

Steps of the Paul and Classical Greece extension



Day 1 – Saturday Depart U.S

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the U.S. Embark today on your transatlantic flight to Athens. Meals will be provided during the flight.

Day 2 – Sunday Arrival Athens

Arrive in **Athens**, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 – Monday 4 Day cruise / Mykonos

This morning board the ship and sail to the world famous island of **Mykonos**. The town is a small architectural miracle, with its gleaming whitewashed buildings and windmills, and one of the most cosmopolitan places in the world.



Day 4 – Tuesday Patmos / Kusadasi

Today you arrive in **Kusadasi**, Turkey, and have the option to drive to **ancient Ephesus**. The impressive remains include the **Agora**, the **Theater**, the **Stadium**, the **Library of Celsius**, the ruins of the **Temple of Diana** (one of the “seven Wonders of the Ancient World”) and more. Later, sail for the isle of **Patmos**, where you can choose to visit the **Monastery of St John**, on one of the island’s highest points. From there, walk down to the **Grotto of the Apocalypse**, the site of the apocalyptic Revelations of St John the Divine.



Day 5 – Wednesday Rhodes

Spend the day on the island of **Rhodes**, where you can stroll around the medieval city and see the **Palace of the Grand Master**, which was built by the Knights of St John. Also, you will have the option to drive to the lovely town of **Lindos** and climb its **Acropolis** to admire the panoramic view.



Day 6 – Thursday Crete / Santorini

In the morning arrive at **Heraklion**, Crete, where you can choose to visit the Minoan Palace of **Knossos**, home to king Minos and his legendary beast, the Minotaur. In the **Archaeological Museum** of Heraklion you can find the unbelievable works of art (pieces of sculpture and pottery, jewellery, arms, frescoes), that have been found in a number of Minoan sites all over Crete. Then, sail north to the isle of **Santorini**, the most breathtaking of all the Greek islands. The exquisite whitewashed villages, including the town of **Fira**, or Thira, cling to volcanic cliffs, accessible by cable-car, or mule.



Day 7 – Friday Disembarkation / Athens

Today you disembark from the cruise ship and start your Athens sightseeing. In the morning follow your guide to the world renowned **Acropolis**, to see the architectural miracles of the Golden Age of **Pericles**: the **Propylea**, the **Erechtheum** and, above all, the **Parthenon** (temple of Athena, goddess of wisdom). Have a panoramic view of the city and observe the **Agora** (market-place), where many ancient philosophers spent their time. Continue with a



bus-tour in the center of Athens and admire the **Old Olympic Stadium**, the **University**, the **Academy**, The **temple of Olympian Zeus**, **Constitution Square** with the **House of Parliament** and the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** and much more. Afterwards Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 8 – Saturday Classical Tour

Your four-day classical tour of southern Greece begins with the scenic drive to the legendary **canal of Corinth**, where you stop for pictures. Afterwards you will visit **Ancient Corinth**. This is the once glorious city near the Isthmus, where Paul met Aquilla and Priscilla and spent a year and a half preaching the Word of God. You visit the **Archaeological Museum**, the **Forum**, the **Temples** and the famous **Bema**, where Paul stood before Gallio, accused by the Jews of Corinth. Drive on to the Homeric city of **Mycanae** to see the remains of this prehistoric acropolis, its Palace, the Grave Circles and the



famous bee-hive Tombs. This was the kingdom of Atreus and his son Agamemnon, the leader of the Greeks in the campaign against Troy. Continue to **Epidaurus** which was known in antiquity as a healing center, a place where the god of medicine Asclepios was worshipped. Nowadays, thousands of people visit the area to admire its fantastic acoustics. In the afternoon we arrive to Olympia for dinner and overnight.



Day 9 – Sunday Classical Tour

Spend the morning in Olympia, admiring the splendors of this unique place, where the ancient Greek ideas of unity, peace and fair play flourished. See the impressive **ruins of Hera’s and Zeus’s Temples**, the **Leonidaion**, the **Workshop of the sculptor Pheidias** and of course, the famous **Stadium** where the **Olympic Games** were held. Also visit



the Museum with its new display of amazing pieces of sculpture and pottery and the architectural remains of the ancient edifices. Don’t miss the pride of this museum, the “**Hermes**” of Praxiteles, one of the most wonderful ancient statues ever made. Then go north to **Patras** and drive on the brand new “hanging” bridge which connects the Peloponnese with the region of Continental Greece, in order to reach **Delphi**. In the evening dinner and overnight in Delphi.



Day 10 – Monday Classical Tour

In antiquity Delphi was the site of the most important and famous oracle in the then-known world, the oracle of Apollo (the god of light and music), who spoke to the mortals through his priestess Pythia and was known for the oblique nature of his prophecies. Walk up the Sacred Way to see the Treasuries, the Theater and the **Temple of Apollo**, next to which was the exact spot that was believed to be the “**navel**” (omphalos) of the earth. Visit the museum of Delphi and marvel at the splendid collection of artifacts from the excavation, including the bronze “**Charioteer**” one of the best preserved ancient works of metallurgy. Continue to Kalambaka, for dinner and overnight.



Day 11 – Tuesday Return Athens

In the morning you visit one of the amazing Byzantine monasteries of **Meteora**, perched on top of gigantic rock pinnacles of weird shapes. Drive to Athens passing via Thermopylae and Kammena Vourla, for dinner and overnight.

Day 12 – Wednesday Transatlantic flight back to the US
Fly back home with a new insight into Paul’s life and teachings.

