

# STEPS OF SAINT PAUL GREECE & GREEK ISLANDS



**September 16 - 26, 2026**

**Package Price! \$5290.00**

*Package Price Includes*

*\* Roundtrip Airfare \* Accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels \* Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily \* 8 days sightseeing in modern air-conditioned private bus \* Bilingual speaking tour guide on duty \* 3 night cruise \* Mass Daily \* 2 Shore excursions (Kusadasi & Patmos) \* Airport Shuttle Church/Airport/Church\**

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# Greece & Greek Islands Pilgrimage Itinerary September 16 - 26, 2026

## **DAY 1 Wednesday:**

### **Departure**

Depart for your overnight flight to Greece. Meals will be served on board!

## **DAY 2 Thursday:**

### **Athens**

The trip will start with your arrival in Athens airport where we will meet and transfer you to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure, dinner and overnight in Athens.

## **DAY 3 Friday:**

### **Athens / Piraeus (Embarkation) / Mykonos**

Embark on a wonderful 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands, is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, white-washed buildings and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss taking a stroll down Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this little paradise in the middle of the Aegean Sea.

## **DAY 4 Saturday:**

### **Kusadasi / Ephesus / Patmos**

Breakfast and stop at the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an included excursion to the ruins of Ephesus where Paul the Saint spent three years during his ministry and where its inhabitants were the recipients of Paul's famous epistle. Ancient Ephesus was the Roman capital of Asia Minor and an important center for Christianity from AD 50s. During AD52-54 Saint Paul lived here working with the congregation and organizing his missionary activity and taught the Word of God (Acts 20:31) and this is where he wrote the Epistle to Corinthians I. Additionally this was one of the seven cities found in the Book of Revelation(Acts 2:1-7), indicating a strong church. We will visit the house of Virgin Mary where she lived with John, on the hill behind the city. After this amazing experience we will have lunch and then visit the Basilica of St. John as well as the ruins of the famous Diana's temple with the Baths of Scholastica, the Library of Celsus, the Odeon, the Arch of Hercules, the Temple of Hadrian, the Agora and the Greco-Roman theater. Continue your cruise to the island of Patmos, a beautiful and spiritual island where In 95 AD, St. John the Theologian - one of the twelve disciples of Jesus - was sent into exile. St. John remained on the island for eighteen months during which time he lived in a cave below the hilltop temple of Diana. In this cave exists a small hole in the rock wall, from which derived a series of oracular messages that Prochoros, a disciple of St. John, transcribed as the Biblical chapter of Revelations. During his time in the sacred cave, now known as the Holy Grotto of the Revelation, St. John also composed the Fourth Gospel. During our time there we will visit the Monastery of St. John the Theologian UNESCO World Heritage Site where we will see the Holy Grotto as well as priceless icons and manuscripts. Afterwards, drive back to the port of Scala and enjoy some free time in this quaint and picturesque harbor.

## **DAY 5 Sunday:**

### **Heraklion (Crete) / Santorini**

In the morning the ship will dock at the port of Heraklion on the island of Crete. In Heraklion Paul met the owner and captain of the ship, who warned him about continuing his journey to Rome. You can take a tour (optional) to the Palace of Knossos, the center of the Minoan civilization. After lunch, the ship will travel to the most beautiful island in the Aegean Sea known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean", the volcanic Santorini where we will enjoy the breathtaking Panoramic View. Latest excavations have suggested that Santorini might be the lost sight of Atlantis.

## **DAY 6 Monday:**

### **Piraeus (Disembarkation) / Corinth / Cenchrea / Athens**

This morning, you will arrive in Piraeus will travel along the Sacred Way of Eleusinian Mysteries, passing the Island of Salamis. You will then cross the Corinth Canal into Corinth, the most important city in the days of St. Paul. The mostly Gentile Church he founded here in 50 AD caused him much grief and prompted him to write at least four letters to them. You will visit the ruins of the ancient city where St. Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. You will also see the remains of first-century shops, the agora where St. Paul was tried by Gallio, the Fountain of Peirene, the Temple of Apollo, and the Bema. Afterward, you will return to Athens and enjoy some free time. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Athens.

## **DAY 7 Tuesday:**

### **Athens City Tour**

After breakfast we will go on a city tour where we will visit the main points of interest in the city: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Royal Palace, Pan-Athenian Stadium, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and visit the world famous Acropolis, with its new Museum as well as Monastiraki (the Old Flea Market) and Mars' Hill (Areopagus) where Paul preached the truth to the Gentile Nation. The tour will continue on a walk around the historical churches found in Athens. We start from what is known to Athenians as the Russian Church, the Holy Church of Lykodemos Sotira is one of the oldest and largest Byzantine churches in Athens. The next stop will be located on Monastiraki Square, the Church of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, or Pantanassa, was once called the Great Monastery, and today is known commonly as Monastiraki. This 10th-century arched basilica was first mentioned in a 17th-century document when the church was managed as part of the Kaisariani Monastery. Kapnikarea Church will be the final stop and it stands out as a major landmark in Athens' Byzantine past. Dating from the 11th century, the church lies in the middle of Ermou Street and is dedicated to the Presentation of the Virgin Mary. The church was built atop an older, Christian temple, commissioned in the fifth century AC by the Byzantine empress Eudokia, wife of Theodosius the Younger. Constructed on foundations of the ancient temple of Athena or, perhaps, Demeter, Kapnikarea Church is today owned by the University of Athens. The rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and Overnight in Athens.

## **DAY 8 Wednesday:**

### **Athens / Delphi / Kalambaka**

This morning, you will arrive in Piraeus and drive along the national highway through Thebes, Levadia, and Arachova to Delphi. At the museum, you will see the famous Bronze Charioteer and other statues. This afternoon, you will visit the Temple of Apollo, the Theatre, the Athenian Treasury, and the Castalian Spring. Next, you will drive to Kalabaka via Larissa, Lamia, and Trikala. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Kalabaka.

## **DAY 9 Thursday:**

### **Kalambaka / Thessalonica**

Today, you will visit the incredible "Hanging Monasteries" of Meteora. Afterward, you will continue through Kozani to Veria, then on to Vergina to visit the tomb of Philip of Macedonia. You will then continue via Edessa to Thessalonica, where you will see the Rotonda, the Triumphal Arch of Galerius, and the White Tower on the seafront promenade. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Thessalonica.

## **DAY 10 Friday:**

### **Thessalonica / Philippi / Kavala / Thessalonica**

After breakfast we depart for our one day Philippi Christian tour. Philippi is the town where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. "And from there (He went) to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman Colony. We remained in this city some days..." (Acts 16:12-18). Paul arrived here with Silas and Luke on the winter of AD 49 to AD50. There the first Christian baptism was performed, of a woman named Lydia. Although they were prosecuted and arrested, they received God's help to escape from prison (Acts 16: 11-23) where there was the conversion of the jailer (Acts 16: 23-26). We will visit the Roman Theatre, probable site of the prison where Paul and Silas were arrested. We will continue towards the city of Kavala and the ancient city of Neapolis (Acts 16:11) where Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. It was later renamed Christoupolis, meaning city of God, because it was the first European city to accept Christianity. We will visit the Roman Aqueduct and the ruins of the Acropolis. Dinner and overnight in Thessalonica.

## **DAY 11 Saturday:**

### **Thessalonica Airport**

According to the schedule of your return flight you will be taken to the airport of Thessalonica.

**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 09, 2026. The final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour (June 09, 2026). 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 09, 2026 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 \$250.00 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 \$500.00 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.

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**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.

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**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 \$1090.00 (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.

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**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 September 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 16 - 26, 2026

**Package Price: \$5290.00**  
**Single supplement is \$1090.00 (Private Room)**

**Package price includes the following:**

- Round-trip airline tickets.
- Airport Shuttle Church/Airport/Church
- Meet & Assist at Airports upon arrivals and departures.
- Three overnights in Athens (Avenue hotel or similar) including breakfast and dinner
- One overnight in Kalambaka (hotel Amalia or similar) including breakfast and dinner
- Two overnights in Thessalonica (hotel Kapsis or similar) including breakfast and dinner
- 3 night/4 day cruise.
- Air-conditioned motor coach throughout for all tours and transfers.
- Services of Bilingual-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 Thessalonica 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 and soft drinks. (Except while 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

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

### Tour Leader: Father Rene Gaytan

Pilgrimage to Greece and the Greek Islands

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Group Reference Number: **GR091626**



#### PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

<b>Full Name</b> (as printed on your passport): First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____			
<b>Name</b> (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		<b>Date of birth:</b>	<b>Male</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Female</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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#### PASSPORT INFORMATION

<b>Country of citizenship:</b>	<b>Passport number:</b>
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<b>Frequent flyer number:</b>	<b>Known traveler number:</b>

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<b>Please check one:</b> Double/Triple occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy ( <b>Private Room</b> ) \$1090.00 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>
<b>If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:</b>
<b>If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:</b>
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<b>I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:</b> 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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