



## **FAITH OVER FEAR 2024**

### **GREECE – Paul’s Missionary Journey (revised) Land Tour & 4 day cruise June 23 – 30**

**Saturday June 22, 2024 Depart US for Athens (early)**

**DAY 1 Sunday June 23, 2024 :- ARRIVE ATHENS, overnight Divani Acropolis**

**DAY 2 Monday June 24, 2024 TRANSFER TO LAVRIO - EMBARKATION ON CRUISE - MYKONOS**

Early check-out from the hotel. 7am departure to Athens and the port of Lavrio. Embark on the 4-day cruise and sail to Mykonos at 13:00. Lunch on board. Arrive at 18:00 in Mykonos and enjoy your evening walking and exploring the pebbled streets of the cosmopolitan Chora and have a coffee in “Little Venice”. Sail for Kusadasi, Turkey at 23:00. Dinner & overnight on board ship.

**DAY 3 Tuesday June 25: KUSADASI (ANCIENT EPHESUS) & PATMOS**

At 7:00 a.m. we dock at Kusadasi in Turkey, starting point for our included excursion to the ancient city of Ephesus (Acts 18:19-21). The Apostle Paul preached to the Ephesians and lived here for three years. We tour the spectacular ruins where excavations still continue in this once great city. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy free time in the port of Kusadasi exploring the Bazaars and trying your bargaining. In the afternoon, sail for Patmos and tour the cave where John wrote the book of Revelation then explore the beautiful island and shopping.

**DAY 4 Wednesday June 26, 2024: RHODES**

We shall spend our whole day on this beautiful and enchanting island. Paul sailed to the island of Rhodes (Acts 21:1), home of the famous philosophers and orators, on his homeward journey to Jerusalem. From the port we begin our included tour to the Acropolis of Lindos and the medieval town. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy free time exploring the medieval town or spend some time relaxing and swimming in one of the many pristine beaches, only a short distance away. At 6:30 pm we sail for Santorini

## **DAY 5 Thursday June 27, 2024 – CRETE & SANTORINI**

Arrive at the port of Heraklion in the morning. Wander the town or take the optional tour to Knossos (recommended). In the afternoon, we arrive to the unique island of Santorini. Ride the cable car up to the white-washed town of Thera, perched high on the rim of the ancient volcano. Stroll freely through the cliff hanging villages and admire the breathtaking views or join the optional shore excursion which takes you to Oia Village, famous for the many blue domed churches. At 9:30 p.m. set sail back to the port of Lavrion.

## **DAY 6 Friday June 28, 2024 DISEMBARK CRUISE – FULL DAY ATHENS, TEMPLE OF PARTHENON & MARS HILL**

Disembark in the morning and meet with your guide. Start the day with a panoramic tour of the highlights of the city. Continue on for a visit to the Acropolis with the famous Parthenon temple and Mars' Hill (Areopagus Acts 17:22), where the Apostle Paul delivered his soul-stirring sermon to great philosophers of the time. After the tour, transfer to the hotel for check-in. Enjoy the rest of the day at your own leisure and explore the Plaka shopping district nearby. Dinner at the hotel.

## **DAY 7 Saturday June 29, 2024 ANCIENT CORINTH – CENCHREA**

Our morning excursion out of Athens takes us by the Saronic Gulf via the historic Corinthian Canal (quick stop for photos) to Ancient Corinth (Acts 18:1-18). It was to this megalopolis where the Apostle Paul came, worked and established a thriving church. We will visit the archaeological site and museum as well as all the points of interest associated with Paul's ministry. On our way back to Athens, we will pass by the ancient port of Cenchrea, from where the Apostle Paul sailed to Ephesus (Acts 18:18-19). In the evening, you may worship with the local English-speaking congregation.

## **DAY 8 Sunday June 30, 2024 Return to US, start your own journey, or join the optional 1 day cruise extension described below.**

### **OPTIONAL 1 DAY CRUISE EXTENSION TO THE SARONICE GULF ISLANDS OF HYDRA, POROS, & AEGINA**

#### **Sunday, June 30, 2024 (flight home on Monday, July 1st)**

Additional overnight at Divani Acropolis on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Morning transfer June 30<sup>th</sup> from hotel to the port to board our one-day farewell cruise. This was a highlight of our 2022 Greece tour and is a wonderfully relaxing way to end our Holy Land experience.

Set sail at 8am for Hydra, a fashionable artist colony, retreat of intellectuals, and a favorite film location. The amphitheatrical town rings the colorful harbor with well-preserved sea-merchant family mansions. We have time for a leisurely stroll, some shopping or swimming (weather and sea permitting). Buffet lunch on board. From here, our voyage continues to Poros where the first naval arsenal of independent Greece was established. Poros provides delightful scenery marked by the low pine-wooded hills. Our last port of call is Aegina, an attractive and tranquil resort island. Here we can either join the optional guided excursion to the Temple of Aphaia; one of the finest and best preserved of Greek temples or walk leisurely around the harbor and browse in small gift shops. Return back to the port around 7:00 p.m. Transfer to the hotel for dinner. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the hotel in Athens.

Included:

- ⌘ 1 night at Divani Palace Acropolis in Athens OR SIMILAR, breakfast & dinner included
- ⌘ One day cruise to the Saronic Gulf islands, including lunch on board
- ⌘ Private transportation to & from the port by deluxe vehicle
- ⌘ English speaking assistant during the one day cruise (for 10 pax or more)
- ⌘ 1 Private group transfer by bus from the hotel to Athens airport,
- ⌘ Including English speaking assistant (for 10 pax or more)

Not included:

- ⌘ Drinks during meals
- ⌘ Anything not mentioned above

**Monday July 1, 2024** – Depart for US with Private, escorted group bus transfer to the Airport for the departure flight OR a Greece extension you have planned on your own.