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.

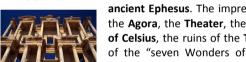
Day 3 - Monday 4 Day cruise / Mykonos

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



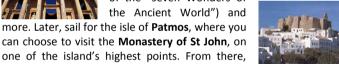
Day 4 - Tuesday Patmos / Kusadasi

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

the Ancient World") and



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

slands. 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 renown 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 Aguilla and Priscilla and spent a year and a half preaching the Word of God. You visit the Archaeological Museum, the Forum, the

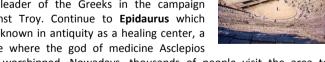


Temples and the famous **Bema**, where Paul stood before Gallio, accused by the Jews of Corinth. Drive on to the Homeric city of

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.





