



# JOURNEY IN THE STEPS OF ST PAUL TO GREECE & TURKEY

## (FEATURING 4 NIGHT AEGEAN CRUISE)

**27<sup>TH</sup> SEP –  
13<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2025**

**ESCORTED BY  
REV SCOTT &  
NATALIE GOODE**

\*Price is subject to change & based on best estimate. Actual rates will be confirmed in late October 2024. Conditions apply. Price estimate based on minimum of 25 paying participants.

**17**  
DAYS

**PACKAGE PRICE:** AUD\$9,490\*  
per person (twin share)

Optional single supplement:

AUD\$1,795\*

**OPTIONAL CRUISE CABIN UPGRADE:**

Outside Cabin Supplement:  
per person (twin share)

AUD\$269\*

Single supplement:

AUD\$150\*

**EARLYBIRD OFFER:**  
Pay your deposit before Christmas & deduct \$100 per person from the final price!



Rev Scott Goode is the Rector of South Wagga Anglican Church in the Canberra/Goulburn Diocese and holds post-graduate qualifications in New Testament Studies. His scholarship on Paul's Corinthian Correspondence has been published and he maintains active research interests across Paul's letters and the Gospels. Along with his wife Natalie, he has completed four biblical sites tours. They are excited to again see the Bible come to life and cannot wait to share that with this group. Join us for this incredible journey in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul as we discover many places so integral to the beginnings of Christianity and all experienced in the context of Christian community and friendship.

### PRICE INCLUSIONS:

- Return economy class estimated airmiles to/from Melbourne or Sydney to Athens and home from Istanbul
- All current and expected airport & departure taxes
- Porterage, tips & gratuities throughout
- 5 nights hotel accommodation in Greece, 4 nights on the cruise, 4 nights hotel accommodation in Turkey in shared twin rooms
- Breakfasts and Dinners daily. Lunches on the cruise
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- All guiding and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Whisperer Headsets
- 4 nights full board on the cruise in inside cabins. Shore excursions included. Standard drinks package included on the cruise
- Private Bosphorus cruise in Istanbul

### PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Drinks with meals, except on the cruise
- Personal payments
- The services that are not mentioned in "Inclusions"
- Travel insurance
- Lunches except on the cruise
- Turkey e visa (currently US\$60)

### NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Rev Scott, Olive Tree Travel or by [CLICKING HERE](#)
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**DAY 1 SAT 27 SEP****DEPART AUSTRALIA**

Depart Australia this evening on your Emirates flight to Dubai. Upon arrival in Dubai, transfer to your Emirates flight bound for Athens.

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**DAY 2 SUN 28 SEP****ARRIVE ATHENS**

Upon arrival in Athens, meet your local guide. When ready, load the bus and depart for the hotel. Check-in and have time some free time. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (D)

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**DAY 3 MON 29 SEP****BOARD CRUISE, MYKONOS**

We'll board our Celestyal cruise ship in the late morning, sailing for Mykonos at 13:00 pm. You can explore and enjoy dinner on Mykonos from 18:00 to 23:00. Return to the ship for onward sailing overnight. (BD)

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**DAY 4 TUE 30 SEP****KUSADASI (EPHESUS), PATMOS**

We arrive in Kusadasi at 7:00 in the morning and meet the guide for an excursion to the well-preserved ancient ruins at Ephesus where the Apostle Paul founded a church. At 13:00, continue onward to Patmos, arriving at 16:30. We'll join an excursion to the cave of the Apostle John, the author of Revelation as well as the monastery. Depart Patmos at 21:30. Overnight on board. (BLD)

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**DAY 5 WED 01 OCT****RHODES**

Sail into Rhodes this morning and spend the day getting to know this beautiful, historical and fascinating island. Disembark in the last afternoon. (BLD)

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**DAY 6 THU 02 OCT****CRETE, SANTORINI**

We arrive in Crete at 7:00 am where you'll have an excursion to visit the Minoan palace of Knossos, where we will be able to explore the large Central Court, the wonderful Throne Room, the imposing Grand Staircase and see the fresco of the 'Prince of the Lilies'. We will also hear the Cretan legend of the Minotaur. We depart Crete at 12:00 pm, arriving in Santorini at 16:30 where you will have free time on your own to explore the island. Depart Santorini at 21:30, sailing overnight to Athens. (BLD)

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**DAY 7 FRI 03 OCT****ATHENS, CORINTH**

This morning, we will arrive back at the port of Lavrion at 6:00 am. We will disembark and continue on a mesmerizing trip to the Ancient Corinth and the Bema of St Paul. We will drive through the coastal road to the Corinth Canal, which separates Peloponnese from the Greek mainland and connects the two Seas, the Ionian and the Aegean. We will continue to Ancient Corinth, one of the most important trading cities of ancient Greece dating back to the 6th century B.C. While visiting the archaeological site we will come across the Temple of Apollo, the agora, the sacred spring and the Peirene Fountain. The apostle Paul resided in Corinth for 18 months in A.D. 51-52. The apostle Paul resided in Corinth for 18 months in A.D. 51-52 and subsequently wrote two epistles (First and Second Corinthians) to the church which met in that city. We will visit the site of the Bema of St. Paul, where he preached. In the afternoon we will explore Athens and we will visit the Acropolis. Athens, the capital of Greece, is one of the oldest cities in the world spanning a history of 3,400 years. Home of the great minds, philosophers, and teachers of ancient times such as Plato, Socrates and Aristotle, Athens is the birthplace of democracy and the cradle of Western Civilization. We will walk through the architectural wonders of the Golden Age of Pericles; the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erechtheion. We will walk to Areopagus or Mars Hill, the site where trials were heard before the Council of Elders and where St Paul delivered his speech to the Athenians. Then we will enjoy a bus tour which will guide us through the highlights of Athens; House of Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Presidential Palace, Panathenaic Stadium, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, to lead us to the world-renowned Acropolis.

Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

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**DAY 8 SAT 04 OCT****DELPHI, KALAMBAKA**

This morning we load the coach and leave Athens to drive to Delphi. In antiquity Delphi was known as the centre of the earth for it was believed that when Zeus released two eagles from opposite sides of the world they would meet in Delphi. The city reached its height in power in the 4th century BC as the sanctuary to the god Apollo, and

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pilgrims would gather here to seek advice from the great oracle, Pythia, on various matters which included waging wars. We explore the sanctuary by walking up the Sacred Way to see the treasuries, the theatre, the stadium, and the Temple of Apollo. Next, we will visit the Museum of Delphi and marvel at the unique collection of artefacts from the excavation, including the famous Gallio inscription, and the bronze "Charioteer", one of the best-preserved ancient works of metallurgy. We continue towards Kalambaka, where we check in at the hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

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### **DAY 9 SUN 05 OCT**

### **METEORA EXPLORATION**

This morning, we commence the day with a visit to two of the Meteora Monasteries, dating back to the 14th century, which stand amongst striking scenery, perched on sheer-sided rock pinnacles of varied and spectacular shapes making them appear to be suspended in mid-air. Here we will get the opportunity to see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art and gain insight into the mystic world of the monks still residing there. This site is now inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Continue to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight. (BD)

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### **DAY 10 MON 06 OCT**

### **THESSALONIKI & PHILIPPI, KAVALAE**

This morning, we make the short trip to Philippi where Paul preached his first sermon and baptized the first Christians on European soil. We visit the Roman crypt where St Paul was imprisoned. See the famous Acropolis, the Marketplace, the Basilica, and the Theatre. Visit the Octagonal church, an early Christian monument thought to be built on the site where St. Paul had established a house of prayer. Later we visit the baptismal site where Lydia surrendered her life to Christ.

Continue to Kavala (Ancient Neapolis), Greece spectacular mainland port with a most elegant harbor. Paul landed here with his disciples, Timothy, and Silas. Luke, the Evangelist, also came here from Troas. This ancient city of Neapolis was later renamed Christoupolis as it was the first European city to accept Christianity. We will see the Aqueduct and the Acropolis in this beautifully located city, known since the 5th century as Kavala. Dinner and overnight in Kavala.(BD)

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### **DAY 11 TUE 07 OCT**

### **KAVALA, GALLIPOLI, CANAKKALE**

This morning, we depart Kavala and cross the nearby border into Turkey at Ipsala where we will be met and greeted by our waiting Turkish guide and driver. We drive south along the Aegean coastline to Gallipoli, historically famous for being the site of many battles during World War One. We will visit Anzac Cove, the memorial site for the Dawn Service, Lone Pine, the Nek, the New Zealand and Turkish Memorials, and Kirkpatrick's grave. Finally, we cross the Dardanelles by ferry and check into our hotel in Canakkale for dinner and overnight. (BD)

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### **DAY 12 WED 08 OCT**

### **CANAKKALE, TROY, TROAS, ASSOS**

Our first stop today is Troy, referred to in Homer's "Iliad" and "Odyssey". Troy has nine cities built on top of each other. Troy VI is the city of the famous Trojan War of Homer where the legendary heroes included Agamemnon, Achilles, Ulysses, and Nestor on the Greek side, and Priam, Hector, and Paris on the Trojan side. We will then proceed to nearby Troas, a busy port situated south of Troy. Recent excavations have revealed a dozen different cities covering 3000 years of human occupation. During his stay in Troas, Paul had a dream in which he saw a vision of a man asking him to "Come over to Macedonia and help us," after which he decided to go to Europe. All in all, Paul stopped and preached here three times, including the fateful night when Eutychus fell out of the window! We then continue to Assos, perched high on a cliff and offering breathtaking views overlooking the Aegean Sea and the island of Lesbos. The Acropolis here carries the impressive Temple of Athena. Arriving in Assos on foot from Troas, the apostle Paul preached here and went down to the little port on the shore to board the boat for his return journey to Jerusalem. At the end of the day, we will drive back to Canakkale for dinner and overnight in our hotel. (BD)

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### **DAY 13 THU 09 OCT**

### **CANAKKALE, ISTANBUL**

After breakfast at the hotel and check-out and drive towards Istanbul. The journey takes approx. 4-5 hours. On arrival in Istanbul, we'll begin with a scenic cruise on the Bosphorus in our privately chartered boat, the natural waterway that divides Asia from Europe. We will view imperial palaces, castles, palatial homes, and the two magnificent suspension bridges. If time permits, enjoy a brief visit to the Spice Bazaar, where we'll experience the smells of cinnamon, cloves and thyme rising from every store, the same smells that filled the air over 400 years ago. We will check into our Istanbul Hotel for dinner and overnight. We will proceed to our hotel for check-in. and dinner. Dinner and overnight is at our hotel in Istanbul. (BD)

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### DAY 14 FRI 10 OCT

### ISTANBUL

Today we explore the wonderful cosmopolitan city of Istanbul. After breakfast, we will visit the Hippodrome, the sportive and political centre of the Old City, and the Underground Cistern built by Justinian in AD 535. We will also see Hagia Sophia, one of the great architectural marvels of the early church, and the Blue Mosque, famous for its blue Iznik tiles and unique for its six minarets. Then we visit the Istanbul Archaeological Museum, which has significant biblical artefacts, including ancient Hittite treaties, artwork from the sacred way in ancient Babylon, the inscription from Hezekiah's Tunnel in Jerusalem, the Alexander sarcophagus, and much more. We continue onto Topkapi Palace, seat of the Ottoman Empire for four centuries, and view the treasury section. Whilst there, we visit the Church of St Irene, where the Council of Constantinople (AD 381) finalised the famous Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed. Dinner and overnight is at our hotel in Istanbul. (BD)

### DAY 15 SAT 11 OCT

### ISTANBUL, DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart from the hotel to drive to the Bosphorus Bridge for a visit to the Asian side of Istanbul. Bosphorus Bridge, also called the First Bosphorus Bridge, is one of the two intercontinental suspension bridges spanning the Bosphorus Straits (Turkish: Boğaziçi), thus connecting Europe and Asia. (The Second Bosphorus Bridge is the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge.) The bridge is located between Ortakoy, on the European side and Beylerbeyi, on the Asian side. We shall cross over to the Asian side. The Beylerbeyi Palace: The Beylerbeyi Palace is one of the mansions built by the Bosphorus in the 19th century under the influence of Western architecture. The rich exterior of the Palace complements the extravagantly decorated interior. The Beylerbeyi Palace was used as a summer palace by Sultan Abdülaziz (1861-1876). During the reign of Sultan Abdülaziz and Abdülhamid II, the palace acquired the characteristics of a state-guest house beginning with its allocation to the foreign states' sovereigns and presidents during their official visits. The first important guest, who was entertained at the Beylerbeyi Palace, was Empress Eugenie of France. After the visit to the Beylerbeyi Palace, you will drive up to Çamlıca Hill the highest point of Istanbul. Çamlıca Hill: It looks like a crown of kings. It is a hill about which many poems and songs in Turkish literature were written. It welcomes its visitors with its unique view of Istanbul. It is one of the highest and most appealing places in Istanbul, which offers the possibility of taking the best pictures of the panoramic view with a coffee break. Enjoy a final farewell dinner at a local restaurant, before transferring to the airport for your departure flight back to Australia. (BD)

### DAY 16 SUN 12 OCT

### IN FLIGHT

### DAY 17 MON 13 OCT

### ARRIVE SYDNEY

Arrive back to Sydney this morning with wonderful memories of our journey!

\*\*Itinerary subject to change\*\*

### PROPOSED HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

2 nights	Hotel Titania	Athens
1 night	Hotel Amalia	Kalambaka
1 night	Hotel Capsis	Thessaloniki
1 night	Hotel Lucy	Kavala
4 nights	Cruise	Celestyal Cruise
2 nights	Port Bosphorous	Istanbul
2 nights	Double Tree Hilton	Canakkale

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