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Our Itinerary

Day 1 • USA/ Athens

Our journey starts at Los Angeles International Airport, where we board our flight to Athens.

Day 2 • Athens Arrival

A visit to Athens is a trip back in time to places where great historic events actually happened, 25 centuries ago. Arriving in Athens, we transfer to our hotel. Here we relax and rest up for the BIG day that follows!

Day 3 • Athens/ Acropolis/ Port of Piraeus

We begin our day by visiting the Acropolis, where we explore the Parthenon, the 5th-century B.C. Greek temple of the goddess Athena. We descend to Mars Hill, where Paul spoke at the Areopagus, the “faculty club” of Athens. This afternoon on board our ship we gather to enjoy our private cocktail party.

Day 4 • At Sea

Day 5 • Larnaca, Cyprus

Larnaca is renowned for its pristine beaches. Biblical Salamis, the first stop for Paul & Barnabas on their 1st missionary journey, A.D. 46-48, was a maritime town on the eastern coast of Cyprus. When St. Paul, Barnabas and John Mark landed at Salamis, there were several synagogues, and here they began their witness to the island.

Day 6 • Ashdod/ Jerusalem, Israel

Ashdod is one of Israel’s largest ports and a living museum of ancient history. It was one of the five cities of giants, and it was here the Philistines brought the captured Holy Ark. Ashdod is our portal to Jerusalem. An inspiring optional shore excursion will be offered.

Day 7 • Haifa, Israel

The gateway to the Galilee and Nazareth, Haifa offers beautiful gardens and such spiritually significant sites as Mt. Carmel, Elijah’s Cave, a special optional private excursion to the Galilee will be offered.

Day 8 • At Sea

Day 9 • Marmaris, Turkey

Marmaris lies in the deep recesses of a pretty bay, framed by pine-clad mountains. Many travelers visit nearby Caunos, an important ancient city famed for its rock tombs.

Day 10 • Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey

The archaeological site of ancient Ephesus is considered to be most important in Turkey. Students of the Bible know Ephesus as the inspiration for St. Paul’s Epistle to Ephesians and the site of one of the first seven churches of Asia Minor, mentioned in the book of Revelations.



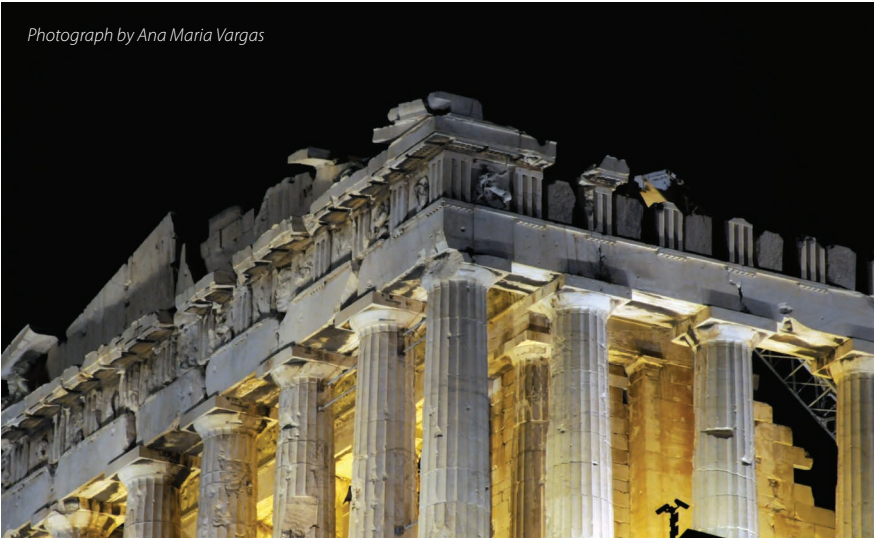
Along a white marble road grooved by ancient chariot wheels, the two-story Library of Celsus presents a striking sight. Temples, houses of noblemen, and community buildings line ancient streets. Nestled in the mountainside is a 25,000-seat amphitheater, still used for performances. A private optional excursion to Ephesus will be offered.

Day 11 • Heraklion, Crete

Heraklion, the biggest city in Crete, concentrates most of the island’s economic activity. History is very much alive here. The central square is dominated by the Fountain of the Lions, built by Venetian governor Morosini in 1628.

Paul made his way to Crete sometime after A.D. 62, where he resumed his evangelical work after settling his legal problems in Rome. Paul had taken Titus to Crete with him, leaving him to “straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you” (Titus: 1: 5).

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Crete is the home of the ancient Minoan civilization. Knossos was the court of the legendary King Minos. His wife Pasiphae gave birth to the Minotaur of legend, half bull, half man.

Day 12 • At Sea

Day 13 • Valletta, Malta

After his arrest in Jerusalem in A.D. 57, Paul found himself ensnared in a legal morass. Kept in Caesarea for over two years, Paul finally appealed directly to the highest court in Rome, his right as a Roman citizen. So, in late A.D. 59 Paul set sail for Italy, encountered a huge storm, and his ship foundered near a small island.

As the ship breaks up, the passengers desperately make their way to shore. We read in Acts 28: 1-2—“Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold.”

Paul and his companions spend three months on Malta, and then complete their journey to Rome.

Day 14 • Mgarr (Gozo), Malta

In the movie, “Man on Fire,” Denzel Washington plays washed-up mercenary “Creasy,” hired as a bodyguard for a wealthy Mexican family. “Creasy” lived on the beautiful island of Gozo. We’re going to visit this lovely island...and remember Denzel Washington playing Creasy!

Day 15 • Messina, Sicily

The city’s pleasant, open townscape combines sea, sky and hills. Among the main

attractions is the Norman-Romanesque cathedral, with an adjoining bell tower. The works of Renaissance painter Antonello da Messina and two large Caravaggios can be seen at the Museo Regionale. From Messina, excursions are possible to Taormina, Mount Etna, and other sites.

Day 16 • Naples, Italy

In Naples we are immersed in the scenery of the Piazza Municipio, which is itself dominated by the impressive Castel Nuovo. Teatro San Carlo, the splendid Galleria Umberto I°, and the domes of the splendid Chiesa di San Francesco di Paola are all just waiting to be seen. Towards the sea the Castel dell’Ovo stands in all its glory. Nearby Pompeii reminds us of the power of Mt.

Vesuvius. An optional private excursion to legendary Pompeii will be offered.

Day 17 • Rome/ Port of Civitavecchia

We disembark and visit Vatican City, the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Basilica. From there we will enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome before checking into our hotel near St. Peter’s Square and a plethora of restaurants.

Day 18 • Rome/ Los Angeles

Early this morning, we bid farewell to Rome and fly back to the United States.

Optional Shore Excursions

A series of private shore excursions (at additional cost not included in trip price) are being planned for our guests. Expected excursions currently include Jerusalem, the Galilee, Ephesus, Malta and Pompeii.

