

FOOTSTEPS OF APOSTLE PAUL - FAITH-BASED TRAVEL

10 Day Tour from Athens to Athens



VACATION OVERVIEW

“For we walk by faith, not by sight,” wrote the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. On this religious tour of Greece and Turkey, you’ll stroll, skip, and sail by faith as you retrace the many missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul after he saw the light in Damascus. Both pilgrimage and picturesque journey, this land and cruise tour to mainland Greece, the Greek Isles, and Turkey leads you to many significant sites of the New Testament as well as some of the most magnificent sights of the Mediterranean. Scripture will take on new meaning as you visit the ancient communities where Paul established churches – and to whom he penned his epistles, including the Thessalonians, Philippians, Corinthians, and Ephesians. As you follow in the faithful footsteps of the Apostle Paul – with fantastic detours to Mykonos, Crete, and Santorini – you, too, will have much to write home about.

Four Ways Globus Eliminates the Hassles

VIP Access

Skip the lines and get special treatment at the must-see attractions.

Perfect Hotels

We've done the work to find just the right hotels in just the right locations.

Tour Directors

Take your heads out of the guidebook and let expert guides make every destination fascinating.

Transportation

Leave the navigating to us – and just sit back and enjoy the ride.

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DAY 1 ARRIVE IN ATHENS, GREECE

Welcome to Athens!

At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel.

 Dinner

DAY 2 ATHENS–METEORA–KALAMBAKA

The Miracles of Greece Depart Athens for a scenic drive to Kalambaka.

METEORA Visit two monasteries including the Holy Monastery of Varlaam. Enjoy a scenic drive en route to Kalambaka.

229mi /368km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

NATURAL WONDERS Visit the magnificent natural setting in Meteora where stratospheric rock formations surround the ancient monasteries perched on the clifftops. Here, gigantic rocky outcrops reach 600 meters high above the plains of Thessaly where you'll visit the stunning, red-roofed monasteries of Varlaam and St. Stephen.



Breakfast  Dinner

DAY 3 KALAMBAKA–VERIA–THESSALONIKA

Greek Tragedies & Grand Treasures VERIA Visit the Bema of Apostle Paul.

THESSALONIKA An orientation drive includes the White Tower and Aristotelous Square. Visit Ag. Dimitros Basilika.

145 mi / 234 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

HISTORIC SPOTS See Thessalonika's iconic 15th-century prison tower, standing 34-meters high. Hear the history of the Ottoman Empire and tragic ends of those who were imprisoned here. Pass Aristotelous Square, the Jewel of Thessalonika on the sea front.

 Breakfast  Dinner

DAY 4 THESSALONIKA–EXCURSION TO PHILIPPI & KAVALA

A Disciple's Destiny PHILIPPI Visit Lydia's Baptistery, the forum, ruins of the Basilicas, and the theatre.

KAVALA An orientation drive includes Neapolis of the Acts and St. Paul's mosaic. Free time for lunch before returning to Athens Thessalonika.

219mi/350km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ICONIC FOOTSTEPS Follow the path of St. Paul the Apostle where the disciple traveled in 49-50 CE to spread the Word of Christ. Visit the Greek Orthodox church and Baptistry of Saint Lydia, the first Greek and European woman baptized by the Apostle Paul. Visit the amazing ancient ruins of the Philippi's Roman Forum, the Basilicas, and Theater in the city that became the center of Christian faith following the visit of the Apostle Paul.

 Breakfast  Dinner

DAY 5 THESSALONIKA–THERMOPYLAE–ATHENS

Warriors & The Ancient World THERMOPYLAE Stop at the battle site.

ATHENS Free time this evening.

314 mi / 503 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

EPIC RIDE Travel through the coastal floodplain of the Spercheios river, surrounded by sloping forested limestone mountains and the thermal springs of Thermopylae. Greek Spartans, Thebans, and Thespians fought Persian invaders during the historic Battle of Thermopylae in this narrow coastal passage.

 Breakfast

DAY 6 ATHENS (EMBARKATION)–MYKONOS

Sun-Kissed Beauty

ATHENS Embark on your Mediterranean cruise through the Greek Islands and Turkey.

MYKONOS Free time this afternoon and evening.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

PICTURE PERFECT Explore the whitewashed paradise of Mykonos with its iconic windmills. Named after Apollo's grandson, Mykonos offers a wealth of treasures to discover in its cafes, shops, and picturesque lanes.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

DAY 7 CRUISING: KUSADASI, TURKEY–EXCURSION TO EPHESUS–PATMOS, GREECE

Divine Dwellings & Digs

KUSADASI Take a guided visit to the Ephesus Archaeological site in the city where St. Paul wrote many "Letters to the Corinthians." See the House of Mary, where the Blessed Mother spent her final days.

PATMOS Enjoy free time to explore the island.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

HISTORIC SPOT Explore one of the largest Roman archaeological sites in the eastern Mediterranean with a visit to Ephesus, Turkey. Excavations of this UNESCO World Heritage Site have revealed grand monuments of the Roman Imperial era, including the Library of Celsus and the Great Theatre. See the domed cruciform House of Mary, a revered Christian pilgrimage site in this once Roman port city and sea channel.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

DAY 8 CRUISING: HERAKLION, CRETE–SANTORINI

The Bronze Age on the Blue Aegean

HERAKLION Take a guided visit to the Minoan Palace of Knossos.

SANTORINI Visit the island (weather permitting). Free time this afternoon.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

LEGENDS & LORE Visit the extraordinary royal ruins of the Minoan Palace of Knossos, where Greek mythology tells the story of King Minos and a heroic prince who battled the mighty Minotaur for the hand of a princess in Heraklion.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

DAY 9 ATHENS (DISEMBARKATION)–CORINTH–ATHENS

A Metropolis of Mythic Proportions

ATHENS Disembark your cruise and take a scenic drive to the Corinth Canal with a photo stop.

CORINTH Enjoy a guided visit to the excavations, including Agora and St. Paul's Bema, where the Christian missionary faced the Forum's court.

ATHENS A guided sightseeing tour includes visits to the Areopagus and the Acropolis. Stop for a photo opportunity at the Panathenaic Stadium—site of the first Olympic Games. Enjoy free time before a farewell dinner at your hotel.

101 mi / 163 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

HISTORIC SPOT Athens conjures visions of Greek gods and goddesses, and robe-draped philosophers and politicians. You'll see the iconic sites of the Acropolis in the ancient city where mythology, philosophy, and Christianity flourished in the "birthplace of civilization." Stop at the all-marble Panathenaic Stadium where the first modern Olympic Games took place. The Olympic flame is passed to the current host nations to begin the modern games still today.

 Breakfast  Dinner

DAY 10 ATHENS

Safe travels until we meet again!

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

VACATION HIGHLIGHTS

Inclusions:

We've packed everything you need for the perfect vacation—from hand-selected hotels and dining to the friendly expertise of Globus Tour Directors and Local Guides (with headsets to hear every word), to seamless transportation between destinations and VIP access to the world's most iconic sites! Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach with free Wi-Fi.

While there are some shore excursions that are faith-related, the cruise itself is not faith-based.

CRUISE DETAILS

Rotation of ports of call may vary for congestion reasons at certain ports with or without prior notice.

Inside cabin (category IB) - All cabins with two lower beds and private shower and toilet. Cabin upgrades are available at a supplement.

Full entertainment program on board.

Included drink package: selection of non-alcoholic & alcoholic drinks.

Globus Host service throughout the cruise

NOTES

Please ask your Travel Consultant for cruise ship details. The ship scheduled to depart for the cruise portion of your vacation is the Celestyal Olympia, operated by Celestyal Cruises.

HOTELS

Athens



ZAFOLIA

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Attractive 7-story Hotel situated near museums, 1 km from Larisis train station & 35 km from El. Venizelos Airport.

Kalambaka



AMALIA KALAMBAKA

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Amalia Hotel is a beautiful setting just minutes away from the town of Kalambaka. The hotel is embedded on 14 acres of greenery and has been built with traditional materials to match its surroundings.

Thessalonika



GRAND HOTEL PALACE

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Located just 1.6 miles from the center of Thessalonika and not far from the well-known Aristotelous Square, this 253-room property is housed in an impressive neoclassical-inspired building. All guestrooms are air-conditioned and soundproofed with free Wi-Fi, coffee/tea making facilities, organic linens, and luxury bathrobes and slippers. Other amenities include a well equipped fitness center and a heated indoor swimming pool with SPA facilities. The gourmet restaurant offers both Mediterranean and International dishes and there is a luxurious lounge bar serving an array of cocktails, drinks, and delicious snacks.

No Excursions are available at this time.

DATES AND PRICES

Find the vacation dates that work for you, click "Reserve Now" for a vacation quote. You'll be able to select the number of people traveling, add Travel Protection, and also get an air-inclusive vacation price. You'll find we offer competitive and hassle-free air-inclusive vacations where you receive free airport transfers and flights coordinated with vacation dates.

The price listed does not include your airfare, taxes or fees. Once you click "Reserve Now", you will be able to receive an air quote and a final vacation quote.

Departure Details	Tour Start Date	Return Date	Land/Cruise Price Only
Celestyal Discovery	3/31/2024	4/9/2024	\$3,150
Celestyal Discovery	4/14/2024	4/23/2024	\$3,290
Celestyal Discovery	4/28/2024	5/7/2024	\$3,420
Popular Departure	5/12/2024	5/21/2024	\$3,450
Celestyal Discovery			
Popular Departure	5/26/2024	6/4/2024	\$3,450
Celestyal Discovery			
Popular Departure	6/9/2024	6/18/2024	\$3,450
Celestyal Discovery			
Popular Departure	6/23/2024	7/2/2024	\$3,450
Celestyal Discovery			
Celestyal Discovery	7/7/2024	7/16/2024	\$3,410
Popular Departure	7/21/2024	7/30/2024	\$3,410
Celestyal Discovery			
Celestyal Discovery	8/4/2024	8/13/2024	\$3,410
Celestyal Discovery	8/18/2024	8/27/2024	\$3,450
Popular Departure	9/1/2024	9/10/2024	\$3,520
Celestyal Discovery			
Popular Departure	9/15/2024	9/24/2024	\$3,450
Celestyal Discovery			
Popular Departure	9/29/2024	10/8/2024	\$3,350
Celestyal Discovery			

Popular Departure - due to itinerary and time of year, this departure historically sells out quickly. Early booking is encouraged.

Port Taxes \$119 & Gratuities \$30 to service personnel on board the ship are additional and mandatory. These fees will be added to your Vacation Estimate. Gratuities for Cruise Host are included in the Globus price.

Travel Terms & Conditions

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Important Notes

- Vacation departures, itineraries and prices are subject to change.
- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required for Partner of Favor travel tours & tickets, to reserve space for you. View Terms & Conditions (/Terms/) for limited exceptions.
- The following charges are not included in the land vacation price unless otherwise noted: airfare to and from the start of your vacation; Intra-vacation air unless specified in the itinerary; airline baggage fees including checked and/or excess baggage fees; Federal

inspection fees for the Federal U.S. Customs and Immigrations; International Air Transportation tax; agricultural tax; other per person taxes imposed by government entities; airport taxes and fees including the September 11th Security fee up to \$11.20 per person, passenger facility charges up to \$18 per person, Federal domestic flight segment fees up to \$4.00 per segment, and U.S. and International arrival and departure and other government-imposed added by the airline and applicable at time of booking; port taxes; passports; visas (except on Cuba programs) and vaccinations; tips to your Tour or Cruise Director, Globus Group Leader in Cuba, Local Host, driver, Local Guides, and/or ship's crew; gratuities on ferries, trains, and cruise ships; laundry; telephone; minibar; alcohol, beverages, and food outside of the contracted Partner of Favor travel tours & tickets, menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant or onboard your vessel (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, ship, or restaurant); airport transfers on non-qualifying flights; optional excursions; additional activities and excursions purchased online; portage at airports and train stations; Travel Protection; and all other items of a personal nature.

Booking your Vacation with Air

For air departure dates within 331 days, you'll be offered a choice of carriers and flight schedules as well as price points to choose from when selecting your flights. Your schedule will be provided to you at the time of booking (schedules are subject to change by carriers). Partner of Favor travel tours & tickets, offers 2 air options: Flex Air and Instant Purchase Air. Flex Air allows flexibility if you want to make changes to your vacation schedule. Instant Purchase Air may offer additional airline options but has more restrictions. Some vacations may only offer one Air type option. Guaranteed air-inclusive prices: air is only available to passengers traveling from the United States and only available when booked in conjunction with a land vacation. An additional \$300 per person non-refundable air deposit is required for Flex Air booked in conjunction with any land vacation (i.e. air-inclusive vacation). Air can only be booked by Globus in conjunction with a vacation package. Instant Purchase Air requires air payment in full at time of booking (i.e. air-inclusive vacation) plus non-refundable per person service fee (\$30 for North/Central America, \$50 for Europe/Middle East and \$80 for all other destinations. Once booked, Instant Purchase Air is non-refundable, and non-changeable. However, once your airfare is confirmed and Globus has received your full air and land deposit, your air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed.

Air-Inclusive Vacations — Applicable Taxes & Fees

Air-inclusive vacations include government-imposed taxes and fees applicable at the time of booking and will be shown as a Total Amount. Additional airline fees for baggage may apply. At the time of booking your air-inclusive vacation online, carrier Websites will be provided to check baggage fees, or you can visit www.iflybags.com for up-to-date baggage pricing/restrictions. For return travel from some countries, international travelers are required to pay entry and/or exit fees at the airport. These fees will be collected by the local government and are payable by the traveler at time of travel. Your confirmation booking information will contain information about these fees.
