

MAY 4 - 16, 2025

Journey through
EARLY CHRISTIANITY

12 Nights Aboard the Celebrity Ascent • Round Trip from Civitavecchia, Italy

with Dr. Doug Hood and Rev. Michael B. Brown





ITINERARY

May 4- Depart the USA

Your journey begins as you depart the USA on your international overnight flight.

May 5 - Arrive in Rome

You will arrive in Rome, Italy, where you will be met by our representative and transfer to the Port of Civitavecchia to board the Celebrity Ascent.

*Guests not purchasing air with the group must purchase transfers to be included in the group transfer.

May 6 - At Sea

May 7 - Chania, Crete

Delve into a Cretan cultural experience that includes guided sightseeing at Lake Kournas, the Arkadi Monastery and the bustling town of Rethymnon. The first stop is at Lake Kournas, where you'll savor a delicious treat of traditional cheese pie with honey among white sands and ancient olive trees. Next is a tour of the fortress-like monastery, whose history dates to Byzantine times. Finish with a stroll through distinctively ancient yet distinctly modern Rethymnon.

May 8 - Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkiye

Ephesus is one of the Seven Churches of Revelation and was once a bustling port town graced with wide, colonnade-bordered streets and a population of 250,000. Although spectacular excavations have revealed much of the glory of ancient Ephesus, including the huge agora and library, much has been lost. The ancient world once declared the Temple of Artemis to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World but today, only a single column remains to mark its site. View the terrace houses, also known as "the houses of the rich," which give a true impression of the ancient lifestyle. Explore the Museum of Ephesus for an up-close look at ancient artifacts. You will have time to explore independently and recreate some of Paul's footsteps.

May 9 - Istanbul, Turkiye

The bejeweled capital of Istanbul sits between two continents and is home to 450 mosques. Arrive in the late afternoon and overnight in Istanbul.

May 10 - Istanbul, Turkiye

Today, you will visit the famous Blue Mosque with its six minarets and sparkling interior. Walk through St. Sophia (Hagia Sophia), which was the largest church in Christendom for 1,000 years and was built by Justinian (532-537 AD). The church has 107 columns, fossil-embedded, white marble floors, and beautiful glass mosaics. Today, it is the Museum of Byzantine Art. Enjoy the aroma of cinnamon, cloves, thyme, and other exotic spices as you explore the Spice Market. Shops sell everything from herbs to gold.

May 11 - At Sea

May 12 - Santorini, Greece

Arrive in Santorini today, one of the most beautiful of the Greek islands, where picturesque, whitewashed villages topped with brilliant blue domes stand in stark contrast to the sheer drop cliffs overlooking the Aegean Sea. The island itself perches on the edges of a volcano whose eruption 3,500 years ago is thought to have led to the collapse of the Minoan civilization. Explore the island on your own or join one of the optional excursions available for purchase onboard.

Shore excursions today can be booked directly through Celebrity and are not included.



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May 2 - Depart the USA

May 3 - Arrive in Rome

Today, you will arrive in Rome, Italy, where you will be met by our representative and travel along the Appian Way. Step beneath the surface into the Catacombs of Callixtus, built along the Appian Way. Here, 16 popes from the 2nd through 4th centuries were interred, though they have been removed to various churches over the centuries. Check into your hotel this evening and enjoy dinner and rest.

May 4 - Vatican City & Christian Rome

Visit the Vatican and explore its museum. Marvel at the beauty of St. Peter's Basilica and stand in awe of Michaelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Next, we go to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. The present structure stands over the place where Constantine built the first church over Saint Paul's grave. The church features a portrait of every pope who has served the church. Climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain before returning to your hotel this evening.

May 5 - Ancient Rome

Discover the history woven throughout Rome with visits to the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Forum, Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the Baths of Caracalla, and the Arch of Constantine today. After touring, you will be transferred to the Port of Civitavecchia to board the Celebrity Ascent.

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

May 13 - Mykonos, Greece

Nestled in the heart of Greece's Cyclades archipelago, Mykonos pulses with irrepressible energy. With its powder white houses and sparkling blue waters, the Island of the Winds is as colorful as the people who call the island home. You can walk narrow marble pathways laced with purple bougainvillea blooms or cycle on two wheels past off-the-path Ano Mera village. Explore Greece's maritime history at Armenistis Lighthouse and check out the Folklore Museum's Mykonian ship models. At the end of the day, watch the sun burn out beyond an Aegean horizon from an open-air seaside taverna.

Shore excursions today can be booked directly through Celebrity and are not included.

May 14 - At Sea

May 15 - Pompeii (Naples), Italy

Journey inland to ancient Pompeii, dating almost to the time of Paul, where you can see the spectacular ruins that were covered by ash from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

May 16 - Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy

Disembark the Celebrity Ascent and transfer to the airport to return home with a new understanding of the Bible. * Guests not purchasing air with their cruise package will have to purchase transfers to be included in the group transfer.

ABOARD THE

Celebrity ASCENTSM



Celebrity X CruisesSM

ALL-INCLUSIVE CRUISE PRICING*

I2 - INTERIOR STATEROOM	\$6,198*
O2 - OCEAN VIEW STATEROOM	\$6,398*
E2 - EDGE VERANDA STATEROOM	\$6,798*

YOUR PRICE FROM MIAMI INCLUDES:

Round-trip International Airfare & Overseas Transfers
Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details
Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes (Subject to change)
Shore Excursions as listed on itinerary • Meals on ship
Admin. Fees • Port Charges • Cruise Taxes
Classic Beverage Package and Basic Wi-Fi Package



May 16 - Fly to Istanbul

Fly from Rome to Istanbul and check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

May 17 - Istanbul

Begin your exploration of Istanbul with an enjoyable two-hour Bosphorus Cruise. You will glide beneath some of the city's famous bridges and sail past some of Istanbul's more colorful neighborhoods and peaceful suburbs. Your boat will take you past castles and quaint fishing villages. Later, you will visit the eastern or Asian part of Istanbul. You will see the Byzantine city walls, the Golden Horn, and the world-famous mosaics of the Kariye Church. Fly to the Cappadocia area this evening for dinner and overnight.

May 18 - Cappadocia

Drive to Cappadocia and visit the Zelve Valley. As you drive through Cappadocia, enjoy some free time at various photo stops in this magnificent landscape full of fairy chimneys. Visit the Goreme Open-Air Museum before returning to your hotel.

May 19 - Cappadocia/Istanbul

You can take an optional hot air balloon ride over Cappadocia this morning for an additional fee. Fly this afternoon to Istanbul. Enjoy free time to explore Istanbul on your own. Then, check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

May 20 - Return to the USA

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA.

Optional Hot Air Balloon is approximately
\$250 per person.



TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

Departure City: _____ Departure Date: 05/04/25 (T)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)

Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Rome Pre-Tour Add Turkiye Post-Tour

Guest 2: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)

Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Rome Pre-Tour Add Turkiye Post-Tour

Cabin Selection: _____ Alternate: _____ (Required, only used if 1st choice is unavailable)

Interior Stateroom (I2) Ocean View Stateroom (O2) Edge Veranda Stateroom (E2)

Roommate(s): _____

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited)

\$250 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION
FINAL PAYMENT DUE 12/05/24

Payments By Credit Card Or By Check Made Payable To:
Wcd Travel Llc DbA Cruise Planners Inc.

via check # _____ via credit card (circle): VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____

Name on Card: _____ CVN: _____

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____

Guest 2 Signature: _____

Tour: TJ25 Date: 050425 Code: T ID:

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PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare & overseas transfers • Cruise • Shore excursions (as listed in itinerary) • Deluxe motorcoaches • Meals on ship • Cruise Taxes \$187 • Port charges \$440 • Program fees • Administrative fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Optional sightseeing • Pre or Post-Tours • Miscellaneous fees such as passports, lunches off the ship, baggage fees • Visas(s) • Alternate restaurants that have additional fees • Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour • Ground only transfers • \$100 Document fee for Non-US and Non-Canadian residents • Onboard Gratuities

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms/cabins are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or if you request a single, the following single room/cabin charges apply: Category I2 - \$3299; O2 - \$3399; E2 - \$3499 for basic itinerary. \$398 for the Rome Pre-Tour, \$598 Turkiye Post-Tour. Single staterooms are extremely limited and subject to confirmation.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with 3 columns: Payment, Amount, Due Date. Rows include Registration Deposit (\$250), 2nd Deposit (\$250), 3rd Deposit (\$1300), Final Payment (Full Payment), and Cabin Availability.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after December 5, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 12/05/24. Registrations received between 12/06/24 - 02/03/25 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 02/04/25 - 02/18/25 will incur a \$200 per person fee.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 241 days prior to departure, you will be charged a \$150 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated.

PASSPORT INFORMATION & CHECK IN PROCESS:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 12/04/24. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel.

PRICE INCREASES

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in cruise line, airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions.

PREGNANCY/INFANT REGULATIONS

As to pregnancy, a woman cannot have begun her 24th week of pregnancy at any time before or during the cruise. If you are pregnant, please provide a medical note upon arrival at the pier for check-in from your physician stating your expected due date and medical fitness to travel.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 08/27/25. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.