

THE JOURNEYS OF PAUL



ACROPOLIS, ATHENS, GREECE

I 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 luxury hotel accommodations and three nights aboard a cruise ship. Inspired teachings, Christian fellowship, fabulous cuisine, breathtaking sights, and a lifetime of memories await you!



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APRIL 22 - MAY 2, 2025

11-DAY ITINERARY

DEPARTING

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Depart: 10:34 a.m.

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport

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

DAYS 1 & 2

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY: FLIGHT INTO & OVERNIGHT STAY IN ATHENS

We depart the U.S. today for our flight to Athens. Upon arrival in Athens, we will be met by DCT's local representative, and escorted to our hotel in Athens Remainder of the day free. You will enjoy your first dinner as a group. Overnight Athens.

DAY 3

THURSDAY: ATHENS & CORINTH TOUR - OVERNIGHT STAY IN ATHENS

Paul traveled from Berea to Athens by boat in 51 AD. His boat anchored at Faliron, one of the main ports of Ancient Athens. Paul walked to the city of Athens and while waiting for Silas & Timothy to arrive from Macedonia, Greece, he spent most of his time talking with citizens at the Synagogue and the Agora. The Athenians took an interest in his teachings and invited him to present on the Areopagus, a hill west of the Acropolis (Mars Hill), where Paul gave his famous Areopagus Sermon emphasizing the need to worship "a known God" rather than the "unknown" as described in Acts 17:16-34. You'll then visit the Acropolis and see the Propylaea, Parthenon, Erechtheion, and the Temple of Athena Nike. Your tour continues through modern Athens where you'll visit the Olympic Stadium where the games began and returned in 2004. The next stop is Corinth (Acts 18: 1-18), a city that inspired one of Paul's most famous letters. You'll visit the Archeological Museum, marketplace, and temples. You'll walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood. You'll read Paul's letter to the Corinthians, addressing his message to the Gentiles as he began the task of establishing his church in Corinth. Acts 18:9-11 says, "Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, 'Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.' He continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them." You'll return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4

FRIDAY: BOARD CRUISE SHIP (3-NIGHT CRUISE) - ISLAND OF MYKONOS

You begin your 3-day cruise this morning from the port of Athens, Piraeus. The first port of call is the quaint isle of Mykonos, called the Island of the Windmills, where the waterfront is lined with shops and cafes. You'll stroll the charming walkways through a maze of quaint whitewashed buildings before returning to the ship for dinner and entertainment.

DAY 5

SATURDAY: TOUR KUSADASI (EPHESUS) - ISLAND OF PATMOS

This morning you will dock in Kusadasi, Turkey, and begin your excursion to Ephesus. Ephesus was one of the most beautiful cities of the ancient world and its former glory can still be appreciated today with its well-preserved streets, temples, fountains, public baths, terraced houses, and theatres. Paul went to Ephesus on his third missionary journey, where he stayed and preached for about two to three years. While there, several incidents took place that are documented in Acts chapters 19-20. It was to this community that Paul may have written his epistle to the Ephesians. You will visit the ancient Agora and go back in time where Demetrius, the silversmith, sold his silver shrines to the ancient Greek goddess, Artemis. You'll see the Library of Celsius and view the Great Theatre mentioned in the Book of Acts. After the morning tour you'll return to the ship and depart for the Island of Patmos, Greece, where you'll spend the afternoon visiting the Grotto of the Apocalypse. John was exiled to the island of Patmos where he wrote the Book of Revelation. Rev. 1:11 says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." You'll visit St. John's Monastery before returning to your cruise ship.

DAY 6

SUNDAY: TOUR ISLANDS OF CRETE - ISLAND OF SANTORINI

Crete is the largest and the most rugged of the Greek islands. Paul landed on Crete at "Kaloi Limenes", Fair Heavens, on his way to Rome on his last missionary journey. He stayed briefly in Crete and then continued to Rome. He left Titus on the island to establish the churches and appoint the elders. Titus 1:5 says, "The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you." (You may also take an OPTIONAL tour of the Knossos Minoan Palace). You'll board boats and visit the Island of Santorini, Greece, perhaps the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. The town of Fira, the capital, features white-washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes, and boutiques clinging to steep cliffs that are accessible by foot, cable-car or mule.

DAY 7

MONDAY: EARLY ARRIVAL INTO ATHENS - OVERNIGHT STAY IN KALAMBAKA

After breakfast aboard the ship, you'll depart by motor coach for Kalambaka. The afternoon is free, then dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

DAY 8

TUESDAY: KALAMBAKA - OVERNIGHT STAY IN THESSALONIKI

Today you'll tour Kalambaka and see the world-famous Byzantine monasteries perched precariously on summits of gray rock pinnacles with varied and beautiful shapes. Their history goes back to the 14th Century when the monks sought refuge in the cliff-side caves, then fled higher to build the original wooden shelters that were later transformed into monasteries. You'll also visit the greatest and most important monastery of all, the "Great Meteoron." You'll enjoy an afternoon tour of Thessaloniki, then return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9

WEDNESDAY: DELPHI - METEORA - OVERNIGHT STAY IN THESSALONIKI

Put on your hiking boots! After breakfast at the hotel, you'll depart for Delphi where you'll 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 the games were held. You'll visit the museum, then return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

DAY 10

THURSDAY: THESSALONIKI - AMPHIPOLIS - PHILIPPI - KAVALA - OVERNIGHT STAY IN ATHENS

After breakfast, you'll depart for Amphipolis and the Region of the Lakes Corinia and Volvi. Paul journeyed through Amphipolis on his way to Thessaloniki. Along the way you'll see the colossal Lion Monument at Sunphipolis (5th century BC), then proceed to Philippi, site of the famous battle between two Roman Armies (Acts. 16: 12-18) and follow the steps of Paul, Luke, Timothy, and Silas. You'll then proceed to the city and the harbor of Kavala where you'll taste fresh fish and a variety of superb delicacies. You'll depart Thessaloniki for Athens, where you'll overnight.

DAY 11

FRIDAY: DEPART FROM ATHENS - FLIGHT TO THE U.S.A.

This morning we depart early and fly to USA. We will return with new friends and memories to last a lifetime!

ARRIVING

Friday, May 2, 2025

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Arrives 6:25 p.m.

Louis Armstrong New Orleans 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



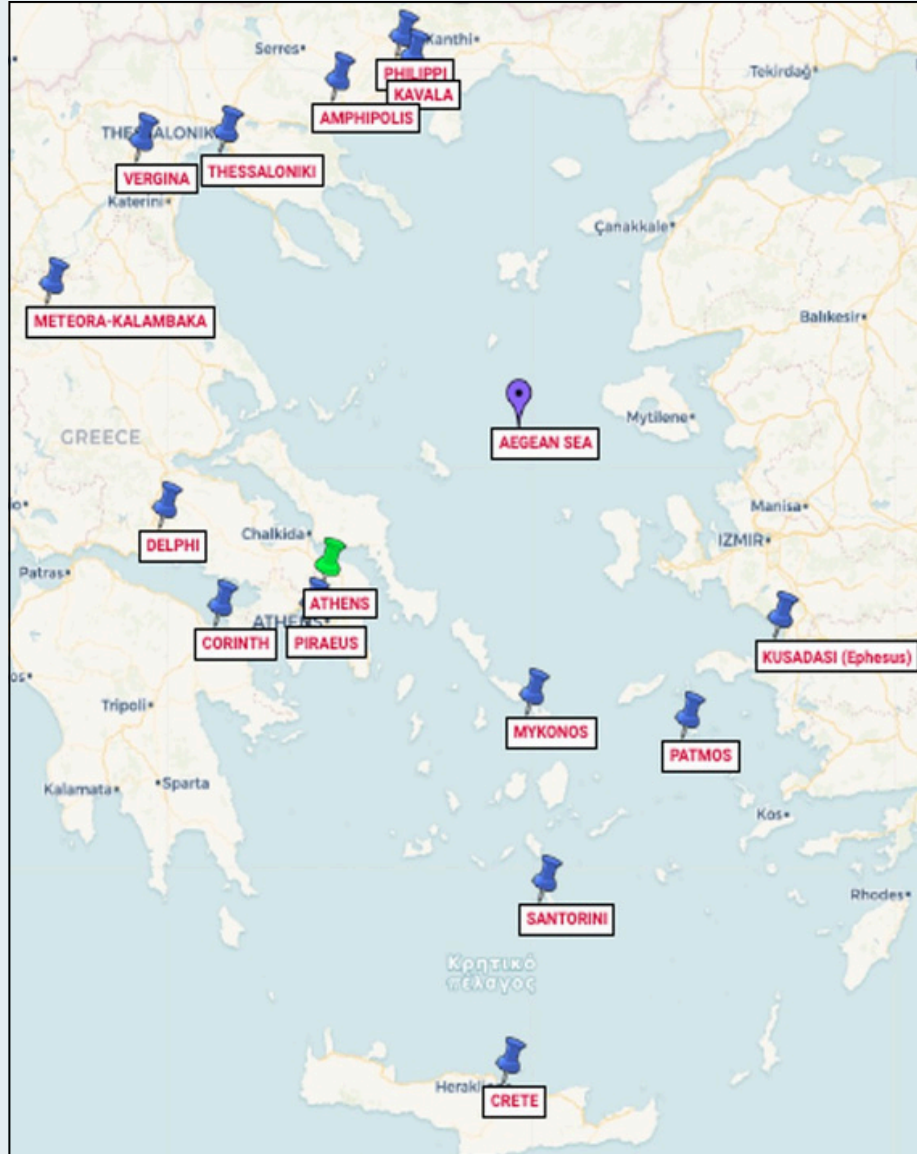
Exterior Stateroom- Ocean View - WINDOW



Exterior Stateroom- Ocean View - BALCONY



Dream Suite - Ocean View - BALCONY



Cruise the Aegean Sea on the luxurious *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

January 22, 2025 Final payment due

Registration after final due date Full payment due

RESERVATION CHANGE FEES (per person)

Day of Registration – January 21, 2025 \$100

On or after January 22, 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 - January 21, 2025 \$200

January 22 - February 6, 2025 \$500

February 7 - February 22, 2025 25% of tour cost

February 23 - March 23, 2025 50% of tour cost

On or after March 24, 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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