

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scheduled round-trip transatlantic flights from Chicago
- First-class Accommodations
- Deluxe motor-coach for scheduled transfers and sightseeing
- All breakfasts and dinner
- Professional tour escort/guide
- Admission fees for all included sightseeing
- Portage for one suitcase per person at the hotels
- Service charges, government fees
- All tips for hotel staff, local guides and driver

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Travel Insurance
- Fees for excess baggage
- Lunches not included
- Personal expenses
- Anything not mentioned under "What's included"

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Journeys of Paul

with:

Dr. Ray Young

November 01 - 09, 2021

Departure City: Chicago, IL

Cost: \$4,180 (Prices based on double occupancy in category IA cabin)

Single Supplement: +\$900

Final Payment Due by August 01, 2021

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DAY 1: Monday (November 01) - Departure to Rome

We will meet at the airport and begin our journey together. Flying from Chicago to Rome, Italy.

Day 2: Tuesday (November 02) - Rome/Ostia /Rome

Upon arriving in Rome we drive towards the sea to visit the site of Ostia Antica the harbor city of Ancient Rome. We explore the well-preserved excavations and step back in time into Roman antiquity. Ostia was a cosmopolitan city. On the way to Rome, we travel to the Church of Santa Prisca on the Aventino Hill, the home of Priscilla and Aquila. The early Christian Church met in homes; this is one of them. Tradition says Peter worshiped here. When the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome, Aquila was a Jew. As victims of Roman persecution, this couple moved to Corinth and partnered with Paul. (Acts 18, 1 Cor 16:19, Rom 16:3, 2 Tim 4:19). We continue to our hotel, check in, dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: Wednesday (November 03) - Rome. All day in Rome. Morning tour (3.5 hours) - Afternoon tour (3.5 hours). This tour will show the great “power” of Rome and Emperors who demanded divinity for themselves. While in Rome, this was what the Apostle Paul preached against. From the Trajan’s Column, jewel of architecture and sculpture made by Apollodorus of Damascus, our guide will show you along the Via dei Fori Imperiali (street of the Imperial Fora), the ruins of the fora that the great emperors built as lasting memory of their power. We see the Forum of Trajan, the biggest and most splendid of all, whose markets are true forerunners of the modern commercial centers. On foot you will reach the Capitoline Hill, once political and religious center of the town, which today is the seat of the Municipality. A stairway leads you to the Piazza del Campidoglio, whose natural terrace provides the best panoramic point over the valley of the Roman Forum and the Palatine Hill. Here you’ll find the magnificent result of a single project by Michelangelo, a copy of the most famous equestrian statue in the world, the statue of Marcus Aurelius. Walking through the valley of the Roman Forum, the great Rome, with its important buildings will revive before your eyes; the Curia, seat of the Roman Senate, the State Archive, the basilicas, palaces of justice, the temple of Vesta, and the House of the Vestals, temples, columns and arches of triumph erected to commemorate gods of Roman history. From the Forum the guide will show you to the place linked to the fabulous origins of Rome, the Palatine. Here, in 753 B.C., Romulus founded the town. Starting with Augustus, the great emperors settled here. From the valley of the Roman Forum you will explore the ruins of the Imperial Palaces. The Domus Tiberiana, the royal palace, where the emperors placed themselves on the same level as the gods. Leaving the Roman Forum you’ll find the Arch of Constantine erected to commemorate the victory of the emperor over Maxentius in the 4th century A.D. (tradition says that before the battle the Emperor saw a brilliant cross in the sky and said the famous words “in hoc signovinces”, meaning “In this sign you will conquer”). The tour ends at the Colosseum, everlasting symbol of the greatness of Rome and the stage for the historical fights of the gladiators. We’ll then continue on the Ancient Appian Way, to visit the Catacombs of Santa Domitilla. The Christian catacombs are extremely important for the art history of early Christians. At first they were used both for burial and the memorial services and celebrations of the anniversaries of Christian martyrs. Many modern depictions of the catacombs show them as hiding places for Christian populations during times of persecution. We continue the tour visiting Abbey of the Three Fountains, the place of Paul’s martyrdom, where tradition has it that three different springs gushed out at each spot touched when Paul’s head fell down. Legend claims that when Paul was decapitated, his head bounced three times and fountains miraculously sprang out when it touched the ground. The legend is nice, but the springs were known in pre-Christian times as the Aquae Salviae, and the excavations revealed ancient mosaic pavements. Still, it’s the site of St Paul’s martyrdom. It is also said that there was a stone-pine tree at the site of his death, and the identification of this place was strengthened when ancient stone-pine cones were found here during excavations in 1857. To conclude this day in Rome we will visit the place where the bones of Paul have recently been found, Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. It is a Benedictine Abbey which shares its name, origins and centuries of history, both joyful and sorrowful, with the adjoining basilica. Return to the hotel, for dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Thursday (November 04) - Rome

Paul was not the only Apostle associated with Rome. Peter was martyred on the Vatican Hill and the memory of the impact of the Apostle John’s lasting ministry before and after his arrest and exile to Patmos by Emperor Domitian. This morning we board our bus and continue our Roman visit at Basilica of St John in Lateran which became among the most important Christian Churches of Rome. When Constantine opened the Roman world to Christianity, his apparent conversion was symbolized by the donation of a significant family property for the Basilica. The important Lateran Baptistery reminds us of the many early converts to the faith and the process of moving it from a rogue influence to a sponsored and ordered faith. Then continue with Holy Steps. According to tradition, these steps (now covered with wooden plants) are the very ones Jesus climbed in the house of Pontius Pilate only to see the Roman governor wash his hands of the self-styled messiah. Martin Luther, on his trip to Rome to meet the Pope, climbed on his knees, a tradition still maintained today. We will visit the Mamertine Prison, the site of Paul’s Incarceration. Enjoy a walking tour through Baroque Rome’s monuments: from the Trevi Fountain, passing by the Pantheon till Navona Square. In the afternoon we visit the Vatican Museum, which includes the Sistine chapel and St Peter’s Basilica. Dinner will be served in a panoramic restaurant, with great view over Rome.

Day 5: Friday (November 05). Early arrival in to Athens to embark cruise. Sail to Mykonos

MYKONOS: A pearl in the Aegean Sea –Mykonos, filled with white washed buildings, narrow winding paths and stunning beaches! Mykonos is probably the most well-known and talked about of all the Greek Islands. Upon arriving in Mykonos Town, our walking tour will begin to showcase both the lifestyle and the true history of this unique town. Together with our guide we will walk through the narrow whitewashed streets, here you will appreciate the fact that its confusing layout was designed to foil the attacking pirates. Orientation is given in the Labyrinth as well as information and a tour of the cosmopolitan port, churches, renowned windmill, not to mention Petros the Pelican, the famous pet of the island! Our next stop is the traditional 15th century bakery which is still operational today and one of the few bakeries in Greece which still uses wood in their ovens! This tour includes a visit to the picture-perfect Little Venice, so called due to its striking resemblance in design to the famous canal city, the nearby Wind mills, an island trademark, which offer a wonderful photo opportunity as far as the Paraportiani Church, one of the most picturesque churches of this island.



Day 6: Saturday (November 06) (Part 1) - KUSADASI

The Roman Empire took possession of the coast in the 2nd century BC and made it their provincial capital in the early years of Christianity. John the Evangelist and the Virgin Mary both came to live in the area, which in the Christian era became known as “Ania”. As Byzantine, Venetian and Genoese shippers began to trade along the coast, the port was re-founded (by the name of Scala Nova or Scala Nuova, meaning “New Port”), a garrison was placed on the island, and the town center shifted from the hillside to the coast.

Day 6: Saturday (November 06) (Part 2) - EPHEBUS/PATMOS ISLAND

The Sacred Island of Patmos lies at the north-western extremity of the Dodecanese between the islands of Ikaría and Leros. An island of rare beauty captivating the visitor at first glance, with its picturesque harbor dominated by the imposing Monastery of St. John standing on the hill above. Leaving Skala harbor, you take a 10-minute drive to the impressive village of Chora. The Monastery of St. John is situated amongst gleaming white house’s forming a startling contrast to its dark mass. The Blessed Christodoulos, Servant of Christ, built the Monastery in 1088. It has thick, high walls crowned all around with battlements and a total of eight chapels. The courtyard is laid with pebbles and decorated with arches through which one can see the intricately designed frescoes adorning the chapel entrance. The museum houses a magnificent collection of jeweled chalices, crowns and crosses. In addition, there are old writings dating back as far as 1073, icons and religious paintings including an original El Greco. Many exhibits from the library, which is not open to the public, can also be viewed in the museum. The tour then continues with a visit to the Grotto of St. John taking the form of a 17th century Monastery built around the cave where St. John lived for two years (95-97AD) during his writings of the Apocalypse. Inside one can see the stone which he is said to have used as a pillow.

After this memorable tour, you will embark the coach for the short ride back to the port. (Photos or video are not permitted within the churches and the Monastery Museum) Visitors must be dressed in a respectful manner as follows:

- a) Women with skirts covering their knees, and blouses etc. covering their shoulders.
- b) Men with pants covering their knees, and shirts etc. covering their shoulders.

Day 7: Sunday (November 07) (Part 1) - HERAKLION / CRETE ISLAND

In the morning you will arrive in the Heraklion, Crete island’s largest city. Crete is the largest and the most rugged of the Greek islands. It is also the home of the great Minoan Civilization and the mythological home of Zeus. Heraklion is the home of the Knossos Palace excavations. Here, Sir Arthur Evans’ archaeological discoveries revealed a civilization dating back to 4000 B.C., when a great empire flourished on the island of Crete. Based on the wealth of artefacts that were found, Evans theorized that this was the site of the ancient Minoan Kingdom. These findings will be viewed in detail, when you will do the tour and will follow your guide who will lead you on a journey of discovery to learn of the sophisticated culture that flourished thousands of years ago on this island. The Palace, decorated with frescoes and shields houses the Hall of the Royal Guard, the Hall of the Double Axes, the King’s Chamber with the alabaster throne, the Queen’s Apartment, beautiful courtyards and shrines. Also, in the center of Heraklion has many beauties to discover and a lot of tasteful delicacies. Today afternoon you will arrive at the beautiful island of Santorini

Day 7: Sunday (November 07) (Part 2) - SANTORINI ISLAND

Fira, the capital town clings to the edge of a cliff, which is, in fact, the rim of the crater. It is 900 feet above the landing Port and about 800 broad, zigzagged steps up from the Port. Fira is a comparatively modern town; with houses built mostly during the 19th century when the old Venetian capital became not suitable to resident due to the many earthquakes of the area. The architecture is a jumble of Cycladic and Venetian. Fira, a town of about 2,000 inhabitants, one gets the feel of the old-world charm blended in with the modern-day comforts. Monastery of Profitis Elias is 3km from the village. It is located on the peak of the mountain with the same altitude of 550 meters. The monastery’s museum is full of ecclesiastical articles of unlimited value. Also, there are icons from 15th and 18th centuries, a 20th century icon cross, silver bound scriptures, and the diamond-adorned mitre of the Patriarch Gregory Ela (Oia) is the traditional settlement and located on the northern tip of the island, high on the cliff-top, Ia hosts the most magnificent views on Santorini and a picturesque road, with cliffs on the side and sea on the other, leads to this attractive town. A square overlooks the sea and visitors are encouraged to observe a truly fantastic sunset well worth saving on film. The architecture of Ia is typical Santorini with houses sunk deep into the volcanic soil, their whitewashed walls and blue domes sparkling in the sunlight. Ia today also hosts a cultural center with many art galleries.

Day 8: Monday (November 08) - Athens

A full day tour where you will view many significant historical and archaeological monuments that date back to the Golden Age of Pericles, in the 5th century BC. During that time, the wealthy, newly democratic and invigorated city-state decided to rebuild the Temples on top of the Acropolis in great splendor. Visit the Parthenon, dedicated to the Goddess Athena, a unique masterpiece of Greek Architecture. This monument is recognized as the culmination of Greek architecture and sculpture. Examine the Propylea, which blends Doric and Ionic building principles. Continue to the Temple of the Athena Nike (Wingless Victory) and the Erechtheum Temple, which was formerly used for cult worship and consists of three basic parts: the main Temple, the north extension and the famous Porch of Maidens. Explore the Museum of the Acropolis housing many masterpieces. The Acropolis museum is considered one of the most important archaeological museums in Athens and ranks among the most important museums of the world. The museum houses more than 4,000 artifacts from the Acropolis site, and its exhibits cover the Greek Bronze Age as well as the Roman and Byzantine periods. Next will be Mars Hill, where St. Paul preached Christianity. You will have a chance to see the Ancient Agora, Tower of the Winds, Herodes Atticus Theater, Theater of Dionysos, Temple of Zeus, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the former Royal Palace which is now the House of Parliament. Continue by bus to the University of Athens, the Academy of Athens, the National Library and then to the “Panathenian” Olympic Stadium where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. {You will have the chance to enjoy lunch at a traditional restaurant in the center of Athens. Then you will have the chance to stroll at the Plaka which is the historic heart of Athens. Blending with the adjacent Monastiaki district, the Plaka area seems to have a little of everything, from the ancient ruins of a Roman forum, the Greek Agora, and Byzantine-influenced churches, to restored 19th century neoclassical homes and modern-day stores, boutiques and cafes sprinkled throughout. Enjoy some late afternoon free time.

Day 9: Tuesday (November 09) - Half day Corinth tour

Corinth is a city blessed with a superb location, fertile plains and virtually impregnable refuge. Excavations reveal that the ancient city was huge and wealthy; a survivor of the numerous invasions but devastated by earthquakes. Paul lived and worked in Corinth for 18 months, making converts where he could. The Bema (platform) where the Roman governor tried him is still visible. See one of Corinth’s most striking ancient buildings – the Temple of Apollo, seven of whose original columns still stand. Walk through the remains of the Market Place, a colonnaded square once surrounded by many small shops. See the celebrated Fountain of Priene, which has produced water from earliest times, and the Lechaion Road, formerly the main thoroughfare to the port of Lechaion. You will then visit the incredible Corinth Canal. The concept of cutting a canal through the Isthmus of Corinth to link the Ionian and Aegean seas was first proposed by the tyrant Periander, founder of Ancient Corinth. The magnitude of the task defeated him so he opted instead to build a paved slipway across which sailors dragged small ships on rollers, a method used until the 13th century. Nero, Rome’s most infamous emperor, inaugurated one attempt in 67 AD with his golden spade, but it was finally completed in 1893. Return to Athens to fly home.

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