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Your Pilgrimage Includes: Round-trip airfare

- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 9 nights accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or
- 2 nights, Oct 4-6: The Met Hotel, Thessaloniki, Greece 1 night, Oct 6-7: Amalia Hotel Kalambaka, Kalambaka, Greece
- ~ 1 night, Oct 7-8: Amalia Hotel Delphi, Delphi, Greece
- ~ 2 nights, Oct 8-10: Athens Marriott Hotel, Athens, Greece
- ~ 3 nights, Oct 10-13: Celestyal Discovery Cruise Ship, Athens, Greece (outside cabin with picture window)
- Whisper headsets
- Transfers as per itinerary

- All meals on cruise (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
 - Breakfast and dinner daily, Wine with dinners
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach Assistance of local guide throughout
- Sightseeing and admission fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & spiritual activities Luggage handling

- Port taxes and fees, All tips included while on cruise Shore excursions while on ship include: Mykonos (Walking tour), Kusadasi (Ephesus & the house of the Virgin Mary), Patmos (Monastery of St. John & Grotto of Apocalypse), Crete (Palace of Knossos), Santorini and Thira & Oia Village
- Flight bag & PDF confirmation of all travel documents

Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Fri, Oct 3: Depart for Greece

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Onboard, meals will be served to you.

Day 2, Sat, Oct 4: Arrive in Thessaloniki

Upon landing at Makedonia Thessaloniki Airport, you will be greeted by your tour guide and/-or driver. Board the bus to transfer to your hotel. Enjoy some time to relax after check-in. After a delicious meal, overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 3, Sun Oct 5: Philippi - Kavala - ThessalonikiAfter breakfast, start your journey in Greece with the first stop of the day in Philippi. Visit the Roman Forum, where Saint Paul cast a spirit out of a fortune-telling woman. View the prison (now in ruins) where Saint Paul and Silas were thrown into by the owners of the fortune-tellers. Continue to the modern port city of Kavala, which was once the ancient Neapolis. We will see the Roman Aqueduct and the ruins of the Acropolis in this beautifully located city, known since the 5th century as Kavala. After enjoying this city by the sea, return to Thessaloniki for a delicious meal and restful overnight.

Day 4, Mon, Oct 6: Thessaloniki City Tour - Veria - Kalambaka Start your day with breakfast at the hotel. While in Thessaloniki, you will witness several ancient artifacts, such as the triumphal Arch of Galerius found at the start of Via Egnatia. We also see St. Demetrios Church with its valuable mosaics and frescoes and from here we walk to view the Roman Agora, a place St Paul was preaching. Then drive to the upper town which offers a marvelous view of the city. We drive through the modern church of St Paul and reach the site where the Monastery of Vlatadon was built and is believed to be the location where Jason's house once stood and where St. Paul was accommodated during his visit to Thessaloniki. Following the city-tour we drive to VERIA (Berea). We continue to Kalambaka. This evening, you will have a wonderful meal and a relaxing overnight in Kalambaka.

Day 5, Tue, Oct 7: Meteora - Delphi

After breakfast, board the motorcoach for a short drive to the Meteora Monasteries. Continue to Delphi for dinner and overnight.

Day 6, Wed, Oct 8: Delphi - Athens

Today, visit the center of the ancient world (navel) of the earth, Delphi. We visit the religious center of the ancient Greeks, of the socalled "Gentiles." In the museum, among other impressive artifacts, we see the "Gallio inscription" which is a precise chronological anchor for the Book of Acts, which places Apostle Paul in Corinth in 51 AD and helps to determine a timeline for Paul and his travels. Visit the site and the museum and continue to Athens. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Athens.

Day 7, Thu, Oct 9: Athens - Excursion to Corinth

After breakfast at the hotel, start with a tour of the oldest city in the world, Athens! Visit the rock that has dominated the panorama of Athens for twenty-five centuries, the Acropolis. At the Acropolis, you will see the ruins of the Parthenon, Erectheum, and Propylene. After, you will ascend Mars Hill of where Saint Paul spoke to the Athenians about the one and only God (Acts 17:22). While in this city, view the ancient Agora, the former public center of Athenian life. It held the focus of a political, commercial, social, religious, and cultural center. As you are in the former political center, proceed with a drive through the city to view the House of Parliament on Syntagma Square. Also, view the University of Athens, the oldest higher education institute in Greece and, the National Library of Greece that holds 4,500 Greek manuscripts. Visit Panathenaic Stadium, the beautifully marbled multi-purpose stadium. It is home to the Olympian Zeus and the site of the first modern-era Olympics (1896). Following your visit to Athens, you will proceed to ancient Corinth. Under the shadow of the towering Acropolis, Saint Paul lived in Corinth for two years. In Corinth, have the opportunity to view the remains of the first century shops, the site of the Saint Paul's trial by Gallio, the Fountain of Peirene, and the Temple of Apollo. Following your visit to Corinth, return to Athens for a delicious meal and overnight.

Day 8, Fri, Oct 10 : Athens - Start 3-day Cruise (Celestyal Cruises) to Mykonos

Following breakfast, proceed to the Piraeus port, where you will board your 3-day cruise. Your first stop will be the Island of Mykonos, the most cosmopolitan of the Greek islands that attract visitors from all over the world. After docking, transfer to Hora, the capital of the island. Enjoy a walking tour that will take you on the narrow cobbled streets of the city. Return to the cruise ship for dinner and overnight.

Day 9, Sat, Oct 11: Kusadasi - Ephesus (Mary's House) - Patmos Enjoy breakfast on board in the lively Turkish port of Kusadasi. We then transfer to the small village of Mt. Koressos. Visit the stone chapel situated upon the site, where the Virgin Mary spent her last days following the crucifixion of Christ. Following this visit, walk through the Magnesian Gate to the ancient Ephesus. Enjoy a walking tour that will take you through the most magnificent excavations in the world. Some of the sites include the Odeon (concert hall), the Fountain of Trajan, the Scholastica, the Temple of Hadrian and the Latrians, the Library of Celsus. The last stop on the walking tour is the Great Theatre. The largest ancient theatre with a capacity of 25,000 people and is a site where Saint Paul preached. Follow the exact route that Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession via the Arcadian Way. This main street runs from the Great Theatre to the city harbor. Upon arrival in Kusadasi, enjoy free time to explore on your own before returning to the ship. The cruise journey continues to Patmos, where you will transfer to the village of Chora. While in this capital, visit the monastery of Saint John the Theologian. This marvelous structure, built nine-hundred years ago, continues to be supported by the walls of a strong fortification. Visit the small museum, where you will view priceless ecclesiastical treasures such as books, manuscripts, mosaics, icons, textiles, vestments, and jewelry. Board the bus and transfer to the monastery. Visit the Grotto of the Apocalypse believed to mark the spot where John of Patmos received his visions that he recorded in the Book of Revelation. View the three-fold crack made by the voice of God, who emphasized the importance of honoring the Holy Trinity. Your day will culminate with a transfer to the port of Scala. While in this quaint and picturesque harbor, enjoy free time before returning to the ship.

Day 10, Sun, Oct 12: Heraklion - Santorini

This morning awaken and transfer to the largest city on the island of Crete, Heraklion. While in this administrative capital, visit the in 1899 discovered ancient ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Following this historical visit, embark by ship to the idyllic island of Santorini. Santorini is definitively the most breathtaking island of all the Greek Islands. Upon arrival in Santorini, visit Thira with its iconic white- washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes, and glittering boutiques that cling to cliffs. This evening enjoy your last dinner and overnight on the cruise

Day 11, Mon, Oct 13: Return Home

Today marks the end of your cruise. Following disembarkation, you will say your heartfelt farewells to a journey that will last in your memory forever. Transfer to the Athens airport for your return flight(s) home (Flight departure times no earlier than 12 PM)

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