

# FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

May 4-17, 2025

— TOUR ITINERARY — (Subject to Change) —

3 nights in Athens — 9 nights aboard the *Celebrity Infinity*®

## DAY 1 — SUNDAY — MAY 4, 2025

### Depart from USA

Most of us will take an overnight transatlantic flight from the USA to Athens, Greece. Some may already be in that part of the world.

## DAY 2 — MONDAY — MAY 5, 2025

### Arrive in Athens

Upon arriving **Athens**, we check into our rooms at the hotel and enjoy dinner. (D)

## DAY 3 — TUESDAY — MAY 6, 2025

### Athens City Tour ~ Acropolis ~ Mars Hill

We climb up to the marble capped **Acropolis Hill** first thing Wednesday morning and view the surrounding area. We see the famous **Parthenon** and **Erechtheion Temples**.

We then walk over to **Mars' Hill** (the Areopagus) where Paul delivered his soul-stirring sermon to the giants of philosophy, logic, and learning



and spoke about the inscription: "to an unknown god" (Acts 17:22-31).

We also visit the **Agora**, now in ruins, which was formerly the commercial hub of ancient Athens and birthplace of politics and philosophy. Here the apostle Paul reasoned with the most skeptical audience he met in the course of his travels. We see the very well preserved **Doric Temple of Hephaestus** (or Thesseion) and the Stoa of Attalos, an arcade built by Attalos II, king of Pergamum, used as a retail market. Today it is used as a museum, displaying statues, pottery, and especially coins.

We continue our tour with a panoramic sight-seeing of the city highlights. (B, D)

## DAY 4 — WEDNESDAY — MAY 7, 2025

### Corinth Canal ~ Diolkos ~ Ancient Corinth

We stop at the historic **Corinth Canal**. Next, we will visit the **Diolkos** which is a paved road used to transfer boats (or their loads) between the Gulf of Corinth and the Saronic Gulf.

In ancient **Corinth** (Acts 18:1-18) we see where the Apostle Paul lived and established a thriving church. It was here that Paul wrote some of his epistles that are now part of the New Testament. He also wrote at least four letters to the church at Corinth.

We view a number of sites at **Corinth**: the **Agora**, the **Temple of Apollo**, the **Roman Odeon**, the **Bema** and **Gallio's Seat**. The small local **archaeological museum** here is interesting!

As we head back to Athens, we will pass by **Cenchreae** where Paul had his hair cut after leaving Corinth. (B, D)

## DAY 5 — THURSDAY — MAY 8, 2025

### Cruise Day 1

### Cape Sounion ~ Temple of Poseidon ~ Port of Piraeus ~ Board the *Celebrity Infinity*®

Today we check out of our hotel and head down to the archaeological site of **Cape Sounion**, located at the southernmost point of Attica, and see the majestic **Temple of Poseidon**. We travel back up to Glyfada for a lunch break (on your own).

After lunch, we head to the **Port of Piraeus** to board the *Celebrity Infinity*®. (B, D)

## DAY 6 — FRIDAY — MAY 9, 2025

### Cruise Day 2

We enjoy a cruise day on this beautiful

blue **Aegean Sea**. We have opportunity to explore the ship, check out the food and activities, and visit with members of our group.

Our destination is **Santorini**. (B, L, D)

## DAY 7 — SATURDAY — MAY 10, 2025

### Cruise Day 3

### The Island of Santorini

We arrive **Santorini** at 7AM and enjoy a full day on this beautiful island.

We transfer to shore by tender boat. Various excursions are offered at additional charge.

You can enjoy a carefree day in Oia, take a scenic stroll through Pyrgos village, or tour Akrotiri's Bronze Age settlement. (B, L, D)

## DAY 8 — SUNDAY — MAY 11, 2025

### Cruise Day 4

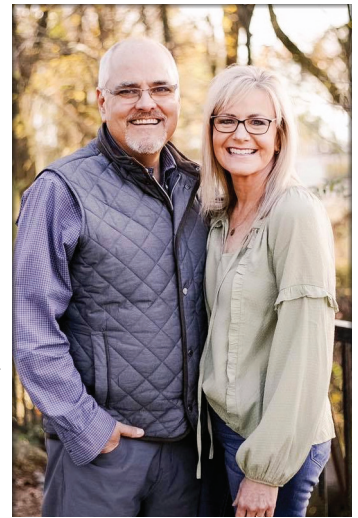
### Miletus ~ Ephesus Archaeological Museum ~ Ancient Ephesus

At 9 AM, we dock at **Kusadasi, Türkiye**, the starting point for our excursion to visit the ancient city of **Ephesus**, where the Apostle Paul preached and lived for three years (Acts 18:19-21).

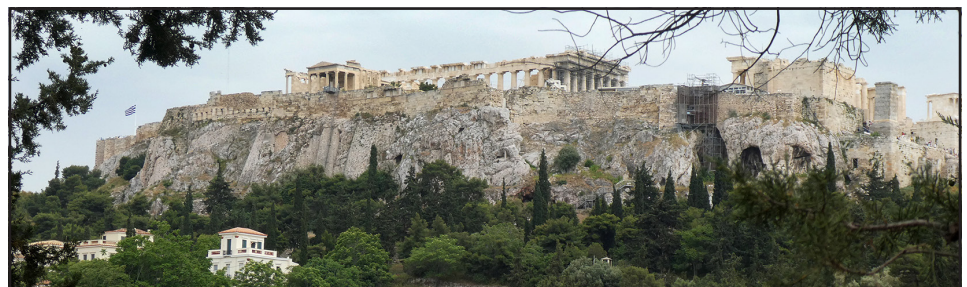
We begin our **Full Day Private Excursion** by visiting the ruins of **Miletus** where Paul met with the elders from Ephesus as he was returning to Jerusalem.

We visit the **Ephesus Archaeological Museum** before enjoying a **group lunch** (included).

In the afternoon, we visit ancient **Ephesus**. As we walk down Curetes Way, we see a marvelous restoration of an ancient city — **State Agora**, **Odeon**, **Temple of Hadrian**, **Trajan Fountain**, **Library of Celsus**, **Commercial Agora**, and the **Grand Theatre** where the people cried, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." (B, L, D)



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The Acropolis at Athens



**DAY 9 — MONDAY — MAY 12, 2025**

**Cruise Day 5  
Mykonos**

We're scheduled to be in port from 7 AM to 6 PM as we visit **Mykonos**, which is famous for its iconic windmills. We will have tender boat transportation from and to our ship.

Enjoy visiting the area close to the port or take one of the excursions offered by Celebrity.

Optional excursions include visiting the Archaeological site of Delos, Mykonian Cheese Making Experience, and Mykonian Cooking Experience. (B, L, D)

**DAY 10 — TUESDAY — MAY 13, 2025**

**Cruise Day 6  
Volos, Greece**

We arrive **Volos**, one of the most beautiful cities in Greece. We are scheduled to be in port from 8 AM until 7 PM.

While in Volos, you can visit the ruins of the Volos Castle, see the Thessaly Railway Museum, tour the Rooftile and Brickworks Museum, or relax at the beach.

Nearby activities include walking the Centaur's Path in Portaria, exploring Archaeological Site of Dimini, or taking a ride on the Pelion Railway.

The cruise line offers a couple of excursions including a full-day tour to the Meteora Monasteries. (B, L, D).



**Altar of Saint Paul at Berea**

**DAY 11 — WEDNESDAY — MAY 14, 2025**

**Cruise Day 7  
Thessaloniki ~ Vergina ~ Berea**

After arriving Thessaloniki at 8 AM, we enjoy another **Private Excursion** as we head to Vergina, Greece. There we see the tomb of Phillip II of Macedon.

We also stop in **Berea** and walk just a short distance from Raktavin Square to a small plaza

where we see The Altar of Saint Paul. The three steps under the center mosaic are said to be from a first century synagogue.

We visit **Vergina** which is just a few miles away. In 1977, Manolis Andronikos discovered the tomb of Phillip II of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great. In the **Museum of the Royal Tombs of Aigai** (Vergina) we see the golden larnax, Phillip II's silver and gold diadem, gold jewelry and garment ornaments of a Macedonian Queen at Aigai, a gold funeral wreath, Phillip II's bronze greaves, and many other items.

It was in Vergina that Alexander the Great was crowned king.

There is a lot to see in **Thessaloniki** including the Roman Agora, the Arch of Galerius, and the White Tower. (B, L, D)



**Baptistry in Ancient Philippi**

**DAY 12 — THURSDAY — MAY 15, 2025**

**Cruise Day 8  
Kavala (Neopolis)**

We arrive at **Kavala** (ancient Neopolis) at 8 AM. During our time here, we will have a **Private Excursion** and visit **Philippi**.

Years of archaeological excavations have yielded an enormous amount of history in **Philippi**. This city is on Via Egnatia and has a 4th century BC Roman theatre. We view the remains of the Roman Agora, Basilica B from the Byzantine Period, an octagonal church, and many scattered discoveries.

We get back on the bus and drive just a short distance to the River Zygaktis, the traditional site of the baptism of Lydia. We also see the church of the **Baptistry of Saint Lydia**. (B, L, D)

**DAY 13 — FRIDAY — MAY 16, 2025**

**Cruise Day 9**

As we approach the end of our tour, we enjoy another cruise day in this most wonderful part of the world.

By this time you've become acquainted with the ship and its offerings. This day will be a great time to visit with new friends from our tour, talk

about what impacted you the most, and focus on how your faith has been strengthened. (B, L, D)



**Cruise on the Aegean Sea**

**DAY 14 — SATURDAY — MAY 17, 2025**

**Cruise Day 10  
Port of Piraeus (Athens), Greece**

We are scheduled to arrive the **Port of Piraeus** at 5 AM. After breakfast, we disembark and board a bus to take us to **Athens International Airport**. (B)

**Hotels Scheduled  
(Subject to Change)**

May 5-8 – Athens – The Herodion Hotel  
May 8-17 – Aegean Sea – *Celebrity Infinity*®

*No Flights Are Included.*

**Footsteps of Paul Private Excursions**

**On our tour, we have three (3) Private Excursions specifically designed for our group:**

- 1) Day 8 — Ephesus
- 2) Day 11 — Berea/Vergina
- 3) Day 12 — Philippi

**The only included lunch is on Day 8.**

**— Ship Excursions —**

**Celebrity offers a number of excursions at each stop. You can see these on my website and can be planning what you want to do on these days. As soon as Celebrity allows, you will get an email telling how you can register and pay for these excursions.**



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