

With an optional extension to enchanting Italy

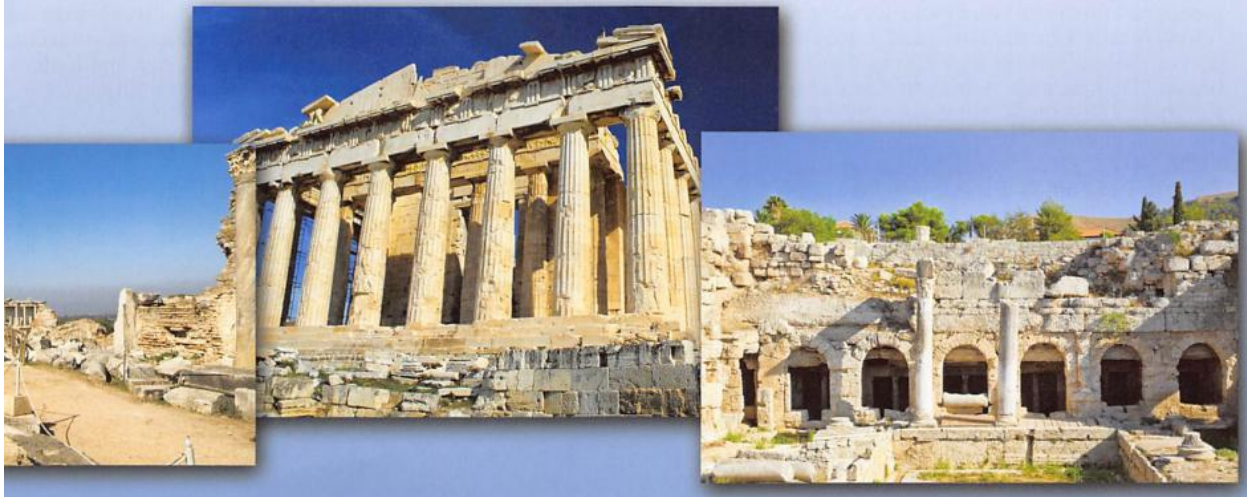
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*From Athens to Rome
Discovering the Biblical World in Greece & Italy*

YOUR DAILY ITINERARY:

MON, NOV 3 Seattle • Athens

This afternoon we depart Seattle on our flight to Athens. Sit back, relax and enjoy the onboard entertainment and meals.

TUE, NOV 4 Athens

Arrive this afternoon in Athens where you will be met by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel. Dinner & overnight in Athens

WED, NOV 5 City with Mars Hill, Acropolis and Corinth

Today's tour will touch the highlights of this center of one of the world's greatest civilizations and the cradle of Western civilization. First visit the Acropolis and wander through the ruins of some of the most architecturally perfect buildings ever constructed. We'll see the Propylaea, the Temple of the Wingless Victory, the Erechtheum with its peerless Porch of Maidens and Mars Hill where Paul was brought before the council. Finally, we reach the 'harmony between matter and spirit', the monument that 'puts order in the mind', the Parthenon. On a drive through the city, we'll see the National Library, the University, the Academy, the Presidential Palace, the Stadium, Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. We will visit the National Museum. Later we tour Corinth driving through Daphni and Eleusis. After crossing the Corinthian Canal which connects the Aegean and Ionian Seas, we will arrive in ancient Corinth. We visit the ruins of Corinth where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. Included are the First Century shops, the Agora, Temple of Apollo and the Bema Seat. Still gurgling under the ruins is the water of the springs of the mighty Acropolis above, which once fed the Fountain of Pirene. Continue your drive up to Acrocorinth, in Paul's time site of the great Temple of Aphrodite. Dinner & overnight in Athens.

THU, NOV 6 Athens • Meteora

This morning, we start our journey north. Travel to Meteora. We start the day with a tour of Meteora. Visit the Grand Monastery of Meteora and see the Convent of Aghios Stefanos. Dinner and overnight in Meteora.

FRI, NOV 7 Meteora • Pella • Berea • Vergina • Thessaloniki

Today we travel to Thessalonika. Enroute we will visit Pella, Berea & Vergina. This morning, we drive to Berea for a visit. We visit a beautiful monument dedicated to Paul at Berea. Paul and Silas were sent to Berea after fleeing from Thessalonica (Acts 17:10). They immediately went to the synagogue to preach, and the Bereans were very accepting. Almost all of them believed. But when the Thessalonian non-believers heard about this, they came to Berea, stirring up crowds, starting riots, and generally hampering Paul, Silas and Timothy. Then the believers sent Paul to the coast while Timothy and Silas stayed behind. Paul was sent to Athens, and word was given to Timothy and Silas to join him as soon as possible. We visit Vergina to see the Tumulus (tomb) of Philip II as well as some of the treasures buried with him. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

SAT, NOV 8 Kavala • Philippi • Thessaloniki

After a delicious breakfast, we begin with a tour of the biblical Thessaloniki where Paul founded the Church in AD 49-50. We will see the ancient ruins as well as some local churches. "And from there we went to Philippi which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia..." (Acts 16: 12-18). Drive along the ancient route of Paul, through mountain passes and plains to Amphipolis for a short stop to view the ancient Lion Statue. Continue to Ancient Philippi where we find two early Christian basilicas, traces of the Egnatian Way which Paul followed from the harbor of Neapolis (ancient port of Philippi) on his first visit on European soil. View the Roman Forum, the Citadel, the ancient theater, and Lydia's brook. Continue a short drive to Kavala on the site of ancient Neapolis where Paul landed on the way to Philippi. Return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

SUN, NOV 9 Thessaloniki • Rome. Ancient Rome tour Forum, Colosseum

Early this morning we transfer to the airport for a flight to Rome. We arrive at the Rome airport and transfer our lodging for the next three nights. Dinner & overnight in Rome.

MON, NOV 10 Vatican & Sistine chapel. Afternoon Catacombs

After breakfast you will begin a full day of site seeing. First visit Vatican City where you will see the Basilica at St. Peter, the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museums with stunning works of art at every turn. After some free time for lunch, you will stop at The Abbey of the Three Fountains, the traditional site of Paul's martyrdom and the ancient street that he walked on. Next, visit the 4th century Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the site of Paul's tomb, and the Scala Santa, where Martin Luther made his stand against the practice of indulgences. This fascinating museum houses the Steps from Pilot's Judgment Hall in Jerusalem brought to Rome by Helena, the mother of Constantine. Additional

sights include the Arches of Constantine and Titus, Circus Maximus and the beautiful marble monument called the Wedding Cake. This afternoon we will take an afternoon tour of the Catacombs where thousands of Christians were buried in a remarkable tiered series of galleries. Dinner & overnight in Rome.

TUE, NOV 11 Rome St. Mary major Basilica, other sites.

We begin our walking tour at the ancient Roman Forum, where our guide will divulge its secrets. We will visit the Arch of Titus that commemorated the sack of Jerusalem by Titus in AD 70. We will view the Mamertine Prison exterior, where tradition says the Apostle Paul was imprisoned. The Roman church would say that Peter was imprisoned here as well, but there is no imperial evidence that Peter was ever in Rome. Next, we visit the Coliseum, where thousands of people and animals perished during gladiatorial games. The Coliseum first opened in AD 80 and within 100 days of its opening, 5000 wild beasts perished here. The slaughter of both humans and animals continued for three more centuries. Historians believe the Coliseum could hold between 40,000 and 80,000 people depending on how close the seating was. The floor has recently had a plank placed over the middle making it accessible for people to walk over the labyrinth of brick cells, ramps, and elevators used to transport animals and gladiators into the arena. Hear the stories of the games that have fascinated people for hundreds of years. We conclude our day at the ruins of Ostia Antica, which provides an excellent example of city life in classical times and the Ostian Gate, today called the Gate of St. Paul.

WED, NOV 12 Rome • Seattle

We transfer to the airport for departure from Rome for Seattle., or stay on and travel to Florence, Pisa, Verona & Venice. Arrive today with wonderful memories of a magnificent journey.

Optional Italy Extension

WED, NOV 12 Rome • Assisi • Florence

After breakfast you will say "Arrivederci Roma" and board your coach and travel through scenic Umbria to the ancient walled hillside village of Assisi. After lunch on your own, you will enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful, medieval town, which will include the Basilica San Francesco, decorated with some of the most renowned frescoes in the world. The stories of the sacrificial life of St. Francis will be an encouragement to us all. Our home for the next two evenings is in the beautiful city of Florence, the heart of charming Tuscany.

THU, NOV 13 Florence

You will spend the morning enjoying a guided tour of Florence, one of the world's greatest artistic capitals, which will include the Piazza della Signoria, Duomo, Baptistery and a visit to the Academia Galley, home of Michelangelo's David. A stop will also be made on the hillside overlook across the river from Florence where we will enjoy a panoramic view of the beautiful, red-tiled roof cityscape. This afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy shopping, visiting more galleries or strolling on the famous Pont Vecchio, the old bridge that spans the Arno River. Remember that Florence leather shops are the best in the world and bargains on excellent quality goods are abundant. It may be the time to purchase those special Christmas gifts.

FRI, NOV 14 Florence • Pisa • Verona

The sightseeing this morning includes a tour of Pisa where you will visit the Baptistery, Duomo and the famous leaning tower in the Piazza dei Miracoli. Dinner & overnight Verona.

SAT, NOV 15 VERONA VENICE (Mestre)

This morning, we tour in romantic Verona, medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, with a walk through the historic center/shopping district to see the famed balcony of Juliet. Free time to explore on your own. Later we travel to Venice (Mestre.) Dinner & overnight in Mestre.

SUN, NOV 16 Mestre Venice Mestre

Start the morning sightseeing in style as your guide takes you by private boat along the Giudecca canal to meet your resident expert. Highlights of your walking tour are St. Mark's Square and the Byzantine splendor of St. Mark's Basilica, lavish Doges' Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Visit the glass factory. Gondola ride along the canals. Transfer from Cornoldi port to Tronchetto port by private boats. Dinner and overnight in Mestre.

MON, NOV 17 Venice • Seattle

Morning, we transfer to Venice airport and board our flight to Seattle. Arrive Seattle the same day with wonderful memories.

Have A Very Pleasant Journey!

SPECIAL NOTE: The tour operator and/or guide reserve the right to alter the sequence of the daily itinerary and make substitutions in order to meet changes brought about by weather, airline delays or as deemed necessary for the best interest and overall comfort of the group.

TOUR CONDITIONS
PRICE PER PERSON FROM SEATTLE: \$4497 (Credit \$4722)
Land Only (no airfare): \$3470 (Credit \$3642)
Optional Italy Extension: \$2115 (\$2222 Credit)

(Note: This is a custom tour, and the cost quoted above is based on a minimum No. of 30 adult participants. Should tour membership fall below this number, the tour operator reserves the right to re-cost the program.) All airfares are subject to change.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Round trip jet economy class airfare from Seattle
- Four Star Hotels. Accommodations based on two persons sharing a room
- Full Buffet-Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Round trip transfers by private motor coach including a qualified, licensed English-speaking guide
- Portage for one standard size suitcase per person
- All hotel taxes and service charges are included • Suggested tips to guide, driver, and hotel staff of \$85 per person

NOT INCLUDED

- The cost of obtaining a U.S. passport, meals or beverages other than specified, insurance, items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, etc.

DOCUMENTS: A valid U.S. passport is required. No visas are required for U.S. passport holders.

Passports must be valid for 6 months from return.

RESERVATIONS: A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is required to make a reservation. **Balance is due August 1, 2025.** All returned checks are subject to a \$50 charge, no exceptions. Payments are not transferable to any other person.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be in writing. **Special note for all passengers using our airfare: Any cancellations received 91 days or earlier prior to departure will incur an additional \$200 cancellation charge over and above the charges stipulated under the normal cancellations for this tour.** For individual cancellations received up to:

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Your Reservation Form

(Please Complete A Form For Each Traveler)

Greece & Italy

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SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$983

REQUIRED DEPOSIT PER PERSON: \$300 non-refundable

PASSPORTS MUST BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS FROM DATE OF RETURN

You may pay the \$300 per person deposit by check or credit card.

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Name (on passport) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel: () _____ Email Address _____

Type of Room Required: Twin Occupancy Single Occupancy (Additional charge)

I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE OPTION TO PURCHASE TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE FROM ALLIANZ INSURANCE AND I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TOUR CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO THIS TOUR.

Signature (required) (SIGN ON REVERSE AS WELL)

Date

(See Reverse for Form of Payment and Important Insurance Information)

FORM OF PAYMENT

BY CHECK:

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE ON AUGUST 1, 2025

I have enclosed a Deposit of \$ _____ Per Person, for a Total Check amount of \$ _____.

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