

STEPS OF ST. PAUL

TURKEY, GREECE, & GREEK ISLANDS



Fr. Jim King

September 08 - 21, 2025

Package Price! \$5990.00 From Detroit, MI (DTW)

Package Price Includes

** Roundtrip Airfare * Accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels * Breakfast and dinner daily * 10 Days sightseeing in modern air-conditioned private bus * English speaking tour guide on duty * 3 night cruise * 2 Shore excursions (Kusadasi & Patmos)*



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Turkey, Greece, & Greek islands

Pilgrimage Itinerary September 08 - 21, 2025

Day 1| Departure from the USA

Start your journey with an overnight flight from your home city in the USA to Istanbul, Turkey, where meals will be provided onboard.

Day 2| Arrival in Istanbul

Driving into the Old City, you will be touring the Spice Market dating back to the 17th century and exploring a colorful display of spices from around the World. Continue your cruising on the waters of Bosphorus running between Asia and Europe! As well as seeing historical mansions and palaces, you will be overwhelmed by the skyline of Istanbul adorned with domes and minarets of numerous edifices. Dinner and overnight.

Day 3| Istanbul City Tour

After breakfast, you will be meeting your guide at the lobby of your hotel and will start your day of exploration of history and architecture. Your first visit will be to the famed Hippodrome Square which was once the sporting and social center of Constantinople. Istanbul boasts its monumental shrines of different faiths and Blue Mosque is probably one of the most famed masterpieces of Ottoman religious architecture. Named after its turquoise-colored tiles made of quartz minerals, the building is also unique because of its six minarets. Ottoman Sultans preferred to pray in this timeless shrine due to its incomparable beauty until when the empire collapsed after World War I. Standing right across the Blue Mosque is the Basilica of Saint Sophia which was built by Justinian the Great during the 6th century. This massive structure will embrace you with surprise with its gigantic dome. In the afternoon continue the morning with a visit to the home of the Ottoman Sultans; Topkapi Palace! Located on the very cape of the peninsula where Constantinople was founded, Topkapi Palace was built as the center of administration of the Ottoman Empire when the city was conquered by Ottoman Turks in 1453 AD. Today you will be having an intense tour of the palace going through corridors and different sections of the Harem where the Sultan lived with his family members. There is a strong impact of oriental motives and patterns in the interior décor that is best reflected by the beautiful Iznik Tiles adorning the walls of Harem. Leaving the Harem through the "Golden Corridor" you will reach the inner courtyard to visit the Treasury which displays exclusive examples of jewelry and accessories that the Sultans wore or were given as gifts to ambassadors. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 4| Istanbul to Cappadocia

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Istanbul Airport. Upon arrival at Kayseri Airport, you will drive to Cappadocia. The first stop will be visiting the Goreme open-air museum dotted with churches elaborately decorated with frescoes and hewn out of rock by the early Christians hiding from Roman persecutors. We will stop at Zelve Valley and Pasabaglar. We also visit Cavusin village. Finally, we will stop at Avanos which is known for its earthenware potteries symbolizing the traditional character of the region. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5| Cappadocia and Konya

(Optional Hot air Balloon ride.) After breakfast, drive to Sultanhan Caravanserai. After a lunch break, drive to Konya and visit the Mevlana Mosque and Mausoleum. Dinner and overnight in Konya

Day 6| Konya to Pamukkale

Depart from the hotel for a drive to the town Yalvac by Lake Beysehir, the 3rd largest lake in the country, to visit the remains of the ancient city ANTIOCH in PISIDIA where St.Paul wiped " the dust off his shoes" and turned to Gentiles. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 7| Pamukkale to Kusadas?

After breakfast, you will be leaving for Hierapolis known among Turkish people as Pamukkale (Cotton Fortress) due to its calcium formations that resemble cotton piles of white color. Driving through the fertile fields of Meander Valley, you will reach Hierapolis which was founded during the Hellenistic period as a control point of trading routes connecting East to West. After Hierapolis, you will be visiting the ancient city of Laodicea one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Continue to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.

Day 8| Ephesus and Kusadas?

After breakfast, drive to Ephesus, one of the New Testament's most significant cities (Rev. 2:1-7). Apostle Paul came here in 53 A.D. and, according to tradition Apostle John wrote his Gospel here and where the Virgin Mary spent her last days. Visit the Archaeological site, including the House of Mary and the Basilica of John the Evangelist. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi.

Day 9| Embark on the Cruise: Kusadasi, Turkey–Patmos, Greece.

Today we will drive to the port to embark on our cruise. Our first stop is at the small island, Patmos, visit the Monastery of St. John and the Cave of the Apocalypse, where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile (Rev. 1:9-11). Then we have few free time to discover the "Jerusalem of the Aegean". Return to the ship to sail to Rhodes.

Day 10| Island of Rhodes

Today you will spend the whole day on the unique island of Rhodes. We can have a free day in the old town OR take the shore excursion to see the location where Paul stopped on his way back to Palestine (Acts 21: 1) for his trial and imprisonment. Through the tour (optional) we will see St Paul Beach where he had stopped on our way to the Acropolis of Lindos. Return to the old city/ castle of Rhodes surrounded by the walls and enjoy this historical place. Return to the ship for dinner and evening entertainment.

11| Islands of Crete and Santorini

This morning we arrived in Heraklion. The capital of Crete is a former Venetian harbor with representative architecture and art. We may take the tour of the city that takes us on a short drive to visit the church of St Titus, a disciple of the Apostle Paul and the first Bishop of Crete to visit the Venetian Loggia, Basilica of St Mark, the medieval monastery of St Catherine and the Cathedral of St. Minas. This afternoon our cruise will reach Santorini one of the most unique places in the world to admire its geography, a result of an earthquake that took place many centuries ago. Our OPTIONAL shore excursion to Oia Village will take us to the worldwide famous sunset and to enjoy the amazing view of the Aegean and the Caldera view.

Day 12| Disembarkation in Corinth

Today we will disembark our cruise, and meet our guide and driver to take our way to Corinth to visit the archaeological site where Apostle Paul worked for 18 months with tent makers Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:1-18). We will see also the handmade Corinth Canal connecting the Aegean with the Ionian Seas. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

Day 13| Athens

We'll spend our day in Athens to visit the famous Acropolis, Parthenon, Areopagus, and Mars Hill where the Apostle Paul delivered his well-known sermon. (Acts 17:15-34). You will also have a panoramic tour to see the Parliament House, the Academy, Omonia Square, and Panathenaic Stadium. You will have free time in the Plaka area, the ancient city of Athens, to explore plenty of narrow paths, shops and restaurants and your last day of possible shopping. Dinner and overnight at our hotel

Day 14| Departure

Today we will say goodbye to Athens, drive to the airport for our flight back home with our great memories.

Hotels

Turkey:

2 nights in Istanbul: Titanic City Hotel. www.titanic.com.tr



1 night in Cappadocia: Dinler Hotel. www.dinler.com



1 night in Konya: Bayir Diamond Hotel. www.bayirhotels.com



1 night in Pamukkale: Doga Thermal Hotel. www.dogathermalhotel.co



2 nights in Kusadas: Charisma Hotel. www.charismahotel.com



Greece:

2 Nights in Athens: Royal Olympic. www.royalolympic.com



3 Nights on Celestial Cruise: Interior cabins. <https://celestial.com/us/our-cruises/iconic-greek-islands>



Note: While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour leader and tour guide.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation. An additional payment of \$1000.00 per person is due by March 08, 2025. The final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour (June 08, 2025). Payment can be made by personal check or money order. Credit card payments will be accepted but will incur a 4% Surcharge at the time of booking. Reservations received after June 08, 2025 may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership there will be a cancellation fee of \$100.00 per person to cover administrative and communication costs up until 121 days before departure. For cancellations 120-91 days before departure the cancellation fee will be \$250.00 per person. 90-61 days before departure the cancellation fee will be 50% of the Cost per person. There will be no refund for cancellations within 60 days of departure, no-shows, or partially completed tours. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Goodshepherd Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

FARE INCLUSIVE: Roundtrip air transportation from Detroit, MI (DTW) International as indicated on the registration form. 9 nights hotel accommodations, based on two people sharing a double or twin-bedded room in four star hotels by (local standards). 3 nights Cabin accommodation in Standard Inside Cabin IB Category. All meals as outlined in the brochure consisting of full Local breakfasts (B) at the hotel and Lunch. Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary by private motor coaches, utilizing the services of a Government licensed, local English speaking tour guide. Entrance fees for attractions if applicable. All transfers between airports and hotels by private motor coach. Service charges and taxes normally levied by hotels and restaurants. All U.S. & Foreign Country departure taxes are included in the price of the tour. Tips to guides, motor coach drivers, hotel porters, and restaurant staff (i.e., maitre d', table waiter, etc.) are Not included. The brochure price is per person in US dollars.

TOUR ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE: Goodshepherd Travel constantly strives to adhere to the specifics shown in the itinerary; however, circumstances may necessitate changes. Such circumstances may require changes without advance notice during the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to change the Itinerary if unforeseen circumstances beyond our control force a change. Goodshepherd Travel is not responsible for any changes caused by unforeseen circumstances.

TOUR CANCELLATION: Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the tour at any time. In the event of a cancellation deemed necessary by Goodshepherd Travel, the sole and exclusive responsibility of Goodshepherd Travel is to refund all monies recovered.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport costs, visa fees (if any), and health documentation costs (when required); food and beverages (including coffee and tea) not usually included with the table d'hote meals; optional sightseeing tours and excursions; accident and baggage insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; tips to persons rendering special personal services; items of a purely personal nature such as laundry, telephone, and cable expenses, room service orders, etc.; transportation between the home city and the international departure city.

AIR ROUTINGS: The brochure price includes IATA jet economy class transportation from the international departure city applicable on all IATA and ARC carriers, based on the 6/45 day Apex fare to the Europe. Goodshepherd Travel. Reserves the right to choose the air carrier, routing, and departure time for each passenger. Airfares used are based on contracted group fares and are highly restrictive. Payments for and restrictions on airline tickets are governed by the applicable fare. Cancellation fees levied by the airlines are applicable if you cancel or change your air ticket for any reason after purchase of air ticket. Ticketing must be completed 45 days prior to departure. Group fares do not permit deviations; passengers who wish to deviate may arrange their own airfare. An airline credit of \$1260.00 will be given to those passengers who arrange their own airfare. Passengers planning to arrange their own air transportation must notify Goodshepherd Travel, in writing on or before June 08, 2025. Seat numbers will be assigned by the airline at check-in; specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Passengers are responsible for providing frequent flyer information upon check-in.

HOTELS: Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$1290.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge).

BAGGAGE: You may check no more than one (1) piece of luggage whose overall dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to

\$100.00. Each passenger may also bring one (1) piece of carry-on luggage. Tips to hotel porters are included for one normal sized piece of luggage, excluding carry-on bags which must remain in your possession at all times. These regulations may change without notice so please read the monthly correspondence you will receive from Goodshepherd Travel for the most current information. Garment bags cannot be carried. Under no circumstances may dangerous articles such as firearms, explosives, oxygen, or combustible substances be contained in any baggage. Medications, valuables, passports, and a change of clothing should be packed in your carry-on bag.

DISABILITIES: Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to refuse passage to someone who is in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking and the sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

INSURANCE: Acting only as agents for suppliers, Goodshepherd Travel is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident, illness and/or death as a result of any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, terrorist attacks, hostage situations, kidnappings, hijackings, protests, riots, public demonstrations, or theft. For your protection, it is important that you have adequate travel insurance to cover these possibilities. Additional information and application forms for all types of coverage will be supplied to you prior to departure.

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Complete instructions and application forms for passports can be obtained by contacting your local courthouse or post office.

PRICE CHANGES: Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in January 2025, and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges of \$687.00 are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to pass along additional fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

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ACCEPTANCE: Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print."

Trip date:
September 08 - 21, 2025

Package Price: \$5990.00
Single supplement is \$1290.00 (Private Room)

Package price includes the following:

- Round trip airline tickets
- Meet & Assist at Airports upon arrivals and departures.
- Nine overnights in Turkey and Greece including breakfast and dinner
- 3 night cruise
- Air-conditioned motor coach throughout for all tours and transfers
- Services of English-speaking professional, licensed guide for all sites and museums as per itinerary
- Dinners during tours includes one soft drink or glass of wine per person
- Welcome dinner in Thessaloniki includes house wine
- Transfers from and to airports
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Road tolls and all applicable taxes

Package price does not include the following:

- Lunches
- Soft drinks. (Except wine on the Cruise)
- Tips for tour escort, Guides & Drivers
- All Personal Expenses.
- Travel Insurance.
- Anything that's not mentioned in included.

NOTES:

- Rates are per person in US dollar in twin/double and include port and service charges (\$ 136.00 per person) and are All-Inclusive
- Single Supplement + 50% except categories XF,SJ,SB, SG which are + 100% from given rates.
- Shore Excursions Package Deal (includes tour to Ephesus, Patmos and Rhodes) \$ 168.00 per person and is compulsory (Included) All

RESERVATION APPLICATION

Pilgrimage to Turkey, Greece, and the Greek Islands

Basilica of Saint Mary Orthodox Church

Led By: Fr. Jim King

(September 08 - 21, 2025)

Group Reference Number: **TG090825**

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

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| Full Name (as printed on your passport): | | | | |
| First Name: | | Middle Name: | | Last Name: |
| Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge): | | | Date of birth: | Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mailing Address: | Street: | | Mobile phone: | Home phone: |
| City: | State: | Zip code: | Work phone: | |
| Email address: | | | | |

PASSPORT INFORMATION

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| Country of citizenship: | Passport number: |
| Passport date of issue: | Passport date of expiration: |
| Frequent flyer number: | Known traveler number: |

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

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| Please check one: Double/Triple occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (Private Room) \$1290.00 additional <input type="checkbox"/> <i>*All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/Triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement*</i> |
| If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking: |
| If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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| Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you: |
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| I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract: Signature: _____ Date: _____ |
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Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$500.00 per person** made payable to

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