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Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

with Optional 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension

March 24 – April 3, 2026



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11 Days • 19 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Athens, *Taverna* Dinner Show, Corinth, The Acropolis, Mars Hill, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens
Days 4 – 6	Celestyal Discovery, Piraeus
Day 7	Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka
Days 8, 9	Capsis Hotel Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki
Day 10	Holiday Inn Athens Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Overnight Flight Paul the Apostle, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countrysides of Greece and Turkey.

Day 2: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 Athens, Greece Arrive in Athens. This evening is yours to explore Greece's vibrant capital city.

Day 3: Thursday, March 26, 2026 Athens - Corinth - Athens This morning, travel to Corinth where Paul lived and preached for two years and also wrote 2 epistles. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Back in Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech – and visit the incomparable Acropolis. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Celebrate the beginning of a marvelous trip while feasting on local cuisine and fine wine in a traditional *taverna* while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (B, D)

Day 4: Friday, March 27, 2026 Athens - Piraeus* (Embarkation) - Mykonos Embark on a 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. The island of Mykonos is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings, and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, following the mazes of narrow streets full of bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Saturday, March 28, 2026 Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an excursion to the ruins of Ephesus (UNESCO), where Paul the Apostle lived 3 years during his ministry. You'll also visit the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races and gladiatorial combats took place. Legend claims that Paul fought here against wild beasts. Visit the House of Mary, where the Virgin Mother spent her last days. Continue your cruise to Patmos. Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Sunday, March 29, 2026 Heraklion (Crete) - Santorini** Enjoy an excursion to the incredible open-air museum of the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Then, during free time in Crete's largest city, enjoy a variety of museums, shopping, or do some people watching at a local café. Later, arrive on the island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this or purchase a ship excursion from the cruise line. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Monday, March 30, 2026 Piraeus* - Disembark Cruise Ship - Kalambaka After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Pause at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defense by Leonidas against the Persian army. This afternoon, visit an icon-painting workshop and discover the ancient traditions behind the sacred images used in Orthodox Byzantine devotional tradition. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

Day 8: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 Kalambaka - Meteora - Thessaloniki Marvel at the hanging monasteries of Meteora (UNESCO). These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with 6 historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks, and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries*** which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early center for Christianity. Paul visited and preached here during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote 2 epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. (B, D)



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Included in Price: Port Charges, Round Trip Air from OHare Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

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*** All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from ORD**

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 9: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (B)

Day 10: Thursday, April 2, 2026 Thessaloniki - Athens Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley and the plains of Central Greece to Athens, arriving in the late afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of your spiritual journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel located close to the airport. (B, D)

Day 11: Friday, April 3, 2026 Athens - Tour Ends Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Sep 25, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces that may be slippery, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation, such as tender boats, to access shore. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Accessing one of the two monasteries in Meteora requires climbing approximately 200 steps.

Travelers must be able to climb on and off tender boats to access shore at select ports during the cruise.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Experience It! Philippi

Toward the end of the year 52 C.E., Paul the Apostle arrived in the ancient city of Philippi to preach the new faith. Philippi was a bustling and prosperous Roman garrison town on an important trade route between Italy and Persia. Its population's religions reflected the diversity of such a busy settlement. Residents worshipped Greek, Roman, Phrygian and Egyptian gods and there was a small Jewish population as well. Here Paul met Lydia, a local woman and merchant of purple cloth, who became the first European Christian. Paul's time in Philippi is described in the Acts of the Apostles, and his ongoing relationship with the city's residents and growing Christian population is revealed in his Epistles to the Philippians. Philippi is considered to be the most important archaeological site of eastern Macedonia. Explore the impressive site with a local guide and see where Paul baptized Lydia and where he was held prisoner by Roman authorities.

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Optional 4 Days 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,749.00 USD double, \$2,049.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

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In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 50-60 steep uneven steps and walk over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings.

Expect longer days with early mornings starting from 6:00-7:30am and some late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. There are several days that may be 12+ hours long, especially while visiting 2 ports of call on the cruise ship, but there will be approximately 4 hours at sea during which you will be able to rest and recharge.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Order of ports may be changed by the cruise line.

****For sailings during the month of March, Crete may not be available as a port of call. Instead, more time is spent in Patmos and/or Santorini.**

*****In order to enter the monasteries in Meteora, all guests must have their shoulders covered. Women are highly encouraged to wear skirts or dresses that cover the knees, however, if you choose to wear pants, you will be given a scarf to tie around your waist. Men must wear long trousers.**

Due to a limited number of tickets for the Acropolis, travelers booking within 60 days of departure may be waitlisted until tickets can be confirmed.

Optional shore excursions are available for purchase directly from the ship upon embarkation.

Celestyal Cruise Lines cabin categories are based on the following: Exterior Cosmos Cabin XA (deck 4 or 5), XB (deck 3, 4, 6 or 7) and XC (deck 4 or 5). Cabin availability is first come, first serve.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are limited and will be confirmed upon request and availability from the cruise line.

*Port of embarkation/disembarkation can be either Piraeus or Lavrion. Please check your final travel documents for the correct listing.

Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required at an additional cost to you.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges.

Port taxes, service charges and fees of approximately \$149 USD (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of booking, per person is not included in the land-only tour cost. Single cabins, if confirmed, are higher.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of



your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of September 18, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by November 24, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until September 25, 2025.

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**For important reservation information visit
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Extend your vacation with

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,749.00 USD double, \$2,049.00 USD single, land & air inclusive
4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 11: Athens - Rome, Italy - Extension Begins

Early this morning,* travel from Athens on an inspirational journey to Rome and experience fascinating religious sites connected to the life of Paul the Apostle, recalling both his first and second visits to the city. Pause for a moment of reflection in the Abbey of *Tre Fontane* (Three Fountains), built on the believed site of Paul's martyrdom. At the nearby Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, take time to meditate on the Apostle's tomb. Then, visit the Mamertine Prison, where Paul was arrested, bound in chains and executed. After settling into your hotel in the late afternoon, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Rome

This morning, cross the invisible border separating Rome from the enclosure of the Vatican State for a guided tour of the Vatican Museums** and St. Peter's Basilica. Take in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of *The Last Judgment*, concluding with a visit of St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest religious buildings in the world. Pause for a moment of reflection by the *Confessio*, the sunken area directly in front of the tomb of the Apostle and which is dedicated to the Confession of faith by Peter that led to his martyrdom. Take time to reflect before an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Rome

Begin your day exploring one of Rome's sixty Catacombs. It was in these underground tunnels that early Christians hid and buried their dead. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the Eternal City. Consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. Perhaps you'll venture back to the Vatican to join into the Papal Blessing traditionally held on Sundays.*** *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 14: Rome - Depart for Home

Your extension comes to a close today. Say *arrivederci* to Rome as you head to the airport for your flight home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 6 passengers is not met to operate.

The tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica requires the ability to walk up to 4 miles (6 kilometers) from the bus drop off to the pickup point. The tour averages 5 hours in length, and visitors must be able to stay on their feet for the entire time as there is no seating available in the Museum. You must expect large crowds at security checks and inside the Museum and Sistine Chapel. The Vatican Museums do not have air conditioning. The included activities are not suitable for travelers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or Zimmer-frames. The included sightseeing requires accessing locations that restrict motor coaches. Rome is paved in cobblestones and the sidewalks are poorly maintained: please be mindful of your step and watch out for small potholes, loose stones, and gravel. For your well-being, we recommend bringing comfortable, well broken-in walking shoes.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

If you are travelling between January 1 and December 31, 2025, you will be in Rome during the Catholic Holy Year. Large crowds are expected at all churches and religious sites during this time. If you would like to complete the Catholic rite of crossing the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica to obtain 'plenary indulgence', you must be prepared to stand in line for 2 to 4 hours without seating. The crowds may induce the city government of Rome to introduce additional limits to motor coach circulation determining the need to use public transportation.

***On select departures, the tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica may operate on a different day due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays. Dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations.

**Depending on the day of the week on which you travel, you may be in Rome on Sunday, allowing you to attend the Papal Blessing in St. Peter's Square. The Papal Blessing is, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule. No reservation is required.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Air inclusive rate is valid for guests who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

*Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive in Rome no later than 10:30 a.m. The flight between Athens and Rome is not included in the land price of your extension.



Special Needs Form

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TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made.

*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No

- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

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*Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers.
Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.*

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

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| • Walk-in shower | Yes | No |
| • Grab bars | Yes | No |
| • Raised toilet seat | Yes | No |

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane.
Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

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