 2 — Kavala (Neopolis)

We arrive at **Kavala** (ancient Neopolis) at 8 AM. During our time here, we will have a **Private Full-Day Excursion** and visit **Philippi**.

Years of archaeological excavations have yielded an enormous amount of history in **Philippi**. This city is on Via Egnatia and has a 4th century BC Roman theatre. We view the remains of the Roman Agora, Basilica B from the Byzantine Period, an octagonal church, and many scattered discoveries.

We get back on the bus and drive just a short distance to the River Zygaktis, the traditional site of the baptism of Lydia. We also see the church of the



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DAY 7 — SUNDAY — MAY 16, 2027 Cruise Day 3 —

Thessaloniki ~ Vergina ~ Berea

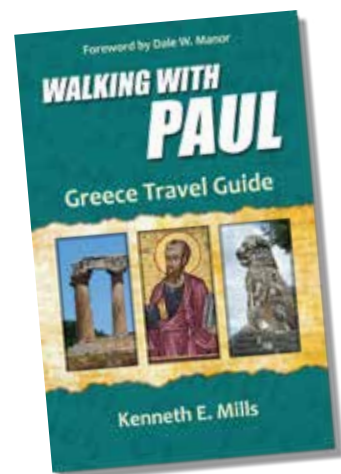
After arriving Thessaloniki at 8 AM, we enjoy another **Private Full-Day Excursion** as we head to Vergina, Greece. There we see the tomb of Philip II of Macedon.

We also stop in **Berea** and walk just a short distance from Raktavin Square to a small plaza where we see The Altar of Saint Paul. The three steps under the center mosaic are said to be from a first century synagogue.

We visit **Vergina** which is just a few miles away. In 1977, Manolis Andronikos discovered the tomb of Philip II of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great. In the **Museum of the Royal Tombs of Aigai** (Vergina) we see the golden larnax, Phillip II's silver and gold diadem, gold jewelry and garment ornaments of a Macedonian Queen at Aigai, a gold funeral wreath, Philip II's bronze greaves, and many other items.

It was in Vergina that Alexander the Great was crowned king.

There is a lot to see in **Thessaloniki** including the Roman Agora, the Arch of Galerius, and the White Tower. (B, L, D)



Each family on the tour will receive a copy of my book *Walking With Paul Greece Travel Guide*.

— Available on Amazon —

DAY 8 — MONDAY — MAY 17, 2027

Cruise Day 4 — At Sea

We enjoy a cruise day on this beautiful blue **Aegean Sea**. We have opportunity to explore the ship, check out the food and activities, and visit with members of our group. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 — TUESDAY — MAY 18, 2027

Cruise Day 5 — Mykonos

We're scheduled to be in port from 7 AM to 6 PM as we visit **Mykonos**, which is famous for its iconic windmills. We will have tender boat transportation from and to our ship.

Enjoy visiting the area close to the port or take one of the excursions offered by Celebrity.

Optional excursions include visiting the Archaeological site of Delos, Mykonian Cheese Making Experience, and Mykonian Cooking Experience. (B, L, D)

DAY 10 — WEDNESDAY — MAY 19, 2027

Cruise Day 6 — Rhodes, Greece

We arrive **Rhodes, Greece**. We are scheduled to be in port from 8 AM until 7 PM.

Paul stopped at Rhodes while returning to Jerusalem at the end of his third missionary journey. Acts 21:1. One tradition says that Paul's ship landed in a harbor at Lindos on Rhodes. (B, L, D)



Altar of Saint Paul at Berea

DAY 11 — THURSDAY — MAY 20, 2027

Cruise Day 7

Miletus ~ Ephesus Archaeological Museum ~ Ancient Ephesus

At 9 AM, we dock at **Kuşadası, 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).

We begin our **Private Full-Day Excursion** by visiting the ruins of **Miletus** where Paul met with the elders from Ephesus as he was returning to Jerusalem.

We visit the **Ephesus Archaeological Muse-**

um before taking a lunch break.

In the afternoon, we visit ancient **Ephesus**. As we walk down Curetes Way, we see a marvelous restoration of an ancient city — **State Agora, Odeon, Temple of Hadrian, Trajan Fountain, Library of Celsus, Commercial Agora**, and the **Grand Theatre** where the people cried, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." (B, L, D)



Baptistry in Ancient Philippi

DAY 12 — FRIDAY — MAY 21, 2027

Cruise Day 8 — The Island of Santorini

We arrive **Santorini** at 7AM and enjoy a full day on this beautiful island.

We transfer to shore by tender boat. Various excursions are offered at additional charge.

You can enjoy a carefree day in Oia, take a scenic stroll through Pyrgos village, or tour Akrotiri's Bronze Age settlement. (B, L, D)

DAY 13 — SATURDAY — MAY 22, 2027

Cruise Day 9 — At Sea

As we approach the end of our tour, we enjoy another cruise day in this most wonderful part of the world.

By this time you've become acquainted with the ship and its offerings. This day will be a great time to visit with new friends from our tour, talk about what impacted you the most, and focus on how your faith has been strengthened. (B, L, D)

Cruise on the Aegean Sea

DAY 14 — SUNDAY — MAY 23, 2027

Cruise Day 10 — Port of Piraeus, Athens

We are scheduled to arrive the **Port of Piraeus** at 5 AM. After breakfast, we disembark and board our bus to take us to **Athens International Airport**. (B)

Hotels Scheduled

(Subject to Change)

May 11-13 — Athens — The Hera Hotel
May 14-22 — Aegean Sea — *Celebrity Infinity*®

No Flights Are Included.

Footsteps of Paul Private Excursions

On our tour, we have three (3) Private Excursions specifically designed for our group:

1) Cruise Day 2 — Philippi

2) Cruise Day 3 — Berea/Vergina

3) Cruise Day 7 — Miletus/Ephesus

Lunches are not included on these days.

— Ship Excursions —

Celebrity offers a number of excursions at each stop. You can see these on my website and can be planning what you want to do on these days. As soon as Celebrity allows, you will get an email telling how you can register and pay for these excursions.

— OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO ISTANBUL —

EXT DAY 1 — SUNDAY — MAY 23, 2027

We fly from Athens to Istanbul, Türkiye, where we are met by our guide and make our way to the hotel. (D)

EXT DAY 2 — MONDAY — MAY 24, 2027

Archaeological Museum ~ Topkapi Palace ~ Hagia Sophia Church ~ Basilica Cistern

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**. The Hagia Sophia Church was dedicated in 537 AD and which uses columns from the Temple of Artemis in Ephesus. (B, D)

EXT DAY 3 — TUESDAY — MAY 25, 2027

Yedikule Fortress ~ Chora Church ~ Bosphorus Cruise

We tour more of Istanbul and visits include 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**. (B, D)

EXT DAY 4 — WEDNESDAY — MAY 26, 2027

We depart our hotel for an early morning flight to the US. (B)

Hotel Scheduled

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May 23-25 — Istanbul — The Kent Hotel



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