



FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH JOURNEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL TO GREECE WITH 4 NIGHT AEGEAN CRUISE (INCLUDES PATMOS & EPHEBUS)

6TH - 18TH
OCTOBER 2025

LED BY
**PASTORS
MICHAEL &
CHIEW HAR RAJ**

13
DAYS

PACKAGE PRICE: AUD\$ **8,490***
per person (twin share)

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: AUD\$ **1,595**
LIMITED SINGLE CABINS AVAILABLE

FULLY ESCORTED

*Price based on minimum group size of 25 participants. Subject to change. Conditions apply.

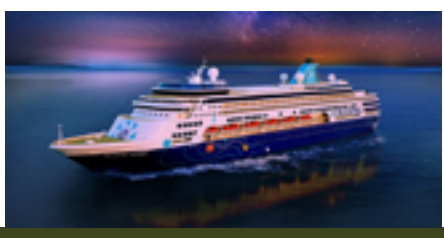
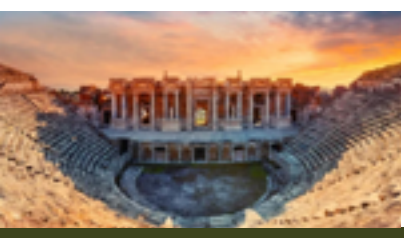
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Experience Greece in the Footsteps of Paul...

Faith Church is excited to be hosting this incredible journey. We follow St Paul, who became one of the most influential figures in the early Christian movement, undertaking missionary journeys across the Mediterranean to spread the teachings of Jesus and establish Christian communities. We'll be visiting places steeped in biblical, historical and cultural significance. Taking time to enjoy a wonderful 4 Night Aegean cruise will be very special.

Please join Ps Michael and Chiew Har, as they set sail and step into the pages of the New Testament tracing Paul's steps in spreading the gospel through Greece. They will be delivering devotionals every day and at each significant location.



NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking Form from pastor Michael & Chiew Har Raj or Olive Tree Travel or by [CLICKING HERE.](#)
2. To secure your place on this journey a deposit of \$500 per person is due by Friday, 20th December (unless sold out prior)
3. Participants from the postponed November 2023 Israel Journey may use their full deposits towards the 2025 Journey. Let us know by 20th December to guarantee your place onboard!
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DAY 1 MONDAY, 6TH OCTOBER

DEPART AUSTRALIA

Depart Melbourne today on our Emirates flight bound for Dubai. Upon arrival in Dubai, transfer to your onwards Emirates flight to Athens.

DAY 2 TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER

ATHENS, DELPHI

Upon arrival in Athens, you will be met and assisted by your waiting guide and driver. Welcome to Greece! Enjoy an introduction to this wonderful land with its ancient history and civilization. Enjoy some picturesque scenery as we journey to Delphi. On arrival to our hotel, we'll check in, settle in, enjoy an early dinner and early night, ready to commence touring tomorrow! (D)

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER

DELPHI, KALAMBAKA

This morning, we visit the archaeological site of **Delphi** which was believed to be the center or the navel of the earth for it was believed that when Zeus released two eagles from opposite sides of the world they would meet in Delphi. Delphi reached its height in power in the 4th century as the sanctuary to the god Apollo. Pilgrims would gather here to seek advice from the great oracle, Pythia, on various matters including waging wars. We explore the sanctuary by walking up the Sacred Way to see the Treasuries, the Theater and the Temple of Apollo. We will visit the museum of Delphi to marvel at the unique collection of artifacts from the excavation, including the bronze "Charioteer" one of the best-preserved ancient works of metallurgy. We then continue our drive north to Kalambaka.

Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka. (B,D)

DAY 4 THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER

METEORA, THESSALONIKI

We commence the day with a visit to two of the **Meteora Monasteries**. The name Meteora derives from the Greek word for hover/float, since the monasteries are built among striking scenery, perched on top of huge rocks, which seem to be suspended in mid-air. The monasteries contain beautiful Byzantine art and offer an insight into the mystic world of the monks still residing there. We then continue our drive north to Thessaloniki.

Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki. (B,D)

DAY 5 FRIDAY, 10TH OCTOBER

PHILIPPI AND KAVALA, THESSALONIKI

Visit **Philippi** where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. The Roman forum in Philippi, completely excavated, is from after Paul's time. Visit the Acropolis, and the marketplace where we will see the remains of the two early Christian Basilicas, the theatre and traces of via Egnatia. Among the ruins, located on the rocky ledge above the town's main road is the prison of Paul and Silas. Continue to the the River Zygaktis. It was here that St Paul won his first European convert, a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira (Acts 16:12-40). Here, at Baptistery of Lydia we may have a beautiful outdoor Mass and renew our Baptismal vows. Continue into the modern port city of **Kavala**, ancient Neapolis, where Paul accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot in Europe. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki. (B,D)

DAY 6 SATURDAY, 11TH OCTOBER

THESSALONIKI, ATHENS

Today we have an early start to commence our exploration of Thessaloniki, a major Greek city where Paul preached in during the winters of 49-50 AD and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. We view the Byzantine walls, with their stunning views over the city, the White Tower, the Triumphal Arch of Galerius standing on the Egnatia Way. We then visit the **Byzantine churches of St Sophia and** (time permitting) **St. Dimitrios**, an early convert to Christianity martyred by the Romans. We then transfer to the airport for our flight to Athens. Transfer to the hotel in Athens for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 7 SUNDAY, 12TH OCTOBER

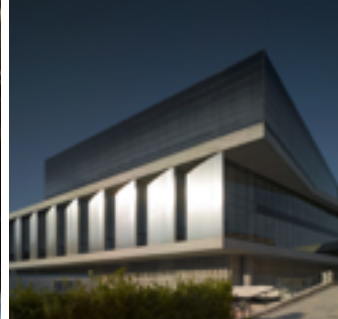
ATHENS

This morning, we will visit the famous Acropolis to see the Propylae, the Erectheum and the Parthenon. From there we will get a clear view of the city of Athens, as well as the Ancient Agora (ancient marketplace where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians). Ascending the hill, we will pass through the **Mars Hill**, where Paul preached to the ancient Athenians. Our visit is not complete without a tour of the **New Acropolis Museum**, which houses the findings of the Acropolis of Athens. Then we continue with a bus tour of the city where we will see the House of Parliament, the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Hadrian's Arch and the Panathenaic Stadium.

Afternoon at leisure to explore the city further.

Dinner and overnight in Athens. (B,D)

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DAY 8 MONDAY, 13TH OCTOBER

CRUISE, MYKONOS

After breakfast we will be transferred to the port of Lavrion, where we will board our cruise. The ship sails at 1pm to Mykonos. Disembark if you wish to take a stroll along the narrow-cobbled streets, past chic boutiques, white-washed churches and elegant cafes. Catch a vantage point to enjoy a magical sunset. Return to the ship for overnight sailing. Overnight on board. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 TUESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER

CRUISE, KUSADASI, PATMOS

This morning, we arrive in Kusadasi where we join an excursion to Ancient Ephesus (KUS-02).

Morning visit to Ephesus in Kusadasi. At Ancient Ephesus we find Immortal relics of the Hellenistic, Roman and Early Christian era. At the archaeological site we will be given a guided tour among the Agora, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the marble-paved main Street of Kouretes, the Baths of Scholastica, Trajan's Fountain, the Public Latrines, the Residences of the Patricians, the Prytaneum, the Temple of Hadrian...The Great Theatre, built in the 4th century B.C., could accommodate 24,000 spectators and it is famous even nowadays for its acoustics. The finds from the excavations, which have yet brought to light only 13% of ancient Ephesus, reside in the Archaeological Museum of Ephesus, in the city of Selcuk. During the excursion we will have a chance to do some shopping and see the carpet waving demonstration.

In the afternoon, visit St. John Monastery and Cave of Apocalypse in Patmos (PAT-01).

The picturesque alleyways wind upwards, towards the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist, founded in 1088 by St. Christodoulos. The visit will open the doors for us to the Monastery's yard, the place where the monks take their meals and the old bakery. Of exquisite beauty is the tour of the Byzantine Church of St. John, which is adorned with a wood-carved icon screen, important frescoes from several periods, with both mosaic and other icons. Our next stop is the small museum which hosts religious treasures of inestimable value, like manuscripts, medieval textiles and sacerdotal vestments. Walking down the stairs, the religious energy that we will experience is soul touching. Behind the chapel of St. Anne lies the entrance to the Grotto of the Apocalypse. We will see the cross engraved by St. John the Evangelist, according to tradition, the triple fissure in the wall of the cave, from where St. John heard God dictating to him the Apocalypse and also the spot where he lay down to sleep.

Overnight on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER

CRUISE, RHODES

Upon arrival in Rhodos, we join the excursion to Philerimos Church and the place of the Knights (RHO -2)

We join our tour which begins at the Acropolis of Rhodes, just outside the city, which dates from the Classical Greek period. We then head to the beautiful Monastery of Panagia Philerimos. We also take some time to visit the Byzantine Church of St George Hostos with its rare frescoes depicting the Knights. We return to the capital Rhodes. In the Knights' Quarter we visit the magnificent Palace of the Grand Master also known at the Castello.

Overnight on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER

CRUISE, HERAKLION, SANTORINI

This morning, we arrive in Heraklion (Crete) where we join the excursion to the Minoan Palace of Knossos (HER-02)

The ancient city of Knossos, near Crete's capital Heraklion, was the place that 'gave birth' to the very first civilization of Europe, the Minoans. Our excursion will open up the world of the Minoans as we visit one of the continent's most important archaeological treasures. Explore the large Central Court, the wonderful Throne Room, the imposing Grand Staircase and see the fresco of the 'Prince of the Lilies.' As you stroll through the palace apartments and view the archaeological finds, we think you will be just a little in awe of the rich cultural heritage of the Minoan civilization. You will undoubtedly hear the Cretan legend of the Minotaur, half man, half bull who lived in the Labyrinth and was slain by Theseus. But that's another story. Exploring from room to room we will relive time in the Hall of the Royal Guard and the King's Chamber, hearing about the extraordinary rule of King Minos.

In the afternoon we sail to Santorini. where you will have free time to explore the island, if you wish. Once again disembarking to find a good spot to enjoy a magical sunset is highly recommended. Return to the ship before sailing overnight back to Athens. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER

ANCIENT CORINTH, DEPART ATHENS

Following our disembarkation in the morning, we drive to the Corinth Canal, which separates Peloponnese from the Greek mainland and connects the two Seas, the Ionian and the Aegean. Continue to Ancient Corinth, one of the most

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important trading cities of ancient Greece dating back to the 6th century B.C. Here under the shadow of the towering Acropolis, St. Paul preached and lived for two years. The vigorous and mostly Gentile Church he founded here in 50 AD caused him much grief and prompted him to write at least four letters. Visit the ruins of the ancient city where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. See the remains of first century shops, the agora where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, the Fountain of Peirene, Temple of Apollo and the Bema. We will then transfer to the airport to board our flight back to Australia. (B)

DAY 13 SATURDAY, 18TH OCTOBER

ARRIVAL AUSTRALIA

Today we Arrive back in Melbourne this evening with wonderful memories of your trip!

****Itinerary Subject to Change****

PRICE INCLUSIONS:

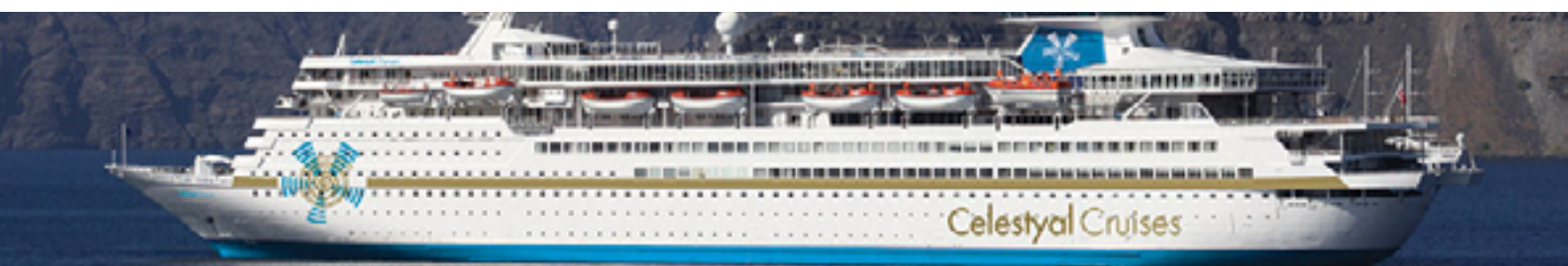
- Return economy class airfares to/from Melbourne with Emirates Airlines into out of Athens via Dubai
- One way domestic flight from Thessaloniki to Athens
- All airport & departure taxes
- Porterage, tips & gratuities throughout
- 10 nights in total in 4 star hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms including 4 nights full board in XBO cabins (cabins with windows but partial restricted views) on Celestyal Cruise including select drinks during meal times.
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily, all meals at hotels unless otherwise specified
- Lunches on the cruise
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach, 36 seater if under 30 participants.
- All guiding and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Headsets
- Shore Excursions to Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Rhodes

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Drinks with meals
- Personal payments
- The services that are not mentioned in "Inclusions"
- Travel insurance
- Lunches (except on the cruise)
- Shore excursions on Santorini and Mykonos

HOTELS/CRUISE AS FOLLOWS (OR SIMILAR)

- 7-8 Oct 2025 at Hotel Amalia in Delphi
- 8-9 Oct 2025 at Hotel Divani Meteora in Kalambaka
- 9-11 Oct 2025 at Hotel Capsis in Thessaloniki
- 11-13 Oct 2025 at Hotel Stanley in Athens
- 13-17 Oct 2025 at Celestyal Cruise (outside XBO cabins)



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