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INVITE YOU TO

RETRACE PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

APRIL 20-30, 2024

\$5195 FROM DFW

Saturday: April 20: Depart to Thessaloniki, Greece

Sunday: April 21: Arrive Thessaloniki

Monday: April 22: Amphipolis, Philippi and Kavala

Tuesday: April 23: Vergina, Meteora and Kalambaka

Wednesday: April 24: Delphi and Athens

Thursday: April 25: Tour Athens and Corinth

Friday: April 26: Board Cruise Ship and Sail to Mykonos

Saturday: April 27: Patmos and Ephesus

Sunday: April 28: Crete and Santorini

Monday: April 29: Return to Athens and disembark

Tuesday: April 30: Home

GROUP PROGRAM

SATURDAY - SUNDAY - DAYS 1 & 2: U.S. / THESSALONIKI - We depart the U.S. today for our flight to Thessaloniki. Upon arrival in Thessaloniki, we will be met by DWM'S local representative and escorted to our hotel in Thessaloniki. Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece and capital of the province of Macedonia. It was here in the synagogue that Paul "...reasoned with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks..." (Acts 17:17). Remainder of the day free. Overnight Thessaloniki. (D, B)

MONDAY - DAY 3: THESSALONIKI / AMPHIPOLIS / PHILIPPI / KAVALA – We depart for Amphipolis and the Region of the Lakes Corinia and Volvi. Paul journeyed through Amphipolis on his way to Thessaloniki. Visit the colossal Lion monument at Sunphipolis (5th century BC) and proceed to visit the unique archaeological site of Philippi, site of the famous battle between two Roman Armies. Here we will have the opportunity to follow the steps of Paul, Luke, Timothy and Silas. We then proceed to the city and the harbor of Kavala where we will have a chance to taste fresh fish and a variety of superb delicacies. Return to Thessaloniki for overnight. (B, D)

TUESDAY - DAY 4: THESSALONIKI / VERGINA / METEORA / KALAMBAKA - After breakfast, we depart for Vergina to visit the excavations of the Royal Palace, the Royal Tombs, and the new museum. We then proceed to the area of Kalambaka, where the famous monasteries of Meteora are located. You will be amazed at these marvelously preserved monasteries hidden in the mountains. We will visit the greatest and most important monastery of all, the "Great Meteoron." Perfectly preserved Frescoes of the 14th century and Ancient Manuscripts belonging to Royal Collections and Libraries are found here. Overnight at our hotel in Kalambaka. (B, D)

WEDNESDAY - DAY 5: KALAMBAKA / DELPHI / ATHENS - Put on your hiking boots! After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for Delphi via the Central Greece Plateau. At Delphi we take a short climb to the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythion, home of the "Oracle." A little further up is the theatre where town council meetings were conducted, and a little further, the amazingly preserved coliseum where games were played. (Get in shape for this and do not miss it! This is one of the true highlights of the tour.) We visit the museum and bookstore here, then continue to Athens for overnight. (B, D)

THURSDAY - DAY 6: ATHENS / CORINTH - We begin this morning with a tour of the city of Athens. We drive past the Academy, the University and the Parliament with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We continue to the Acropolis, where we visit the Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena and the Acropolis Museum. On the slopes of the Acropolis we will visit the Areopagus on Mars Hill, site of Paul's address to "the men of Athens" about their "unknown God" (Acts 17). We then depart for Corinth, taking the road along the Saronic Gulf, fairly the same route that the Apostle Paul took. Corinth was an important place and congregation in Paul's odyssey (Acts 18 and Letters to the Corinthians) with its temple of Apollo ruins set against the Acrocorinth on which the Temple of Aphrodite was located. Corinth was the largest, richest, and most pleasure-loving city of Greece in the 3rd century BC, so it gave Paul plenty to renounce when he came here in the 1st century AD. Paul worked here three years with Aquilla and Priscilla. Overnight Athens. (B, D)

FRIDAY - DAY 7: ATHENS / PIRAEUS / BOARD LOUIS OLYMPIA CRUISESHIP / SAIL TO MYKONOS - This morning we transfer to the port of Piraeus for embarkation on our cruise ship. We sail to the island of Mykonos with its breathtakingly beautiful whitewashed buildings and churches. We will wander through the many side streets with homes above the shops and numerous outside, waterfront cafes...a lovely respite. Evening sail for the island of Patmos. (All meals while on broad)

SATURDAY - DAY 8: PATMOS / EPHESUS - Early morning arrival at the Island of Patmos. We visit the traditional Grotto where John received the revelations while in exile and St. John's Monastery atop the island. This afternoon we sail to the Turkish port of Kusadasi. This popular Turkish port is the doorway to Ephesus and rich ancient history. In Paul's time, Ephesus was a port city. Now, due to natural changes and silt build up, it is an approximate ten-mile bus trip from the port city of Kusadasi. We visit ancient Ephesus, a marvelous archeological site and base for much of Paul's missionary work (Acts 19 and Letter to The Ephesians). Paul labored and ministered here for three years. He laid the foundation for the strongest Christian church of the First Century. John is said to have brought Mary here. Time permitting, we will wander through the famous Turkish bazaars of Kusadasi. Evening sail for Crete/Santorini. (All meals while on broad)

SUNDAY - DAY 9: CRETE / SANTORINI - Morning arrival into Crete, this Island is 156 miles long and from 7 to 30 miles wide. According to legend it's the birthplace of Zeus. The apostle Paul spent some time here at Fair Havens on the south side of the island. This afternoon we visit the Island of Santorini, great poets have sung its praises, a 4,000-year-old history. And the eternal rock continues to stand, strong and majestic, rising proudly from the sea and guarding well the secrets of Atlantis... The present-day crescent shape of the island is a consequence of the activity of the volcano in prehistoric times feeding the myth of the lost City of Atlantis. Sail back to Piraeus (Athens) in the evening. (All meals while on broad)

MONDAY - DAY 10: EARLY ARRIVAL INTO ATHENS – We will have breakfast aboard the ship. We then disembark, board our motor coach and transfer to our hotel in Athens. The day is free for us to enjoy this fascinating city on our own. There are many wonderful museums in the city and shopping at the Plaka is always an adventure. Overnight in Athens. (B, D)

TUESDAY - DAY 11: ATHENS / U.S. – We depart for the Athens airport where we fly back to the U.S. We will return with new friends and memories to last a lifetime!

TOUR CONDITIONS

PRICE: \$5195 retail price. Prices quoted are in US dollars and are based on fares and costs in effect at the time of publication. Whenever possible, DCT obtains price guarantees from suppliers. However, depending upon the strength of the US dollar and the fluctuating nature of oil, gas and other costs, published rates are subject to change without notice. Prices quoted are CASH prices, CREDIT CARDS may be used for DEPOSIT ONLY. **Final payments must be made by personal check, credit card checks, cashier check or money order.**

INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

AIR: Jet economy class via Lufthansa Airlines (NOTE: 35 seats confirmed – additional seat may be at a higher cost). Air tickets must be completed 45 days before departure. Tickets cannot be changed once issued. **NOTE: Passengers may arrange their own air & pay the ground price. Passengers doing their own air MUST meet the group at the hotel.**

DEVIATIONS/STOPOVERS: None are allowed.

HOTELS/CRUISE SHIP: Deluxe hotel accommodations throughout and Celestyal Cruises, on the Celestyal Olympia, cabin category standard outside cabins with porthole. (Cabin upgrades may be available at an additional charge.) Prices are based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room with private bath. **Single rooms/cabins in the above state categories are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$1400. Single room charges for cabin upgrades will be higher.** If a passenger cannot supply a roommate and Discovery Cruises and Tours is unable to do so, the passenger will have to pay the supplemental charge. (You may be billed after the final payment date for single room accommodations as necessary.)

MEALS: Two meals daily upon arrival in Greece. All meals while on aboard the cruise vessel. Wine / Beer / Soft drinks with meals on board the cruises ship.

SIGHTSEEING: Local transportation is by air-conditioned motor coach and cruise vessel. The services of an English-speaking guide, entrance fees to places visited on sightseeing described in this itinerary are included in tour price.

TAXES: Airport Taxes of \$575 (as of 5/31/23). **NOTE: (Airport Taxes may change without notice according to international law & Fuel Surcharges may increase. Any increase will be billed to the passenger and must be paid prior to departure.)**

TIPS: \$176

NOT INCLUDED

Passport costs, food and beverages (including coffee and tea) not usually included with regular meals; optional tours and excursions not mentioned in this itinerary; accident and baggage insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; items of a personal nature. In the event it becomes necessary to overnight material due to late receipt of registration or final payments, traveler will be billed for these charges.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION

INSURANCE: Acting only as agents for suppliers, Discovery Cruises and Tours is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident and/or illness. For your own protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. You should carry proof of insurance in the event you need medical attention while outside the U.S. Additional information and application forms for all types of coverage will be supplied to you prior to departure. Please note, Medicare is not valid outside the U.S.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. NOTE: A valid passport is required to leave the USA. **It should be valid for a minimum of six months after your return date; you will be denied boarding if your passport is not valid for six months beyond your return date.** No visas are required for Greece as long as you have a valid U.S. Passport. The cruise line will handle Turkish visas.

REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of registration. A deposit may be charged either to your VISA & MasterCard via our secure server web site or sent by mail with personal or cashier's check with the enclosed registration form. Also, any registration received inside the ninety-day period before departure is considered a LATE REGISTRATION and finalization is subject to space availability **and may be at a higher cost than the above-stated Price.** A \$30 LATE REGISTRATION fee will be assessed. Also, any registrations received inside the final payment deadline of ninety (90) days before departure are subject to space availability, possible increase in cost, as stated above, **and will need to be accompanied by full payment.** Passenger will then be invoiced for any fare cost increase.

PAYMENTS: After you have registered for a tour, you will receive an invoice with final payment amount and date due. Final payment may only be made by personal or cashier's check and made payable to DISCOVERY CRUISES AND TOURS. Final payment must be received ninety (90) days prior to departure. Final payments received ninety (90) days will be assessed a \$30 LATE PAYMENT fee. NOTE: ALL reservations not fully paid by the ninety-day deadline are subject to cancellation, for which Tour Operator is not to be held responsible.

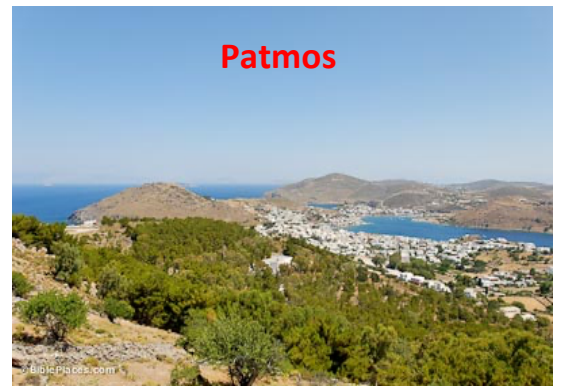
CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

CRUISE CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION OF ITINERARY: The cruise line (the Line) reserves the right to cancel any cruise, with or without notice, in which case the passage money will be refunded. It also reserves the right to alter the itinerary of any cruise or tour, if, for any reason, this becomes necessary or desirable. Additionally, the Line may, for the same reasons, substitute any other vessel (owned or managed by the Line) for the one named in this brochure. In both these cases, no refund is due to the passenger unless justified by the type of new accommodation offered. The Line also reserves the right to change or alter the sequence of ports or stops on land tours.

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Crete



Patmos



Thessaloniki



Mars Hill



Ancient Corinth

**Questions:
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