



FAITH OVER FEAR 2022

GREECE – Paul’s Missionary Journey Land Tour & 4 day cruise July 21 – 30/31, 2022

July 20, 2022: Greece-only travelers depart US for Greece

July 21, 2022: THURSDAY –ARRIVAL IN THESSALONICA

Upon arrival in **Thessaloniki**, meet your licensed guide and depart for a tour of the city. Your journey to the Biblical land of Greece begins! Upon his arrival in Thessalonica, Paul went immediately to the synagogue and for three Saturdays he explained the prophecies of the Old Testament to Jews and Greeks. According to the Book of the Acts many Greeks believed and even many «Greek chief women» (Acts 17:1-4). We go to the upper Old City Walls then drive along the Egnatian Way to see the Triumphal Arch of Galerius and the Rotunda. Check-in, dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Overnight: Mediterranean Palace, Thessalonica <https://www.mediterranean-palace.gr/en>

July 22, 2022: FRIDAY – PHILIPPI – KAVALA - THESSALONICA

On our way to **Philippi**, we drive by the Lion of Amphipolis (short stop for photos). We visit Philippi, the site where Paul established a strong church. To this congregation he sent his letter (Acts 16:9-33). We see the river where Lydia is said to have been baptized, the ruins of a prison where Apostle Paul and Syllas had been kept, the Agora, 5th and 6th century Basilica and the Theater. After the visit, we continue to Kavala, the ancient port of Neapolis (Acts 16:11) where we enjoy a panoramic tour before returning to Thessalonica for overnight.

Overnight: Mediterranean Palace, Thessalonica <https://www.mediterranean-palace.gr/en>

July 23, 2022: SATURDAY – VERGINA - BEREIA

Check-out from the hotel in Thessaloniki. First stop in **Vergina**, the ancient city of Aigai and the old capital of the Macedonian kingdom (5th to 2nd century BC). Here we visit

one of the most important tombs ever discovered - Philip II of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great. The tomb was discovered by archaeologist Manolis Andronikos and was completely intact. Continue to Berea (Acts 17:10-15) where Paul arrived and according to his custom went to the synagogue where, to his pleasant surprise, he discovered that these Jews were “more noble” than those he had encountered in Thessalonica. We see the Byzantine mosaic in the monument commemorating his preaching (Acts 17:10-11). Drive back to Berea for check-in at the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Aiges Melathron Berea <https://aiges-melathron-hotel-veria.hotelmix.co.uk/>

July 24, 2022: SUNDAY – MT OLYMPUS WALK – DION – DRIVE TO ATHENS

Check-out and enjoy a morning walk at the foot of **Mt Olympus**, the mythical mountain of Greece! Discover the gentle paths, hidden corners, towering trees, wildflowers and unruly rocks, below and above the clouds (50 minutes’ walk). Continue with a visit to the archaeological site of Dion. This ancient city owes its name and is best known as the most important Macedonian sanctuary dedicated to Zeus, leader of the ancient Greek gods who dwelt on Mount Olympus. Philip II and Alexander the Great celebrated victories here and Alexander assembled his armies and performed magnificent sacrifices here on the eve of his campaign to Asia in 334BC. Start your drive back to Athens. Check-in to the hotel in the evening. Dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Divani Palace Acropolis <https://divaniacropolishotel.com>

July 25, 2022: MONDAY – TRANSFER TO LAVRIO - EMBARKATION ON CRUISE - MYKONOS

Morning transfer to 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.

<https://celestyal.com/us/our-ships/olympia/>

July 26, 2022: TUESDAY – KUSADASI (ANCIENT EPHEBUS)

At 7:00 a.m. we dock at **Kusadasi/Ephesus** 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. Return to the ship and sail for Rhodes at 6:30pm. <https://celestyal.com/us/our-ships/olympia/>

July 27, 2022: WEDNESDAY – 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. <https://celestyal.com/us/our-ships/olympia/>

July 28, 2022: THURSDAY – SANTORINI

At 7:30 am 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 10:30 p.m. set sail back to the port of Piraeus. <https://celestyal.com/us/our-ships/olympia/>

July 29, 2022: FRIDAY – DISEMBARK CRUISE – FULL DAY ATHENS & CORINTH

Morning arrival in the port of Lavrio. We disembark and start our drive to ancient **Corinth**. On the way, we stop at the historic Corinth Canal. It was Corinth (Acts 18:1-18) where the Apostle Paul lived and worked, established a thriving church, subsequently sending two of his epistles now part of the New Testament. Here, we see all of the sites associated with his ministry: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Odeon, the Bema and Gallio's Seat. We visit the local archaeological museum and enjoy free time for lunch. Drive back to **Athens** for our visit to the marble capped Acropolis Hill and visit the famous Parthenon and Erechtheion Temples. We then walk to nearby Mars' Hill (Areopagus) (Acts 17:22) where Paul delivered his soul-stirring sermon to the giants of philosophy, logic and learning and spoke about the inscription: "to an unknown god". We continue our tour with a panoramic sightseeing of the city highlights and transfer to the hotel in Athens for check-in. Enjoy evening at your own leisure in **Plaka**, the oldest and most picturesque district of Athens. Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Divani Palace Acropolis <https://divaniacropolishotel.com>

July 30, 2022, SATURDAY – DEPARTURE

After breakfast we will be transferred to Athens International Airport for your departure flight.

Optional 1 day cruise to Hydra / Paros / Aegina with extra night at the hotel, breakfast and transfer to airport on July 31, 2022

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All Itineraries are subject to change based on local conditions and restrictions.