



Footsteps of  
**Saint Paul**  
Pilgrimage

EPHESUS • CORINTH • PHILIPPI • THESSALONIKI • PLUS THE ISLAND OF PATMOS

**OCTOBER 8 – 18, 2025**

Escorted by  
Father Daniel Mahan





November 15, 2024

Dear Friend:

With great pleasure I invite you to join me in making a pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey. Sailing on the Aegean and walking in the footsteps of Saint Paul is a tremendous blessing.

Over the course of our pilgrimage we travel together with a local, English-speaking guide, visiting:

- Athens,
- Ephesus,
- The island of Patmos,
- Thessaloniki,
- Philippi, and
- Many other Biblical sites and sites important in the history of Western civilization

At each site we will read the scriptures and pray. We will have the privilege of Mass each day along the way. As we make this pilgrimage in the Jubilee Year 2025 we will pray that the message of St. Paul will bring many more souls to the Lord Jesus.

Please note that as of the date of this letter, neither Greece, Turkey, nor the United States of America have any admission requirements that involve proof of COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test.

This brochure spells out the details of this pilgrimage. Will you consider joining us?

May God bless you abundantly!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Daniel J. Mahan

P.S. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the trip:  
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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1

#### OCTOBER 8: DEPARTURE

Our group of pilgrims departs from Indianapolis on our overnight flight to Athens. Dinner and breakfast on board.

### DAY 2

#### OCTOBER 9: ATHENS

Upon arrival in Athens, we are met by our guide and bus driver. Transfer to our hotel with the rest of the day at leisure. Holy Mass, dinner and overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 3

#### OCTOBER 10: THREE-DAY CRUISE

This morning we will board the ship and sail to the world-famous island of **Mykonos**. The town is a small architectural miracle, with its gleaming white-washed buildings and windmills, and one of the most cosmopolitan places in the world. Holy Mass and overnight on board, all meals included.

### DAY 4

#### OCTOBER 11: KUSADASI / PATMOS

In the morning we will arrive in **Kusadasi**, Turkey, and will travel to **Ephesus**, where Paul spent three years during his ministry. The impressive remains of Ephesus include the **Agora**, the **Theater**, the **Stadium**, the **Library of Celsius**, the ruins of the **Temple of Diana** (one of the “Seven Wonders of the Ancient World”) and many more. Later, we will sail for the island of **Patmos**, where we will visit the **Monastery of St. John**, on one of the island’s highest points. From there, we will walk down to the **Grotto of the Apocalypse**, the site of the apocalyptic Revelations of St. John the Divine. Holy Mass in Ephesus. Overnight on board, all meals included.

### DAY 5

#### OCTOBER 12: HERAKLION / SANTORINI

In the morning we arrive at Heraklion, Crete, where we will visit the Minoan Palace of **Knossos**, home to king Minos and his legendary beast, the Minotaur. In the **Archaeological Museum** of Heraklion we will find the unbelievable works of art (pieces of sculpture and pottery, jewelry, arms, frescoes), that have been found in a number of Minoan sites all over Crete. Then, we sail north to the isle of **Santorini**, the most breathtaking of all the Greek islands. The exquisite, whitewashed villages, including the town of **Fira**, or Thira, cling to volcanic cliffs, accessible by cable-car, or mule. Holy Mass and overnight on board, all meals included.

### DAY 6

#### OCTOBER 13: METEORA

We arrive in **Piraeus**, Athens, early in the morning and, after breakfast, we disembark and begin our trip to scenic **Delphi**, one of the most beautiful places on the face of the earth, which in antiquity was believed to be the “navel” (omphalos) of the world. Walk on the Sacred Way to see the Athenian Treasury, the Temple of Apollo, where the oracle delivered her ambiguous prophecies and the Theater. Also, visit the Museum with its splendid collection of ancient works of art, including the Sphinx of the Naxians, the Silver Bull, the Column of the Dancers, the “Omphalos” and the pride of the museum, the 5th c. B.C. bronze “Charioteer”. Continue to **Kalambaka** which has particularly impressive scenery! Holy Mass, dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

### DAY 7

#### OCTOBER 14: METEORA / THESSALONIKI

This morning, we visit the **Meteora Monasteries**. Perched upon the summits of gigantic rocks, which have been etched into variety of strange shapes. Grey gigantic stalagmites rising towards the sky, they seem to be nature’s gift to the pious who opted for monasticism and for a life totally dedicated to the worship of God. The monastic history of the Meteora goes back to the 11th century A.D. when the first hermits sought peace and solitude in the rifts and caves of these rocks, but the first monasteries were not built until the 14th century A.D. attaining their peak in the 16th. Of the 13 large and 20 small monasteries and hermit’s cells, only four are not occupied: Megalo Meteora, Monie Varlaam, Monia Aghias Triadas and Moni Aghiou Stefanou. Apart from portable icons, miniatures, ecclesiastical robes, utensils, and crosses, all of them excellent examples of Byzantine art, the Meteora Monasteries also contain rare editions and manuscripts. Continue to **Thessaloniki**. Holy Mass, dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

### DAY 8

#### OCTOBER 15: KAVALLA / PHILIPPI

*“Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace and the following day to Neapolis “ (Act 16:11)*

We visit the beautiful city of **Kavala (ancient Neapolis)**, and from there on to **Philippi** which was a Roman garrison town and the chief city in the province of Macedonia. It was here that Paul won his first European convert, a woman named Lydia, the market place (where

Paul and Silas were brought before the rulers), the cistern which tradition identifies as the place where St. Paul were imprisoned. Holy Mass in Philippi. Next, we visit the Panagia Eikosifinitisa Monastery. We return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 9

#### OCTOBER 16: THESSALONIKI / VERIA / VERGINA / ATHENS

*“Paul came to Thessaloniki with Silas and following his usual custom, he went to the Synagogue where he used the Jewish scriptures as the source for his preaching.” (Act 17:2-4)*

We become acquainted with the great city of **Veria (Beroea)**, the “Queen of the North”, where Paul wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Built by King Cassandros and named after the sister of Alexander the Great, the city flourished under the Byzantine Empire and its most important buildings date from those days. Today it is considered the second capital of Greece, the Queen of the north. Holy Mass in Veria. Our city tour takes us to **Hagia Sofia Church**. Hagia Sofia is a beautiful Christian church which was built in the 8th century, modeled on the magnificent church of Hagia Sofia in Istanbul. Then see **St. Demetrios Church** with its valuable mosaics and frescoes. The crypt of Aghios Demetrios has been an archaeological site since its discovery in 1918. Visit the Byzantine Museum. The site where the monastery of **Vlatadon** was built is believed to be the location of the house of the mythological Jason and where St. Paul was accommodated during his visit to Thessaloniki. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

*“The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Beroea; and when they arrived, they went into the Jewish synagogue.” (Acts 17:10-14)*

We continue to Veria (Beroea) where we visit the monument dedicated to Paul; we see the Bema where he stood and preached to the people of Veria. Then to Vergina where Philip of Macedon built a massive palace and a theater. The site also features hundreds of burial mounds, some dating from the Iron Age, across the plain. The tomb of Philip was found here undisturbed in 1977, full of treasures that are now on display in Thessaloniki’s Archaeological Museum. Continue to Athens for dinner and overnight.

*“And from thence to Philippi which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony; and we were in that city abiding certain days.” (Act 16:12)*

### DAY 10

#### OCTOBER 17: ANCIENT CORINTH & ATHENS

*“Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription ‘to an unknown God’. What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you...”*

Today we explore **Athens**, one of the most glorious cities in the world and the cradle of western civilization as we know it today. For twenty-five centuries, the panorama of this city has been dominated by the rock of the Acropolis; we see the ruins of the **Parthenon**, the Erechtheum and the Propylaea. We will ascend Mars Hill where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians about the one and only God. From here we have an excellent view of the ancient agora; former center of the Athenian public life. Afterwards we board our coach for **Corinth**, taking the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea. Short stop for pictures and continue to the site of ancient Corinth, Paul’s beloved city and site of his most extensive ministry. Dominated by the Acro-Corinth rising 1700 feet above the ruins, the marketplace is laid out exactly as it stood in the days of the great Apostle. We see the bema (the judgment seat) where Paul stood before Galilo and preached (*Acts 18*).

*“Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man shall attack you to harm you; for I have many people in this city.” (Acts 18:9)*

We will visit the Archaeological Museum of Ancient Corinth and see its superb collection of artifacts portraying life in ancient Corinth. Holy Mass in Corinth. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 11

#### OCTOBER 18: ATHENS / DEPARTURE

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, the end of a marvelous journey.



## ITINERARY

**\$5495 per person, double occupancy.**

Includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Indianapolis.
- Housing in four-star hotels.
- All meals are included in the three-day cruise. Breakfast and dinner are included other days, along with transfers on arrival and departure, transportation every day by a private, modern motor coach, sightseeing with local, licensed, English-speaking guide and admissions, and air taxes.
- “Whisper” headsets for audio guiding.
- All tips and gratuities for coach driver, guide, baggage handling.

Itinerary may vary depending upon local conditions. Please add \$825 if you are rooming alone. Note that only a limited number of private rooms are available.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

### DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS

Please complete the registration form and mail it with your deposit of \$500 per person to secure a reservation. A second payment (\$2500) is due January 30, 2025. Final payment (\$2495) is due June 30, 2025. Make checks payable to Kairos Travel.

### CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

In the event of cancellation, which must be in writing to Kairos Travel, the following per person charges will apply:

On or before March 1, 2025 ..... no fee, full refund  
Between March 2 & June 1, 2025 ..... \$750 charged  
Between June 2 & August 1, 2025 ..... \$2500 charged  
After August 2, 2025 ..... no refunds

Payments for single rooms, upgraded cabins and airline seats, are due upon request. There is no refund for these upgrades.

Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon our suppliers. Once the tour begins, no refunds will be made for any unused services/features, missed meals, or voluntary modifications. No refunds will be made in the event of no-show or cancellations.

### TOUR COST

All quoted prices are based upon airfare, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of publication and are subject to change at any time. Should the number of 20 tour members not be reached by March 1, 2025, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

### ROOMS

Prices are based upon housing in 4 star hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities.

### BAGGAGE

Passengers are allowed to bring one checked bag per person, which may have a maximum weight of 40 pounds each. One carry-on bag is also allowed, provided it fits in the overhead bin of the plane. A personal item such as a purse or small backpack may also be brought onto the plane, provided it fits under the seat in front of you.

### NOT INCLUDED

Items not included in the program include tips not mentioned in this brochure, lunches, beverages, food not on regular menu, passport/visa fee, additional baggage, laundry, optional sightseeing tours and other items of a private nature.

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A valid passport is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not require visas. You are responsible for your own passport and visa. If you already have a passport, it must be valid at least six months after you return home (until April 19, 2026)

### DISCLAIMERS

The tour operator will not be held responsible or liable for loss, damage or theft of luggage or personal belongings or for personal injury, accidents or illness while on the pilgrimage. The purchase of private travel insurance is recommended.

### SUBSTITUTIONS

The right is reserved to substitute the carrier, aircraft, hotels, itinerary or other accommodations without notice.

### RESPONSIBILITY

Father Daniel Mahan and Kairos Travel (the company) are conducting this pilgrimage for the spiritual benefit of those participating. The suppliers providing transportation and sight-seeing arrangements and hotel accommodations are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of Fr. Mahan or the company. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by suppliers. By utilizing the services of the suppliers, you agree that Fr. Mahan and the company will not be liable for any accident, loss, injury, or damage to you or to those traveling with you in connection with any accommodations, transportation, or any other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences beyond its control, including defects in vehicle, breakdown in equipment, thefts, delays or cancellation of or changes in itinerary for any act, omission, or event during the time you are on board the aircraft. Neither Fr. Mahan, the company, nor the airlines concerned are to be held responsible for the late arrival of passengers at the airports, ports, or hotels due to inclement weather, nor are they to be held liable for payment or any refund for unused hotel or cruise accommodations or meals occasioned by such late arrivals at the hotels and ship holding rooms as confirmed itineraries. Fr. Mahan and the company reserve the right to modify the sequence of the itinerary should the need arise. In such a case you will be so advised prior to departure. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.