# Please Join Father Critch... Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

with Optional 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension

**October 15 – 25, 2024** 

Book Now & Save \$150 Per Person



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11 Days • 19 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 7 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Athens, *Taverna* Dinner Show, Corinth, The Acropolis, Mars Hill, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens
Days 4 – 6	Celestyal Olympia, Athens
Day 7	Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka
Days 8, 9	Capsis Hotel Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki
Day 10	Holiday Inn Athens Attica, Athens
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### Day 1: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Overnight Flight

Paul the Apostle, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countrysides of Greece and Turkey.

## Day 2: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Athens, Greece's lively capital. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Celebrate the beginning of a marvellous trip with Mass and a feast, including local cuisine and fine wine in a traditional *taverna* while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (D)

#### Day 3: Thursday, October 17, 2024 Athens - Corinth - Athens

This morning, travel to Corinth where Paul lived and preached for two years and also wrote 2 epistles. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Back in Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech – and visit the incomparable Acropolis. The evening is yours to explore Greece's vibrant capital city. (*B*)

#### Day 4: Friday, October 18, 2024 Athens - Piraeus\* (Embarkation) - Mykonos

Celebrate Mass this morning in Athens before you embark on a 3night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. The island of Mykonos is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings, and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, following the mazes of narrow streets full of bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (*B*, *L*, *D*)

## Day 5: Saturday, October 19, 2024 Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece

Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an excursion to the ruins of Ephesus (UNESCO), where Paul the Apostle lived 3 years during his ministry. You'll also visit the Agora, the great theatre, and the stadium where chariot races and gladiatorial combats took place. Legend claims that Paul fought here against wild beasts. Visit the House of Mary, where the Virgin Mother spent her last days. Continue your cruise to Patmos. Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (*B*, *L*, *D*)

**Day 6: Sunday, October 20, 2024 Heraklion (Crete)\*\* - Santorini** Enjoy an excursion to the incredible open-air museum of the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Then, during free time in Crete's largest city, enjoy a variety of museums, shopping, or visit a nearby winery to sample traditional Greek wine. Later, arrive on the fabled island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this lovely port or purchase a ship excursion from the cruise line. Today, Mass will be celebrated while at sea, time to be determined. (*B*, *L*, *D*)

#### Day 7: Monday, October 21, 2024 Piraeus\* - Disembark Cruise Ship - Kalambaka

After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Pause at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defence by Leonidas against the Persian army. This afternoon, visit an icon-painting workshop and discover the ancient traditions behind the sacred images used in Orthodox Byzantine devotional tradition. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

## Day 8: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 Kalambaka - Meteora - Thessaloniki

This morning, celebrate Mass at your hotel before you depart to marvel at the hanging monasteries of Meteora (UNESCO). These



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### For bookings made after Apr 16, 2024 call for rates.

Included in Price: Port Charges, Round Trip Air from St Johns Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$180 per person (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$649 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from YYT

dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with 6 historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks, and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries\*\*\* which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early centre for Christianity. Paul visited and preached here during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote 2 epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. (*B*, *D*)

## Day 9: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki

Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (*B*)

**Day 10: Thursday, October 24, 2024 Thessaloniki - Athens** Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley and the plains of Central Greece to Athens, arriving in the late afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of your spiritual journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel located close to the airport. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Friday, October 25, 2024 Athens - Tour Ends

Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)

#### PLEASE NOTE:

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Please be advised transit visas may be required if connecting through a country on route to your final destination.

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When travelling outside Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more details.

#### TRAVEL CONDITIONS

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

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For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1106728 Your cruise ship provides a "blanket visa" when visiting Ephesus, Turkey. There is no need for you to buy a Turkish visa as long as you travel with the group to/from Ephesus.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Port taxes, service charges and fees of approximately \$195 CAD (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of booking, per person is not included in the land-only tour cost. Single cabins, if confirmed, are higher.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Optional shore excursions are available for purchase directly from the ship upon embarkation.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are limited and will be confirmed upon request and availability from the cruise line.

Order of ports may be changed by the cruise line.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*Port of embarkation/disembarkation can be either Piraeus or Lavrion. Please check your final travel documents for the correct listing.

\*\*For sailings during the month of March, Crete may not be available as a port of call. Instead, more time is spent in Patmos and/or Santorini.

\*\*\*In order to enter the monasteries in Meteora, all guests must have their shoulders covered. Women are highly encouraged to wear skirts or dresses that cover the knees, however, if you choose to wear pants, you will be given a scarf to tie around your waist. Men must wear long trousers.

Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available at the time of booking, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply.

Celestyal Cruise Lines cabin categories are based on the following: Outside cabin XA (deck 2 or 3), XB (deck 3 or 4) and XC (deck 5 or 6). Cabin availability is first come first serve, please enquire at time of booking.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 30-40 uneven steps and walking over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings. Accessing the Monasteries in Meteora requires climbing approximately 200 steps. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect longer days with early mornings starting from 7:00-7:30am and some late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.



Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges.

Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required at an additional cost to you.

On Mykonos Island, round trip transfers by bus to/from the ship to/from Mykonos Town are included in the land price of the program.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more travelling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of April 09, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 17, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until April 16, 2024.

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4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

#### Day 11: Athens - Rome, Italy - Extension Begins

Early this morning,\* travel from Athens on an inspirational journey to Rome and experience fascinating religious sites connected to the life of Paul the Apostle, recalling both his first and second visits to the city. Pause for a moment of reflection in the Abbey of Tre Fontane (Three Fountains), built on the believed site of Paul's martyrdom. At the nearby Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, take time to meditate on the Apostle's tomb. Then, visit the Mamertine Prison, where Paul was arrested, bound in chains and executed. After settling into your hotel in the late afternoon, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. *Today dinner will be included*.

#### Day 12: Rome

The day is yours to explore more of the Eternal City. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to the Vatican Museums\*\* and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of *The Last Judgment*. This optional tour concludes with a visit of St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest religious buildings in the world; pause for a moment of reflection by the *Confessio*, the sunken area directly in front of the tomb of the Apostle and which is dedicated to the Confession of faith by Peter that lead to his martyrdom. Take time to reflect before an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. *Today breakfast will be included*.

#### Day 13: Rome

Begin your day exploring one of Rome's sixty Catacombs. It was in these underground tunnels that early Christians hid and buried their dead. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the Eternal City. Consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. Perhaps you'll venture back to the Vatican to join into the Papal Blessing traditionally held on Sundays.\*\*\* *Today breakfast will be included*.

#### Day 14: Rome - Depart for Home

Your extension comes to a close today. Say arrivederci to Rome as you head to the airport for your flight home. Today breakfast will be included.

#### Please Note:

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

Fully-guided extensions are perfect for travellers who want the complete experience of a new destination and local experiences. Travellers will have a dedicated guide throughout this entire extension.

\*\*Depending on the day of the week on which you travel, you may be in Rome on Sunday, allowing you to attend the Papal Blessing in St. Peter's Square. The Papal Blessing is, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule. No reservation is required.

\*\*\*The optional tour to the Vatican Museums may operate on a different day on select departures due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays. Dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

\*Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive in Rome no later than 10:30 a.m. The flight between Athens and Rome is not included in the land price of your extension.

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