

We hope you'll join me as we explore the ancient paths of Paul's missionary journeys through Greece and Turkey. Walk in the footsteps of this influential figure as you visit iconic sites such as Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, and Thessaloniki. Experience the rich history and cultural significance of these destinations, where Paul spread the teachings of Christianity. From the modern museums to the ruins of ancient temples, this tour offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the legacy of Paul's travels along the Aegean Sea, and enjoy knowledgeable guides, luxury hotel accommodations, and three nights aboard a cruise ship. Inspired teachings, Christian fellowship, fabulous cuisine, and breathtaking sights.

A lifetime worth of memories await you!

DR. STEVE & VICKIE FLOCKHART OCTOBER 8 - 18, 2024

## 11-DAY ITINERARY

DEPARTING

# Monday, October 8, 2024 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Depart: 3:00 p.m. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

\* check in is three (3) hours before flight departs

### **DAYS 1 & 2**

## TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY: FLIGHT INTO & OVERNIGHT STAY IN ATHENS

We depart U.S. today for our flight to Athens, Greece. Upon arrival in Athens, we will be met by DCT's local representative and tour the city of Athens. We drive past the Academy, the University and the Parliament with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The rest of the afternoon is free. Overnight Athens.

### DAY 3

## THURSDAY: TOUR ATHENS OF APOSTLE PAUL - AFTERNOON FREE

In 51 AD, Apostle Paul traveled from Berea to Athens by boat. His boat anchored at Faliron that used to be the main port serving Athens. Apostle Paul traveled from port to Athens. While waiting for Silas & Timothy to come from Macedonia, he spent most of his time talking with citizens at the Synagogues and the Agora. The Athenians took an interest in his teachings and invited him to present it more analytical at the Aeropagus, the hill west of Acropolis. Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and gave his famous Aeropagus Sermon, emphasizing the need to known God rather than worship the unknown as described in Acts 17:16-34. Follow your guide on a journey to the ancient Acropolis where you will see the Propylaea, the Parthenon and the Erectheum. View Mars Hill where Paul preached the gospel to the intellectual Athenian community of his day (Acts 17: 15-34). View the ruins of the Agora, ancient market place and center of Athenian public life, where Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians. You will view the Panathinaic Stadium, where the modern Olympics began Dinner and overnight in Athens.

### DAY 4

#### FRIDAY: CRUISE EMBARKATION - MYKONOS

This morning after breakfast transfer to the port of Lavrion for your cruise embarkation. We sail this morning from Athens to the quaint isle of Mykonos, called the island of windmills. Experience the waterfront lined with shops and cafes and then stroll the charming walkways through a maze of whitewashed buildings before returning to the ship for dinner and evening entertainment.

### DAY 5

#### **SATURDAY: ANCIENT EPHESUS - PATMOS**

Docking in Turkey, enjoy an included tour of Ephesus, the city of the Bible and one of the largest restorations still in progress with miles of ancient treasures. Ephesus was once a thriving port town of 250,000 people. Today you can still see the spectacular excavations of the major streets in this ancient city including the Agora, the Odeon, the Library, the marble-paved main Street, the Baths, Trajan's Fountain, the Residences of the Patricians, the Prytaneum, and Temple of Hadrian. The Great Theatre, built in the 4th century B.C., could accommodate 24,000 spectators and it is famous even nowadays for its acoustics. This afternoon we visit the Isle of Patmos, under statutory protection as a historic monument. Here we have an included tour to see the fortified monastery of St. John and the cave claimed to be where John received the Revelation. Back on the ship.

## DAY 6

#### **SUNDAY: CRETE - SANTORINI**

Crete is the largest and the most rugged of the Greek islands. Discovered in 1899 and partially reconstructed, the elaborate Palace is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. This afternoon visit the island of Santorini which is perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. The town of Thira where white-washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes and glittering boutiques cling to steep cliffs, is accessible, cable-car that we take with our guide and enjoy a walking tour.. Again we return to the ship for dinner and evening entertainment.

## DAY 7

#### **MONDAY: DISEMBARKATION - ANCIENT CORINTH - ATHENS**

Upon arrival in the port of Athens you continue to Corinth. Corinth (Acts 18: 1-18), a city that inspired of St. Paul's most familiar letter. You will visit the Archeological Museum, the Market Place, and Temples. Walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood. Read Paul's letter to the Corinthians and visualize his address to the Gentiles as he began the task of building Corinth's church. Imagine where Aquila and Priscilla lived and where they had their tent making business. Acts 18:9-11 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." 11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. Return to Athens for Dinner and overnight.

## DAY 8

#### **TUESDAY: FLY TO THESSALONIKI & TOUR**

This morning, you make your way to Athens airpot for your flight to Thessaloniki. Upon arrival in Thessaloniki you begin your tour of the city. Apostle Paul came to Thessaloniki and went straight to the Synagogue. As described in your Bible in Acts 17:1-9, Paul preached in the Synagogue for three consecutive Sabbaths, and he gained many followers who believed. A couple of the Jews who were not persuaded created an uproar and attacked the House of Jason, one of the believers Paul was staying with during his visit. During your tour, you will have the Biblical Experience of those verses as you will see the agora in Thessaloniki, where Paul preached to the local Jews, and the House of Jason, where he lived! You will also have the opportunity to visit St. Demetrius Basilica, dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyred Christian convert, and see the Galerius Arch rising over the famous via Egnatia. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

## DAY 9

#### WEDNESDAY: FULL DAY PHILIPPI - KAVALA

Apostle Paul visited Philippi together with Silas during his Second Missionary Journey. Our first Biblical encounter with Philippi is through Act 16:11-40. At the time, Philippi had no synagogues and very few Jews, so Paul decided to wait for the Sabbath and go to the riverbanks outside the city. There, he began to talk to the women that gathered there; amongst them, Lydia-the first person to be Baptized in European soil-she and her whole household became believers. During your tour in Philippi, you will have the opportunity to visit and study your Bible in the actual place where the Baptism took place, called "Lydia's Baptistry." You will also see the place where Paul and Silas were imprisoned and freed by a violent earthquake. From there, you will continue to Kavala; the site used to be Ancient Neapolis where Paul, Timothy, and Silas landed. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

## **DAY 10**

## THURSDAY: MORNING TOUR OF BEREA - AFTERNOON FREE IN THESSALONIKI

This morning after breakfast we drive to Berea. Berea, as described in Acts 17:10-15 Paul and Silas go to Berea and preach at the Synagogue. Many of the Jews became believers, but Paul's ministry was cut short. While you are in Berea, you will see St. Paul's Bema, where he preached to the local Jews in 54 AD. Return to Thessaloniki. Afternoon free to explore the city on your own. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

## **DAY 11**

#### FRIDAY: THESSALONIKI - RETURN FLIGHT TO THE U.S.A.

We depart from the Thessaloniki airport, where we fly back to the U.S. A. We will return with new friends and memories to last a lifetime!



Friday, October 18, 2024

Arrives: 7:50 p.m. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport





# **CABIN OPTIONS & PRICING**



All cabins for this tour are exterior Ocean View Staterooms with portholes.

Upgraded accommodations are optional, and are subject to availability upon request.

#### **Exterior Stateroom - Ocean View - PORTHOLE**



**Exterior Stateroom- Ocean View - WINDOW** 

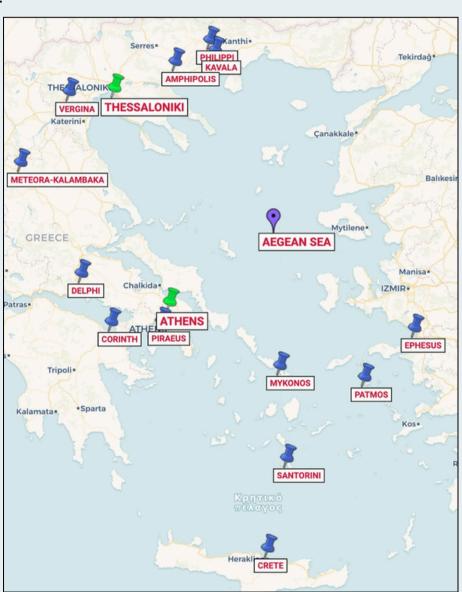


**Exterior Stateroom- Ocean View - BALCONY** 



**Dream Suite - Ocean View - BALCONY** 





Cruise the Aegean Sea on the luxurious <u>Discovery!</u>



## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**PRICING:** Our pricing is in U.S. dollars, and is based upon the current rate of international exchange between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies at the time prices are posted. Whenever possible, *Discovery* obtains price guarantees from its suppliers, but in rare circumstances, a price increase may be unavoidable due to an increase in fees, including fuel surcharges, carrier surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof. In that instance, the increase will be charged to the traveler up to the time of departure. Up-to-date pricing can be found at dcttravel.com.

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICING:** Passport costs, optional pre/post hotel nights due to traveler's arrival and departure preferences, hotel or other costs incurred to accommodate travel connections, items of a personal nature, including, but not limited to, laundry, non-included meals, room service at hotel(s), phone calls, Internet, etc.

**TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE:** *Discovery* recommends purchasing a travel protection plan that helps offset costs and expenses should something unexpected occur. There are various plans available which cover Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation, Emergency Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay, and more. *Discovery* does not offer travel insurance, but many plans are available for purchase elsewhere.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS: Passports are required for all travelers, including children. Passports must remain valid for 6 months beyond the completion of your travel dates; and are required for air travel outside the U.S. For U.S. citizens and residents, more information is available online at <a href="https://www.travel.state.gov/passport">www.travel.state.gov/passport</a>, or by calling the National Passport Information Center at 877-487- 2778. When necessary, a group visa for U.S. citizens will be obtained by Discovery for those confirmed by the final payment date. Non-U.S. citizens and U.S. citizens originating from outside the U.S. should consult their country's embassy regarding specific requirements for entry into each and every country of destination. Your passport name must match the name on your registration, cruise boarding pass, and airline ticket, or you may be denied travel. It is the personal responsibility of each passenger to fully comply with all immigration and documentation requirements.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Travel suppliers (cruise line, air carrier, shore excursion agents, etc.) may have restrictions regarding certain physical requirement accommodations. If you have a medical condition (mobility limitations, pregnancy, etc.), or use medical equipment which could affect your travel, consult your physician and notify *Discovery*, so we can provide you with information regarding possible restrictions. If you are unable to get on and off the bus and walk without the assistance of another individual, you must bring someone with you to provide assistance, or you may stay on the bus as needed.

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REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of registration. The deposit may be charged to your *Visa*, *Mastercard*, *American Express*, or *Discover* card. Registrations received within ninety (90) days of departure must be paid in full. A late registration may result in an additional fee for airfare, depending on the airline and seating availability.

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON TOURS AND RELEVANT POLICIES, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE, AND CLICK ON THE "IMPORTANT INFORMATION" TAB OF THE TOUR SELECTED. BE SURE TO SCROLL DOWN TO THE SUBSECTION "TOUR OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITY".

FOR MORE GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT TOURS, INCLUDING TRAVEL TIPS AND MANDATES, VISIT OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS PAGE.

#### **PAYMENTS** (Must be made in U.S. funds and are per person)

Registration Amount	\$500
90 days prior to initial tour date	Final payment due
Registration after final due date	Full payment due

#### **RESERVATION CHANGE FEES**

(per person)

\$100

Within 90 days of initial tour date. No changes allowed

Day of Registration – 91 days prior to initial tour date

Within 90 days of initial tour date No changes allowed

Additional fees may be assessed, such as single occupancy rates due to roommate cancellation, and will be paid by the traveler. Additionally, any deviation from group accommodations which incur additional costs will be paid by the traveler. Change fees will NOT be assessed for upgrades or for the addition of services, unless air reservations are altered and/or travel documents must be reissued.

### CANCELLATION FEES (per person)

Day of Registration - 91 days prior to initial tour date \$200 90-75 days prior to initial tour date \$500 74-59 days prior to initial tour date 25% of tour cost 58-30 days prior to initial tour date 50% of tour cost 29 days or less prior to initial tour date NO REFUND

Cancellation fees apply for any reason, including medical and family emergencies. Cancellations must be submitted to **Discovery** in writing at **contact@dcttravel.com**, and confirmed by reply from **Discovery**.



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