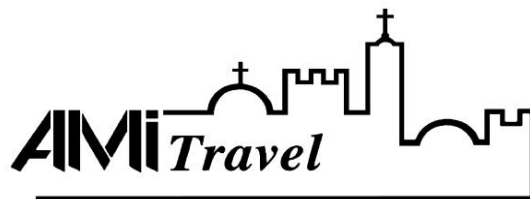


THE STEPS OF ST. PAUL
PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE
with 3 night CRUISE
May 11 - 21, 2020



Church of St. Mary, Lake Forest, IL
Pilgrimage led by
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ITINERARY

Day 1: Monday, May 11, 2020

Depart ORD Airport on our way to Athens, Greece.

Day 2: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Welcome to Greece! Transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay in Athens.

Day 3: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Mass at St. Dennis Church, Athens

Today our tour in Athens will start by passing by the most famous sites in the center of the city. Short stop at the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first Olympic Games took place at 1896. After, the tour we will bring you to the Acropolis – an UNESCO World Heritage-the Parthenon and Mars Hill where Paul stood and preached. Continue with a pleasant short walk passing by Herodian and Dionysus Theatre and visit the Acropolis Museum. Main attraction such as Votives, artifacts of everyday life, statues from the Archaic period, Caryatids and the Parthenon Hall. Free afternoon.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Athens

Day 4: Thursday, May 14, 2020

Mass in Ancient Corynthos

This day we will drive to the city of Corinth. Our first stop will be at the Corinth Canal to enjoy the magnificent view. On to the archaeological site of Ancient Corinth, where Paul wrote his most familiar letters and visit the Archaeological Museum, the Bema, the Market place and the Temples. We will return to Athens early afternoon.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Athens

Day 5: Friday, May 15, 2020

Mass on the Cruise Ship M/V Celestyal Olympia

Morning transfer to the port of Piraeus for 11 :00 am embarkation on the M/V Celestyal Olympia for your 4 Days / 3 Nights Iconic Aegean Cruise. In the afternoon, cruise will arrive to the Island of Mykonos, which is a marvelous cosmopolitan holiday hotspot that combines an international jet- set atmosphere and stimulating nightlife. We recommend that you take a nonchalant stroll in Mykonos town to admire the whitewashed houses and flowered balconies and to visit the beautiful church of Panagia Paraportiani. Atmosphere and stimulating nightlife. Visit the island's trademark: the windmills and the charming area of Mykonos Little Venice. Departure to Kusadasi.

Overnight on board Cruise Ship M/V Celestyal Olympia

Day 6: Saturday, May 16 2020

Mass at Virgin Mary's house, Ephesus

Morning arrival to Ephesus, Turkey. Our shore excursion to the ancient city of Ephesus and the Virgin Mary's house sets off from here. In the afternoon we will arrive in Patmos, the tranquil island where John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelations. Departure for Crete.

Overnight on board Cruise Ship M/V Celestyal Olympia

Day 7: Sunday, May 17, 2020

Mass at St. John the Baptist, Santorini

Morning arrival to the Island of Heraklion (Crete), where we will join the shore excursion. In the afternoon, the ship will dock to the port Santorini, the island famous for its volcano, the eruption of which created the famous caldera. Our optional excursion to Thira and Oia areas gives you the opportunity to see one of the most famous islands of Greece. Departure back to Piraeus.

Overnight on board Cruise Ship M/V Celestyal Olympia

Day 8: Monday, May 18, 2020

Mass location TBD

Back to Piraeus Port. Disembark the cruise ship and start our journey to the co-capital of Greece, Thessaloniki.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Thessaloniki.

Day 9: Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Mass at Lydia Springs

Departure for Lydia Springs, Philippi and the beautiful city of Kavala. St Paul landed here with his disciples Timothy and Sillas. See the small church that marks the traditional site of landing. Lucas the Evangelist also came to the city from Troas. Kavala once named Christoupolis because it was the first city in Europe to accept Christianity. We will continue to Philippi where Paul preached his first evangelical sermon and where early Christians were baptized on European soil. Visit the baptismal site where Lydia converted to Christianity. Our tour will continue with a visit to a crypt from the Roman period (that is believed to have served as a prison for St. Paul), the Market place, the famous Acropolis and the Theatre.

Overnight at the hotel in Thessaloniki

Day 10: Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Mass at St. Paul in Veria

Today we will visit Berea with the famous mosaics of St. Paul. We will continue with the visit of the city of Thessaloniki, including St. Demetrius Basilica and St. Sofia church.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Thessaloniki

Day 11: Thursday, May 21, 2020

Transfer to the airport for our flight back home. Same day arrival to ORD Airport.

** Final itinerary, and mass schedule are subject to change*

Package price per person:

In twin room: \$3,566 + airline dep. taxes and fuel surcharge *

In single room: \$4,565 + airline dep. taxes and fuel surcharge*

Limited single rooms/cabins are available

Package price is based on a minimum number of participants.

*** Credit card payment: Visa/MC/Discover/Amex; add 3.50%**

REGISTRATION

Due at time of registration: Registration Form, a deposit of \$350 per participant and copy of your passport, if available (photo page only).

NOTE: All checks should be made payable to: AMI Travel.

In-Person: Registration form, deposit and copy of passport delivered to St. Mary's parish office, 201 E. Illinois Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Registration Form [CLICK HERE](#)

Online: [CLICK HERE](#) to complete online registration

Included in cost:

- ✓ Round-trip airfare ORD/ATH & SKG/ORD
- ✓ All transfers in Greece
- ✓ Accommodation in 4-star hotels: Double room occupancy
- ✓ Daily mass, locations subject to change
- ✓ Meals land portion: Six breakfasts and five dinners, one dinner on your own
- ✓ Farewell dinner at a local restaurant on last evening in Greece
- ✓ Hotel taxes and service charge and portage
- ✓ Sightseeing in deluxe motor-coach with a professional driver
- ✓ Entrance fees to the Acropolis and Museum, ancient Corinth & Philippi
- ✓ English speaking tour guide
- ✓ Whisper system during guiding days
- ✓ Cruise portion:
 - Outside cabin XA category
 - Full board and all-inclusive drink package
 - Entertainment on board
 - Three shore excursions:
 - Ancient Ephesus, Heraklion and Patmos
- ✓ Complimentary shuttle bus service to Island of Mykonos
- ✓ Port taxes and other service fees

Not included in cost:

- Airline departure taxes and fuel surcharge: as of June 2019: \$491. Amount to be finalized at ticketing time
- Gratuities to guide, bus driver and hotel Staff (suggested \$130 per participant)
- Optional Travelers Insurance (highly recommended)

We encourage you to purchase travel insurance. To enroll see Travel Protection Details on the Reservation Form. Last day to purchase travel insurance by final payment due date.

Travel Insurance Flyer [click here](#)

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