

THE JOURNEYS OF PAUL



ACROPOLIS, ATHENS, GREECE

I hope you'll join us 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 awaits you!



PASTOR IVY SHELTON
MARCH 15 - 25, 2025

11-DAY ITINERARY

DEPARTING

Saturday, March 15, 2025

DALLAS, TEXAS

Depart: 9:35 p.m.

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport

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

DAYS 1 & 2

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: FLIGHT & THESSALONIKI

We depart the U.S. today for our flight to Thessaloniki. Upon arrival in Thessaloniki, we will be met by DCT'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)

DAY 3

MONDAY: 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)

DAY 4

TUESDAY: 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)

DAY 5

WEDNESDAY: 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)

DAY 6

THURSDAY: 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)

DAY 7

FRIDAY: ATHENS - PIRAEUS - BOARD CRUISE SHIP - 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 board)

DAY 8

SATURDAY: PATMOS - EPHEBUS

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 board)

DAY 9

SUNDAY: 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 board)

DAY 10

MONDAY: 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)

DAY 11

TUESDAY: RETURN FLIGHT TO THE U.S.A.

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!

ARRIVING

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

DALLAS, TEXAS

Arrives: 7:50 p.m.

Dallas-Fort Worth 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.

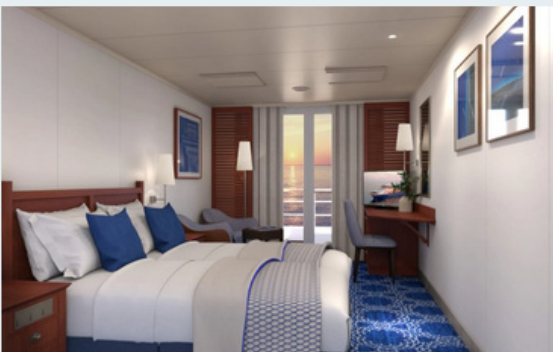
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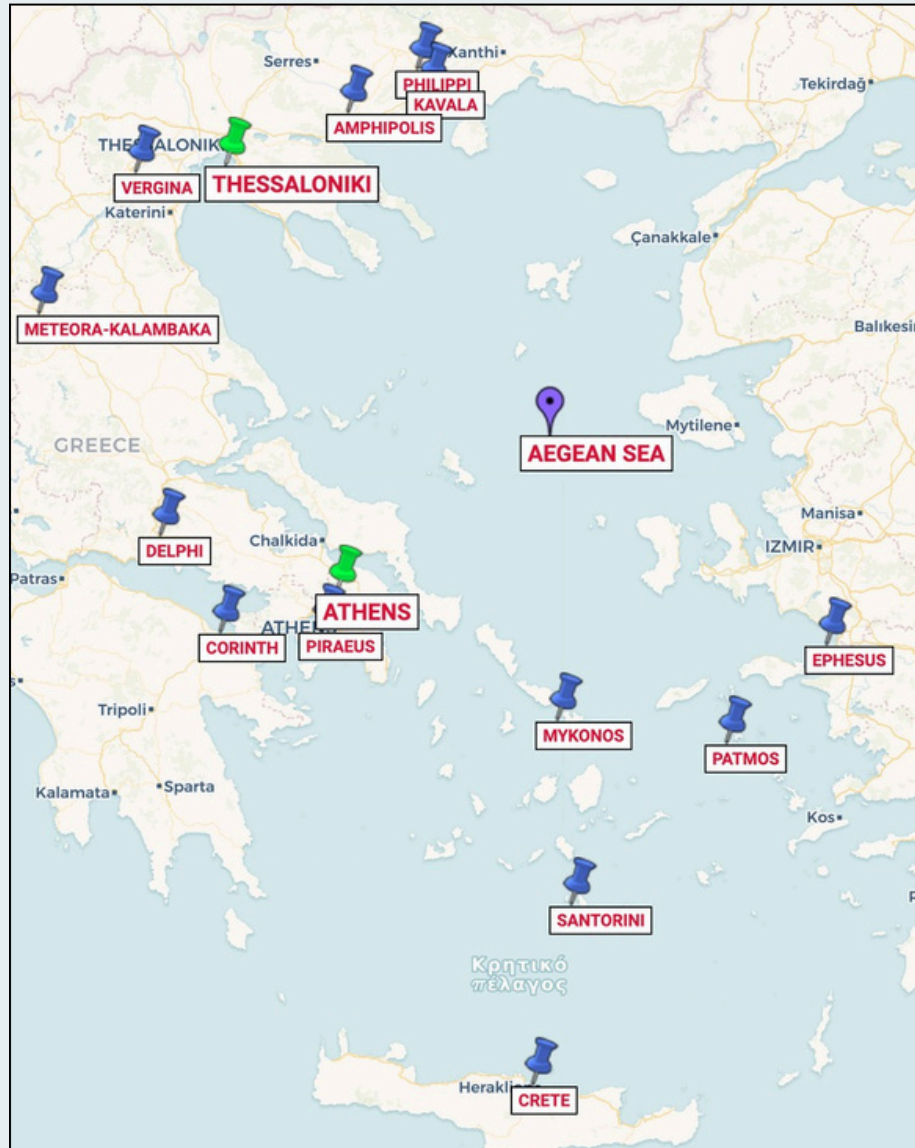
Exterior Stateroom- Ocean View - WINDOW



Exterior Stateroom- Ocean View - BALCONY



Dream Suite - Ocean View - BALCONY



Cruise the Aegean Sea on the luxurious *Discovery!*



Cabin prices are based on dual occupancy rates. Single occupancy is optional for an added cost.
All cabin photos are representative, and actual cabins may vary slightly.

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 www.travel.state.gov/passport, 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.

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Final payments **MUST** be received ninety (90) days prior to departure. Payments received inside ninety (90) days will be assessed an \$80 late payment fee. **NOTE: All reservations not fully paid by the ninety-day deadline are subject to cancellation, and Discovery will not be held responsible.** Cancellation of airline seats or changes to passport registrations within one hundred (100) days of departure each carry a penalty of \$100 per person. Registration deposits must be made online by credit card, and subsequent payments may be made online by credit card or by mailed payment methods, including personal checks, cashier's checks, money orders, and credit card checks drawn against your card. Subsequent payments made online by credit card incur a 2.25% processing fee, but NO processing fee is charged for the deposit at time of registration.

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

December 15, 2024 Final payment due

Registration after final due date Full payment due

RESERVATION CHANGE FEES (per person)

Day of Registration – Dec 14, 2024 \$100

On or after December 15, 2025 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 - December 14, 2024 \$200

December 15 - December 30, 2024 \$500

December 31, 2024 - January 15, 2025 25% of tour cost

January 16 - February 13, 2025 50% of tour cost

On or after February 14, 2025 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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