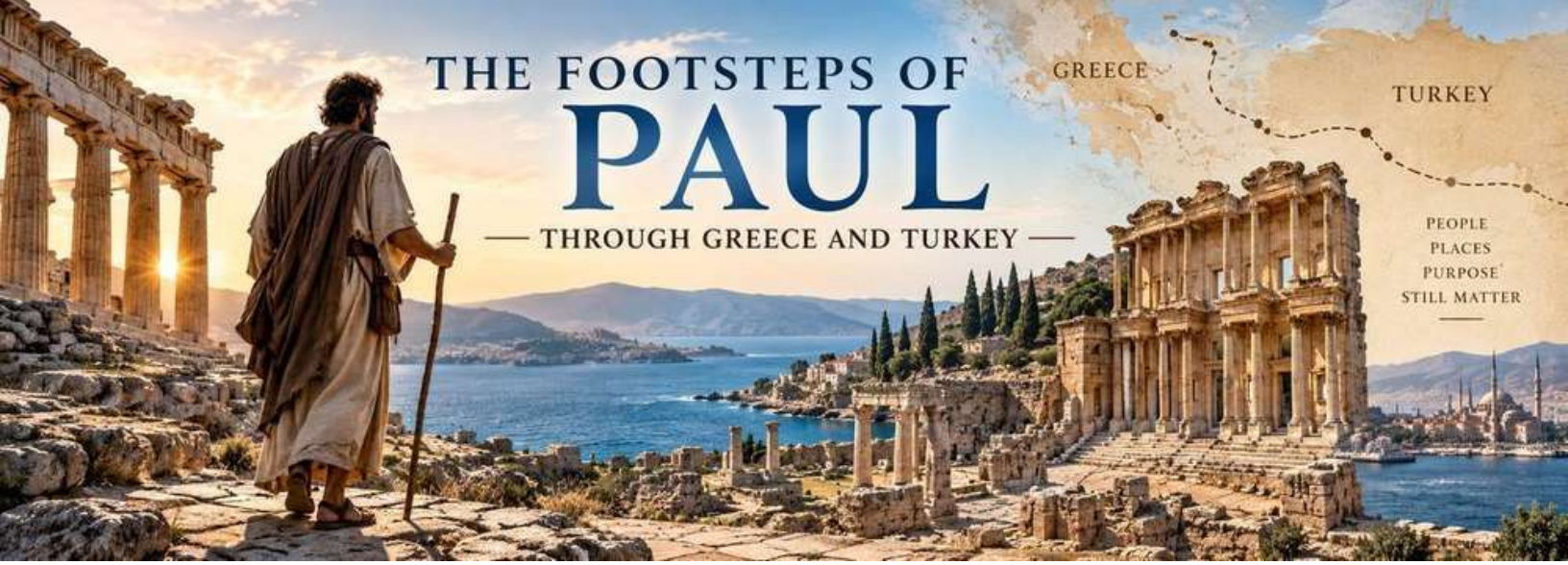



## October 4 – October 14, 2027

11 Days / 10 Nights

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**Eleven days, two countries, and one remarkable story.** This journey follows the Apostle Paul through the cities where he preached, stood trial, and wrote the letters we still read today — Corinth, Athens, Ephesus, Philippi and Thessaloniki.

We walk the marble streets of Ephesus, stand on the Bema at Corinth where Paul faced his accusers, and climb to the monasteries of Meteora, suspended on their rock pillars above the valley. A three-night Aegean cruise carries us to Mykonos, Santorini and Patmos, where the Apostle John received the Revelation.

Throughout, the pace is comfortable and unhurried — good hotels, professional guides, most meals included, and time built in to rest and take it all in.

### TRAVELING WITH US



**Pastors Bruce & Rebecca Grecco**

*Journey Hosts & Biblical Commentary*

Pastors Bruce and Rebecca Grecco travel with us for the full journey, offering Biblical commentary at every place we visit. Bruce has devoted more than forty years to pastoral ministry — serving as Worship and Arts Pastor, Executive Pastor and Senior Pastor in California and Washington, and speaking at leadership conferences across the United States, India, Africa, the United Kingdom and South America. Now retired to Florida, Bruce and Rebecca will open the Word right where it was written.

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1 • MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2027

*Departure — Overnight Flight*

Our journey begins tonight as we lift off on our overnight flight to Athens. Ahead of us lie eleven days walking in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul — through the ancient cities, harbors, and quiet countryside of Greece and Turkey where he preached, wrote, and built the earliest Christian communities.

Settle in, get comfortable, and rest as best you can. Tomorrow we wake up in Greece.

**Overnight:** Overnight flight

### DAY 2 • TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2027

*Athens, Greece — Tour Begins*

We land in Athens where our tour manager and coach driver are waiting to greet us and get us settled. There is no rush today — we ease into Greece's lively capital and let the jet lag loosen its grip.

This evening we gather for a welcome dinner in the Plaka, the historic district tucked at the very foot of the Acropolis. Narrow lanes, warm hospitality, and good food shared around one table — it is exactly the right way to begin a trip like this one.

**Meals included:** Dinner
**Overnight:** Skylark Hotel (or similar), Athens

### DAY 3 • WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2027

*Athens — Corinth — Athens*

After breakfast at the hotel we travel to Corinth, where Paul lived and preached for two full years and wrote the letters we know as 1 and 2 Corinthians. In his day this was a Roman city of enormous wealth and equally enormous appetite — a crossroads of trade and a place of famously loose living. It was also the site of one of his most extensive and most tender ministries.

Our guided tour of ancient Corinth takes us through the Agora, where Paul stood trial before Gallio, and to the Bema, the tribunal recorded in Acts 18:12–17. Standing on that stone changes the way those chapters read.

We return to Athens for dinner and a comfortable second night in the same hotel — no repacking.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner
**Overnight:** Skylark Hotel (or similar), Athens

### DAY 4 • THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2027

*Athens*

This morning we climb the hill of the Areopagus — Mars Hill — where Paul delivered his "Men of Athens" address to a city full of altars and philosophers (Acts 17:22–34). From there we visit the incomparable Acropolis, with time to walk the grounds of the Parthenon, a monument that has stood since the 5th century BC.

The afternoon is yours. Rest at the hotel, browse the shops of the Plaka, or find a shaded café and simply watch Athens go by.

Tonight we come back together for dinner at a traditional Athenian restaurant.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner
**Overnight:** Skylark Hotel (or similar), Athens

### DAY 5 • FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2027

*Athens — Piraeus (Embarkation) — Mykonos*

After breakfast we make our way to the port of Piraeus, where we board our ship for a three-night cruise through the Greek Islands and across to Turkey. Your cabin becomes home for the next three nights — unpack once and let the sea do the traveling.

Our first call is the island of Mykonos, a mountainous little paradise known for whitewashed houses, hundreds of tiny chapels, and the famous windmills standing along its ridge. There is free time to wander the lanes at your own pace before we sail on.

All three meals are included today aboard ship.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
**Overnight:** Celestyal Cruises — Iconic Cruise (outside cabin)

### DAY 6 • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2027

*Kusadasi, Turkey — Patmos, Greece*

We dock this morning at the Turkish port of Kusadasi and go ashore for our excursion to Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the great cities of the ancient world. Paul spent three years of his ministry here, and walking the marble streets gives the letter to the Ephesians a texture no commentary can. We visit the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races and gladiatorial contests once drew crowds, along with the House of Mary, where tradition holds that the mother of Jesus spent her final days.

Early in the afternoon our ship sails for Patmos — the island where the Apostle John received and recorded the Revelation. We visit the Monastery of St. John with its courtyard, the monks' dining room, and the main church, and then the Grotto of the Apocalypse, where you can still see the niches in the rock said to have served as John's pillow and writing ledge, and the crack in the stone left, it is said, by the voice of God.

It is a full and moving day, and all three meals are included.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
**Overnight:** Celestyal Cruises — Iconic Cruise (outside cabin)

### DAY 7 • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2027

*Crete — Santorini*

Early this morning we arrive in Crete, where an optional visit to the Palace of Knossos awaits — home of the great Minoan civilization and, in myth, of Zeus himself.

Later in the day we call at Santorini, and few first views compare to it. The caldera, the deep blue of the Aegean, the narrow whitewashed lanes and the little churches perched along the cliffs make this island unlike anywhere else in Greece. Explore independently at an easy pace or add a ship excursion onboard.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are all included today.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
**Overnight:** Celestyal Cruises — Iconic Cruise (outside cabin)

### DAY 8 • MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2027

*Piraeus (Disembark) — Thermopylae — Kalambaka*

We disembark early this morning and turn north by coach. Along the way we stop at Thermopylae, the narrow pass made famous by Leonidas and his stand against the Persian army — a good place to stretch our legs and take in a piece of history most of us grew up hearing about.

This afternoon we visit an icon painting workshop and learn the traditions behind the sacred images at the heart of Orthodox Byzantine devotion. It is a quiet, hands-on kind of afternoon after a morning of travel.

We settle in for the night in Kalambaka, in the shadow of the Meteora rocks.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Overnight:** Divani Meteora Hotel (or similar), Kalambaka

### DAY 9 • TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2027

*Kalambaka — Meteora — Veria — Thessaloniki*

After breakfast we visit the hanging monasteries of Meteora. The word means “suspended in the air,” and it is not an exaggeration — the monasteries sit atop sheer rock pillars hundreds of feet above the valley floor. We tour two of the six and take in views that are hard to describe and harder to forget, and we consider the monks who came here simply to draw closer to God.

From there we travel to Veria, at the foot of Mount Vermio, with free time to see the Step of Apostle Paul and the synagogue. This is Berea — where the people “received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day” (Acts 17:11).

We continue on to Thessaloniki, an early center of Christianity where Paul preached during the winters of A.D. 49–50 and to whose believers he wrote two of his letters.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner
**Overnight:** AD Imperial Plus Hotel (or similar), Thessaloniki

### DAY 10 • WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2027

*Thessaloniki — Philippi — Thessaloniki*

This morning we depart for the ancient colony of Philippi, founded in 356 B.C. by Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. We see the Ancient Theatre and the Church of Philippi, established by Paul in 49 A.D. With Bibles in hand we pause over Paul’s midnight answer to the jailer and everything that followed (Acts 16:25–31). Nearby we visit the Baptistery of St. Lydia and remember her baptism — the first recorded in Europe (Acts 16:11–15).

Returning to Thessaloniki, we tour the city beginning at Saint Demetrius, admiring the church mosaics and standing at the site of the saint’s martyrdom. We continue to the Agora (Acts 17:1–15), then to the White Tower and the Upper Town for a panoramic view out over the city and the gulf.

Dinner tonight is on your own, so you can choose your own table and linger as long as you like on our last evening in Greece.

**Meals included:** Breakfast
**Overnight:** AD Imperial Plus Hotel (or similar), Thessaloniki

### DAY 11 • THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2027

*Thessaloniki — Return Home*

After breakfast we transfer to the Thessaloniki airport for our flight home — carrying with us the landscapes, the sea, the stone streets, and above all the words and deeds of the Apostle Paul.

For those who would like to keep following Paul all the way to Rome, an optional extension is available.

**Meals included:** Breakfast
**Overnight:** —

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

*ACCOMMODATIONS*

- Double-occupancy accommodations in the hotels listed, or similar
- 3 nights in Athens — Skylark Hotel or similar
- 3 nights aboard Celestyal Cruises "Iconic Cruise" in outside XC / XD cabins
- 1 night in Kalambaka — Divani Meteora Hotel or similar
- 2 nights in Thessaloniki — AD Imperial Plus Hotel or similar

*TRANSPORTATION*

- Private deluxe touring coach and driver throughout the land portion of the tour
- 3-night Aegean cruise, Piraeus round-trip, with all port and service charges

*MEALS*

- 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 8 dinners as noted in the day-by-day itinerary
- Unlimited free-pour sodas with meals in the ship's main restaurants (Thalassa & Taverna)
- One bottle of mineral water per person, per day

*SIGHTSEEING & ADMISSIONS*

- Admission to every attraction named in the itinerary, except the optional Crete shore excursion
- Ancient Ephesus shore excursion
- Patmos shore excursion
- Mykonos shore excursion
- Santorini shore excursion

*GUIDE SERVICES*

- Services of a professional tour guide throughout the Greece portion of the tour
- Tour manager on arrival in Athens
- Biblical commentary and teaching at each site from Pastors Bruce & Rebecca Grecco, who travel with the group for the full journey

*BAGGAGE HANDLING*

- Handling of one piece of luggage per person at all hotels

*TAXES, TIPS & EXTRAS*

- All taxes and tips for services provided, except as noted under "Not Included"
- Port and service charges, including gratuities for onboard ship staff
- Complimentary Essential Wi-Fi onboard (basic browsing, email and messaging; social media and streaming require an upgrade purchased onboard)
- Onboard entertainment and daily activities

## NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip air transportation, including all related taxes and fees
- End-of-tour tips for the driver and tour guide
- Optional Crete shore excursion (Palace of Knossos)
- Beverages, except with breakfast
- Meals other than those listed in the itinerary
- Dinner on Day 10 (on your own in Thessaloniki)
- Travel protection / cancellation insurance
- Items of a personal nature — passports, visas, laundry, souvenirs and personal spending money

> **We strongly recommend that every traveler purchase travel protection.** Cancellation, medical and baggage coverage can be added at the time of deposit.

## MEAL INCLUSIONS SUMMARY

| Day | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Day 1 — Mon, Oct 4** | — | — | — |
| **Day 2 — Tue, Oct 5** | — | — | Dinner |
| **Day 3 — Wed, Oct 6** | Breakfast | — | Dinner |
| **Day 4 — Thu, Oct 7** | Breakfast | — | Dinner |
| **Day 5 — Fri, Oct 8** | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner |
| **Day 6 — Sat, Oct 9** | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner |

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| **Day 7 — Sun, Oct 10** | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner |
| **Day 8 — Mon, Oct 11** | Breakfast | — | Dinner |
| **Day 9 — Tue, Oct 12** | Breakfast | — | Dinner |
| **Day 10 — Wed, Oct 13** | Breakfast | — | On own |
| **Day 11 — Thu, Oct 14** | Breakfast | — | — |
| **TOTALS** | **9 Breakfasts** | **3 Lunches** | **8 Dinners** |

*Note: Breakfast is not included on Day 1 (departure) or Day 2 (arrival day, breakfast served in flight). Dinner on Day 10 is on your own.*

## HOTEL & CRUISE DETAILS

| Night(s) | Date(s) | Accommodation | Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Night 1** | Oct 4 | Overnight transatlantic flight | — |
| **Nights 2–4** | Oct 5–7 | Skylark Hotel or similar | Athens, Greece |
| **Nights 5–7** | Oct 8–10 | Celestyal Cruises "Iconic Cruise" — outside cabin (XC / XD) | Aegean Sea |
| **Night 8** | Oct 11 | Divani Meteora Hotel or similar | Kalambaka, Greece |
| **Nights 9–10** | Oct 12–13 | AD Imperial Plus Hotel or similar | Thessaloniki, Greece |

*Hotels listed are those proposed by the operator; comparable substitutions may be made. Final property confirmations will be issued with the tour documents.*

## PRICING

Pricing is per person and reflects land and cruise arrangements only. Air transportation is quoted separately.

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| **Per Person — Double Occupancy** | **$5,945** |
| **Per Person — Single Occupancy** | **$8,195** |
| **Deposit Due at Booking** | $1,000 per person |
| **Second Payment Due** | $2,500 per person — May 15, 2027 |
| **Final Payment Due** | **June 30, 2027** |

**Payment plans are available.** Ask about monthly installments.

## GOOD TO KNOW

- A valid passport with at least six months' validity beyond the return date is required for all travelers.
- Expect walking on uneven ancient stone, cobblestones and some stairs at the Acropolis, Ephesus, Patmos and Meteora. Comfortable walking shoes are essential.
- Modest dress — shoulders and knees covered — is required at the Meteora monasteries and several churches.
- Bring your Bible. Pastors Bruce and Rebecca will be teaching from Scripture at the sites, and several stops are far more meaningful with the passage in front of you.
- Timing may shift to accommodate ship schedules, local hours and weather.

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