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Day 1

Depart on an overnight overseas International flight, with dinner and breakfast on board.

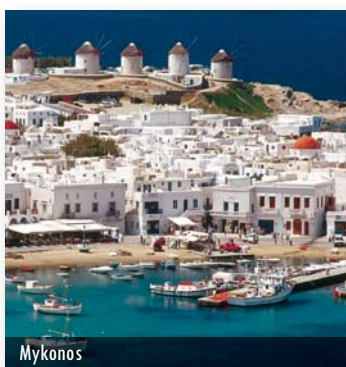
Day 2

Arrive **Athens** - Check in at hotel, and then depart for the guided tour of Athens. This tour includes an overview of the modern city and the striking contrast with the remains of its glorious past. Drive by the Tomb of Unknown Soldier in front of the Parliament House on the Constitution Square (Syntagma), the Panathenian Stadium (site of the first modern Olympic games in 1896) and the Presidential Palace. Drive along the Panepistimiou Avenue and view the Catholic Cathedral, the Academy, University, National Library and Omonia Square. See the Temple of Olympian Zeus and then proceed to the Acropolis with its many monuments atop its rocky base: visit the Parthenon, the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion with its Porch of Maidens. Welcome Dinner at the Plaka. Accommodation.



Day 3

Athens, Piraeus, Mykonos - Breakfast at the hotel. Morning transfer to Piraeus. Distribution of the cabins by the Chief-Purser. The departure of the ship will be at 11:00 a.m. Lunch on board. The first visit will be the port of Mykonos, with an arrival scheduled for 06:00 p.m. Time at leisure in this little Island. Time to walk along the pier, to see the tiny little houses and the windmills, a trademark of this island. Optional shuttle service to the village. Dinner on board. The ship will depart for Turkey at 11.00 p.m.



Day 4

On Cruise - Kusadasi with Ephesus - Patmos - The arrival Kusadasi (Turkey) will be at 07:00 a.m. Please be ready to disembark and board

immediately your private bus. Immediate departure toward the hills behind Ephesus to visit the House of Mary. A Mass can be arranged if there is a Priest accompanying the group. Return to Ephesus for the guided visit of the ruins of the ancient city. Special attention will be given to the site where tradition indicates that St. Paul preached to the crowds. Return to the ship. Departure at 12:00 noon. Lunch on board. Short journey to Patmos, with an arrival at 04:00 p.m. The shore excursion, included in the arrangements, will take you to the Monastery of St. John, a fortress, where you will be confronted with one of the most important collection of religious objects and documents in Greece. Just the drive along the rugged mountains, with green trees and white little houses, is worth the trip. After a short drive with your motorcoach, you will arrive at the Apocalypse Grotto. The grotto can only be reached by walking; consequently you must wear proper shoes. In this grotto the Book of Revelations was written. Return to the ship in the late afternoon. Dinner on board. The departure is expected to be at 09:00 p.m.

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On Cruise - Rhodes - Morning arrival in Rhodes at 07:00 a.m. This Island has no link to the life of Saint Paul, but it is beautiful and it will allow a day of shopping and personal venturing. An optional guided tour of the Island is available. The upper fortress has maintained its medieval look. It has been for centuries a stronghold against the invading Turks and their Muslim religion. Included will be as well a visit



to the Island of Lindos, to see the ruins of the ancient acropolis, fortified during the 15th Century. From the top of the temple, dedicated to Athena, you can even see the Turkish coast. The ship will depart at 06:00 p.m. Dinner and accommodation on board.

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On Cruise - Heraklion - Santorini - Morning arrival in Heraklion at 07:00 a.m. Included in the arrangements you have the guided visit of the Palace of Knossos. Built by the Minoan civilization, this palace was

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Rome - Breakfast at your hotel. Morning free for Mass. Attend to the Angelus in St. Peter's Square (Sundays only). Time free for lunch, not included. The program of this

afternoon's guided tour will take you along the Capitol Hill, the Mamertine Prison where St. Paul was imprisoned prior his execution, the Roman Forum, the outside of the Colosseum, the Circus Maximus and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Return to your hotel. Around 08:00 p.m., depart with your local Hostess to a typical restaurant for your Farewell Dinner. Transfer return to your hotel. Accommodation.

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End of the Cruise at Piraeus - Corinth - Athens

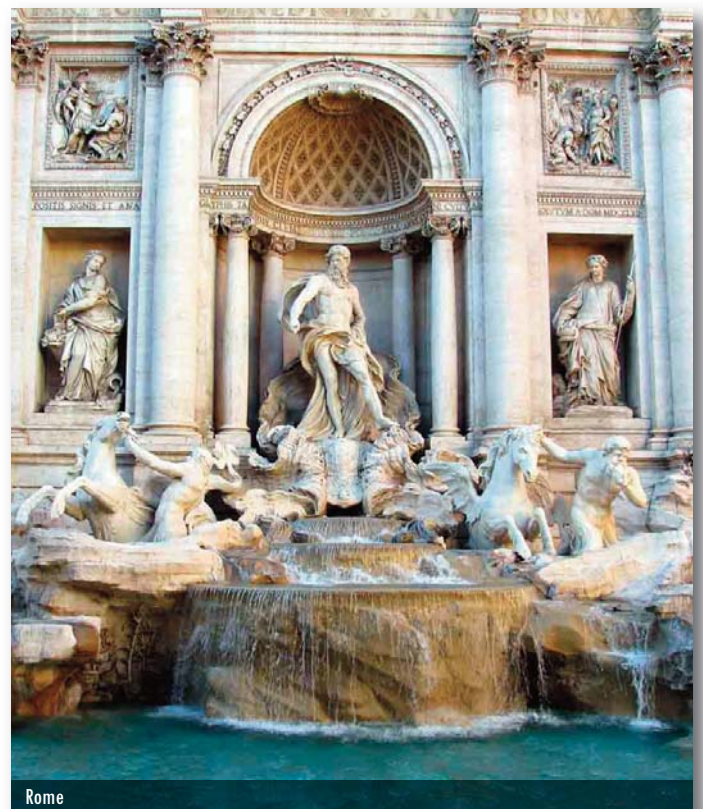
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Athens, Rome - Breakfast at the Hotel. With the assistance of your local hostess, transfer departure to the Airport of Athens for flight to Rome. Upon arrival in Rome, meeting, assistance and immediate transfer to the Vatican Museums for a guided tour that will the Sistine Chapel, entrance fee included. Visit the St. Peter's Basilica with its breathtaking "Pieta" by Michelangelo and the underground Tombs of the Popes. Time free for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, continuation of your guided tour of Rome. The program of this afternoon will include the visit of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, and the Church of the Three Fountains where, tradition says, St. Paul was beheaded. Three fountains sprang to life where his head bounced three times. Arrival at your hotel. After

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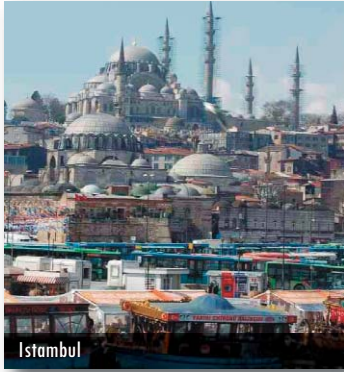
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Arrive **Istanbul** - Meeting and assistance by the local Hostess. Transfer to your hotel. Check in formalities and distribution of the rooms. Early afternoon, depart with your local tour guide for the old city. Visit St. Sophia, originally a Christian Basilica, conceived by Constantine and rebuilt by Giustiniano, then transformed into a Mosque in 1453 by Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror. In 1920's Atatürk, the founder of modern Turkey, transformed it into a museum. (St. Sophia is closed on Mondays). Proceed with the visit of the Spice Market, a traditional site of Istanbul. Return to the hotel. Time free, and then transfer departure to a local restaurant for a Welcome Dinner. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.



Day 4

Full day in **Istanbul** - Breakfast at the Hotel. In the morning you will have the possibility to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Anthony. Visit the St. Chiara Museum, the Byzantine Hippodrome where stands the Obelisk brought from Egypt by Theodosius, and the Yilanli Sutun — the Serpentine Column — which Constantine took from Delphi. View the Blue Mosque, which has six minarets and a middle dome of 109 feet. In the afternoon, visit the Topkapi Palace, which served as the home of the Ottoman Sultans for 400 years. Nowadays it is a Museum with an exquisite collection of Chinese porcelain and Ottoman treasury. Visit the Suleymaniye Mosque. The tour will end with a visit to the Covered Bazaar, dating back to XV Century, with more than 2.000 shops with all possible goods available, from spices to carpets, from copper to silver good, modern and antiques. Return to your hotel for dinner and accommodation.



Day 3

Istanbul - Ephesus - Istanbul - Early breakfast at the Hotel. Transfer with assistance to the Airport for a short flight to Izmir. Upon arrival, meeting by the local tour guide, and immediate departure to Ephesus (approx. 70 km./ 42 miles) Visit the ruins of Ephesus, which played a major role in the development of architecture, arts, religion and economic systems. The temple of Artemis was one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world and centre of the pagan religion for 15 Centuries. Here, Marc Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession, and St. Paul preached in the Great Theatre. Visit the Basilica of St. John. After a short drive, we will arrive at the little house of the Virgin Mary. Celebration of Mass is possible. At the end of the day, return to the Airport of ISMIR, for the return flight to Istanbul. Late dinner and overnight at your Hotel.



Day 5

Istanbul to Athens - Breakfast at the Hotel. Early transfer to the Airport of Istanbul, with your local Escort, for your flight to Athens. Upon arrival in Athens, meet your local Hostess and transfer to your Hotel. Early afternoon, depart for a guided tour of the city. Athens is a blend of many of the city's principal modern and classical sites. Drive by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in front of the Parliament House on Constitution Square, the Panathenian Stadium (site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896). See the Presidential Palace (ex Royal Palace), government buildings and elegant homes. Drive along Panepistimiou Avenue and view the Catholic Cathedral, the Academy, University, National Library and Omonia Square. We will visit the Roman Temple of Olympian Zeus and the crowning beauty and glory that once was Athens, the Acropolis with its many monuments atop its rocky base, including the awesome Parthenon, the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena

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Nike and the Erechtheion with its Porch of Maidens. Return to your hotel for dinner and accommodation.

Day 6

Athens - Three Islands Cruise -

Breakfast at the Hotel. Early transfer to the Harbor of Marina Flisvos. At 08.15 a.m. departure toward the Island of Aegina, famous for the excellent quality of its peanut productions. At 09.30 a.m., upon arrival at the Island we shall visit of the Temple of Afaia, dating back to the 5th Century, with its magnificent view. Don't forget to bring along your hat, suntan lotion and of course your bathing suit. If you don't want to take the tour, you can swim in the crystal waters of this Island. At 11.30 a.m. the ship will depart again, this time for the Island of Poros. At 12.45 noon arrival at this magnificent Island. May we suggest enjoying refreshments in one of the traditional bars while viewing the little harbor with its fishing boats. Sailing again at 13.45, this time our destination is Hydra. While sailing, a typical Greek lunch will be served on board, and the ship's orchestra will entertain you with local music and songs. Enjoy our freshly made gourmet lunch with shrimp cocktail and risotto for appetizer, served in sea shells; mushrooms, peppers and baked potatoes for the main course. Don't miss our dessert with fresh fruit. Bon Appetite! At 14.45 the ship will arrive in one of the most favourite resort islands of the International Jet-Set, Hydra. The unique picturesque Island, famous for the architecture of its houses, the pedestrian narrow streets, and full of designer's boutiques will astonish you. Regretfully, at 17.00 hours we are sailing again back to Marina Flisvos. A great surprise once again is expecting you on board our deluxe vessel; a live orchestra offers a great show. At 19.15 Arrival at the Marina Flisvos. Return transfer to your Hotel. Dinner & Accommodation.



Day 7

Full Day to **Corinth** - Breakfast at the Hotel. Departure with private bus for the full day excursion to Corinth. Driving through Daphne, Eleusis, the Corinth Canal and Isthmia and passing by the Fortress of Acrocorinth, arrive at Mycenae the legendary home of the Atreides. We will visit the famous tomb of King Agamemnon and the Lion's Gate part of the cyclopean wall. After lunch (optional) we continue for a visit to Nafplion, a beautiful well-known town by the seaside, which was once the capital of ancient Greece. We will visit the Sanctuary of Asklepios

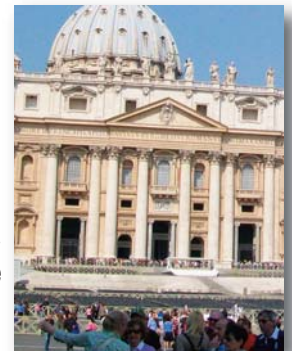
otherwise known as the Theatre of Epidauros, world famous for its acoustics. Finally, we return to Athens with a short stop at the Corinth Canal (50 meters height, 24 meters narrow, 6.343 meters long and 21 meters deep. Late afternoon arrival in Athens and at your hotel. Dinner & accommodation.

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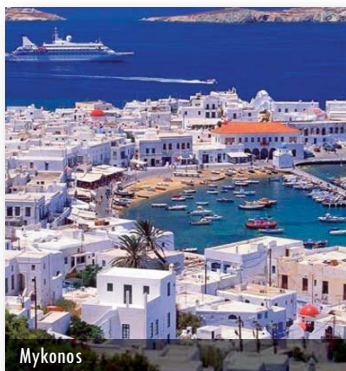


Day 3

Breakfast at your hotel. Depart on a full day tour. In the morning you will visit the National Archaeological Museum in Athens, entrance fee included. Time free for lunch. In the early afternoon, your guided tour will take you to Cap Sounion, with the visit and entrance fee of Temple dedicated to Poseidon. Return to the hotel for dinner and accommodation.

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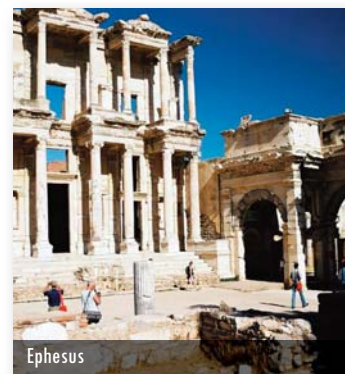


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End of the Cruise at **Piraeus - Corinth - Athens** - Arrive at Piraeus at 06:00 a.m. After breakfast, disembark and immediate departure to Corinth, where St. Paul lived and preached for two years. Back in the ancient times Corinth was amongst the richest cities and this is quite evident by its remains, including the large agora and Apollo's Temple. Brief stop to the ancient port of Kechreai where St. Paul disembarked. On our way to Athens, we will stop at the canal for a breathtaking view of this construction.

Return in the late afternoon to Athens with a direct transfer to its Airport. Departure for Rome. Dinner on board. Upon arrival at Leonardo da Vinci Rome's Airport, meeting by the local tour Escort and transfer to your hotel for accommodation.

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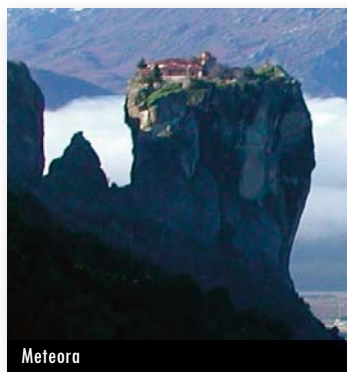
Frankfurt - Thessalonica - Change flight in Frankfurt for a direct flight to Thessalonica. Assistance on arrival and immediate transfer to your Hotel. Early afternoon, depart for your afternoon sightseeing tour of the City. Visit its trademark, the white tower, dominating the harbour. It is all what remains of the seawall constructed by the Venetians. Admire the Arch of Galerius, and walk along the Egnatia Street, with its Byzantine Church. At the times of St. Paul, Thessalonica was part of the Roman dominion and was highly regarded as a major cultural centre. St. Paul visited this city on his second journey, and was active at the Synagogue during the Sabbaths. Return to the hotel. Dinner and accommodation.

Day 3

Thessalonica - Philippi - Kavala - Thessalonica - Breakfast. Depart for Amphipolis and visit its museum. Continue to Philippi and its seaport, Neapolis, where Paul disembarked on his second journey. Philippi, located in an extremely important and strategic position, has been the site of many battles. St. Paul was first imprisoned in Philippi, in a cistern (a water reservoir) transformed in a prison and later on, into a Christian Church. You shall visit as well the Forum and the Theatre. Proceed to Kavala, known for its Harbour, the Aqueduct and the Castle dating to the Byzantine era. Return to Thessalonica for dinner and accommodation.

Day 4

Thessalonica - Palatitsia - Meteora - Breakfast at your hotel. Then depart toward Kalambaka. The tour will stop in Veria; St. Paul preached in its Synagogue. Arrive in Palatitsia, known nowadays as Vergina, and visit the site where the tomb of King Philippi was discovered, the father of Alexander the Great. Your day will end in Kalambaka, near Meteora. Arrive at the hotel. Dinner and accommodation.



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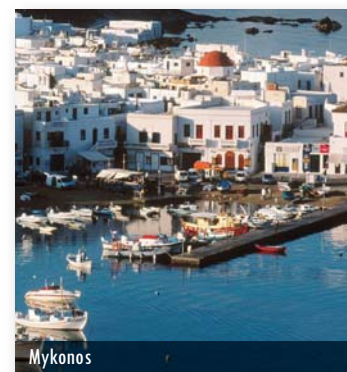
Meteora - Athens - Breakfast at your hotel. Then depart for Meteora and its Monasteries. Beginning from the 14th Century many communities of Monks decided to build monasteries atop of a set of stone tower, as a refuge against

invading forces and as a place for spiritual retreat. Years ago there were 24 monasteries in full activity. At present only five are active. The Byzantine monasteries are known for their remarkable features, the shape of their domes, the galleries decorate by precious carved woods. Their most precious treasures are the Icons, the ancient manuscripts, and the unique mosaics and frescos. In the past times the monks, in order to reach the top of the rock towers, used shaky wooden ladders or were even hoisted up by nets. Nowadays the top can be reached either by stony paths, or twisting asphalted roads. Arrive Athens in the late afternoon, for dinner and accommodation.

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On Cruise - **Heraklion - Santorini** - Morning arrival in Heraklion at 07:00 a.m. Included in the arrangements you have the guided visit of the Palace of Knossos. Built by the Minoan civilization, this palace was believed to be the original Labyrinth, housing the Minotaur. The Palace of King Minos, partially reconstructed, will give you an indication of the past importance of this civilization. After the visit of the excavations, the bus will take you to Heraklion, for a visit of its extraordinary Archaeological Museum with its treasures dating to the Minoan civilization. Return to the ship, for a departure announced at 11:30 a.m. Lunch on board. You will arrive in Santorini at 04:30 p.m. A choice of three shore excursions is offered. Tour 1) Visiting the villages of Oia and Fira. Tour 2) Visiting the villages of Pyrgos and Fira, and a wine tasting at a local winery. Tour 3) Visiting the calderas of the Volcano and a thermal source. Or, on your own, use the lift to the top of the volcano, for marvellous view over the Bay and your Ship. Comfortable return on board, for dinner. The departure will be at 09:00 p.m.



Day 10

End of the Cruise at **Piraeus - Corinth - Athens** - Arrive at Piraeus at 06:00 a.m. After breakfast, disembark and immediate departure to Corinth, where St. Paul lived and preached for two years. Back in the ancient times Corinth was amongst the richest cities and this is quite evident by its remains, including the large agora and Apollo's Temple. Brief stop to the ancient port of Kechreai where St. Paul disembarked. On our way to Athens, we will stop at the canal for a breathtaking view of this construction. Return early afternoon to Athens for an immediate departure for the guided tour of Athens. This tour includes an overview of the modern city and striking contrast to the remains of its glorious past. Drive by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in front of the Parliament House on Constitution Square, the Panathenian Stadium (site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896). See the Presidential Palace (ex Royal Palace), government buildings and elegant homes. Drive along Panepistimiou Avenue and view the Catholic Cathedral, the Academy, University, National Library and Omonia Square. In contrast, we

will visit the Roman Temple of Olympian Zeus and the crowning beauty and glory that were Athens, the Acropolis with its many monuments atop its rocky base, including the awesome Parthenon, the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion with its Porch of Maidens. Farewell at the Plaka. Accommodation.

Day 11

Athens - Rome - Breakfast at the Hotel. With the assistance of your local hostess, transfer departure to the Airport of Athens for flight to Rome. Upon arrival in Rome, meeting, assistance and immediate transfer to the Vatican Museums, for a guided tour that will the Sistine Chapel, entrance fee included. Visit the St. Peter's Basilica with its breathtaking "Pieta" by Michelangelo. Visit the underground Tombs of the Popes. Time free for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, continuation of your guided tour of Rome. The program of this afternoon will include the visit of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, and the Church of the Three Fountains where, tradition says, St. Paul was beheaded. Three fountains sprang to life where his head bounced three times. Arrival at your hotel. After having registered, distribution of the rooms. Dinner and accommodation.

Day 12

Rome - Breakfast at your hotel. Morning free for Mass. Attend to the Angelus in St. Peter's Square (Sunday only). Time free for lunch, not included. The program of this afternoon's guided tour will take you along the Capitol Hill, the Mamertine Prison where St. Paul was imprisoned prior his execution, the Roman Forum, the outside of the Colosseum, the Circus Maximus and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Return to your hotel. Around 08:00 p.m., depart with your local Hostess to a typical restaurant for your Farewell Dinner. Transfer return to your hotel. Accommodation.



Day 13

Rome - Breakfast at the Hotel. In due time, transfer departure with assistance and a private motor coach to the Airport of Rome. Upon arrival, check-in formalities for your home going flight. After the boarding passes have been distributed, our arrangements have terminated.



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