



AMICABAN TRAVEL & TOURS

11-DAY AIR, LAND & AEGEAN CRUISE PACKAGE



GREECE & TURKEY PILGRIMAGE

*Following the
Footsteps of St. Paul*

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 7, 2024

Tour Highlights:

ATHENS, CORINTH,
THESSALONIKI, PHILIPPI,
MYKONOS, EPHESUS (HOUSE
OF MARY), PATMOS,
METEORA, SANTORINI,
DELPHI & KALAMBAKA

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INCLUDED:

- Arranged Daily Mass
- Roundtrip International Flight from IAD
- \$186 Cruise taxes + \$761 Airline & Local City taxes included
- 4 Star Hotel Accommodations
- All Breakfast and Dinners for Land Portion
- 4 days and 3 nights on Cruise + All Meals on Cruise
- Tours w/English Speaking Tour Guides
- Accompanying Tour Guides for land and cruise
- Private Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
- Whispers for all tours & Entrance fees
- Portage for 1 luggage per person

NOT INCLUDED: TIPS (Collected for tour guides, drivers, waiters & porters). EXCURSIONS NOT SPECIFIED, PASSPORT & VISA FEES, TRAVEL INSURANCE AND LUNCH NOT SPECIFIED

COST: \$4,811.00

*Includes Land & Roundtrip Air from Washington IAD & per double occupancy
SINGLE ROOM LAND & CRUISE PER
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\$1000.00

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GREECE & TURKEY ITINERARY

DAY 01 // SEPTEMBER 27 FRIDAY DEPART FROM USA

DAY 02 //THESSALONIKI - (B/D) SEPTEMBER 28 SATURDAY

Upon arrival in Thessaloniki airport, you will be welcomed by your guide. You will be transferred to the Catholic Church in Athens for Mass and afterwards to check in hotel. Dinner & overnight Thessaloniki hotel.

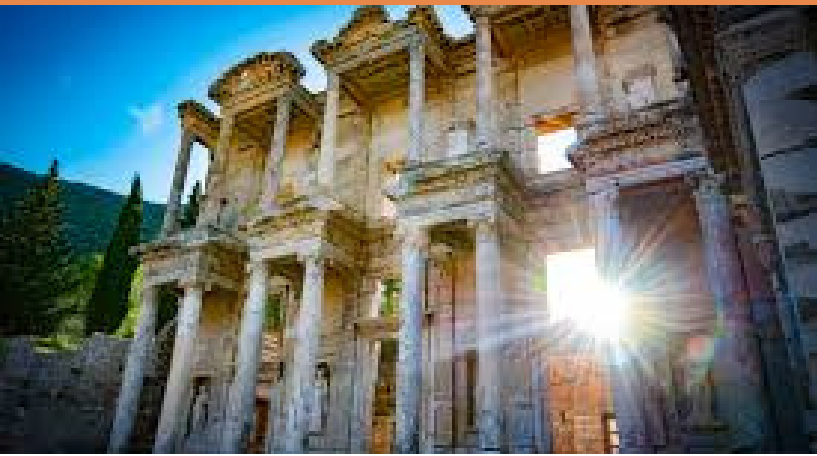
DAY 03 //THESSALONIKI-PHILIPPI-KAVALA-THESSALONIKI (B/D) SEPTEMBER 29 SUNDAY

After breakfast we depart for our one day Philippi Christian tour which includes the Museum Philippi is the town where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. "And from there (He went) to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman Colony. We remained in this city some days..." (Acts 16:12-18). Paul arrived here with Silas and Luke on the winter of AD 49 to AD50. There the first Christian baptism was performed, of a woman named Lydia. Although they were prosecuted and arrested, they received God's help to escape from prison (Acts 16: 11-23) where there was the conversion of the jailer (Acts 16: 23-26). We will visit the Roman Theatre, probable site of the prison where Paul and Silas were arrested. We will continue towards the city of Kavala and the ancient city of Neapolis (Acts 16:11) where Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. It was later renamed Christoupolis, meaning city of God, because it was the first European city to accept Christianity. We will visit the Roman Aqueduct and the ruins of the Acropolis. Dinner and overnight in Thessalonica. Dinner & overnight Thessaloniki

DAY 04// THESSALONIKI –VERIA- VERGINA- KALAMBAKA (B/D) SEPTEMBER 30 MONDAY

Breakfast and city tour of Thessalonica, where Paul preached the gospel in the second and third missionary journey. For the early Christians of this city he wrote epistles "To the Thessalonians.". We will visit the Cathedral of St. Demetrius, the Protector Saint of the city, the Church of Saint Sofia, the great Church of Saint George which is hosted in a medieval building, the Byzantine temple of «Panagia Chalkeon», the historical Church of Prophet Elias, the White Tower and the Byzantine fortress of the city, the triumphal Arch of Galerius starting at the Via Egnatia, once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire. Then we will head to Vergina, the legendary burial site of the Macedonian kings. This place is considered as a World Heritage Site, also known as the Royal Tombs and houses the tomb of King Philip II, father of Alexander the Great and conqueror of Greek territories which resulted in the expansion of Hellenism. Next stop will be Veria (Berea), another town evangelized by Paul (Acts 17.10-14). When Saint Paul visited this town in AD50, he came across a more "noble" Jewish community where he preached and created an important Church. This is where Paul met Sopatros, who would later become a valuable comrade who followed him on his return journey to Asia. We will visit the ancient synagogue where we will see the Byzantine mosaic in the monument commemorating his preaching. According to tradition it was at this place where he preached. Depart for Kalambaka for dinner & overnight.

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DAY 05 //KALAMBAKA (B/D)- OCTOBER 1, TUESDAY

After breakfast and Mass at the hotel, the group starts their visit the spectacular Meteora, the UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is a mountainous region of stunning scenery. You will see hundred-year-old Byzantine monasteries on top of huge rocks, during the Middle Ages, first built in the 14th century by monks seeking isolation and salvation. We will visit the most famous of them, which is now a popular museum, the Great Meteoron, to admire superb icons, old manuscripts, unique mosaics and frescoes. Take a 2 hour lunch break in Kalambaka ideal for restaurant or quick bite and shopping time for souvenirs. Return to the hotel to just have some silent time, listen to the talk and have some time for praying over. Dinner & overnight in Kalambaka

DAY 06 // KALAMBAKA - DELPHI – ATHENS (B/D) OCTOBER 2, WEDNESDAY

After breakfast and Mass at the hotel, drive to Delphi, to visit the museum which houses an impressive collection associated with ancient Delphi, including the earliest known notation of a melody, the famous Charioteer, golden treasures discovered beneath the Sacred Way, and fragments of reliefs from the Siphnian Treasury. Close to the exit is the inscription that mentions the Roman proconsul Gallio. The reference to proconsul Gallio in the inscription provides an important marker for developing a chronology of the life of Apostle Paul by relating it to the trial of Paul in Achaëa mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (18:12-17). In the same region you will find the famous Monastery of Hosios Lukas. This is a historic walled monastery and one of the most important monuments of Middle Byzantine architecture and art, and has been listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Sites we. Upon reaching Athens, do a quick stop at Mars Hill (Acts 17) before checking in to your hotel to freshen up a bit to experience dining in a Greek restaurant with music and excellent Greek food. Dinner in a restaurant and Overnight Athens Hotel.

DAY 07// ATHENS – CITY TOUR – CORINTH EXCURSION- ATHENS OCTOBER 3, THURSDAY

After breakfast, arrange a morning Mass at the Catholic Cathedral of St. Dionysius the Areopagite who was Paul's convert in Athens who later became Athen's first bishop. You will see some of the highlights of the city of Athens on your drive to Acropolis Museum for some free time and up to the Acropolis. Enjoy 2 hours lunch in cafes along Plaka for two hours to give people time to enjoy lunch, Greek Food and Shop. Continue towards ancient Corinth (Acts 18.1-18). It was in ancient Corinth where Paul came and worked, established a thriving church and writing two of the epistles, which are now part of the New Testament. We will see all the sites that are associated with his ministry: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Odeon, the Bema and Gallio's seat, the pillars, stairs, and the place of public worship, where Paul preached. All these visits will certainly enhance the understanding of Corinthians I and II. Before ending the tour and return to Athens, we will visit the ancient Greek port of Cenchrea (Acts 18:18) where Paul was during his second missionary journey and the ruin of the early Christian 5th Century basilica. Return to Athens, dinner and overnight at the hotel in Athens.

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DAY 8 // ATHENS/CRUISE/MYKONOS OCTOBER 4 FRIDAY

Drive to Piraeus and board your cruise ship for a three-day Aegean Sea cruise. Sail to Mykonos, the St. Tropez of the Aegean. Walk around the glistening town. The houses, streets, even the sails of the windmills are all awash with white. Relax at a sidewalk cafe or taverna. Sail on to Kusadasi. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 // KUSADASI (EPHESUS)/PATMOS OCTOBER 5 SATURDAY

Arrive at the Turkish resort of Kusadasi, where you will have a privately arranged bus to take you the House of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ephesus for a private Mass, some prayer time and possibly for a quick purchase of religious item (Note: Do not rush the pilgrims) and whatever left over time, a guided tour to the highlights of the fabled Temple of Artemis, another Wonder of the Ancient World, the Stadium and the Library of Celsus. Return to the cruise for lunch and afterwards, cruise to the island of Patmos, where you will visit the Cave and the Monastery of St. John where St. John received inspiration for the Book of Revelation. Sail on to Heraklion, Crete. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 // HERAKLION (CRETE)/SANTORINI OCTOBER 6 SUNDAY

Morning arrival in Heraklion, Crete, the southernmost of the Greek Isles where you will have the opportunity to take part in an optional sightseeing tour to the Palace of Knossos, discovered in 1900 by Arthur Evans. This was the kingdom of King Minos, the site of the legendary Minotaur, later slain by Theseus, and you can see the underground corridors of the Labyrinth. Then sail to Santorini, one of the most fascinating islands in the Aegean, with its rugged, volcanic cliffs topped by brilliant white houses in the town of Thera. The view from the town is spectacular, looking down into the beautiful bay to the still active volcanic island only a few miles away. Return to your cruise ship for the journey back to Athens. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 // ATHENS CRUISE ARRIVAL/FLY BACK TO US OCTOBER 7, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary MONDAY

*** Pilgrimage itinerary is subject to change. Company has the right to make changes if necessary.***

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FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

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There are two methods of payment. Please select which form of payment you would like to use below. If you cannot pay by Credit Card, Paypal or Zelle.

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3) **Send to Amicaban Travel and Tours 2 (TWO) copies of your passport.** Please check your expiration date. It needs to be at least 6 months before departure. Please apply for one ASAP if your passport expired.

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4) **Travel Insurance - Please indicate on the form if you are interested in travel insurance and email katrina@amicabantravel.com with your date of birth, state of residence and trip cost.** Once you receive a quote, please send in your form of payment to our agency. You will have 14 days from your initial deposit to purchase the Cancellation for Any Reason option up to 50% of the nonrefundable trip cost.

5) **Final Payment will be due before or on May 1, 2024.** For Zelle and Credit Card payments, a reminder by email will be sent to you.

EXPECT A PILGRIMAGE MEETING THREE WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS VISA APPLICATIONS - VISAS to Europe are required starting February 2024. It will cost about \$9. We will email all of the registered pilgrims when more information is available.
TIPS FOR GUIDES, DRIVERS, WAITERS & ETC - Leader will collect the gratuities at the pilgrimage meeting about 3 weeks before departure.